**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12 TONE 1**

**18th Sunday after Pentecost (3rd of Luke)**

**Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council**

**"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 Resurrection)*

Accept our evening prayers, O holy Lord!

Grant us remission of sins,//

for Thou alone hast manifested the Resurrection to the world.

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

Encircle Zion

and surround her, O people!

Give glory in her to the One Who rose from the dead!

For He is our God,//

Who has delivered us from our transgressions!

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

Come, O people,

let us hymn and fall down before Christ,

glorifying His Resurrection from the dead!

For He is our God,//

Who has delivered the world from the Enemy’s deceit!

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

*(Resurrection stichera by Anatolius)*

Be glad, O heavens!

Sound trumpets, O foundations of the earth!

Sing in gladness, O mountains!

Behold Emmanuel has nailed our sins to the Cross!

Granting life, He has slain death.//

He has resurrected Adam as the Lover of man.

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

**Tone 6** *(for the Fathers)* *(Despairing for her life)*

The seven honorable councils of the Fathers, held at various times,

were brought together under one canon in good order

by Patriarch Germanus the New.

He established and recorded their teachings;

he also presented these Fathers to the Lord

as watchful intercessors for our salvation,//

and as fellow-shepherds of the fold.

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.*

(Repeat: “The seven honorable councils…”)

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

The book of the Law instructed the sons of Israel

that the seventh day was to be honored,

and they devoted themselves to a shadow and reverenced it.

But, O Fathers, who came together in the Seventh Council,

at the behest of God,

Who fashioned the universe in six days and blessed the seventh day,//

you have made the seventh more honorable by laying down a definition of the Faith.

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

You have enabled all men, O thrice-blessed Fathers,

to come to the knowledge of the Trinity

as the Cause of the world’s generation;

for by your mystical reasoning

you established three and four Councils,

and you appeared as champions of Orthodoxy,

for you showed that, while there are four elements,//

it is the Trinity Who created them and made the world.

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

It would have been enough for Elisha the Prophet

to have bent down only once to give life to the dead son of the woman;

but he knelt and bent seven times.

And in his foresight he prophesied your gathering,

by which you breathed life into the slaying of God the Word,//

by putting to death Arius and his profane companions.

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

In your wisdom, O venerable Fathers,

you mended the garment of Christ, rent by howling dogs;

for you could not bear looking upon the nakedness of His Body,

but as Shem and Japheth of old who hid their father’s nakedness,

you put to shame that slayer of his father, the wretched Arius,//

and those who foolishly follow his teachings.

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

**Tone 6** *(for the Fathers)*

Today let us praise the mystical trumpets of the Spirit,

the God-bearing Fathers,

who stand in the midst of the Church, singing true theology,

praising the changeless Trinity!

They laid low the errors of Arius

and upheld the Orthodox Faith.//

They always entreat the Lord to have mercy on our souls.

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

**Tone 1** *(Theotokion – Dogmatikon)*

Let us praise the Virgin Mary!

The gate of heaven, the glory of the world!

The song of the angels, the beauty of the faithful!

She was born of man, yet gave birth to God!

She was revealed as the heaven, as the temple of the Godhead!

She destroyed the wall of enmity!

She commenced the peace; she opened the Kingdom!

Since she is our foundation of faith,

our defender is the Lord Whom she bore!

Courage! Courage! O People of God!

For Christ will destroy our enemies//

since He is all powerful.

**Old Testament Readings** *(Fathers)*

**Genesis 14:14-20**

**Deuteronomy 1:8-11, 15-17**

**Deuteronomy 10:14-21**

**Litya**

*(If the rector desires the Litya, following the sticheron to the Patron Saint of the Temple,*

*these stichera are sung)*

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

**Tone 3** *(for the Fathers)*

The holy Fathers are the renowned keepers

of the Apostles’ tradition;

They rightly taught that the Trinity was undivided,

and their assembly dethroned Arius and those with him:

the Macedonians who rejected the authority of the Church were convicted;

Nestórius, Eutýchius, Dióscorus, Sabéllius, and Severus were judged.

O Lord, deliver us from their error, we pray,//

and preserve our lives in peace!

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

**Tone 3** *(Theotokion)*

By the will of the Father,

without seed, of the Holy Spirit thou didst conceive the Son of God.

He was born of the Father before eternity without a mother,

but now for our sake He didst come from thee without a father!//

Do not cease entreating Him to deliver our souls from harm!

**Aposticha**

**Tone 1** *(for the Resurrection)*

We have been freed from sufferings

by Thy suffering, O Christ.

We have been delivered from corruption

by Thy Resurrection.//

O Lord, glory to Thee!

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

Let creation rejoice!

Let the heavens be glad!

Let the nations clap their hands with gladness,

for Christ our Savior has nailed our sins to the Cross.

Slaying death, He has given life.//

He has resurrected fallen Adam as the Lover of man.

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

As King of heaven and earth,

Thou wast voluntarily crucified in Thy love for man.

Hell was angered when it met Thee below.

Adam rose seeing Thee, the Creator, under the earth.

O wonder! How has the Life of all tasted death?

Thou didst enlighten the world which cries://

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

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

The myrrhbearing women came with haste to Thy tomb,

bearing myrrh and lamenting.

Not finding Thy most pure body,

they learned from the angel of the new and glorious wonder.

They told the Apostles://

“The Lord is risen, granting the world great mercy.”

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

**Tone 4** *(for the Fathers)*

Come, all Orthodox Churches,   
let us celebrate today in faith and true worship  
the yearly commemoration of the divinely-arrayed Fathers  
who gathered at Nicea from throughout the world!   
There they refuted the godless teaching of Arius,   
banishing him from the catholic Church by a decree of the council.   
They taught all to confess openly the Son of God,  
consubstantial and co-eternal with the Father,   
proclaiming this with precision and true worship in the Symbol of Faith.  
Therefore, as we faithfully follow their divine doctrines,   
let us worship the Father, the Son, and the most Holy Spirit,//   
the consubstantial Trinity in one Godhead!

*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 1** **Troparion** *(Resurrection)*

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews,

while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body,

Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior,

granting life to the world.

The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life:

“Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ!

Glory to Thy Kingdom!//

Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind!”

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

**Tone 8** **Troparion** *(Fathers)*

Thou art most glorious, O Christ our God,

Who hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth.

Through them Thou hast guided us to the True Faith.//

O greatly compassionate One, glory to Thee!

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

**Tone 8** **Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion**

For our sake Thou wast born of the Virgin

and didst endure crucifixion, O Good One, destroying death by death.

Revealing the Resurrection as God, do not despise the work of Thy hand!

Reveal Thy love for man, O Merciful One, and accept the Theotokos praying for us,//

and save the despairing people, O our Savior!

***(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. *(twice)*

**Tone 8** **Troparion** *(Fathers)*

Thou art most glorious, O Christ our God,

Who hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth.

Through them Thou hast guided us to the True Faith.//

O greatly compassionate One, glory to Thee! *(once)*

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

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**Tone 1 Kontakion** *(Resurrection)*

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory,

raising the world with Thyself.

Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished.

Adam exults, O Master!

Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee://

“Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

**Tone 6** **Kontakion** *(Fathers)*

The Son Who shone forth from the Father

was ineffably born, two-fold in nature, of a woman.

Having beheld Him, we do not deny the image of His form,

but depict it piously and revere it faithfully.

Thus, keeping the True Faith,//

the Church venerates the icon of Christ Incarnate.

**Tone 1** **Prokeimenon** *(Resurrection)*

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us / as we have set our hope on Thee! *(Ps. 32:22)*

V. *Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! (Ps. 32:1)*

**Tone 4** **Prokeimenon** *(Song of the Three Holy Children)*

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, / and praised and glorified is

Thy Name forever! *(Song of the Three Holy Children, v. 3)*

**Epistle**

(188) 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

(334) Hebrews 13:7-16 *(Fathers)*

**Tone 1**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

V. *God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me. (Ps. 17:48)*

V. *He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever. (Ps. 17:51)*

**Tone 1**

V. *The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. (Ps. 49:1)*

**Gospel**

(30) Luke 7:11-16

(56) John 17:1-13 *(Fathers)*

**Communion Hymn**

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

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! *(Ps. 32:1)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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