**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3 TONE 6**

**15th Sunday after Pentecost (2nd of Luke)**

**Hieromartyr Dionysius the Areopagite, Bishop of Athens**

**"Lord I Call..." Tone 6**

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 6** *(for the Resurrection)*

Possessing victory over hell, O Christ,

since Thou art free among the dead,

Thou didst ascend the Cross

raising with Thyself those who sat in the shades of death.//

Drawing life from Thy light, O almighty Savior, have mercy on us!

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

Today Christ tramples on death,

for He is risen as He said!

Let us all sing this song,

for He has granted joy to the world:

O Light unapproachable, O Fountain of life!//

O Savior almighty, have mercy on us!

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

Where shall we sinners flee from Thee, Who art in all creation?

In heaven Thou dwellest!

In hell Thou didst trample on death!

In the depths of the sea?

Even there is Thy hand, O Master!

To Thee we flee, and falling before Thee, we pray://

O Thou Who didst rise from the dead, have mercy on us!

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

*(Resurrection stichera by Anatolius)*

In Thy Cross, we glory, O Christ.

We sing and glorify Thy Resurrection.

For Thou art our God,//

and we know no other than Thee.

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

We will always bless the Lord

by singing of His Resurrection!

For He endured the Cross,//

trampling down death by death.

V. (5) *For Thy Name’s sake I wait for Thee, O Lord. My soul has waited for Thy word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.*

Glory to Thy might, O Lord,

for Thou didst overthrow the prince of death,

by Thy Cross renewing us,//

granting us life and incorruption.

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

**Tone 1** *(for St. Dionysius) (Joy of the Heavenly Hosts)*

As with thy mind thou didst enter into the innermost darkness of the Unapproachable Light,

thou didst come to understand the divine, incomprehensible mysteries of the Word;

and on earth, thou didst clearly explain the ranks of the Angels,//

O Dionysius, sacred disciple of Christ.

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

With thy soul enlightened by the rays of the Threefold Splendor

and thy body consumed by material fire,

thou didst depart, O Father, to the Immaterial Brightness,

and wast joined with the Angels.//

With them unceasingly pray that our souls may be saved!

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

**Tone 1** *(for St. Dionysius) (O all-praised martyrs)*

The divine Paul, speaking out in public,

caught thee with the hook of grace, O wise one.

Seeing thee as a chosen vessel,

he made thee a teacher of the sacred mysteries

and a beholder of ineffable things.

Pray together with him, O truly eloquent Dionysius,//

that those who sing thy praise with love may be saved!

V. (1) *For His mercy is confirmed on us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.*

Through virtue, O most wise Father Dionysius,

thou didst make thy mind equal in honor to the Angels.

Thou didst write a sacred account of the heavenly order of their hierarchies,

aligning the ranks of the Church with theirs,//

likening them to the ranks of heaven.

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

**Tone 2** *(for St. Dionysius, by Andrew of Jerusalem)*

Come, O faithful,

let us rejoice in the annual celebration of the hierarchs Dionysius and Cyprian!

When Dionysius had rejected the Stoic philosophers,

and was taught by the Chosen Vessel,[[1]](#footnote-1)

he came to be one who knew the ineffable mysteries.

And Cyprian, enlightened by the fair virgin Justina,

fled the deception of the demons,

and, casting his books of magic into the fire,

became a herald of the Gospel.

Therefore, glorifying the Savior Who has glorified them,

let us sinners cry out:

“O Christ God, Who didst crown Thy victors with glory,//

through their supplications, save our souls!”

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

**Tone 6** *(Theotokion – Dogmatikon)*

Who will not bless thee, O most holy Virgin?

Who will not sing of thy most pure childbearing?

The only-begotten Son shone timelessly from the Father,

but from thee He was ineffably incarnate.

God by nature, yet Man for our sake,

not two persons, but one known in two natures.

Entreat Him, O pure and all-blessed Lady,//

to have mercy on our souls!

**Aposticha**

**Tone 6** *(for the Resurrection)*

Thy Resurrection, O Christ our Savior,

the Angels in heaven sing!

Enable us on earth//

to glorify Thee in purity of heart!

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

Destroying the gates of hell,

breaking the chains of death,

Thou didst resurrect the fallen human race as almighty God!//

O Lord Who didst rise from the dead, glory to thee!

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

Desiring to return us to Paradise,

Christ was nailed to the Cross and placed in a tomb.

The Myrrhbearing Women sought Him with tears, crying,

“Woe to us, O Savior!

How dost Thou deign to descend to death?

What place can hold Thy life bearing body?

Come to us as Thou didst promise!

Take away our wailing and tears!”

Then the Angel appeared to them:

“Stop your lamentations!

Go, proclaim to the Apostles:

‘The Lord is risen,//

granting us purification and great mercy!’”

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

Having been crucified as Thou didst will,

by Thy burial Thou didst capture death, O Christ,

rising on the third day as God in glory,//

granting the world unending life and great mercy!

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

**Tone 4** *(for St. Dionysius)*

We call thee the unseen depth of heavenly knowledge,

O resplendent martyr of Christ.

We hymn thee as a warrior and steadfast champion of the Church, O wise one.

Having been found worthy, together with the hosts on high,

to wear the robe of the light of Christ,

and having enlightened thy mind

with the radiance of the Holy Spirit,

thou didst shine forth with the purest fire, O Dionysius.

Therefore as we celebrate the festival of thy universal memory,//

we glorify with faith the Lord Who glorified thee.

*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!

Do not let us be put to shame, O Lady,

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!”

***(at Great Vespers)***

**Tone 6** **Troparion** *(Resurrection)*

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb;

the guards became as dead men.

Mary stood by Thy grave,

seeking Thy most pure body.

Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it.

Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life.

O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead,//

glory to Thee.

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

**Tone 4** **Troparion** *(St. Dionysius)*

Having learned goodness and maintaining continence in all things,

thou wast arrayed with a good conscience as befits a priest.

From the Chosen Vessel thou didst draw ineffable mysteries;

thou didst keep the Faith, and didst finish a course equal to his.//

Hieromartyr Dionysius, entreat Christ God that our souls may be saved!

*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.

***(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 6** **Kontakion** *(Resurrection)*

When Christ God, the Giver of Life,

raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand,

He bestowed resurrection on the human race.//

He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

**Tone 8 Kontakion** *(St. Dionysius)*

As a disciple of the Apostle caught up to the third heaven,

thou didst spiritually enter the gate of heaven, O Dionysius.

Thou wast enriched with understanding of ineffable mysteries

and didst enlighten those who sat in the darkness of ignorance.//

Therefore we cry to thee: “Rejoice, universal Father!”

**Tone 6** **Prokeimenon** *(Resurrection)*

O Lord, save Thy people, / and bless Thine inheritance! *(Ps. 27:9a)*

V. *To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! (Ps. 27:1a)*

**Epistle**

(176) 2 Corinthians 4:6-15

**Tone 6**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. *He who dwelleth in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God. (Ps. 90:1)*

V. *He will say to the Lord: “My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust.”(Ps. 90:2)*

**Gospel**

(26) Luke 6:31-36

**Communion Hymn**

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

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1. St. Paul [↑](#footnote-ref-1)