**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 TONE 8**

**17th Sunday after Pentecost (2nd of Luke)**

**Hieromartyr Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens**

**"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 Thy Resurrection.

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

Rejoice, O 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 stichera by Anatolius)*

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.*

We glorify Thee, O Lord

for Thou didst voluntarily endure the Cross for our sake.

We fall down in worship before Thee, O almighty Savior.

Do not cast us away from Thy face

but hear us and save us, O Lover of man,//

by Thy Resurrection!

*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.*

Glory to Thee, O Savior Christ,

Only-begotten Son of God, who wast 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 Thy Resurrection from the dead, O Christ,

by which Thou hast freed Adam’s race from the tortures of hell,//

and as God hast 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 4** *(for Hieromartyr Hierotheus) (Thou hast given a sign)*

Having received the grace of the Holy Spirit,

thou didst pass through all the world, O most glorious Hierotheus,

teaching all to honor the Unity in three hypostases:

the Father without beginning, the Source of the Godhead,

and with Him the Son Who is co-enthroned and

consubstantial with the Father,//

Who was born of a Virgin as a man endowed with flesh.

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

Thou didst offer thy soul as a well-pleasing and divinely-sanctified gift,

and didst deliver thy body as a divine and sacred offering,

which also sanctifies the souls of those who believe in Almighty God,

and pours out salvation to the faithful.

For this reason we bless thy memory and thy burial,//

and we love thy miracles and proclaim thy teachings.

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

Thou didst behold the twelve Apostles

at the most glorious dormition of the Ever-virgin,

the most pure Theotokos, the Mother of the Lord,

and with thee was Dionysius, who described the divine hierarchies.

With them we the faithful bless thine all-festive and most holy commemoration,//

O glorious Hierotheus.

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

**Tone 2** *(for Hieromartyr Hierotheus)*

When thou wast present at the Mother of God’s divine dormition,

O blessed herald of God,

thou didst gladden the hearts of the faithful by thy divine accounts.

Delighting the assembly of the Apostles who preached God,

thou didst sing with divine ecstasy of the mysteries of God.

Therefore, as thou hast acquired boldness towards Christ,//

pray on behalf of our souls, O hierarch Hierotheus!

*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.

**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 befits 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** *(Theotokion)*

O unwedded Virgin,

who ineffably didst conceive God in the flesh,

O Mother of God most high,

accept the cries of thy servants, O blameless one!

Grant cleansing of transgressions to all!//

Receive our prayers and pray to save our souls!

***(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!

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who revealed to us Christ’s Mysteries

and poured forth streams of godly ^doctrine.//

His life was well-pleasing to God, Who is greatly merciful.

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**Tone 1 Resurrectional** **Dismissal Theotokion**

When Gabriel announced to thee, O Virgin, saying “Rejoice!”

with that word the Master of all was incarnate in ^thee,

the holy Ark, spoken of by the righteous David!

Thy womb became more spacious than the heavens,

for thou didst carry thy Creator.

Glory to Him Who took abode in thee!

Glory to Him Who came ^forth from thee!//

Glory to Him Who freed us by being born of thee!

***(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)*

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

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

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

Eve exults in Thy Resurrection,//

and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

**Tone 8** **Kontakion** *(Hieromartyr Hierotheus)*

Hierarch of Athens, we praise thee for thou hast instructed us in

awesome and ineffable things,

and thou wast revealed to be a divinely-inspired writer of hymns.

Pray that we be delivered from every kind of sin, so that we may

cry to thee://

Rejoice, divinely-wise Father Hierotheus!

**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**

2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1

**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 6:31-36

**Communion Hymn**

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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