

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

TONE 2

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy, Glorious, and All-Praised Leaders of the Apostles, Peter and Paul

"Lord I Call..." Tone 2

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!

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

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

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

Tone 2 *(for the Resurrection)*

Come, let us worship the Word of God

begotten of the Father before all ages,

and incarnate of the Virgin Mary!

Having endured the Cross,

He was buried as He Himself desired.//

And having risen from the dead, He saved me, an erring man.

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

Christ our Savior

nailed to the Cross the bond against us,

He voided it and destroyed the dominion of death.//

We fall down before His Resurrection on the third day.

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.

With the Archangels
let us praise the Resurrection of Christ!
He is our Savior, our Redeemer.
He is coming with awesome glory and mighty power//
to judge the world which He made.

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

(Resurrection stichera by Anatolius)

The Angel proclaimed You,
the crucified and buried Master.
He told the women: "Come, see the place where He lay!
He is risen as He said,
for He is almighty."
We worship You, O only immortal One.//
Have mercy on us, O Christ, the Giver of life!

*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 2 *Automelon (for the Apostles, by Andrew Pyrrhus)*

With what wreaths of praise shall we crown Peter and Paul?
Separated in body, they were united by the Spirit;
they rank first among preachers:
one was the leader of the Apostles,
while the other labored more than the rest.
Truly, Christ our God, Who has great mercy,//
has adorned them with the crowns of immortal glory.

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

How shall we worthily sing hymns to honor Peter and Paul?
Their hands were filled with grace and truth;
their feet carried them to the ends of the earth, preaching the Gospel of peace.
Once driven by the wind of the Spirit,
they are now carried up to heaven.
Truly they are rivers of wisdom and the arms of the Cross.
Through them Christ our God, Who has great mercy,//
has cast down the arrogance of demons.

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

With what spiritual songs shall we praise Peter and Paul?
They have silenced the sharp tongues of the godless.
They are awesome swords of the Spirit.
They are the adornment of Rome;
they have nourished the whole world with the Word of God.
They are the living tablets of the New Testament written by the hand of God.//
Christ, Who has great and rich mercy, has exalted them in Zion.

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

Tone 4 *(for the Apostles, by John the Monk)*

Three times Christ asked Peter: “Do you love Me?”
In this way Christ set aright the threefold denial.
Therefore Simon cried out to the One Who sees all hidden things:
“Lord, You know all things, You understand all things.
You know that I love You!”
Then the Savior said to him:
“Feed My sheep, feed My chosen ones,
feed My lambs, whom I have acquired for salvation by My own blood!” //
O blessed Apostle, pray that He may grant us great mercy!

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

Tone 2 *(Theotokion – Dogmatikon)*

The shadow of the Law passed when grace came;
as the Bush burned, yet was not consumed,
so the Virgin gave birth, yet remained a Virgin.
The Righteous Sun has risen instead of a pillar of flame.//
Instead of Moses, Christ, the Salvation of our souls.

Readings *(Apostles)*

1 Peter 1:3-9

1 Peter 1:13-19

1 Peter 2:11-24

Litya

Tone 2 *Idiomela* *(for the Apostles, by Andrew of Jerusalem)*

Let us come today and gather in chorus,
and give an offering of the faithful!
Let us exalt the Apostles Peter and Paul, the two vessels of grace!
Let us worthily crown them with praises!
For they bountifully spread the seed of the Word,
giving all mankind its rich harvest.
Filled with the grace of the Spirit,
they were branches of the True Vine
who tended the fruit that gladdens our hearts.
Let us sing to them with unveiled faces and pure hearts:
“Rejoice, guides of those without reason,
who cared for those who gained wisdom!
Rejoice, chosen friends of the Creator!
Rejoice, stewards of bounty and foes of illusion!”
Let us ever pray to them that they may intercede with their Creator and
Master //
that He may grant peace to the world and great mercy to our souls!

Tone 2 *(by Arsenius)*

Let us praise as champions of all the world,
those leaders, Peter and Paul:
the disciples of Christ and founders of the Church,
true foundations, pillars, and trumpets of inspiration,
sounding forth the teachings and sufferings of Christ!
They indeed went out into all the earth
as husbandmen spreading the seed of the faith,
planting for all mankind divine understanding,
revealing the Word of the Trinity.
O Peter, the rock and foundation,
and Paul, the chosen vessel,
you were Christ’s yoke of oxen, drawing all to the knowledge of God:
the Gentiles, men of the cities and islands.
You brought the Hebrews back again to Christ, //
and now you both intercede that our souls may be saved.

Tone 2 *(by Germanos)*

O Peter, leader of the glorious Apostles and rock of the faith,
and Paul, divinely inspired orator and light of the holy Churches,
as you stand before the throne of God, //
intercede with Christ on our behalf.

O Paul, the spokesman of Christ and founder of His teachings,
who earlier had persecuted Jesus the Savior,
now you fill the first throne of the Apostles, O blessed one.
Thus you saw things that cannot be spoken,
and ascending to the third heaven you cried: //
“Come with me, and be filled with good things!”

Tone 3 *(by John the Monk)*

O citizens of heavenly Jerusalem –
the rock of faith and the orator of the Church of Christ –
you were an invincible team for the Trinity,
and have caught the whole world in your net;
you have endured the contest of suffering,
and today you depart this world for the throne of God;
as you stand before Him with boldness, //
intercede that our souls may be saved!

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

Tone 5 *(by Byzantium)*

O Apostles, praised throughout the world,
the Wisdom of God, the Word of the Father,
foretold in His Gospel that you would be His fruitful vines.
You carried in your branches the sweet-tasting fruit of life,
and we faithful partake and are filled with gladness.
O Peter, rock of faith, and Paul, the pride of all the earth, //
strengthen the flock established by your teachings!

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!

Aposticha

Tone 2 *(for the Resurrection)*

Your Resurrection, O Christ our Savior,
has enlightened the whole universe,
recalling Your creation.//
Glory to You, O almighty Lord!

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

By the Tree You destroyed the curse of the Tree, O Savior.
By Your burial You mortified the majesty of death.
You have enlightened our race by Your Resurrection.//
O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!

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

When You were seen nailed to the Cross, O Christ,
You restored the beauty of Your creatures.
The soldiers showed their inhumanity when they pierced Your side with a spear.
The Hebrews, not knowing Your power,
asked that Your tomb might be sealed,
but through the mercy of Your compassion,
You accepted the tomb
and rose on the third day!//
O Lord, glory to You!

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

O Christ, the Giver of life,
for the sake of the dead You voluntarily endured death,
descending into hell as the Mighty One
to save those who awaited Your coming,
granting them the life of paradise instead of hell.
Grant also to us who glorify Your Resurrection on the third day//
cleansing of our sins and great mercy!

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

Tone 6 *(for the Apostles, by Ephrem of Karia)*

A joyful feast dawns upon the earth today:
the memorial of Peter and Paul,
the wise leaders of the Apostles.
Let Rome rejoice and be glad with us!
Let us keep feast, O brethren, in songs and hymns!
Rejoice, Apostle Peter, true friend of Christ our God!
Rejoice, beloved Paul, herald of the faith and teacher of the universe!
You have boldness before him, O chosen pair;//
pray unceasingly that our souls may be saved!

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 2 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal,
You slew hell with the splendor of Your Godhead.
And when from the depths You raised the dead,
all the powers of heaven cried out://
“O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!”

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

Tone 4 Troparion *(Apostles)*

O first-enthroned of the Apostles,
and teachers of the universe:
entreat the Master of all
to grant peace to the world,//
and to our souls great mercy!

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

Tone 4 Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion

The mystery of all eternity,
unknown even by Angels,
through you, 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 the Divine Liturgy)

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Tone 2 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior,
seeing the miracle of Your Resurrection from the tomb!
The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with You, //
and the world, my Savior, praises You forever.

Tone 2 Kontakion *(Apostles)*

O Lord, You have taken up to eternal rest
and to the enjoyment of Your blessings
the two divinely inspired preachers, the leaders of the Apostles,
for You have accepted their labors and deaths as a sweet-smelling sacrifice, //
for You alone know what lies in the hearts of men.

Tone 2 Prokeimenon *(Resurrection)*

The Lord is my strength and my song; / He has become my salvation. *(Ps. 117:14)*

*V. The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.
(Ps. 117:18)*

Tone 8 Prokeimenon (*Apostles*)

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, / and their words to the ends of the universe. (*Ps. 18:4*)

Epistle

(88) Romans 5:1-10

(193) 2 Corinthians 11:21-12:9 (*Apostles*)

Tone 2

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*V. May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you! (*Ps. 19:1*)*

*V. Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call! (*Ps. 19:9*)*

Tone 1

*V. The heavens will praise Your wonders, O Lord; and Your truth in the congregation of the saints. (*Ps. 88:5*)*

Gospel

(18) Matthew 6:22-33

(67) Matthew 16:13-19 (*Apostles*)

Communion Hymn

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

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe. (*Ps. 18:4*)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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