**SUNDAY, JANUARY 26 TONE 6**

**31st Sunday after Pentecost**

**Ven. Xenophon, his wife, Mary, and their two sons, Arcadius and John, of Constantinople**

**"Lord I Call..." Tone 6**

Lord, I call upon Thee, hear me!

Hear me, O Lord!

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Receive the voice of my prayer,

when I call upon Thee!//

Hear me, O Lord!

Let my prayer arise

in Thy 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 Thy Name.*

 **Tone 6** *(for the Resurrection)*

Possessing victory over hell, O Christ,

since Thou art free among the dead,

Thou didst ascend the Cross

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

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

V. (9) *The righteous will surround me, for Thou wilt deal bountifully with me.*

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

Where shall we sinners flee from Thee, Who art in all creation?

In heaven Thou dwellest!

In hell Thou didst trample on death!

In the depths of the sea?

Even there is Thy hand, O Master!

To Thee we flee, and falling before Thee, we pray://

O Thou Who didst rise from the dead, have mercy on us!

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

*(Resurrection stichera by Anatolius)*

In Thy Cross, we glory, O Christ.

We sing and glorify Thy Resurrection.

For Thou art our God,//

and we know no other than Thee.

V. (6) *If Thou, O Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee.*

We will always bless the Lord

by singing of His Resurrection!

For He endured the Cross,//

trampling down death by death.

V. (5) *For Thy Name’s sake I wait for Thee, O Lord. My soul has waited for Thy word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.*

Glory to Thy might, O Lord,

for Thou didst overthrow the prince of death,

by Thy Cross renewing us,//

granting us life and incorruption.

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

Thy burial destroyed the bonds of hell, O Lord.

Thy Resurrection from the dead enlightened the world.//

O Lord, glory to Thee!

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** *(for Ven. Xenophon)* *(Joseph of Arimathea)*

The glory of thy soul shone brilliantly,

for thou didst illumine thyself with faith and almsgiving.

Thou didst rejoice to distribute thy wealth to the poor.

Thy righteousness abides forever in the unfading light

which shone out from thee, O Father.

There thou beholdest thy children and her that gave them birth,//

dwelling in the heavenly city.

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

You turned away from corruptible glory

and were counted worthy of the glory that is incorruptible and divine.

Having trampled down all the pleasures of life, O God-bearers,

you indeed desired greatly the all-beautiful Christ.

He saved you from the triple waves and tempest of the world//

and guided you to the calm and radiant life, O most wealthy ones.

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

You killed the passions of the flesh

and clothed yourselves in the garments of dispassion

woven from the purity of your life.

While yet in the body you manifested a life equal to the Angels.

You were great in wisdom

and have been counted worthy of the glory of the Angels on high,//

where you delight in the radiance of God.

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

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

**Tone 6** *(Theotokion – Dogmatikon)*

Who will not bless thee, O most holy Virgin?

Who will not sing of thy most pure childbearing?

The only-begotten Son shone timelessly from the Father,

but from thee 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!

**Aposticha**

**Tone 6** *(for the Resurrection)*

Thy Resurrection, O Christ our Savior,

the Angels in heaven sing!

Enable us on earth//

to glorify Thee in purity of heart!

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

Destroying the gates of hell,

breaking the chains of death,

Thou didst resurrect the fallen human race as almighty God!//

O Lord Who didst rise from the dead, glory to thee!

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 dost Thou deign to descend to death?

What place can hold Thy life bearing body?

Come to us as Thou didst promise!

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 Thy house, O Lord, forevermore!*

Having been crucified as Thou didst will,

by Thy burial Thou didst capture 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;*

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

**Tone 6** *(Theotokion)*

My Maker and Redeemer, Christ the Lord,

was born of thee, O most pure Virgin.

By accepting my nature, He freed Adam from his ancient curse.

Unceasingly we magnify thee 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 Thy tomb;

the guards became as dead men.

Mary stood by Thy grave,

seeking Thy most pure body.

Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it.

Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life.

O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead,//

glory to Thee.

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

**Tone 4 Troparion** *(Ven. Xenophon)*

O God of our Fathers,

always act with kindness towards us;

take not Thy mercy from us,

but guide our lives in peace//

through the prayers of Venerable Xenophon[[1]](#footnote-1) and his family!

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

**Tone 4** **Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion**

The mystery of all eternity,

unknown even by Angels,

through thee, O 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 Vigil)***

**Tone 4 Troparion to the Theotokos**

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos,

Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee!

Blessed art thou among women,

and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb,//

for thou hast borne the Savior of our souls. *(thrice)*

***(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** *(Ven. Xenophon)*

Thou didst keep vigil in the courts of the Lord with thy wife and two children, blessed Xenophon,

and thou didst gladly lavish thy wealth on the poor.//

Therefore, thou hast inherited divine joy.

 **Tone 6** **Prokeimenon** *(Resurrection)*

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

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

**Epistle**

 (280-ctr) 1 Timothy 1:15-17

**Tone 6**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. *He who dwelleth 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)*

 **Gospel**

 (62) Matthew 15:21-28 *(Canaanite Woman)*

**Communion Hymn**

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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1. Pronounced “ZEN-o-phon” [↑](#footnote-ref-1)