

Menaion – January 6
Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil

Stichera on “Lord, I Call”

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

Tone 2 *(by John the Monk)*

Our Light that enlightens all
comes to be baptized.
The Forerunner sees Him and rejoices in His soul.
His hand trembles as he shows Him to the people:
“Behold, the Redeemer of Israel,
the One Who frees us from corruption.”
O sinless One, Christ our God, glory to You!

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

A servant baptized our Redeemer
and the coming of the Spirit bore witness to Him.
The hosts of angels saw this and shook with fear.
And the voice of the Father was heard from heaven:
“This One on Whom the Forefather lays his hand,
He is My beloved Son; I am well pleased in Him.”
O Christ our God, glory to You!

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

The streams of the Jordan received You, their source,
and the Comforter descended in the form of a dove.
He Who bowed the heavens now bows His head.
The Clay cries aloud to the Potter:
“Why do you command me to do what is beyond me;
for I rather should be baptized by You.”
O sinless One, Christ our God, glory to You!

v. (1) For His mercy is abundant towards us; and the truth of the Lord endures for ever.

Wishing to save humanity that had gone astray,
You did not think it unworthy for You
to be clothed in the form of a servant;
for it was proper for You as Master and God
to take upon Yourself human nature for our sake.
Being baptized in the flesh, O Redeemer,
You made us worthy of forgiveness.
This is why we cry out to You:
“O Benefactor, 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 2 *(by Byzas)*

You bowed Your head before the Forerunner
and crushed the heads of the dragons.
You stood in the waters and enlightened all things
that they might glorify You, O Savior, the Light of our souls.

Old Testament Readings

- 1) Genesis (1:1-13)
- 2) Exodus (14:15-18, 21-23, 27-29):
- 3) Exodus (15:22-16:1):

(Then we stand and sing the following troparion. The reader reads the verses and the choir responds. Sometimes the reader also reads the first line of the choral response. The choir then sings the second line.)

Tone 5 Troparion

You, the Creator of the world,
have shone forth in the world,
to give light to those who sit in darkness.
O God Who loves mankind, glory to You!

V: O God, be gracious unto us and bless us; make Your face to shine upon us and have mercy on us, that Your way may be known upon the earth, Your saving power among the nations. (Ps.66:2-3;67:1-2)

to give light to those who sit in darkness.
O God Who loves mankind, glory to You!

V: Let the peoples confess You, O God; let all the peoples confess You. Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon the earth. (Ps.66:4-5;67:3-4)

to give light to those who sit in darkness.
O God Who loves mankind, glory to You!

V: Let the peoples confess You, O God; let all the peoples confess You: the earth has yielded its increase. May God, our God bless us. May God bless us. Let all the ends of the earth fear Him. (Ps.66:6-8;67:5-7)

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Old Testament Readings

- 4) Joshua (3:7-8, 15-17)
- 5) Kings (2 Kings 2:6-14)
- 6) Kings (2 Kings 5:9-14)

Tone 6 Troparion

You have shone forth to tax collectors and sinners
because of Your abundant mercies.

Where should Your light shine but on those who sit in darkness?

O our Savior, glory to You!

V: The Lord reigns, He is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed, He is girded with strength. Yea, the world is established; it shall never be moved; Your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting. (Ps.92:1-2)

Where should Your light shine but on those who sit in darkness?

O our Savior, glory to You!

V: The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice, the floods have lifted up their roaring. (Ps.92:3)

Where should Your light shine but on those who sit in darkness?

O our Savior, glory to You!

V: Mightier than the thunders of many waters, mightier than the waves of the sea, the Lord on high is mighty! Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits Your house, O Lord, for evermore. (Ps.92:4-5)

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7) Isaiah (1:16-20)

(Then follows the Little Litany, with the exclamation for the Trisagion, "For holy are You, O our God...", and the Trisagion)