**SEPTEMBER 1**

**Church New Year (Indiction)**

**St. Simeon the Stylite (the Elder) and his mother, Ven. Martha**

**"Lord I Call..." Tone 1**

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 1** *(for the Indiction) (Joy of the Heavenly Hosts)*

Let us cry out every day to the Creator

with the very words of Christ Himself!

He taught this prayer to His Disciples:

“Our Father in heaven,

give us this day our daily bread,//

and overlook our many sins!”

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

He Who wrote the Law on Mount Sinai in days of old

came in the flesh to the town of Nazareth:

Christ our God took the scroll of the Prophet in His hands.

After He read, He closed it and began to teach the people//

that the Scriptures reach their fulfillment in Him.

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

As once in the wilderness,

those who did not truly obey Thee, the Master of all,

were scattered on the earth as it was fitting,

so now too, O Christ, as the psalm says://

“Scatter the bones of the impious and faithless at the mouth of Hades!”

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

**Tone 5** *(for St. Simeon) (O venerable father)*

O venerable Father,

if it were possible for thy pillar to speak,

it would ever sing of thy pangs, thy labors and lamentations.

For it did not merely bear thee;

it was itself borne, like a tree watered with thy tears.

The angels were amazed, and men marveled.

The demons feared thy patience.//

O venerable Simeon, pray that our souls may be saved!

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

O venerable Father,

emulating thy Master through the power of the divine Spirit,

thou didst mount thy pillar as though it were a cross.

He rent asunder the handwriting of the sins of all,

and thou didst put down the uprisings of the passions.

He was like a lamb; thou like a sacrifice.

He ascended the Cross; thou the pillar.//

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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.*

O venerable Father,

having drenched thy body with tears and cleansed thy soul,

thou didst ascend to the heights of virtues;

therefore, by having thy pillar as a visible dwelling,

while the heavenly city, Mount Zion, was thy spiritual abode,

thou didst amaze the angels.

Thou didst astonish men and put demons to shame

by thy virtuous deeds.//

O venerable Simeon, pray for the salvation of our souls!

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

**Tone 2** *Idiomela (for St. Simeon)*

A good fruit sprouted from a good root, —

the holy Simeon, nourished from infancy by grace rather than milk;

and elevating his body upon a rock while exalting his mind towards God,

he constructed with virtues an abode in the air,

and walking on high with the divine Powers,//

he became a dwelling-place of Christ, the God and the Savior of our souls.

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

O venerable Father Simeon, blessed servant,

the remembrance of thee and the meekness of thy heart continues forever;

though thou, the good shepherd, hast departed from us,

yet thou hast not withdrawn from us in spirit.

As thou standest before God in love, rejoicing with the angels in heaven,//

with them intercede that our souls may be saved!

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

*(by Cyprian)*

The casket of thy relics, O all-praised Father,

is a source of healings;

and thy holy soul, united with the angels, is worthily glorified.

Therefore having boldness to approach the Lord,

and dancing with the bodiless hosts in heaven, O venerable Simeon,//

entreat Him that our souls may be saved!

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

*(by Germanos)*

Thou didst love the highest philosophy, O God-bearer,

dwelling outside the world, and living above visible things;

and thou wast revealed as a most divine, untarnished mirror of God.

Being ever joined to the Light,

thou wast a receiver of the light,

and clearly attained the blessed end.//

Intercede for our souls, O wise Simeon!

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

**Tone 6** *(for St. Simeon, by Germanos)*

Grace overshadows the casket of thy relics, O sanctified Simeon;

therefore we run to the fragrance of thy miracles,

drawing for ourselves the healing of sicknesses.//

Intercede with Christ God on behalf of our souls!

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

**Tone 6** *(for the Indiction, by Byzantius)*

O timeless Word and Son without beginning,

united with the Holy Spirit,

Co-maker of all and Co-creator of all things visible and invisible:

bless the beginning of this year;

and bring peace to Thine Orthodox people,//

through the prayers of the Theotokos and all the saints!

**Old Testament Readings**

**Isaiah 61:1-9** *(Indiction)*

**Composite 24** *(Leviticus 26:3-12, 14-17, 19-20, 22, 33, 23-24) (Indiction)*

**Wisdom of Solomon 4:7-15** *(St. Simeon)*

**Aposticha**

**Tone 1** *Idiomela (for the Indiction, by John the Monk)*

The entrance of the year is at hand,

summoning together the distinguished saints to honor it:

Callista, Evódius, and Hermógenes, brethren and champions;

Simeon, the equal of the angels;

Joshua, the son of Nun;

the Seven Youths of Ephesus;

and the choir of the forty holy women, forty times radiant.

As we celebrate their memory, let us cry out, O lovers of feasts:

“O Lord, bless the work of Thy hands,//

and make us worthy to pass profitably through the course of the year!”

V. *Praise is due to Thee, O God, in Zion, and to Thee shall vows be performed.*

*(Ps. 64:1)*

O Christ our God, Who in wisdom didst fashion all things,

and out of nothing hast brought them into being,

bless the crown of the year, and preserve our city unharmed;

and make our faithful glad by Thy power,

granting them victories over their adversaries,//

through the Theotokos bestowing upon the world great mercy!

V. *We shall be filled with the good things of Thy house; holy is Thy temple, wonderful in righteousness. (Ps. 64:5)*

**Tone 2** *(by Cyprian)*

Thou art wonderful, O God, and wondrous are Thy works!

All Thy ways are unsearchable!

For Thou art the Wisdom and perfect Hypostasis and Power of God;

Thy working together is co-unoriginate and co-eternal;

therefore, by Thine almighty pow’r,

Thou didst come into the world, seeking to beautify Thy creature,

in an inexpressible manner—from a Mother who had not known man,

yet, not changing in Thy Godhead;

for Thou hast planned the seasons and the ages to accomplish our salvation, O Changeless One.

Therefore we cry out to Thee://

“O Good Lord, glory to Thee!”

V. *Bless the crown of the year with Thy goodness, O Lord! (Ps. 64:12a)*

*(by St. John of Damascus)*

O pre-eternal Word of the Father,

Who in wisdom didst fashion all things,

and didst establish the whole creation by Thine all-powerful word,

bless the crown of the year with Thy goodness,

and overthrow heresies, through the Theotokos,//

for Thou art good and the Lover of man!

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

**Tone 5**  *(for St. Simeon)*

As Elijah found a chariot of fire to ascend the heights,

so didst thou devise a good ladder

by which thou didst go up on high.

Although he did not leave behind for others his way of ascent,

thou, even after death, hast kept thy pillar.

O heavenly man, angel on earth, unsleeping beacon of the inhabited world,//

O venerable Simeon, intercede for the salvation of our souls!

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

**Tone 5** *(for the Indiction, by John the Monk)*

O King, Who remainest forever

and art everlasting unto the ages,

do Thou accept the supplication of sinners asking salvation,

and grant abundance to Thine earth,

bestowing temperate weather, O Lover of man!

Be the ally of the faithful Orthodox in battles against the ungodly barbarians,

as once Thou wast unto David;

for they have come into Thy tabernacles and defiled Thine all-holy place, O Savior!

Grant victories, O Christ God, by the intercession of the Theotokos,//

for Thou art the victory and boast of the Orthodox!

***(at Vespers)***

**Tone 2** **Troparion** *(Indiction)*

O Creator of the Universe,

Thou didst appoint times by Thine own power;

bless the crown of this year with Thy goodness, O Lord!

Preserve in safety Thy rulers and Thy cities://

and through the intercessions of the Theotokos, save us!

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

**Tone 1** **Troparion** *(St. Simeon)*

Thou wast a pillar of patient endurance,

having imitated the Forefathers, O ^Venerable One:

Job in suffering and Joseph in temptations.

Thou didst live like the bodiless ones while yet in the flesh, O Simeon, our Father.//

Beseech Christ God that our souls may be saved!

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**Tone 1 Troparion** *(Theotokos)*

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, full of grace,

haven and protection of the human race;

for from thee the Redeemer of the world became incarnate;

for thou alone art Mother and Virgin, ever blessed and ^glorified.//

Intercede with Christ God that peace be granted to all the inhabited earth!

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

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**Tone 2** **Kontakion** *(St. Simeon)*

Seeking the things of the Highest,

and having made a fiery chariot, thou wast joined to the heights.

Therefore, thou hast become a companion to the angels, O venerable Simeon,//

and with them thou art praying incessantly to Christ God for us all.

**Tone 4 Kontakion** *(Indiction)*

O Creator and Master of time and the ages,

Triune and Merciful God of all:

grant blessings for the course of this year,

and in Thy boundless mercy save those who worship Thee and cry out in fear://

“O Savior, grant blessings to all mankind!”

**Tone 3** **Prokeimenon** *(Indiction)*

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power, / His understanding is beyond

measure. *(Ps. 146:5)*

V. *Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God! (Ps. 146:1)*

**Tone 7** **Prokeimenon** *(St. Simeon)*

Precious in the sight of the Lord / is the death of His saints. *(Ps. 115:6)*

**Epistle**

(282) 1 Timothy 2:1-7 *(Indiction)*

(258) Colossians 3:12-16 *(St. Simeon)*

**Tone 4**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. *Praise is due to Thee, O God, in Zion, and to Thee shall vows be performed.*

*(Ps. 64:1)*

V. *Bless the crown of the year with Thy goodness, O Lord! (Ps. 64:12a)*

**Tone 4**

V. *Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments. (Ps. 111:1)*

**Gospel**

(13) Luke 4:16-22 *(Indiction)*

(43) Matthew 11:27-30 *(St. Simeon)*

**Communion Hymn**

Thou shalt bless the crown of the year with Thy goodness, O Lord! *(Ps. 64:12a)*

The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance! He shall not fear evil

tidings! *(Ps. 111:6)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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