

ON 'LORD, I CALL...'

We use ten stichera:

Tone V

Unique melodies

10. *Canonarch:* Bring my soul out of prison:

Choir A: That I may give thanks unto Thy name.

I am rich in passions, / and clothed in the deceitful robe of hypocrisy; / and I rejoice in the sins of self-indulgence; / there is no limit to my lack of love; / I neglect my spiritual understanding, / which lies at the gate of repentance, / starved of all good things, sick through want of care: / O Lord, make me like Lazarus, poor in sin, / that I be not tormented in the flame that shall never be quenched, / and pray, in vain, for a finger to be dipped in water, / and laid upon my tongue: / but, in Thy love for mankind, // make me dwell with the patriarch Abraham.

9. *Canonarch:* The righteous shall compass me about:

Choir B: Until Thou shalt deal bountifully with me.

(Repeat) I am rich in passions, / and clothed in the deceitful robe of hypocrisy; / and I rejoice in the sins of self-indulgence; / there is no limit to my lack of love; / I neglect my spiritual understanding, / which lies at the gate of repentance, / starved of all good things, sick through want of care: / O Lord, make me like Lazarus, poor in sin, / that I be not tormented in the flame that shall never be quenched, / and pray, in vain, for a finger to be dipped in water, / and laid upon my tongue: / but, in Thy love for mankind, // make me dwell with the patriarch Abraham.

Martyricon

8. *Canonarch:* Out of the depths, have I cried unto Thee, O Lord:

Choir A: Lord, hear my voice.

Your souls, O holy martyrs, / were filled with an insatiable love; / not denying Christ, ye endured great sufferings and torments; / and ye cast down the tyrant's pride: / ye kept the faith unaltered and unharmed, / and, now, have gone to dwell in heaven; / since ye have boldness before Christ, / pray that peace be given to the world, // and, to our souls, great mercy.

Tone V

By the Lord Joseph

7. *Canonarch:* And in the same tone: Let Thine ears be attentive:

Choir B: To the voice of my supplications.

When Thou wast journeying in the flesh, O Jesus, / on the other side of the Jordan, / Thou hast said to thy companions: / 'My friend Lazarus is already dead, / and, now, has been committed to the tomb; / and, so, for your sakes, I rejoice, my friends; / for, by this, ye shall learn that I know all things, / since I am God, inseparable from the Father, / though, in my visible appearance, I am man; / let us go, then, to bring him back to life, / that death may feel the defeat and utter destruction that I bring upon it, // bestowing my great mercy on the world'.

6. *Canonarch:* If Thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?

Choir A: But there is forgiveness with Thee.

O ye faithful, let us follow the example of Martha and Mary; / and, as intercessors, / let us send, to the Lord, our acts of righteousness, / that He may come to raise up, from the dead, our spiritual understanding, / which lies insensible within the tomb of negligence, / lacking all feeling of the fear of God, / and having no vital energy; / so let us cry aloud: / 'As once, by Thy dread authority, O merciful Lord, / Thou hast raised up Thy friend Lazarus, / so, now, give life to us all; // and grant us Thy great mercy'.

Tone VI

By Lord Theodore

5. *Canonarch:* And in the Sixth Tone: For Thy Name's sake, have I patiently waited for Thee, O Lord; my soul hath waited patiently for Thy word:

Choir B: My soul hath hoped in the Lord.

Lazarus hath now been two days in the tomb; / and he seeth the dead from all the ages; / there, he beholdeth strange sights of terror, / a multitude that none can number, / the prisoners of hell: / his sisters bitterly lament, / looking upon his tomb; / but Christ cometh to bring His friend to life, / that a single hymn of praise / may be offered up, with one accord, by all: // 'Blessed art Thou, O Saviour; have mercy upon us'.

And, for the venerable one, four other stichera:

Tone V

4. *Canonarch:* And, in the Fifth Tone, From the morning watch, until night, from the morning watch:

Choir A: Let Israel hope in the Lord.

O venerable father, / sacred Theodore, /thou wast hallowed from thy mother's womb, / and, like Jeremiah of old, wast known to God: / a star heralded thy nativity; / the whole world hath, truly, been enlightened by the splendour of thy life; / and the darkness of the demons hath vanished: / infirmities have been driven away from men of every age; / and grace hath poured forth all manner of healings; / wherefore, we cry out to thee: / 'Ever entreat thou Christ, // that He grant, unto the world, great mercy'.

3. *Canonarch:* For, with the Lord, there is mercy; and, with Him, is plenteous redemption:

Choir B: And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

(Repeat) O venerable father, / sacred Theodore, /thou wast hallowed from thy mother's womb, / and, like Jeremiah of old, wast known to God: / a star heralded thy nativity; / the whole world hath, truly, been enlightened by the splendour of thy life; / and the darkness of the demons hath vanished: / infirmities have been driven away from men of every age; / and grace hath poured forth all manner of healings; / wherefore, we cry out to thee: / 'Ever entreat thou Christ, // that He grant, unto the world, great mercy'.

2. *Canonarch:* O praise the Lord, all ye nations:

Choir A: Praise Him, all ye people.

O venerable father, / right-wondrous Theodore, / having consumed all the tinder of sin with mighty abstinence, and the fire of prayer, / thou receivedst godly enlightenment: / thou hast caused the grace of the Trinity to abide in thee, / and hast become wholly radiant, / emitting rays of healing, / beholding things to come, as did Elisha of old, / sundering the bonds of barrenness, / driving away hordes of demons with the power of the divine Spirit, / and beseeching Him, // that He grant, to the whole world, peace and great mercy.

1. Canonarch: For His merciful kindness is great towards us:

Both choirs: And the truth of the Lord endureth for ever.

O venerable father, / all-honoured Theodore, / thou sun that hast enlightened the earth with thy works and countless signs, / precious gift given to Christ God, / excellent foundation of the priesthood, / model of monastics, confirmation of them that have recourse to thee with faith, / precious stone, house of the Trinity, / bowl pouring forth an abyss of healings; / pray thou ever to Christ, // that He grant, unto the whole world, peace and great mercy.

THEOTOKION

Tone V

Canonarch: 'Glory... Now and ever...' in the same tone:
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

Both choirs: Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

To whom hast thou likened thyself, O my soul, / ever excelling in what is worse, / and, mindlessly, adding manifold stripes to thy wounds, / giving no thought that thou shalt become wounded thy whole body over, / or that the Judge is approaching, / before Whom, thou shalt have to stand to receive sentence and retribution for thy deeds? / yet, turning, fall down before the Virgin, crying: / 'O Lady, O Lady, disdain not me that have angered the right-merciful God, / Who was born, of thee, for the salvation of men, // and was crucified in the flesh'.

Prokeimenon & Readings

Deacon: Let us attend.

Priest: Peace be unto all!

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Prokeimenon in the 4th Tone: I will walk before the Lord / in the land of the living.

Choir: Refrain.

Reader: I love the Lord, because He has heard my voice and my supplication.

Choir: Refrain.

Reader: I will walk before the Lord...

Choir: ...in the land of the living.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading is from Genesis (43:26-31; 45:1-16).

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: When Joseph came home, his brothers brought him the present that they had carried into the house, and bowed to the ground before him. He inquired about their welfare, and said, 'Is your father well, the old man of whom you spoke? Is he still alive?' They said, 'Your servant our father is well; he is still alive.' And they bowed their heads and did obeisance. Then he looked up and saw his brother Benjamin, his mother's son, and said, 'Is this your youngest brother, of whom you spoke to me? God be gracious to you, my son!' With that, Joseph hurried out, because he was overcome with affection for his brother, and he was about to weep. So he went into a private room and wept there. Then he washed his face and came out; and controlling himself he said, 'Serve the meal.'

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, 'Send everyone away from me.' So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it.

Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not

you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, “Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.” And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.’ Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him. When the report was heard in Pharaoh’s house, ‘Joseph’s brothers have come’, Pharaoh and his servants were pleased.

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: The Prokeimenon in the 4th Tone: I will offer my prayers to the Lord / in the presence of all His people.

Choir: *Refrain.*

Reader: I kept my faith, even when I said, “I am greatly afflicted.”

Choir: *Refrain.*

Reader: I will offer my prayers to the Lord...

Choir: ...in the presence of all His people.

All present make a full prostration while the Priest exclaims:

Priest: Wisdom, let us attend! The Light of Christ, Illumines all!

Reader: The reading is from Proverbs (21:23-22:4).

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader:

**To watch over mouth and tongue
is to keep out of trouble.**

**The proud, haughty person, named 'Scoffer',
acts with arrogant pride.**

**The craving of the lazy person is fatal,
for lazy hands refuse to labour.**

**All day long the wicked covet,
but the righteous give and do not hold back.**

**The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination;
how much more when brought with evil intent.**

**A false witness will perish,
but a good listener will testify successfully.**

**The wicked put on a bold face,
but the upright give thought to their ways.**

**No wisdom, no understanding, no counsel,
can avail against the Lord.**

**The horse is made ready for the day of battle,
but the victory belongs to the Lord.**

**A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,
and favor is better than silver or gold.**

**The rich and the poor have this in common:
the Lord is the maker of them all.**

**The clever see danger and hide;
but the simple go on, and suffer for it.**

**The reward for humility and fear of the Lord
is riches and honor and life.**