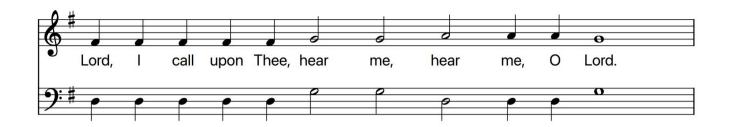
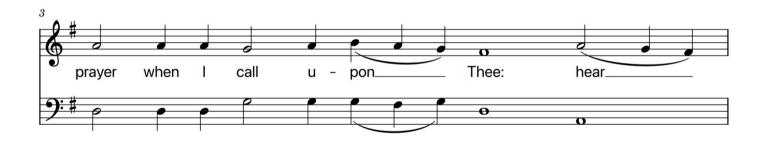
## Lord I Call

Tone 4

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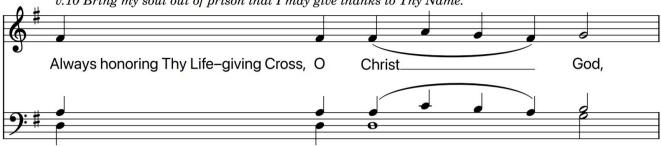
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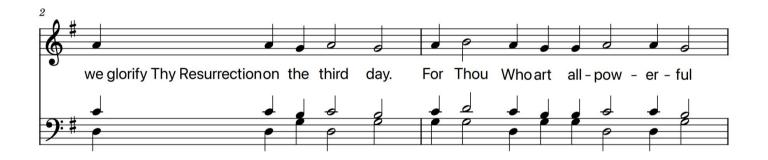
- \* Set a guard over my mouth, O Lord, keep watch over the door of my lips!
- \* Incline not my heart to any evil, to busy myself with wicked deeds
- \* in company with men who work iniquity; and I will not join their chosen ones!
- $^{st}$  Let a good man strike or rebuke me in mercy, but let the oil of the wicked never anoint my head;
- \* for my prayer is continually against their evil deeds. When they are given over to those who shall condemn them, then my words will be heard.
- \* As a rock which one cleaves and shatters on the land, so shall their bones be strewn near hell.
- \* But my eyes are toward thee, O Lord; Lord, in thee I seek refuge. Do not take away my soul.
- \* Keep me from the trap which they have laid for me, and from the snares of evildoers!
- \* Let the sinners together fall into their own nets, let me alone pass through.
- \* I cry with my voice to the Lord, with my voice I make supplication to the Lord,
- \* I pour out my complaint before him, I tell my trouble before him.
- \* When my spirit is faint, thou knowest my way!
- \* In the path where I walk they have hidden a trap for me.
- \* I look to the right and watch, but there is none who takes notice of me; no refuge remains to me, no man cares for me.
- $^{\ast}$  I cry to thee, O Lord; I say, thou art my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.
- \* Give heed to my cry; for I am brought very low!
- \* Deliver me from my persecutors; for they are too strong for me!

## Lord I Call

### Tone 4 Stichera

v.10 Bring my soul out of prison that I may give thanks to Thy Name.

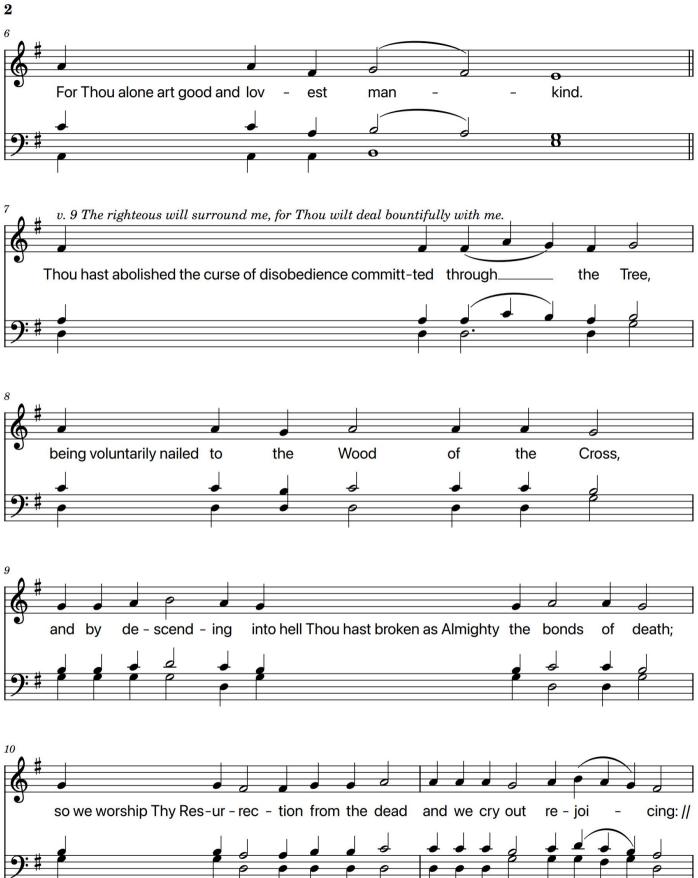






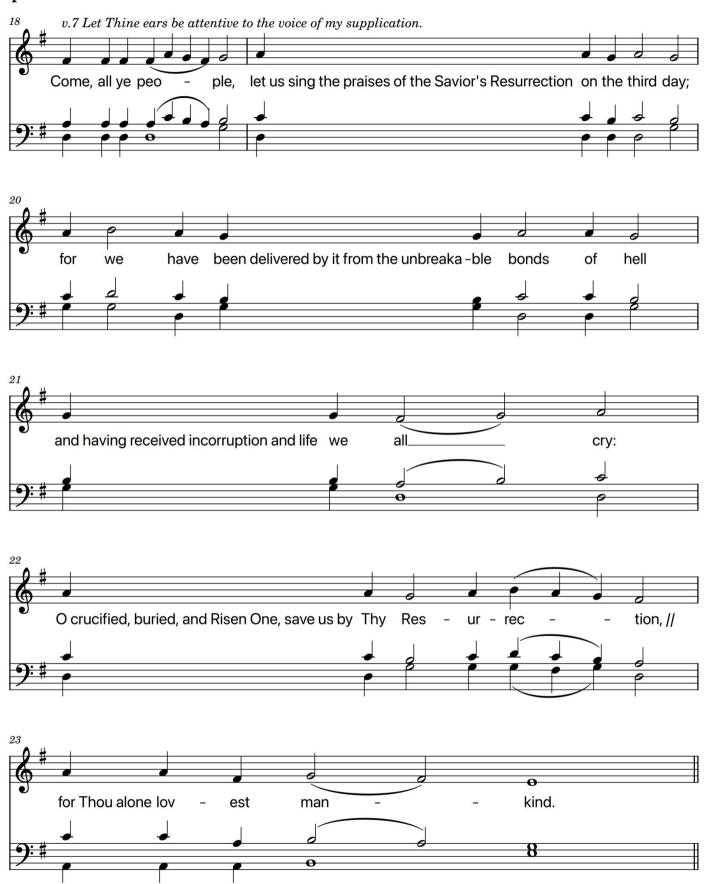












**V.** (6) *If Thou, O Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee.* 

**Tone 6** (for the Fathers) (Despairing for her life)

Thou wast begotten from the Father before the Morning Star, but Arius taught wrongfully that Thou wast created: in his ignorance he designated Thee as a creature, yet the Fathers of the Council proclaimed Thee as Son of God,//co-enthroned with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

**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.

(Repeat: "Thou wast begotten...")

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

O honored <u>Fa</u>thers, you skillfully stitched together the <u>gar</u>ment of Christ, which had been divided and torn apart by <u>barking</u> dogs. You found it unbearable to see His <u>na</u>kedness, as of old Shem and Japheth could not bear to see the nakedness of their <u>fa</u>ther. You put to shame the wretchedness of Arius and those who a<u>greed</u> with him,// and who professed the madness that bears his name.

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

#### (Repeat: "O honored Fathers...")

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

The Macedónians and Nestórians, the Eutýchians and Di<u>ós</u>corenes, the Appolinárians, Sabéllians, and <u>Sév</u>erans, who were revealed as oppressive wolves in <u>sheep's</u> skins, you, as true shepherds, drove far away from the <u>Sav</u>ior's flock, having stripped the thrice-wretched ones of their <u>sheep's</u> skins.// Therefore, we call you blessed, O holy <u>Fa</u>thers.

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

#### (Repeat: The "Macedónians and Nestórians...")

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

#### **Tone 6** *(for the Fathers)*

Today let us praise the mystical trumpets of the <u>Spirit</u>, the God-bearing <u>Fa</u>thers, who stand in the midst of the Church, singing true the<u>ology</u>, praising the changeless <u>Trinity!</u>
They laid low the errors of <u>Arius</u> and upheld the <u>Orthodox Faith.//</u>
They always entreat the Lord to have <u>mercy</u> on our souls.

#### **Tone 4** (*Theotokion – Dogmatikon*)

The Prophet David was a <u>fa</u>ther of the Lord through thee, O <u>Virgin</u>.

He fore<u>told</u> in songs the One Who worked <u>won</u>der in thee:

"At Thy right hand <u>stood</u> the Queen,"

Thy Mother, the medi<u>atrix</u> of life, since God was freely born of her without a <u>fa</u>ther.

He wanted to renew His fallen image, made corrupt in <u>passion</u>, so He took the lost sheep up<u>on</u> His <u>shoul</u>der and brought it to His <u>Fa</u>ther, joining it to the <u>heav</u>enly pow'rs.//

Christ, Who has great and rich mercy, has saved the world, O Theo<u>to</u>kos.

#### READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS (14:14-20)

And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his trained servants, born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued them unto Dan. And he divided himself against them, he and his servants, by night, and smote them, and pursued them unto Hobah, which is on the left hand of Damascus. And he brought back all the goods, and also brought back again his brother Lot, and his goods, and the women also, and the people. And the king of Sodom went out to meet him, after his return from the slaughter of Chedorlomer and of the kings that were with him, at the valley of Shaveh, which is the king's dale. And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God. And he blessed him, and said: Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth: and blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand.

#### READING FROM BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY (1:8-17)

In those days, Moses said unto the sons of Israel: Behold, I have set the land before you: go in and possess the land which the Lord sware unto your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob to give unto them and to their seed after them. And I spake unto you at that time, saying, I am not able to bear you myself alone: the Lord your God hath multiplied you, and, behold, ye are this day as the stars of heaven for multitude. (The Lord God of your fathers make you a thousand times so many more as ye are, and bless you, as he hath promised you!) How can I myself alone bear your cumbrance, and your burden, and your strife? Take you wise men, and understanding, and known among your tribes, and I will make them rulers over you. And ye answered me, and said, The thing which thou hast spoken is good for us to do. So I took the chief of your tribes, wise men, and known, and made them heads over you, captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, and captains over fifties, and captains over tens, and officers among your tribes. And I charged your judges at that time, saying, Hear the causes between your brethren, and judge righteously between every man and his brother, and the stranger that is with him. Ye shall not respect persons in judgment; but ye shall hear the small as well as the great; ye shall not be afraid of the face of man; for the judgment is God's.

#### READING FROM BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY (10:14-21).

In those days, Moses said unto the sons of Israel: Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens is the Lord's thy God, the earth also, with all that therein is. Only the Lord had a delight in thy fathers to love them, and he chose their seed after them, even you above all people, as it is this day. Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiff necked. For the Lord your God is God of gods, and Lord of Lords, a great God, a mighty, and a terrible, which regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward: he doth execute the judgment of the fatherless and widow, and loveth the stranger, in giving him food and raiment. Love ye therefore the stranger: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt. Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God; him shalt thou serve, and to him shalt thou cleave, and swear by his name. He is thy praise, and he is thy God, that hath done for thee these great and terrible things, which thine eyes have seen.

#### **Aposticha**

#### **Tone 4** *(for the Resurrection)*

By ascending the <u>Cross</u>, O Lord,
Thou hast annulled our an<u>ces</u>tral curse.
By de<u>scending</u> to hell, Thou hast freed the eternal <u>pris</u>oners,
granting incorruption to the <u>hu</u>man race.//
Therefore in songs we glorify Thy life-creating and saving Resurrection.

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

By hanging upon the tree, O only <u>pow</u>erful Lord,
Thou didst shake all of cre<u>at</u>ion.
By being <u>laid</u> in the tomb Thou hast raised those who <u>dwelt</u> in the tombs, granting life and incorruption to the <u>hu</u>man race.//
Therefore in songs we glorify Thy rising on the <u>third</u> day.

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

The lawless <u>people</u>, O Christ, handed Thee over to Pilate, condemned to be <u>cru</u>cified, thus <u>prov</u>ing themselves ungrateful before their <u>Ben</u>efactor. But voluntarily Thou didst endure <u>bur</u>ial, rising by Thine own power on the <u>third</u> day as God,//granting us life everlasting and great <u>mercy</u>.

V. Holiness befits Thy house, O Lord, forevermore!

With tears the women <u>reached</u> Thy tomb, searching for Thee, but not <u>finding</u> Thee.
They <u>wept</u> with wailing and la<u>mented</u>:
"Woe to us! Our Savior, <u>King</u> of all,
<u>how</u> wast Thou <u>sto</u>len?
What place can hold Thy life-bearing <u>body</u>?"
An Angel re<u>plied</u> to them:
"Do not weep, but go and proclaim that the <u>Lord</u> is <u>risen</u>,// granting us joy as the only com<u>passionate One!"</u>

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

#### **Tone 4** *(for the Fathers)*

Come, all Orthodox <u>Churches</u>, let us celebrate today in faith and true <u>wor</u>ship the <u>year</u>ly commemoration of the divinely-arrayed <u>Fa</u>thers who gathered at Nicea from through<u>out</u> the world!

There they refuted the godless <u>teaching</u> of <u>Arius</u>, banishing him from the catholic Church by a decree of the <u>council</u>. They taught all to confess openly the <u>Son</u> of God, consubstantial and co-eternal with the <u>Fa</u>ther, proclaiming this with precision and true worship in the <u>Sym</u>bol of Faith. Therefore, as we faithfully follow their divine <u>doc</u>trines, let us worship the Father, the Son, and the most <u>Ho</u>ly <u>Spir</u>it,// the consubstantial Trinity in one <u>God</u>head!

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

#### Tone 4 (Theotokion)

Look on the entreaties of thy servants, O <u>Blame</u>less One! Stop all the terrible attacks against us, <u>free</u>ing us from every af<u>flic</u>tion, for we have only thee as our sure and firm <u>an</u>chor! Do not let us be put to <u>shame</u>, O <u>Lady</u>, for we call on thee for our inter<u>cession!</u> Hasten to pray for those who <u>call</u> in faith: "Rejoice, O <u>Lady</u>, <u>Help</u> of all:// the Joy and Shelter and Sal<u>va</u>tion of our souls!"

## Resurrectional Troparion Tone 4



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## RESURRECTIONAL DISMISSAL THEOTOKION



