

SUNDAY, JULY 2

TONE 3

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Rest of St. John Maximovitch of Shanghai and San Francisco

"Lord I Call..." Tone 3

Lord, I call upon You, hear me.

Hear me, O Lord.

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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.

v. (10) Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Your Name!

Tone 3 *(for the Resurrection)*

By Your Cross, O Christ our Savior,

death's dominion has been shattered;

the devil's delusion destroyed.

The race of man, being saved by faith,//

always offers You a song.

v. (9) The righteous will surround me; for You will deal bountifully with me.

All has been enlightened by Your Resurrection, O Lord.

Paradise has been opened again.

All creation, praising You,//

always offers You a song.

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

I glorify the power of the Father and the Son.

I praise the authority of the Holy Spirit:

the undivided, uncreated Godhead,//

the consubstantial Trinity which reigns forever.

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

(Resurrection stichera by Anatolius)

We bow down in worship before Your precious Cross, O Christ,
and we glorify and praise Your Resurrection, //
for by Your wounds we have all been healed.

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

Tone 6 *(for St. John)* *(Having placed all their hope)*

Who can say that the grace-filled power of the first apostles has left the earth,
who can claim that the sanctity of the ancient ascetics is seen no more?
For You, O Lord, have now raised up a new and glorious apostle,
a new ascetic who has overcome the enemy's attacks //
and has won the heavenly crown of victory.

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.

Rejoice now, O Russian people,
for from you a fiery pillar has risen to heaven,
where before the throne of God your new intercessor prays,
a teacher of the Gospel to distant lands and a pastor to all peoples, //
the holy Hierarch John.

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

Rejoice, O peoples of Serbia, China and the Philippines,
and you of Africa, France, Holland and America,
for among you walked a living bearer of God,
a saint enlightened by grace and touched by divinity,
a visionary who beheld the realm outside of space and time, //
where he now prays for you.

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 3 *(for St. John)*

Behold the strange wisdom of God,
how the great and beautiful was manifested in a vessel small and unadorned,
how the Creator's mind was revealed to one whom the world considered mad: //
behold, O faithful, the life of John and know the ways of God.

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

Behold the world turned upside down,
behold the wise and prudent put to shame,
and all the secret and hidden things revealed to babes,
to the guileless and childlike in faith,
to those who believe in simplicity and warmth of heart, //
to the ever-memorable John.

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

What labors did you not perform, O saint?
What suffering did you not endure for Christ's sake?
You did not withhold the love for God that was ever burning within you,
but spread it to the ends of the world, //
enkindling the flame that ascends to the Kingdom above.

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

Tone 6 *(for St. John)*

Before your precious relics, O holy Father,
the faithful stand with reverence and awe,
your loved ones cease not to speak to you,
those who hurt beg forgiveness,
sinners are moved to repentance,
those who sorrow are renewed with hope,
the cold-hearted are warmed with love,
those who stand at the abyss are drawn back by your gentle hand,
those who are dying are given the breath of everlasting life,
eyes which are closed in darkness are opened to the light of Christ,
deafened ears are made to hear the voice of angels: //
O new apostle, pray that the Lord's grace be sent even to us.

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

Tone 3 *(Theotokion – Dogmatikon)*

How can we not wonder
at your mystical childbearing, O exalted Mother?
For without receiving the touch of man,
you gave birth to a Son in the flesh, O immaculate Virgin.
The Son born of the Father before eternity
was born of you at the fullness of time, O honored Lady.
He underwent no mingling, no change, no division,
but preserved the fullness of each nature.

Entreat Him, O Lady and Virgin and Mother,
to save the souls of those who, in the Orthodox manner, confess you//
to be the Theotokos.

Old Testament Readings (*St. John*)

Composite 2 (*selections from Proverbs 10, 3, 8*)

Composite 4 (*selections from Proverbs and Wisdom of Solomon*)

Composite 5 (*selections from Wisdom of Solomon 4, 6, 7, 2*)

Aposticha

Tone 3 (*for the Resurrection*)

The sun was darkened by Your Passion, O Christ,
but all creation was enlightened by the light of Your Resurrection.//
Accept our evening song, O Lover of man!

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

Your life-bearing Resurrection, O Lord,
enlightened the whole universe, recalling Your creation.
Delivered from Adam's curse, we sing://
O Almighty Lord, glory to You!

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

You are the changeless God,
Who, suffering in the flesh, were changed.
Creation could not endure seeing You on the Cross.
It was filled with fear while praising Your patience.
By descending to hell and rising on the third day,//
You have granted to the world life and great mercy.

V. Holiness befits Your house, O Lord, forevermore!

You endured death, O Christ,
to deliver the race of men from death.
You rose from the dead on the third day,
raising with Yourself those who knew You as God//
and enlightening the world. Glory to You!

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

Tone 6 *(for St. John)*

Keeping within your heart the word of God like a paradise,
you ever enjoyed its grace:
holding it fast, you were held fast,
and guarding it, you were guarded.
By the truth you were sanctified, //
for the Lord's word is truth.

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

Tone 6 *(Theotokion)*

My Maker and Redeemer, Christ the Lord,
was born of you, O most pure Virgin.
By accepting my nature, He freed Adam from his ancient curse.
Unceasingly we magnify you as the Mother of God!
Rejoice, O celestial Joy!
Rejoice, O Lady: //
the Protection, Intercession and Salvation of our souls!

(at Great Vespers)

Tone 3 **Troparion** *(Resurrection)*

Let the heavens rejoice!
Let the earth be glad!
For the Lord has shown strength with His arm.
He has trampled down death by death.
He has become the first born of the dead.
He has delivered us from the depths of hell,
and has granted to the world //
great mercy.

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

Tone 6 Troparion* (St. John)

Glorious apostle to an age of coldness and unbelief,
invested with the grace-filled power of the saints of old;
divinely-illuminated seer of heavenly mysteries,
feeder of orphans, hope of the hopeless:
you enkindled on earth the fire of love for Christ
upon the dark eve of the day of judgment.
Pray now that this sacred flame//
may also rise from our hearts!

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

Tone 6 Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion

You Who called Your Mother blessed,
came of Your own will to the Passion.
Shining on the Cross, desiring to recall Adam, You said to the Angels:
“Rejoice with me for the lost coin has been found.”
You Who have ordered all things in wisdom//
our God, glory to You!

* An alternate troparion for St. John is presented on the following page.

(at the Divine Liturgy)

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Tone 3 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

On this day You rose from the tomb, O Merciful One,
leading us from the gates of death.
On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices;
with the Prophets and Patriarchs//
they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Your power.

Tone 8 Kontakion *(St. John)*

Chosen wonderworker and superb servant of Christ,
who pour out in the latter times
inexhaustible streams of inspiration and multitudes of miracles.
We praise you with love and call out to you,//
Rejoice, O holy hierarch John, Wonderworker of the latter times.

Tone 3 Prokeimenon (*Resurrection*)

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! / Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
(*Ps. 46:6*)

V. Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! (Ps. 46:1)

Tone 1 Prokeimenon (*St. John*)

My mouth shall speak wisdom; / the meditation of my heart shall be
understanding. (*Ps. 48:3*)

Epistle

(93) Romans 6:18-23

(318) Hebrews 7:26-8:2 (*St. John*)

Tone 3

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. In You, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame! (Ps. 30:1a)

V. Be a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me! (Ps. 30:2b)

Tone 2

*V. The mouth of the righteous shall proclaim wisdom, and his tongue shall speak of
judgment. (Ps. 36:31)*

Gospel

(25) Matthew 8:5-13

(36) John 10:9-16 (*St. John*)

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (*Ps. 148:1*)
The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance! He shall not fear evil
tidings! (*Ps. 111:6*)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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