**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2 TONE 8**

**33rd Sunday after Pentecost. The Meeting of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in the Temple. Sunday of Zacchaeus**

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**"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 1** *(Idiomela)* *(by Patriarch Germanus)*

Simeon, tell us, whom dost thou bear in thine arms,

that thou dost rejoice so greatly in the Temple?

To whom dost thou shout and cry aloud:

“Now am I set free, for I have seen my Savior?”

This is He Who was born of a Virgin;

this is God the Word, Who came forth from God,

Who for our sakes has taken flesh and has saved man.//

Let us worship Him!

*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 “Simeon, tell us”)

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

Simeon, receive Him Whom Moses once beheld in darkness,

granting the Law on Sinai,

now that He has become a Babe subject to the Law!

This is He Who spoke through the Law.

This is He, of Whom the Prophets spoke,

Who for our sakes has taken flesh and has saved man.//

Let us worship Him!

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

(Repeat “Simeon, receive Him”)

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

Come, let us also go to meet Christ with divine songs!

Let us receive Him Whose salvation Simeon saw!

This is He Whom David announced;

this is He Who spoke in the Prophets,

Who, for our sakes, has taken flesh and Who speaks through the Law.//

Let us worship Him!

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

(Repeat “Come, let us also go to meet Christ”)

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

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

**Tone 6** *(by John the Monk)*

Let the gate of heaven be opened today,

for the unoriginate Word of the Father

has made a beginning in time without forsaking His divinity.

As a Babe forty days old,

of His own will He is brought by the Virgin His Mother,

as an offering in the Temple of the Law.

The Elder receives Him in his arms,

crying as a servant to his Master:

“Let me depart, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation!”//

Glory to Thee, O Lord, for Thou hast come into the world to save mankind!

**Old Testament Readings**

 **Composite 6 (Exodus 12:51-13:3; Lev 12:2-7; Num 8:16-17)**

 **Isaiah 6:1-12**

 **Composite 7 (Isaiah 19:1, 3, 4-5, 12, 16, 19-21)**

**Litya** *(If the rector desires the Litya, the following stikhera are sung)*

**Tone 1** (*by Anatolios)*

The Ancient of Days, Who gave Moses the Law on Sinai in former times,

today appears as a Child.

As Maker of the Law, He fulfills the Law.

He is brought into the Temple according to the Law,

and given over to the Elder.

Simeon the righteous receives Him.

Beholding the fulfillment of the divine order now brought to pass,

rejoicing aloud, he cries:

“Mine eyes have seen the mystery hidden from the ages

made manifest in these latter days,

the Light that disperses the foolishness of the faithless Gentiles,

and the glory of the newly-chosen Israel!

Therefore let Thy servant depart from the bonds of this flesh

to the life filled with wonder that knows no age or end,//

for Thou dost grant the world great mercy!”

**Tone 1** (*by John the Monk)*

Today He Who once gave the Law to Moses on Sinai

submits Himself to the commandments of the Law,

becoming for our sakes like us in His compassion.

Now the God of purity as a holy Child has opened a pure womb,

and as God He is brought as an offering to Himself,

setting us free from the curse of the Law,//

and granting light to our souls.

**Tone 2** (*by Andrew Pyros)*

Simeon now receives below in his earthly arms

Him Whom the ministers on high entreat with trembling.

He proclaims the union of God with mankind.

He sees the heavenly God as mortal Man.

He prepares to withdraw from earthly things,

and raises his cry in joy:

“Glory to Thee, O Lord, for Thou hast revealed to those in darkness//

the Light that knows no evening!”

**Tone 2** (*by Germanus)*

Today Simeon takes in his arms the Lord of Glory,

Whom Moses saw of old in the darkness

when he received the Tablets of the Law on Mount Sinai.

This is He Who speaks through the Prophets

and Who is the Creator of the Law.

This is He Whom David announced;//

He is fearful to all, yet great and abundant in mercy.

 **Tone 2** *(by Germanus or John the Monk)*

The holy Virgin brought the Holy One to the priest in the sacred Temple.

Simeon, extending his arms, received Him with joy, and cried out:

“Now, Master, let Thy servant depart in peace,//

according to Thy word, O Lord!”

**Tone 2** *(by Germanos or John the Monk)*

Today holy Simeon the Elder

lifted up in his arms the Creator of heaven and earth,

as he said in the Holy Spirit://

“Now I am set free, for I have seen my Savior.”

**Tone 2** *(by Anatolios or Andrew of Jerusalem)*

Today Simeon the Elder enters the Temple, rejoicing in the Spirit,

to take into his arms Him Who gave the Law to Moses

and Who Himself fulfilled the Law.

Moses was deemed worthy to see God through darkness and as an

 indistinct voice.

With veiled face he reproved the faithless hearts of the Hebrews;

while Simeon lifted up the pre-eternal Word of the Father in bodily form,

and revealed the Light of the Gentiles: the Cross and the Resurrection.

And Anna the Prophetess pointed out the Savior,

proclaiming Him the Deliverer of Israel.

Let us cry out to Him://

“O Christ our God, through the Theotokos, have mercy on us!”

**Tone 4** *(by Andrew of Crete)*

Today the holy Mother who is even more exalted than the Temple,

has come into the Temple,

clearly showing to the world the Creator of the world and the Giver of the

Law.

Simeon the Elder receives Him in his arms and honors Him, crying out:

“Now let Thy servant depart in peace,//

for I have seen Thee, the Savior of our souls!”

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

 **Tone 5** *(by Andrew of Crete)*

Search the Scriptures, just as Christ our God said in the Gospels!

For in them we find Him being brought forth and wrapped in swaddling

clothes,

laid in a manger, and nourished with milk,

receiving circumcision and held by Simeon,

neither in fancy nor in fantasy

but in truth appearing to the world.

Let us cry aloud to Him://

“O pre-eternal God, glory to Thee!”

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

**Tone 5** *(by Germanos or Anatolios)*

The Ancient of Days, as a Child in the flesh,

is brought by His Mother the Virgin into the Holy Temple,

fulfilling the promise announced by His own Law.

Receiving Him, Simeon said:

“Now let Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word,//

for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, O Lord!”

**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,*

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

**Tone 8** *(by Andrew of Crete)*

He Who is borne on high by the Cherubim

and praised in hymns by the Seraphim

is brought today according to the Law into the holy Temple

and rests in the arms of the Elder as on a throne.

From Joseph He receives gifts fitting for God:

a pair of doves, a symbol of the spotless Church

and of the newly chosen people of the Gentiles,

and two young pigeons,

for He is the originator of the two Covenants, both Old and New.

Simeon, now granted the fulfillment of the prophesies concerning himself,

blesses the Virgin and Theotokos Mary.

He foretells in figures the Passion of her Son.

From Him he begs release, crying aloud:

“Now, Master, let me depart as Thou hast promised me,

for I have seen the pre-eternal Light//

and the Lord and Savior of the people who bear the name of Christ!”

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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,*

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

**Tone 1** **Troparion** *(Feast)*

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace!

From thee shone the Sun of Righteousness, ^Christ our God,

enlightening those who sat in darkness.

Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder,

thou didst accept in thine arms the ^Redeemer of our souls,

Who grants us the Resurrection!

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***(at Vigil)***

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Who grants us the Resurrection! *(thrice)*

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

**NOTE: At the Entrance, “O Come let us worship” is not sung today unless it is a hierarchal service. In its place the Deacon exclaims the Entrance Verse:**

**The Lord hath made known His salvation; He hath revealed His righteousness before the nations.**

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Who grants us the Resurrection!

**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 1 Kontakion**

By Thy Nativity Thou didst sanctify the Virgin’s womb

and didst bless Simeon’s hands, ^O Christ God.

Now Thou hast come and saved us through love.

Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians,

O only Lover of Man!

**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 3** **Prokeimenon** *(Song of the Theotokos)*

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. *(Lk 1:46-47)*

**Epistle**

Hebrews 7:7-17 *(Feast)*

1 Timothy 4:9-19

 **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 8**

*v: Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word! (Lk 2:29)*

**Gospel**

Luke 2:22-40 *(Feast)*

Luke 19:1-10

***(Instead of “It is truly meet…,” we sing:)***

 **Tone 3**

O Virgin Theotokos, hope of all Christians,

protect, preserve, and save those who hope in thee!

In the shadow and letter of the Law,

let us the faithful discern a figure:

every male [child] that opens the womb

is holy to God.

Therefore we magnify the firstborn Word of the Father Who

 has no beginning,//

the Son firstborn of a Mother who had not known man.

**Communion Hymn**

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

I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. *(Ps* *115/116:13)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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