

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8**  
**Sunday of the Prodigal Son**  
**Afterfeast of the Meeting**

**TONE 2**

**"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.*

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

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

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

*(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. (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 1\***      *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

Rich and fertile was the earth allotted to us,  
but all we planted were the seeds of sin.  
We reaped the sheaves of evil with the sickle of laziness;  
we failed to place them on the threshing floor of repentance.  
Now we beg You, O Lord, eternal Master of the harvest:  
“May Your love become the breeze to winnow the straw of our worthless  
deeds!//  
Make us like the precious wheat to be stored in heaven, and save us all!”

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

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\* Music for the Sunday of the Prodigal Son from the Department of Liturgical Music and Translations can be downloaded at [www.oca.org](http://www.oca.org).

Brothers, our purpose is to know the power of God's goodness.  
For when the Prodigal Son abandoned his sin,  
he hastened to the refuge of his father.  
That good man embraced him and welcomed him;  
he killed the fatted calf and celebrated with heavenly joy.  
Let us learn from this example  
to offer thanks to the Father, Who loves all men, //  
and to the glorious Victim, the Savior of 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.*

**Tone 1**      *(for the Feast, by Patriarch Germanus) Idiomela*

Simeon, tell us, Whom you bear in your arms,  
that you rejoice so greatly in the Temple?  
To Whom do you shout and cry aloud:  
"Now I am set free, for I have seen my Savior?"  
This is He Who was born of a Virgin;  
this is God the Word, Who came forth from God,  
Who for our sakes has taken flesh and has saved man. //  
Let us worship Him!

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

Simeon, receive Him Whom Moses once beheld in darkness,  
granting the Law on Sinai,  
now that He has become a Babe subject to the Law!  
This is He Who spoke through the Law.  
This is He, of Whom the Prophets spoke,  
Who for our sakes has taken flesh and has saved man. //  
Let us worship Him!

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

Come, let us also go to meet Christ with divine songs!  
Let us receive Him Whose salvation Simeon saw!  
This is He Whom David announced;  
this is He Who spoke in the Prophets,  
Who, for our sakes, has taken flesh and Who speaks through the Law. //  
Let us worship Him!

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

**Tone 2**      *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

What great blessings have I forsaken, wretch that I am?  
From what kingdom have I miserably fallen?  
I have squandered the riches that were given me;  
I have transgressed the commandments.  
Woe to me when I shall be condemned to eternal fire!  
Cry out to Christ, O my soul, before the end draws nigh://  
“Receive me as the Prodigal, O God, and have mercy on me!”

*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.

**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**      *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

I, a wretched man, hide my face in shame:  
I have squandered the riches my Father gave to me;  
I went to live with senseless beasts;  
I sought their food and hungered, for I had not enough to eat.  
I will arise, I will return to my compassionate Father;  
He will accept my tears, as I kneel before Him, crying://  
“In Your tender love for all men, receive me as one of Your servants and save  
me!”

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

**Tone 5**      *(for the Feast, by Germanos or Anatolius)*

The Ancient of Days, as a Child in the flesh,  
is brought by His Mother the Virgin into the Holy Temple,  
fulfilling the promise announced by His own Law.  
Receiving Him, Simeon said:  
“Now let Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word,//  
for my eyes have seen Your salvation, O Lord!”

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

**Tone 1      Troparion    *(Feast)***

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace!  
From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, ^Christ our God,  
enlightening those who sat in darkness.  
Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder,  
you accepted in your arms the ^Redeemer of our souls,//  
Who grants us the Resurrection!

*(at the Divine Liturgy)*

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**Tone 3      Kontakion    *(from the Lenten Triodion)***

I have recklessly forgotten Your glory, O Father;  
and among sinners I have scattered the riches which You had given me.  
Therefore I cry to You like the Prodigal:  
“I have sinned before You, O compassionate Father; //  
receive me a penitent, and make me as one of Your hired servants!”

**Tone 1      Kontakion    *(Feast)***

By Your Nativity You sanctified the Virgin's womb  
and blessed Simeon's hands, ^O Christ God.  
Now You have come and saved us through love.  
Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians,//  
O only Lover of Man!

**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 3      Prokeimenon      *(Song of the Theotokos)***

My soul magnifies the Lord, / and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.  
*(Lk. 1:46-47)*

**Epistle**  
(135) 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

**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 8**  
*V. Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word, for my eyes have seen Your salvation! (Luke 2:29)*

**Gospel**  
(79) Luke 15:11-32

*(Instead of "It is truly meet...", we sing:)*

**Tone 3**  
O Virgin Theotokos, hope of all Christians,  
protect, preserve, and save those who hope in you!

In the shadow and letter of the Law,  
let us the faithful discern a figure:  
every male [child] that opens the womb  
is holy to God.

Therefore we magnify the firstborn Word of the Father Who has no beginning, //  
the Son firstborn of a Mother who had not known man.

**Communion Hymn**

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps. 148:1)*  
I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the Name of the Lord. *(Ps. 115:4)*  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!