SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024

TONE 5

38th Sunday after Pentecost / Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee / [Beginning of the Lenten Triodion]

"Lord I Call..." Tone 5

Lord, I call upon You, hear me! Hear me, O Lord!
Lord, I call upon You, hear me!
Receive the voice of my prayer, when I call upon You!//
Hear me, O Lord!

Let my prayer arise in Your sight as incense, and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice!//
Hear me, O Lord!

Reader reads the rest of Psalm 140 and Psalm 141 on pgs 31 & 32 in the pew book, then: STICHERA

V. (10) Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Your Name! **Tone 5**By Your <u>pre</u>cious <u>Cross</u>, O Christ,
You have put the <u>dev</u>il to shame.
By Your Resur<u>rec</u>tion, You have blunted the <u>sting</u> of sin and <u>saved</u> us from the <u>gates</u> of death.//
We glorify You, O <u>on</u>ly begotten One.

V. (9) The righteous will surround me, for You will deal bountifully with me.

Christ was led as a sheep to the slaughter

in order to grant Resurrection to the human race.

The princes of hell were frightened by this,

for the gates of sorrow were lifted.

Christ the King of glory had entered,

saying to those in chains: "Go forth!"//

And to those in <u>darkness</u>: "Come to the light!"

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

O great wonder!

The Creator of the invisible suffered in the flesh in His <u>love</u> for man and <u>rose</u> again im<u>mor</u>tal.

Come, O sons of nations,

let us worship Him,

for delivered from error by His compassion,//

we have learned to sing of one <u>God</u> in three <u>Per</u>sons!

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

We offer You our evening worship, / O never setting Light,

Who <u>came</u> in these last days to the <u>world</u> in the flesh;

Who even descended to hell to dispel its darkness.

Who has revealed the light of Resurrection to the <u>na</u>tions.//

Glory to You, O <u>Lord</u> and <u>Giver of light!</u>

V. (6) If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You.

We <u>glorify</u> the Leader of our sal<u>va</u>tion; by His Resur<u>rec</u>tion from the dead,

the world was saved from deceit.

The assembly of Angels rejoices

as the deceit of demons is overthrown.//

Fallen Adam rises as the devil falls.

V. (5) For Your Name's sake I wait for You, O Lord. My soul has waited for Your word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.

The guards were instructed by the <u>law</u>less ones:

"Hide the rising of Christ, take money and say:

'The body was stolen from the tomb while we were asleep.'"

But who has heard of a body being stolen,

a body embalmed and naked,

with its grave clothes left behind in the tomb?

Do not be deceived, O Jews,

study the words of the Prophets and understand://

Christ is the Redeemer of the world and all powerful!

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

O Lord, Who has captured hell

and trampled on death,

You have enlightened the world by Your precious Cross.//

O Savior, have mercy on us!

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 1*** Idiomela (from the Lenten Triodion)

Brothers, let us not pray like the Pharisee!

He who exalts himself will be humbled.

Let us prepare to abase ourselves by fasting;

let us cry aloud with the voice of the Publican://

"O God, forgive us sinners!"

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

Brothers, let us not pray like the Pharisee!

He who exalts himself will be humbled.

Let us prepare to abase ourselves by fasting;

let us cry aloud with the voice of the Publican://"O God, forgive us sinners!"

^{*} Music for the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee from the Department of Liturgical Music and Translations can be downloaded at www.oca.org.

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

The Pharisee went up to the temple with a proud and empty heart;

the Publican bowed himself in repentance.

They both stood before You, O Master:

the one, through boasting, lost his reward,

but the other, with tears and sighs, won Your blessing:

Strengthen me, O Christ our God, as I weep in Your presence,//

since You are the Lover of man!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; **Tone 8** (from the Lenten Triodion)

I know the value of tears, O almighty Lord:

they delivered Hezekiah from the gates of death,

and rescued the harlot from repeated sins.

Tears justified the Publican instead of the Pharisee.

I pray You, O Lord://

"Number me with the former, and have mercy on me!"

now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. **Tone 5** (Theotokion – Dogmatikon)

In the Red Sea of old,

a type of the Virgin Bride was prefigured.

There Moses divided the waters;

here <u>Ga</u>briel assisted in the <u>mir</u>acle.

There Israel crossed the sea without getting wet,

here the <u>Virgin</u> gave birth to <u>Christ</u> without seed.

After <u>Is</u>rael's passage, the sea remained im<u>pas</u>sable;

after Emmanuel's birth, the Virgin remained a Virgin.

O ever-existing God Who appeared as Man,//

O Lord, have mercy on us!

APOSTICHA

Tone 5 We magnify You in songs of praise,

O incarnate Christ and Savior.

By accepting the Cross and death for our sake,

as the Lord and Lover of man,

You overthrew the gates of hell,//

and arose on the third day, saving our souls.

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

By being <u>pierced</u> in the side, O <u>Lover</u> of man, / You have poured out drops of life and sal<u>va</u>tion for all. / By ac<u>cepting</u> death in the flesh, You have granted us immor<u>tal</u>ity. / You have <u>freed</u> us by being <u>placed</u> in the tomb, / and have resurrected us with Yourself in <u>glory</u>, as God.// Glory to You, O <u>Lord</u> and <u>Lover</u> of man!

V. For He has established the world, so that it shall never be moved. Your crucifixion and descent into hell are awesome, O Lover of man. You have captured it, releasing the ancient prisoners. You have opened Paradise and given it to us.

Grant us purification of sins, who glorify Your Resurrection on the third day!

Make us worthy of Paradise// and save us, O Lover of man!

V. Holiness befits Your house, O Lord, forevermore! For our sake, You accepted death in the flesh, to rise from the dead on the third day.

Heal us from our earthly passions, and restore us from our evil transgressions;// and save us, O Lover of man!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; **Tone 5** (from the Lenten Triodion) The weight of my transgressions burdens mine eyes: I cannot lift my gaze to the heights of heaven, O Lord. Accept me in repentance, as You accepted the Publican;// have mercy on me, O Savior!

now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. **Tone 5** (*Theotokion*)

O most precious Virgin,
you are the gate, the temple,
the palace, the throne of the King.
From you, my Redeemer, Christ the Lord,
appeared to those asleep in darkness.
He is the Sun of Righteousness,
Who desired to enlighten His image, whom He had created.
Since you possess motherly boldness before Him, O all praised Lady,//
pray unceasingly that our souls may be saved!

TROPARIA

Tone 5 Let <u>us</u>, the faithful, praise and <u>wor</u>ship the Word/ co-eternal with the Father and the <u>Spir</u>it,/ <u>born</u> for our salvation from the <u>Virgin</u>; /for He <u>willed</u> to be lifted up on the <u>Cross</u> in the flesh, / to en<u>dure</u> death, / and to <u>raise</u> the dead// by His <u>glo</u>rious Resur<u>rec</u>tion.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. **Tone 5** Rejoice, Impassable <u>Gate</u> of the Lord! / Rejoice, Wall and Protection of those who <u>run</u> to you! / Rejoice, Unshakable <u>Refuge</u>! / Rejoice, you who knew not <u>wed</u>lock, / who gave birth in the flesh to your Creator and God!//Do not cease praying for those who <u>praise</u> and <u>wor</u>ship your Son!