**SUNDAY, JULY 21 TONE 4**

**5th Sunday after Pentecost/****Ven Simeon of Emessa, Fool for Christ**

**and his companion, Ven John/Holy Prophet Ezekiel**

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**"Lord I Call..." Tone 4**

Lord, I call upon Thee, hear me!

Hear me, O Lord!

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Receive the voice of my prayer,

when I call upon Thee!//

Hear me, O Lord!

Let my prayer arise

in Thy sight as incense,

and let the lifting up of my hands

be an evening sacrifice!//

Hear me, O Lord!

*v. (10) Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Thy name!*

 **Tone 4** *(for the Resurrection)*

We glorify Thy Resurrection on the third day, O Christ God,

by always honoring Thy life-creating Cross;

by it Thou hast renewed the corrupted nature of

 man, O almighty One.

By it Thou hast renewed our entrance to heaven,//

for Thou art good and the Lover of man.

*v. (9) The righteous will surround me; for Thou wilt deal bountifully with me.*

Thou didst loose the Tree’s verdict of disobedience, O Savior,

by being voluntarily nailed to the tree of the Cross.

By descending to hell, O almighty God,

Thou didst break the bonds of death.

Therefore, we adore Thy Resurrection from the dead, singing in joy://

“Glory to Thee, O all-powerful Lord!”

*v. (8) Out of the depths I cry to Thee, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!*

Thou didst smash the gates of hell, O Lord,

and by Thy death Thou didst demolish the kingdom of death.

Thou didst deliver the race of men from corruption,//

granting the world life, incorruption and great mercy.

*v. (7) Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!*

*(for the Resurrection, by Anatolios)*

Come, O people,

let us sing of the Savior’s Resurrection on the third day!

By it, we have been freed from the unbreakable bonds of hell.

By it, we have received life and incorruption.

Save us by Thy Resurrection!//

O Life-creating and almighty Savior, glory to Thee!

*v. (6) If Thou, O Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee.*

**Tone 4** *(for the for the venerable Fathers) (Thou hast given us a sign)*

Dwelling in the desert in unity of mind, O blessed ones,

ye caused the unrest of the flesh to wither away

by fasting, prayer, and enlightening contemplation.

Ye illumined your hearts with the pleasing gifts of the Spirit,//

O Simeon and John, the confirmation of monastics.

*v. (5) For Thy name’s sake have I waited for Thee, O Lord, my soul has waited for Thy word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.*

With foolish behavior thou didst render foolish the malice of the wise, O blessed

Father,

performing wondrous signs, working miracles, and expelling demons,

enlightening those who dwell in the darkness of sin.

In the midst of turmoil thou didst preserve clarity of mind//

and received dispassion from God, O Simeon.

*v. (4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord!*

O divinely inspired one,

thou wast shown to be humble in wisdom and merciful,

compassionate and full of love for God.

Humble and meek, thou didst walk the earth like an angel,

living thy life as if in heaven.

Therefore, because of thy purity, O blessed Simeon,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit rested in thee as in a place of purity.

*(3) For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and*

*He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.*

**Tone 8** *(for Prophet Ezekiel) (Oh, most glorious wonder)*

O wondrous Ezekiel,

most wise and blessed by God,

having cleansed thy soul and body,

thou didst behold in the spirit through a purified mind

the ineffable, unsearchable glory of the Lord,

praised in hymns by innumerable voices,//

and borne aloft with lightning flashes by divine Seraphim.

*v. (2) Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!*

O Ezekiel, dwelling place of God,

thou wast sorely tried in emulation of Christ.

Thou didst bear the cruel burden of a debt to aliens.

Thou didst desire that this be recorded beforehand for the sake of the Cross,

the God-revealed deliverance and salvation of the world.//

Pray that all who celebrate thy memory today may be granted a share in

 it!

*v. (1) For His mercy is abundant towards us; and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever.*

O glorious Ezekiel, inspired by God,

thou didst receive a scroll, sweeter than honey in thy mouth from the

 Almighty

and wast given knowledge in things divine.

Beholding and contemplating God,

thou wast a herald of holy mysteries,//

offering the resentful assembly compassion from God.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,*

*now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**Tone 4**  *(Theotokion – Dogmatikon)*

The Prophet David was a Father of the Lord through

 thee, O Virgin.

He foretold in songs the One Who worked wonders in thee:

“At Thy right hand stood the Queen,”

Thy Mother, the mediatrix of life,

since God was freely born of her without a father.

He wanted to renew His fallen image, made corrupt in passion,

so He took the lost sheep upon His shoulder

and brought it to His Father, joining it to the heavenly powers.//

Christ who has great and rich mercy has saved the world, O Theotokos.

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**Litya *(If the rector desires the Litya, the stichera of the church or monastery are chanted.*)**

**Aposticha**

**Tone 4**  *(for the Resurrection)*

By ascending the Cross, O Lord,

Thou hast annulled our ancestral curse.

By descending to hell, Thou hast freed the eternal prisoners,

granting incorruption to the human race.//

Therefore in songs we glorify Thy life-creating and saving Resurrection.

*v. The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty!*

By hanging upon the tree, O only powerful Lord,

Thou didst shake all of creation.

By being laid in the tomb Thou hast raised those who dwelt in the tombs,

granting life and incorruption to the human race.//

Therefore in songs we glorify Thy rising on the third day.

 *v. For He has established the world, so that it shall never be moved.*

The lawless people, O Christ,

handed Thee over to Pilate, condemned to be crucified,

thus proving themselves ungrateful before their Benefactor.

But voluntarily Thou didst endure burial,

rising by Thy own power on the third day as God,//

granting us life everlasting and great mercy.

*v. Holiness befits Thy house, O Lord, forevermore!*

With tears the women reached Thy tomb,

searching for Thee, but not finding Thee.

They wept with wailing and lamented:

“Woe to us! Our Savior, King of all,

how wast Thou stolen?

What place can hold Thy life-bearing body?”

An Angel replied to them:

“Do not weep, but go and proclaim that the Lord is risen,//

granting us joy as the only compassionate One!”

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,*

*now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

 **Tone 4 (***Theotokion)*

Look on the entreaties of thy servants, O Blameless One!

Stop all the terrible attacks against us,

freeing us from every affliction,

for we have only thee as our sure and firm anchor!

O Lady, let us not be put to shame,

for we call on thee for our intercession!

Hasten to pray for those who call in faith:

Rejoice, O Lady, help of all://

the joy and shelter and salvation of our souls!

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***(at Great Vespers)***

**Tone 4** **Troparion**  *(Resurrection)*

When the women disciples of the Lord

learned from the angel the joyous message of thy Resurrection,

they cast away the ancestral curse

and elatedly told the apostles:

“Death is overthrown!

Christ God is risen,//

granting the world great mercy!”

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*

**Tone 4** **Troparion**  *(for Saints Simeon and John)*

O God of our Fathers,

always act with kindness towards us;

take not Thy mercy from us,

but guide our lives in peace//

through the prayers of Venerable Simeon and John!

*now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**Tone 4** **Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion**

The mystery of all eternity,

unknown even by Angels,

through thee, O Theotokos, is revealed to those on earth:

God incarnate by union without confusion.

He voluntarily accepted the Cross for us,

by which He resurrected the first-created man,//

saving our souls from death.

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***(at Vigil)***

**Tone 4 Troparion to the Theotokos**

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos,

Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee!

Blessed art thou among women,

and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb,//

for thou hast borne the Savior of our souls. *(thrice)*

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***(at the Divine Liturgy)***

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**Tone 2 Troparion** *(Prophet Ezekiel)*

We celebrate the memory

of Thy Prophet Ezekiel, O Lord;

through him, we beseech Thee://

save our souls!

**Tone 4** **Kontakion** *(Resurrection)*

My Savior and Redeemer

as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains.

He has shattered the gates of hell,

and as Master,//

He has risen on the third day!

**Tone 2** **Kontakion**  *(for Saints Simeon and John)*

Let us praise the venerable Simeon

as an equal to the angels,

for he walked in the flesh upon the earth as a bodiless angel

shining forth to all as an example of the virtues;

and with him let us honor his companion,

the ever memorable and God-bearing father John,//

for they ceaselessly pray to the Lord for us with faith and love!

**Tone 4** **Kontakion** *(Prophet Ezekiel)*

Thou hast been revealed as a Prophet of God, wondrous Ezekiel,

proclaiming to all the incarnation of the Lord, the Lamb and Creator,//

the Son of God, Who has ever revealed Himself.

**Tone 4** **Prokeimenon**

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; in wisdom hast Thou made

them all. *(Ps 103/104:24)*

*v: Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, Thou art very great!*

*(Ps 103/104:1)*

**Epistle**

 Romans 10:1-10

 **Tone 4**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*v: Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth! (Ps 44/45:5)*

*v: For Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest iniquity. (Ps 44/45:8)*

 **Gospel**

 Matthew 8:28-9:1

**Communion Hymns**

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! *(Ps 148:1)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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