

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

TONE 6

23rd Sunday after Pentecost (8th of Luke), Holy Apostle & Evangelist Matthew

"Lord I Call..." Tone 6

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.

Tone 6 *(for the Resurrection)*

Possessing victory over hell, O Christ,

since You are free among the dead,

You ascended the Cross

raising with Yourself those who sat in the shades of death.//

Drawing life from Your light, O almighty Savior, have mercy on us!

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

Today Christ tramples on death,

for He is risen as He said!

Let us all sing this song,

for He has granted joy to the world:

O Light unapproachable, O Fountain of life!//

O Savior almighty, have mercy on us!

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

Where shall we sinners flee from You, Who are in all creation?
In heaven You dwell!
In hell You trampled on death!
In the depths of the sea?
Even there is Your hand, O Master!
To You we flee, and falling before You, we pray://
O You Who rose from the dead, have mercy on us!

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

(Resurrection stichera by Anatolius)

In Your Cross, we glory, O Christ.
We sing and glorify Your Resurrection,
for You are our God,//
and we know no other than You.

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.

Tone 4 *(for St. Matthew) (Called from on high)*

The Searcher of the hearts of men
inspired your mind, O Apostle, with His divine knowledge.
He called you to Himself, ransoming you from the world's deceit,
for He is the Light whose rays shine to the ends of the earth.
He commanded you to proclaim His word.
He made you worthy to write His holy Gospel://
pray that He may save and enlighten our souls!

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

Once a publican, now a disciple,
you accepted the urgent call of the Eternal Word,
and abandoned the collection of the taxes,
eager for the promise of communion in His Kingdom;
you cast away the raging tumult of this life,
and now you behold His glory face to face;//
pray that He may save and enlighten 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.

In days of old, as the earth lay waste in evil,
the prophet Daniel was endowed with clearness of sight.
He beheld a stone, cut without human hands from a mountain:
a stone that ground the riches of earthly kingdoms to dust.
In the fullness of time this all-wise Lord came down to earth.
Passing by the customs-house, He chose you to be His herald;
He called you, who once served an earthly kingdom,
to serve Him, the Light of the world.
Pray to Him, O blessed Matthew,//
that He may save and enlighten our souls!

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

When the sinless Light came in the flesh, as He Himself willed,
scattering the darkness of ignorance,
then you, O servant of the most divine will,
followed in response to His life-giving command.
As a most divine keeper of His will in a manner beyond understanding,
you, O Matthew, became a beacon of the Church
and a dwelling-place of Christ.//
Entreat Him to save and enlighten our souls!

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

Burning up deception with a fiery tongue,
you, O most wise Matthew, were highly exalted.
After receiving the Comforter, Whose coming enlightened you,
you spoke to the people of the majesty of the Almighty One,
bringing amazement to the minds of those who heard your words.
Now your proclamation has gone out into all the earth, O divinely inspired
Apostle.//
Pray to God that He will be gracious to all who sing your praises!

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

Tone 4 *Idiomelon* *(for St. Matthew)*

You were called by Christ to heavenly discipleship,
and you followed Him eagerly, O chosen of God.
forsaking overnight all enslavement to the cares of this life.
Obediently you accepted wisdom worthy of the Kingdom on high,

and abandoned the passing glory of your former life in the world,
becoming an evangelist instead of a publican:
a light for those living in darkness
and a guide to salvation for those gone astray.
Now, O Matthew, you are a fervent intercessor for the world//
and guardian of those who honor you.

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

Tone 6 *(Theotokion – Dogmatikon)*

Who will not bless you, O most holy Virgin?
Who will not sing of your most pure childbearing?
The only-begotten Son shone timelessly from the Father,
but from you He was ineffably incarnate.
God by nature, yet Man for our sake,
not two persons, but one known in two natures.
Entreat Him, O pure and all-blessed Lady//
to have mercy on our souls!

Readings *(St. Matthew)*

1 Peter 1:1-2:6

1 Peter 2:21-3:9

1 Peter 4:1-11

Aposticha

Tone 6 *(for the Resurrection)*

Your Resurrection, O Christ our Savior,
the Angels in heaven sing!
Enable us on earth//
to glorify You in purity of heart!

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

Destroying the gates of hell,
breaking the chains of death,
You resurrected the fallen human race as almighty God!//
O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You!

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

Desiring to return us to Paradise,
Christ was nailed to the Cross and placed in a tomb.
The Myrrhbearing Women sought Him with tears, crying,
“Woe to us, O Savior!
How do You deign to descend to death?
What place can hold Your life bearing body?
Come to us as You promised!
Take away our wailing and tears!”
Then the Angel appeared to them:
“Stop your lamentations!
Go, proclaim to the Apostles:
‘The Lord is risen,//
granting us purification and great mercy!’”

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

Having been crucified as You willed,
by Your burial You captured death, O Christ,
rising on the third day as God in glory,//
granting the world unending life and great mercy!

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

Tone 6 *(for St. Matthew)*

The full stature of goodness is made manifest in you, O blessed Matthew:
in the fullness of time you abandoned the occupation of an evil age,
soaring as an eagle to the heights of righteousness;
you have filled the earth with the wisdom hidden from all eternity,
following fervently in the footsteps of Christ;
you have borne the Gospel of peace, life, and salvation to men,
filling with divine commandments those who hunger after righteousness.
O blessed guide, well-pleasing to the Creator,//
pray for us who bless your memory!

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 6 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

The Angelic Powers were at Your tomb;
the guards became as dead men.
Mary stood by Your grave,
seeking Your most pure body.
You captured hell, not being tempted by it.
You came to the Virgin, granting life.
O Lord, Who rose from the dead, //
glory to You.

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

Tone 3 Troparion *(St. Matthew)*

O holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew,
entreat the merciful God //
to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions!

Tone 3 *(or this Troparion)*

With zeal you followed Christ the Master,
Who, in His goodness, appeared on earth to mankind.
Summoning you from the customs house,
He revealed you as a chosen apostle:
the proclaimer of the Gospel to the whole world.
Therefore, divinely eloquent Matthew,
we honor your precious memory. //
Entreat the merciful God that He may grant our souls remission of
transgressions!

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

Tone 3 Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion

We praise you as the mediatrix of our salvation,
O Virgin Theotokos.
For your Son, our God, Who took flesh from you,
accepted the Passion on the Cross, //
delivering us from corruption as the Lover of Man.

(at the Divine Liturgy)

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Tone 6 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

When Christ God, the Giver of Life,
raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand,
He bestowed resurrection on the human race. //
He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

Tone 4 Kontakion *(St. Matthew)*

Casting aside the bonds of the customs house for the yoke of justice,
you were revealed as an excellent merchant, rich in wisdom from on high.
You proclaimed the word of truth
and roused the souls of the slothful //
by writing of the hour of Judgment.

Tone 6 Prokeimenon *(Resurrection)*

O Lord, save Your people, / and bless Your inheritance! *(Ps. 27:9a)*

V. To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! (Ps. 27:1a)

Tone 8 Prokeimenon *(St. Matthew)*

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

Epistle

(220) Ephesians 2:4-10

(131) 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 *(St. Matthew)*

Tone 6

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God. (Ps. 90:1)

V. He will say to the Lord: "My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust." (Ps. 90:2)

Tone 1

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

Gospel

(53) Luke 10:25-37

(30) Matthew 9:9-13 *(St. Matthew)*

Communion Hymn

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

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