**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13 TONE 8**

**17th Sunday after Pentecost/ Commemoration of the Holy**

**Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council**

**"Lord I Call..." Tone 8**

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 8** *(for the Resurrection)*

We offer to Thee, O Christ,

our evening song and reasonable service,

for Thou didst will to have mercy on us//

by Thy Resurrection.

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

Lord, Lord, do not cast us away from Thy face!

For Thou didst will to have mercy on us//

by the Resurrection.

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

Rejoice, holy Zion:

Mother of the churches, the abode of God,

for thou wast the first to receive remission of sins//

by the Resurrection.

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

 *(Resurrection stikheron by Anatolios)*

The Word of God the Father,

begotten before the ages,

in the latter times willed to be incarnate of the Virgin

and endured crucifixion unto death.

He has saved mortal man//

by His Resurrection.

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

**Tone 6**  *(for the Fathers) (Despairing for her life)*

The seven honorable councils of the Fathers, held at various times,

were brought together under one canon in good order

by Patriarch Germanus the New.

He established and recorded their teachings;

he also presented these Fathers to the Lord

as watchful intercessors for our salvation,//

and as fellow-shepherds of the fold.

*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.*

(Repeat: “The seven honorable councils …”)

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

The book of the Law instructed the sons of Israel

that the seventh day was to be honored,

and they devoted themselves to a shadow and reverenced it.

But, O Fathers, who came together in the Seventh Council,

at the behest of God,

Who fashioned the universe in six days and blessed the seventh day,//

ye have made the seventh more honorable by laying down a

definition of the Faith.

*v. (3) For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.*

Ye have enabled all men, O thrice-blessed Fathers,

to come to the knowledge of the Trinity

as the Cause of the world’s generation;

for by your mystical reasoning

ye established three and four Councils,

and ye appeared as champions of Orthodoxy,

for ye showed that, while there are four elements,//

it is the Trinity Who created them and made the world.

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

It would have been enough for Elisha the Prophet

to have bent down only once to give life to the dead son of the woman;

but he knelt and bent seven times.

And in his foresight he prophesied your gathering,

by which ye breathed life into the slaying of God the Word,//

by putting to death Arius and his profane companions.

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

In your wisdom, O venerable Fathers,

ye mended the garment of Christ, rent by howling dogs;

for ye could not bear looking upon the nakedness of His Body,

but as Shem and Japheth of old who hid their father’s nakedness,

ye put to shame that slayer of his father, the wretched Arius,//

and those who foolishly follow his teachings.

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

**Tone 6** *(for the Holy Fathers) Idiomelon*

Today let us praise the mystical trumpets of the Spirit,

the God-bearing Fathers,

who stand in the midst of the Church, singing

true theology,

praising the changeless Trinity.

They laid low the errors of Arius

and upheld the Orthodox Faith.//

They always entreat the Lord to have mercy on our souls.

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

**Tone 8**  *(Theotokion – Dogmatikon)*

The King of heaven,

because of His love for man,

appeared on earth and dwelt with men.

He took flesh from the pure Virgin

and after assuming it, He came forth from her.

The Son is one: in two natures, yet one Person.

Proclaiming Him as perfect God and perfect Man,

we confess Christ our God!//

Entreat him, O unwedded Mother, to have mercy on our souls.

**Old Testament Readings**

 **Genesis 14:14-20**

 **Deuteronomy 1:8-11, 15-17**

 **Deuteronomy 10:14-21**

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**Litya *(If the rector desires the Litya, following the sticheron to the Temple, these stichera are sung:*)**

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

**Tone 3**

Ye were the precise guardians of the Apostolic Tradition, O holy Fathers;

for when ye set forth the Orthodox doctrine of the Holy Trinity, one in

essence,

ye overthrew the blasphemy of Arius,

and expelled with him Macedónius, the enemy of the Holy Spirit.

Ye condemned Nestórius, Eutýches, Dioscórus, Sabéllius, and Séverus

the Mindless.

Pray that we may be delivered from their error,//

and that our life be preserved pure in the Faith, we beseech you.

*Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

 **Tone 3** - *(Theotokion)*

By the will of the Father,

without seed, of the Holy Spirit thou didst conceive the Son of God.

He was born of the Father before eternity without a mother,

but now for our sake He came from thee without a father.//

Cease not entreating Him to deliver our souls from harm!

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**Aposticha**

**Tone 8**  *(for the Resurrection)*

Descending from heaven to ascend the Cross,

the eternal Life has come for death

to raise those who are fallen;

to enlighten those in darkness.//

O Jesus, our Savior and illuminator, glory to Thee!

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

We glorify Christ, who rose from the dead.

He accepted the human body and soul,

and freed both from suffering.

His most pure soul descended to hell, which He spoiled.

His holy body did not see corruption in the tomb.//

He is the Redeemer of our souls.

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

In psalms and songs we glorify Thy Resurrection from

the dead, O Christ.

By it, Thou hast freed us from the tortures of hell//

and as God hast granted eternal life and great mercy.

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

O Master of all,

incomprehensible Creator of heaven and earth,

by Thy suffering on the Cross Thou hast gained passionlessness for me.

Accepting burial and arising in glory,

Thou didst resurrect Adam with Thyself by Thine almighty hand.

Glory to Thy rising on the third day!

By it Thou hast granted us eternal life and cleansing of sins//

as the only compassionate One.

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

**Tone 4** *(for the Fathers)*

Come, all Orthodox Churches,

let us celebrate today in faith and true worship

the yearly commemoration of the divinely-arrayed Fathers

who gathered at Nicea from throughout the world!

There they refuted the godless teaching of Arius,

banishing him from the Catholic Church by a decree of the council.

They taught all to confess openly the Son of God,

consubstantial and co-eternal with the Father,

proclaiming this with precision and true worship in the Symbol of Faith.

Therefore, as we faithfully follow their divine doctrines,

let us worship the Father, the Son and the most Holy Spirit,//

the consubstantial Trinity in one Godhead!

*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 8** **Troparion**  *(Resurrection)*

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One!

Thou didst accept the three day burial

to free us from our sufferings!//

O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

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

**Tone 8** **Troparion**  *(Fathers)*

Thou art most glorious, O Christ our God!

Thou hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth.

Through them Thou hast guided us to the true Faith.//

O greatly compassionate One, glory to Thee!

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

**Tone 8 Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion**

For our sake Thou wast born of the Virgin and didst endure

crucifixion, O Good One,

destroying death by death and revealing the Resurrection as God.

Do not despise the work of Thy hand!

Reveal Thy love for mankind, O Merciful One!//

Accept the Theotokos who is praying for us, and save the despairing

people, O our Savior!

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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. *(twice)*

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

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**Tone 8 Kontakion** *(Resurrection)*

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrected Adam.

Eve exults in Thy Resurrection,

and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O

greatly Merciful One!

**Tone 6** **Kontakion**  *(Fathers)*

The Son who shone forth from the Father

was ineffably born, two-fold in nature, of a woman.

Having beheld Him, we do not deny the image of His form,

but depict it piously and revere it faithfully.

Thus, keeping the True Faith,//

the Church venerates the icon of Christ Incarnate.

**Tone 8** **Prokeimenon** *(Resurrection)*

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God! *(Ps 75/76:11)*

*v: In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel. (Ps 75/76:1)*

**Tone 4** **Prokeimenon** *(Song of the Fathers)*

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our Fathers and praised and glorified is

 Thy Name forever! *(Daniel 3:26:Song of the Three Holy Children v.3)*

**Epistle**

 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1

 Hebrews 13:7-16 *(Fathers)*

**Tone 8**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*v: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our*

*Savior! (Ps 94/95:1)*

*v: Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! (Ps 94/95:2)*

**Tone 1** *(Fathers)*

*v: The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. (Ps 49/50:1)*

 **Gospel**

 Luke 8:5-15

 John 17:1-13 *(Fathers)*

 **Communion Hymns**

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

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous! Praise befits the just! *(Ps 32/33:1)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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