

# GREAT VESPERS

*Resurrection Tone 7 • Feast/Saint*

**Lord, I Call**  
*Tone 7*

**L**ord I call upon Thee, hear me! Hear me, O Lord! Lord, I call upon Thee, hear me! 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!

**(10) Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Thy name!**

Come, let us rejoice in the Lord, who destroyed the dominion of death! Let us sing to Him with the bodiless hosts, for He enlightened the race of man! O our maker and Saviour glory to Thee!

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

Thou didst endure the Cross and Burial for our sake! By Thy death Thou didst slay death as God! We fall down before Thy Resurrection on the Third Day, O Saviour, glory to Thee!

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

When the Apostles beheld the Resurrection of the Maker, they were amazed and sang the angelic praise! This is the glory of the Church! This is the richness of the Kingdom! O Lord, crucified for our sake, glory to Thee!

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

Thou wast held by lawless men, O Christ but to me Thou art God and I am not ashamed! Thou wast smitten on the cheek but I do not deny Thee! Thou wast nailed to the Cross and I do not conceal it, for I glory in Thy Resurrection: Thy death is my life! O Almighty Lord and Lover of Man, glory to Thee!

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

*(Tone 4)* Before Thy precious cross and Thy passion, / Thou hast taken the holy disciples, whom Thou hadst, especially, chosen, / and hast gone up, O Master, unto Mount Tabor, / wishing to shew them Thy glory: / when they saw Thee transfigured, shining more brightly than the sun, / they fell on their faces, struck, with amazement, by Thy might, / and cried aloud: / 'O Christ, Thou art the timeless light and the brightness of the Father, / even though, of Thine own will, Thou hast been manifested in the flesh without change'.

**(5) For Thy name's sake have I waited for Thee, O Lord, my soul has waited for Thy word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.**

Thou that, from all eternity, art God the Word, / and that coverest Thyself with light as with a garment, / wast transfigured before Thy disciples, / and hast shone more brightly than the sun: / Moses and Elijah stood by Thy side, / making it plain that Thou art the Lord, both, of the dead, and, of the living; / they glorified Thine ineffable dispensation, / Thy mercy, and Thy great condescension, // by which, Thou hast saved the world utterly lost in sin.

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

O Lord, Who wast born from the virgin cloud, and made flesh, / and wast transfigured on Mount Tabor, / surrounding Thyself with a bright cloud, / the voice of the Father, in the presence of the disciples, / plainly, declared Thee to be the beloved Son, / one in essence, and sharing the same throne; / wherefore, Peter spake, in amazement, not knowing what he said: // 'It is good for us to be here, O benefactor, rich in mercy'.

**(3) For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.**

*(Tone 6)* Having set aside all the enchantment of magic and witchcraft, / and the loathsome rites of the Persians, O Dometius, / thou hast fled unto God, Who sustaineth mankind by His wise providence; / by His name, like an apostle, / thou hast healed, both, the afflictions of animals, and the ailments of men, / who, earnestly, came to thee, O chosen of Christ; / to Whom, with boldness, // pray thou for our souls.

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

Thou hast devoted thy whole life to the Lord, / and, fervently, hast applied thyself to fasting, O venerable one, / shewing forth unfaltering prayer, all-night vigilance, / unceasing praise to God, / and a pure and angelic life; / for which, thou hast

been enriched with the power to work miracles, / and, thus, hast told thy servants to glorify the Lord: / to Whom, with boldness, // pray thou for our souls.

**(1) For His mercy is abundant towards us; and the truth of the Lord endureth forever.**

Having clothed thyself with the armour of the cross, / and equipped with the, indestructible, shield of faith, / thou hast been terrifying to the fierce hordes of the devils: / anointed with steadfast faith, and prayers to God, / thou hast driven them away, / saving, from their wicked harm, them that walk the path of faith, / O Dometius, chosen of God; / to Whom, with boldness, // pray thou for our souls.

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

*(Tone 6)* Prefiguring Thy resurrection, O Christ our God, / Thou tookest, with Thee, in Thine ascent of Mount Ta-bor, / Thy three disciples, Peter, James and John; / when Thou wast transfigured, O Sav-iour, / Mount Tabor was cov-ered with light: / Thy disciples, O Word, threw themselves down upon the ground, / unable to gaze upon the form that none may see; / the angels ministered in fear and trem-bling; / the heavens shook and the earth quaked, // as they beheld, on earth, the Lord of glo- ry.

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

*(Dogmatik Theotokion - Tone 7)* No tongue can speak of thy wonderful childbearing, for the order of nature was over-ruled by God. Thou wast revealed to be a mother above nature, for thou didst remain a virgin beyond reason and understanding! Thy conception was most glorious, O Theotokos! The manner of thy giving birth was ineffable, O Virgin! Knowing thee to be the Mother of God, devoutly we pray to thee! Beseech Him to save our souls.

### **Aposticha**

*(Tone 7)* As the Saviour of the world Thou didst arise from the Tomb! As God Thou didst resurrect the race of men with Thy flesh! O Lord, glory to Thee!

**The Lord is King /He is robed in majesty.**

Come, let us worship the One who rose from the dead, and enlightened all creation! By His death He saved us from the torments of hell! By His Resurrection He has granted us eternal life and great mercy!

**For He hath established the world / So that it shall never be moved.**

Into hell didst Thou descend, capturing death, O Christ! In three days didst Thou arise again, resurrecting us who glorify Thy Resurrection! O Lord and Lover of Man!

**Holiness befitteth Thine house / O Lord, forever.**

When Thou wast placed in the Tomb as one asleep, the sight was great and awesome! But when Thou didst rise on the Third Day as Almighty God, Thou didst resurrect Adam with Thyself! Glory to Thy Resurrection O only Lover of Man.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.**

*(Tone 5)* Come; let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, / to the house of our God, / and behold the glory of His transfiguration, / the glory of the only-begotten Son of the Father, / and receive light from His light, / and be uplifted in spirit, // and, forever, sing the praises of the consubstantial Trinity.

### **Troparion**

*(Resurrection -Tone 7)* By Thy Cross, Thou didst destroy death! To the thief Thou didst open paradise! For the myrrh-bearers, Thou didst change weeping into joy! And Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen, granting the world 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 7)* Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God, / revealing Thy glory to Thy disciples, as far as they could bear it: / let Thine everlasting light also shine upon us sinners, / through the prayers of the Theotokos; // O Giver of Light, glory to Thee.