**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 TONE 8**

**25th Sunday after Pentecost/ Venerable Patapius of Thebes**

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

Lord, I call upon You, hear me!

Hear me, O Lord!

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Receive the voice of my prayer,

when I call upon You!//

Hear me, O Lord!

Let my prayer arise

in Your 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 Your name!*

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

We offer to You, O Christ,

our evening song and reasonable service,

for You willed to have mercy on us//

by Your Resurrection.

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

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

For You willed to have mercy on us//

by the Resurrection.

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

Rejoice, holy Zion!

Mother of the churches, the abode of God!

For you were the first to receive remission of sins//

by the Resurrection.

*v. (7) Let Your 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 You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You.*

We glorify You, O Lord,

for You voluntarily endured the Cross for our sake.

We fall down in worship before You, almighty Savior.

Do not cast us away from Your face

but hear us and save us, Lover of mankind//

by Your Resurrection!

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

Glory to You, O Savior Christ,

only begotten Son of God, nailed to the Cross//

and resurrected from the tomb on the third day!

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

We glorify Your Resurrection from the dead, O Christ,

by which You have freed Adam's race from the tortures of hell,//

and as God have granted to the world eternal life and great mercy.

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

**Tone 1** *(for Venerable Patapius) (O all-praised martyrs)*

O Father Patápius,

you quenched the fires of fleshly passion with abstinence.

Like Elijah of old you lived in the desert;

you purified your mind with incessant prayer to God.//

Pray now that He may grant our souls peace and great mercy!

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

O Father Patápius,

you enrolled yourself in the ranks of those who fast,

clothing yourself with dispassion.

Now you live in the mansions of the ven’rable ones,

where the light does not fade and the Tree of Life stands://

Pray now that peace and great mercy may be granted to our souls!

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

O Father Patápius,

you shone forth as a beacon from Egypt,

enlightening the world with the brightness of your miracles.

You dispel the gloom of soul-destroying infirmities,

driving off the darkness of demons.//

Pray now that peace and great mercy may be granted to our souls!

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

*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!

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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.//

Jesus, our Savior and illuminator, glory to You!

*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 Your Resurrection from the dead,

O Christ.

By it, You have freed us from the tortures of hell//

and as God have granted eternal life and great mercy.

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

Master of all, incomprehensible Creator of heaven and earth,

by Your suffering on the Cross You have gained passionlessness for me.

Accepting burial and arising in glory,

You resurrected Adam with Yourself by Your almighty hand.

Glory to Your rising on the third day!

By it You have 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,*

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

**Tone 8** *(Theotokion)*

Unwedded Virgin,

you ineffably conceived God in the flesh!

O Mother of God most high,

accept the cries of your servants, O blameless One!

Grant cleansing of transgressions to all!//

Receive our prayers and pray to save our souls!

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***(at Great Vespers)***

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

You descended from on high, O Merciful One!

You accepted the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!//

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

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

**Tone 8** **Troparion**  *(Venerable Patapius of Thebes)*

The image of God was truly preserved in you, O Father,

for you took up the Cross and followed Christ.

By so doing you taught us to disregard the flesh for it passes away

but to care instead for the soul, since it is immortal.

Therefore your spirit, venerable Patapius, rejoices with the Angels.

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

**Tone 8 Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion**

For our sake You were born of the Virgin and endured crucifixion, O Good

One,

destroying death by death and revealing the Resurrection as God.

Do not despise the work of Your hand!

Reveal Your 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 you!

Blessed are you among women,

and blessed is the Fruit of your womb,//

for you have borne the Savior of our souls. *(thrice)*

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

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

By rising from the tomb, You raised the dead and resurrected Adam.

Eve exults in Your Resurrection,

and the world celebrates Your rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful

One!

**Tone 3 Kontakion**  *(Venerable Patapius of Thebes)*

Your temple is found to be a source of healing,

and the people flock to it eagerly, O saint.

They seek the healing of their diseases

and the forgiveness of their sins,

for you are a protector for all those in need, ven’rable Patápius.

**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)*

**Epistle**

 Ephesians 4:1-6

 **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)*

 **Gospel**

 Luke 17:12-19

 **Communion Hymn**

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

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