

5 DECEMBER
+ Sávvas the Sanctified of Palestine C6

Lord I have cried

Tone 5

O Lord, I have cried to you, listen to me;

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Note the voice of my plea when I cry to you.

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² Let my prayer be directed before you like incense,
the raising of my hands be an evening sacrifice.

O Lord, listen to me.

S6: O Lord, if you mark offences, who will stand?

But there is forgiveness with you.

S5: O Lord, I have waited for you for your name's sake;

my soul has waited for your word,

my soul has hoped in the Lord.

O father of the spiritual life, you were similar to the angels, a fellow citizen with the saints, a companion of the prophets, and an heir with the apostles and martyrs. You live for all time in the unfading Light, are illuminated by its divine radiance, are enlightened by the Object of your total desire, remain closely beside him and rejoice for ever in the divine contemplation of his beauty. Implore him to grant the Church harmony, peace and the grace of salvation. X2

S4: Let Israel hope in the Lord

from morning watch until night,

from morning watch.

S3: For there is mercy with the Lord

and abundant redemption with him.

He will redeem Israel from all his offences.

O blessed father, you are the perpetual light of temperance, the brilliant beacon for monks and shine with the radiance of love. You are an immovable stronghold of patience, a pillar and support of the faithful who honour you, the treasury of healing and a true citizen of the desert. You have become a new Paradise and produce divine fruit for the chosen

people. Pray to Christ *and* implore him to grant the Church harmony, peace and the grace of salvation. X2

S2: Every nation, praise the Lord;
every people, acclaim him!

S1: For his mercy is strengthened over us
and the truth of the Lord remains for ever.

O father of the spiritual life, you are a brilliant pillar of virtues, a beacon in the ocean of this life to guide the people to the safe haven of God, a fortification to break the spirits of error, a pure voice of the Holy Spirit, a guide of monks, a just example of self-control, a crown of humility in everything and a spring of joyful water which pours out healing. Pray to Christ *and* implore him to grant the Church harmony, peace and the grace of salvation. X2

Glory: Tone 6

Because you have kept the image of God within you without fault and subjugated the disorderly passions to the spirit through asceticism, you have climbed as far as possible towards the divine image. Because you courageously ruled your nature, you struggled to surrender the lower to the higher and made the flesh a servant of the spirit. Therefore you have become an example for monks, a founder of sketes, an instructor for prayerful hearts *and* a firm paradigm of virtue. O blessed *saint*, every mirror has now been laid aside in the heavens and you clearly contemplate the Holy Trinity. You pray for the faithful who sincerely venerate you.

Both now:

Most holy Virgin, who will not bless you? Who will not sing about your most pure childbearing? O pure *Lady*, the Only-begotten Son shone timelessly from the Father, but was ineffably incarnate from you. He was God by nature, but became man for our sake. He was not divided into two persons, but known as one in two natures. O honoured and all-blessed Lady, plead with him to have mercy on our souls.

Entrance

Phos Ilarón

P/D: Wisdom! Stand upright!

O Jesus Christ, joyful light of the holy glory

of the immortal, heavenly, holy, blessed Father,
 when we come to the setting of the sun
 and see the light of evening,
 we praise God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

For it is right at all times to worship you
 with voices of praise,
 O Son of God *and* Giver of life.
 Therefore the world glorifies you.

Prokeímenon

Of the Day

Prophecy 1

Grace and mercy belong to his saints.

From the Wisdom of Solomon (3:1-9)

The souls of the just are in the hand of God and no torment will touch them. ² In the sight of the foolish they seemed to die and their departure is taken for misery, ³ and their going from us to be utter destruction, but they are in peace. ⁴ For although they may be punished in the sight of men, yet their hope is full of immortality. ⁵ Having been a little disciplined, they will be greatly rewarded, for God tested them and found them worthy for himself. ⁶ Like gold in the furnace he has tried them and received them as a burnt offering. ⁷ In the time of their visitation they will shine, and run to and fro like sparks among the stubble. ⁸ They will judge the nations, have dominion over the people, and their Lord will reign for ever. ⁹ Those who put their trust in him will understand the truth. Those who are faithful in love will live with him, for grace and mercy *belong* to his saints and he visits his chosen.

Prophecy 2

The power of rulers is from the Lord. Poetic

From the Wisdom of Solomon (5:15-6:3)

The just live for evermore and their reward is with the Lord, and their care is with the most High. ¹⁶ Therefore they will receive a glorious kingdom and a beautiful crown from the Lord's hand, for he will shelter them with his right hand, and protect them with his arm. ¹⁷ He will take his fervour

to himself for complete armour, and make the creature his weapon for revenge on his enemies. ¹⁸ He will put on justice as a breastplate, and judgment as a helmet. ¹⁹ He will take holiness for an invincible shield. ²⁰ He will sharpen his severe wrath for a sword; the world will fight with him against the foolish. ²¹ Then rightly-aimed thunderbolts will go out; from the clouds, as though from a well-drawn bow, they will fly to the mark. ²² Hailstones full of wrath will be fired as though from a stone bow, the water of the sea will rage against them and the rivers will cruelly drown them. ²³ Truly a mighty wind will rise against them, and like a storm will blow them away. Therefore lawlessness will lay waste the whole earth, and ill-dealing will overthrow the thrones of the mighty. ¹ Hear therefore, O kings, and understand; learn, you who are judges of the ends of the earth. ² Give ear, you who rule many people and glory in the throng of nations. ³ For might is given to you from the Lord, and sovereignty from the Most High.

Prophecy 3

He pleased God, and was loved by him

From the Wisdom of Solomon (4:7-15)

Although the just may be overtaken with death, yet he will be at rest. ⁸ For honourable age is not in length of time, nor what is measured by the number of years. ⁹ But wisdom is the gray hair to people, and an unspotted life is old age. ¹⁰ He pleased God, and was loved by him, so that living among sinners he was taken up. ¹¹ He was snatched, in case evil should alter his understanding, or deceit charm his soul. ¹² For the bewitching of waywardness obscures things that are honest, and the wandering of desire undermines the simple mind. ¹³ Since he was made perfect in a short time, he completed long years, ¹⁴ for his soul pleased the Lord, therefore he hurried to take him away from among the wicked. ¹⁵ The people saw, and did not understand, neither did they perceive that grace and mercy is with his saints, and that he has visited his chosen ones.

Ektení

Prayer

O Lord, allow us this night to be guarded from sin. Blessed are you, O Lord, God of our fathers! Praised and glorified be your name for ever. Amen. O Lord, let your mercy be on us, for we have hoped in you.

Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes. Blessed are you, O Master; make me understand your statutes. Blessed are you, O Holy *One*; enlighten me with your statutes. O Lord, your mercy lasts for ever; do not overlook the work of your hands. To you belongs worship, to you belongs praise, to you belongs glory, to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and to ages of ages. Amen.

Plirotiká

Prayer

P: Peace be with you all. R: And with your spirit

D: Bow down your heads to the Lord. R: To you, O Lord.

P: For blessed and glorified is the power of your Kingdom, of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

Amen.

Lití

Tone 2

O divinely inspired father, you were filled with love for the gifts which surpass all understanding and renounced the attractions of life here below. Unlike Adam you were never seduced by the forbidden fruit. Instead you rejected the serpent and lived an angelic life through self-control. O father Sávvas the sanctified, now that you live in heaven, you rejoice in the Tree of Life. You are the heavenly intercessor before God for those who celebrate your holy memory.

Apósticha

Tone 5

Hail, O treasure, for you are sweetly scented with ascetic struggles! O blessed *saint*, you took the cross on your shoulders, dedicated yourself to Christ the Master and turned aside from all earthly and bodily cares. You made your soul radiant with virtues, so that you could ascend to the love of the Lord as though you were on wings. O Sávvas the Sanctified, as we stand before your holy relics, we ask for your prayers to gain the love of God and the grace of salvation for the world.

S1: The death of his saint is precious in the Lord's sight. Ps 115

O God-bearing father Sávvas, you lived in the world like a spark of the divine splendour which was kindled by the fire of the Spirit. You shed light on the souls of the faithful who have turned to you and lead them to the unfading Light. You have become an invigorating dew of divine grace which was scattered in the cleansing furnace of the desert. Therefore you were given the victor's crown by Christ, the Master of divine justice. O holy father, we ask you to plead before him to grant the grace of salvation to our souls.

S2: Blessed is the man who fears the Lord;

there is great desire in his commandments. Ps 111

O blessed father, your life was a ladder which reached heaven; you mounted on it to the heights and deserved union with Christ. You are enlightened in your spirit with the radiance of heaven, illuminated by its brilliance and equal to the angels in splendour. O holy father, as you stand before God, ask him to unite to you all the faithful who celebrate your holy and divine memory and to grant the grace of salvation to the world.

Glory: Tone 8

O holy father, we honour you as the spiritual guide for every monk, for you have taught us all to walk along the straight path. You are blessed because you have served Christ and trampled on the power of the enemy. You are the companion of the angels, the just and the saints; together with them intercede before the Lord to have mercy on our souls.

Both now:

O Virgin, you did not know carnal union and ineffably carried God in the flesh. O Mother of the all-powerful God and Woman without stain, receive the prayers of your servants. You obtain purification of sins for us all, so now accept our pleas and intercede for the salvation of us all.

Song of Simeon

B/P: O Master, now let your servant depart in peace
 according to your word,
² for my eyes have seen your salvation,
 which you have prepared before all peoples,
³ a light of revelation for *the* nations
 and *the* glory of your people Israel.

Triságion Prayers

Apolytíkiá

Tone 8

You cultivated the barrenness of the desert with the flood of your tears. You bore fruit abundantly with sighing from the depths of your heart. You became a star and enlightened the world with your wonders. Our devout father Sávvas intercede with Christ to save our souls.

Tone 8

O good *Master*, you were born from a virgin for our sake. You suffered crucifixion, despoiled death through death and revealed the resurrection as God. O merciful *Lord*, do not despise those whom you have created with your own hand, but, reveal your love for the human race. O Saviour, receive the Theotokos, who gave birth to you, as an intercessor and save your despairing people.

Dismissal

ORTHROS

God is the Lord Ps 117

R: God is the Lord and has appeared to us.

Blessed is the one who comes in the Lord's name. *Ps 117*

S1: Thank the Lord, for he is good,
for his mercy lasts for ever.

S2: All the nations surrounded me,
but I opposed them in the Lord's name.

S3: This *is* the Lord's doing
and it is wonderful in our eyes.

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Small Litany

P: For yours is the might, and yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory of the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. *Amen*

Kathísma 1

Tone 1

When you had completed your life on earth in a godly manner, you were revealed as a pure home of the Spirit who enlightened those who turn to you with faith. Therefore, divinely wise Sávvas, our father *and* blessed *saint*, implore your Master to enlighten our souls as we sing hymns to you.

Glory: Both now:

We all know that you are the Theotokos who remained a virgin after giving birth to God. We confess this as we seek refuge in your goodness, for we sinners have you as an advocate. Only pure and sinless *Lady*, we have you for salvation in temptations.

Kathísma 2

Tone 8

O holy father, you carried the cross of the Lord and followed him to the end. You did not take away your spirit from the world in your wisdom. You killed the passions through self-control and suffering, and became a temple of the Lord. You received the gift of healing illnesses as a reward and banished evil spirits. Plead before Christ our God to grant remission of sins for those who lovingly celebrate your holy memory.

Glory: Both now:

O Theotokos, you conceived the Word and Wisdom of God in a marvellous manner. You brought its Maker into the world. You held in your arms the *Lord* who holds the whole inhabited earth in his hands. He is the supporter of the world, the Creator and the Lord. Therefore, all-holy

Virgin, I glorify you and ask in faith for the forgiveness of my sins. O holy Virgin and Lady, at the hour when I stand before my Creator, grant me your help through the favour you always have before God.

Polyeleos

Kathísma 3

Tone 8

You became a companion of the angels in spirit because you renounced all earthly things and remained in the world only in body. O blessed *saint*, you became a servant of the Holy Trinity. Therefore you heal diseases and afflictions through your word alone and banish evil spirits by your grace. O God-bearing father, pray to Christ our God to grant forgiveness of sins to those who celebrate your holy memorial with love.

Glory: Both now:

Let us praise the Gate of Heaven, the Pavilion of God, the holy mountain, the Ladder which reaches Heaven and Paradise, and the undefiled Lady who liberated Eve. She is the great and glorious treasure of the world who brought it salvation and freedom from the ancient sin. Let us say to her, “Plead with your Son and God to grant us freedom from our sins since we bow with due honour to you because of your motherhood.”

Small Litany

P: For blessed is your name, and glorified is your kingdom, of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages. *Amen*

Anaváthmi Ps 128 Tone 4

1: Many passions have fought against me from my youth,
but help me and save me, O my Saviour. *X2*

2: Those who hate Zion will be shamed by the Lord;
they will be withered like grass by the fire. *X2*

Glory:

3: Every soul lives through the Holy Spirit, is exalted in purity
and illuminated by the Triune Unity in a sacred mystery.

Both now:

4: The streams of grace pour out through the Holy Spirit;
they water all creation and produce life.

Prokeímenon Ps 115 Tone 4

R: The death of his saints is precious in the sight of the Lord.

S: What shall I give back to the Lord?

Gospel Dialogue

P/D: Let us pray to the Lord. *Lord have mercy*

P: For you, O God, are holy *and* rest in the Holy Place. We send up glory to you, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. *Amen.*

R: Let everything with breath praise the Lord. *X3*

Praise God in his saints;

praise him in the firmament of his power. Ps 50

P/D: And that we may be counted worthy to listen to the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord our God. *Lord have mercy X3*

P/D: Wisdom. Stand up. Let us listen to the Holy Gospel.

P: Peace be with you all. *And with your spirit*

P: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

P/D: Let us attend

R: Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.

Gospel

From the Holy Gospel according to Luke (6:17-23a)

At that time Jesus stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great crowd of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; ¹⁸ and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came forth from him and healed them all. ²⁰ And he raised his eyes on his disciples, and said: "Blessed are you poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹ "Blessed are you that hunger now, for you shall be satisfied. "Blessed are you that weep now, for you shall laugh. ²² "Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, on account of the Son of man! ²³ Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

R: Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.

Psalm 50

O God, have mercy on me in your abundant mercy
and wipe out my offence through your great compassion.

⁴ Wash me thoroughly from my lawless act
and cleanse me from my sin.

⁵ For I know my lawlessness
and my sin is always before me.

⁶ I have sinned against you alone
and done this evil before you

^{6b} so that you might be justified in your words
and overcome when you are judged.

⁷ For see, I was conceived in lawlessness
and my mother gave birth to me in sin.

⁸ For see, you have loved truth
and revealed to me the hidden and secret *things* of your wisdom.

⁹ You will sprinkle me with hyssop and I will be clean;
you will wash me and I will become whiter than snow.

¹⁰ You will make me hear about joy and gladness;
the humbled bones will rejoice.

¹¹ Turn your face from my sins
and wipe out all my lawlessness.

¹² O God, create a pure heart within me
and renew an upright spirit within me.

¹³ Do not banish me from your presence
or remove your Holy Spirit from me.

¹⁴ Restore the joy of your salvation to me
and make me firm with your directing Spirit.

¹⁵ I will teach the lawless your ways
and the ungodly will return to you.

¹⁶ O God, set me free from the guilt of blood;
O God of my salvation,
my tongue will rejoice in your justice.

¹⁷ O Lord, you will open my lips
and my mouth will proclaim your praise.

¹⁸ For if you had wanted sacrifice, I would have given it;
you will not be pleased with burnt offerings.

¹⁹ Sacrifice for God is a broken spirit;
God will not despise a broken and humbled heart.

²⁰ O Lord, be good to Zion in your pleasure

and let the walls of Jerusalem be built.

²¹ Then you will be pleased with a sacrifice of justice,
with an offering and burnt sacrifices;
then they will offer calves on your altar.

Glory: Tone 6

O merciful *Lord*, wipe out the abundance of our sins through the intercessions of the *Sávvas* the sanctified.

Both now:

O merciful *Lord*, wipe out the abundance of our sins through the intercessions of the *Theotokos*.

Have mercy: Tone 8

O venerable father, the sound of your teaching has gone out into all the earth and so you have found the reward of your labours in the heavens. You destroyed the hosts of demons and reached the ranks of angels whose lives you blamelessly followed. Since you have boldness before Christ our God, request peace for our souls.

Intercession

P/D: O God, save your people and bless your inheritance.

Visit your world with mercy and compassion; exalt the horn of Orthodox Christians and send down on them your rich mercy, through the prayers of our all-pure Lady, *Theotokos* and Ever-virgin Mary, by the power of the honourable and life-giving cross, through the protection of the honourable bodiless powers of heaven, through the prayers of the honourable, glorious, prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John, of the holy, glorious, all-praised apostles, of the holy, all-praised and victorious martyrs, of our holy and God-bearing fathers, of the holy and just forebears of God, *Ioachim* and *Anna*, of *Sávvas* the sanctified, and of all the saints. We ask you, only merciful Lord, “Listen to us sinners as we pray to you, and have mercy on us.”

Lord have mercy. X12

Through the mercy, compassion and love for the human race of your Only-begotten Son, with whom you are blessed, together with the all-holy, good and life-giving Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. *Amen.*

Kontákion

Tone 8

O glorious Sávvas, you have been like an offering of incense in God's presence. You were called an adornment for hermits and a builder in the desert. Therefore we cry out to you, "Rejoice, O father worthy of all praise!"

Íkos

Wisdom has discovered a son for herself in you, for you loved the incarnate Wisdom from your childhood. O holy father, he has decided to live within your soul. He has called you away from this world, directed you towards the heights and woven a crown of immaterial flowers which he placed on your head. You are now crowned with glory, so make me worthy of the Lord, so that he may grant me wisdom and suitable words to sing about your holy passing which has been glorified by Christ our God. Therefore, we will be able to sing joyfully to you, "Rejoice, O father worthy of all praise!"

Synaxáron

Today we remember our renowned father Sávvas the sanctified who lived in the Fifth and Sixth Centuries. He embraced the life of a monk at an early age. He was guided until he was thirty by Theóktistos at the monastery of Efthymios where he tended the donkeys. In 469 he was allowed to become a hermit and only returned for the Sunday services. Other hermits joined him, he was ordained a priest, then given the rank of Archimandrite to govern all the hermits of Palestine. On the Fifth heaven received him.

Together with him we remember:

Nektários of Serbia C16 and elder Philotheos of Athos

Archbishop Gurias of Kazan C16

O God, have mercy on us through their holy prayers. Amen.

Katavasías

1: Christ is born, glorify him! Christ is from heaven, receive him! Christ is on earth, be raised! All the earth, sing to the Lord! All you people, praise him with joy, for he has been glorified!

3: Let us cry out to Christ our God, to the Son begotten of the Father before all ages and incarnate from the Virgin without seed in these latter days, “O Lord, you have raised our horn and are holy.”

4: O Rod of the stem of Jesse and Flower which bloomed from a virgin, O all-praised Christ, you have come from the mountain covered with darkness. You have been made flesh from her who did not know marriage. O God not formed from matter, O Lord, glory to your might!

5: God of peace and Father of mercies, you have sent us the Angel of Great Council who grants us peace. So we are guided to the light of the knowledge of God. O Lover of the human race, we wake early from the night and praise you.

6: The sea-monster threw out Jonah unharmed as it had received him, like a baby from the womb. When the Word came to live in the Virgin and was made flesh, he came out, yet preserved her incorrupt, for he himself was not subject to decay and he kept his mother free from harm.

7: The children brought up together in godliness, despised the unjust command, and were not afraid of the threat of fire, but as they stood in the midst of the flames, they sang, “Blessed are you, O God of our fathers!”

8: Let us praise, bless and worship the Lord.

The furnace which was moist with dew was the image of a wonder beyond nature, for it did not burn the children whom it had received, just as the fire of divinity did not consume the Virgin's womb when it entered. So let us raise the song, “Let tthe one whole creation bless the Lord and exalt him above all for ever!”

Ode 9

My soul glorifies the Lord

and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Saviour. R:

R: *You are* more honourable than the Cherubim
and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim.

You gave birth to God the Word without defilement;
O true Theotokos, we glorify you.

² For he has regarded his servant's humility;
see, from now all generations will call me blessed. R:

³ For the Almighty has accomplished great *things* for me
and his name is holy.

His mercy is from generation to generation
on those who fear him. R:

⁴ He has accomplished strength with his arm
and scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. R:

⁵ He has put down the mighty from *their* thrones
and exalted the humble.

He has satisfied the hungry with good *things*
and dismissed the rich with nothing. R:

⁶ He has helped his servant Israel
in remembering his mercy,
as he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and his seed for ever. R:

9: I see a strange and most glorious mystery. Heaven is the cave and the cherubic throne is the Virgin. The manger is the place where Christ lay. *He* is the God who cannot be contained and whom we glorify in song.

Small Litany

P: For all the powers of heaven praise you, and to you we send up glory, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. *Amen*

Exaposteilária

Tone 3

O divinely-wise father Sávvas, you made the desert into a city with your ways of loving wisdom. O adornment of the fathers, you made it a perfect spiritual Paradise; it blooms with the divine flowers of those with similar ways who rightly celebrate your holy memory.

O holy Sávvas, let the desert leap with joy and flourish like a lily, for you have increased the number of its children. Let the land of the Jordan rejoice with happiness and gladness on your holy feast.

O golden citadel, city with twelve towers, throne bathed in sunlight, palace of the great King, *and* miracle impossible to fathom, how could you give nourishment to the Lord?

Praises

Tone 1

Let everything with breath
praise the Lord.
Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights.
To you, O God, is due a song.

Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his powers.
To you, O God, is due a song.

S4: Praise him with cymbal and dance;
praise him with strings and flute.

The divinely-wise Sávvas who scorned lower things, was a lodger who loved the things above and an inhabitant of the desert. He commands us all to celebrate the saving day of his departure to God with faith.

S3: Praise him with tuneful cymbals;
praise him with joyful cymbals.
Let everything with breath praise the Lord.

The divinely-wise Sávvas who scorned lower things, was a lodger who loved the things above and an inhabitant of the desert. He commands us all to celebrate the saving day of his departure to God with faith.

S2: Blessed is the man who fears the Lord;
there is great desire in his commandments. Ps 111

O wise father, in your virtues you were apart from the world and the flesh during your life on earth. You glorified the Lord of glory and were rightly glorified by him. O Sávvas, you pleased God and have been revealed as a divine source of healing.

S1: The death of his saints is precious in the Lord's sight. Ps 115

O father, you were truly humble, straightforward, meek and simple. You were quieter than other men and were revealed as a most worthy spiritual

house of God while *you were* in the flesh. Mercifully grant us the gifts which he gave to you.

Glory: Tone 6

O venerable father, the sound of your advice has gone out into all the earth and so you have found your reward in the heavens. You destroyed the company of demons and attained the rank of angels whose lives you blamelessly followed. Since you have boldness before Christ our God, request peace for our souls.

Both now:

O Theotokos, you are the true vine who came into bloom for us with the Fruit of life. O Lady, implore him, we pray you, together with the apostles and all the saints, to have mercy on our souls.

Great Doxology

Glory to you who have shown us the light!

glory to God in the highest!

Peace on earth and goodwill to men!

² We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,
we glorify you, we thank you for your great glory,

³ O Lord King, heavenly God, almighty Father,
O Lord, only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ,
and you, O Holy Spirit!

⁴ O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us,

for you take away the sin of the world.

⁵ Receive our prayer,
for you sit on the right of the Father,
and have mercy on us.

⁶ For only you are holy, only you are Lord,
O Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

⁷ I will bless you every day
and always praise your name for ever and ever. Ps 144

⁸ O Lord, allow us this day
to be guarded from sin.

⁹ Blessed are you, O Lord God of our fathers!
Praised and glorified be your name for ever. Amen. Daniel 3

- ¹⁰ O Lord, let your mercy *be* on us,
for we have hoped in you. Ps 32.
- ¹⁶ Blessed are you, O Lord!
Teach me your statutes. X3 Ps 118
- ¹² O Lord, you have been our refuge
from generation to generation. Ps 89
- I said, "O Lord, have mercy on me;
heal my soul, for I have sinned against you." Ps 40
- ¹⁴ O Lord, I have fled to you;
teach me to do your will, for you are my God. Ps 142
- ¹⁵ For with you is the source of life
and in your light we will see light. Ps 35
- ¹⁶ Stretch out your mercy
to those who know you. Ps 35

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LITURGY

Antiphon 1 Ps 91 Tone 5

- S1: It is good to thank the Lord
and make melody to your name, O Most High.
- R: At the prayers of the Theotokos, Saviour, save us!
- S2: To announce your mercy in the morning
and your truth by night,
- S3: For the Lord our God is upright
and there is no injustice in him.
- S4: Glory: Both now:

Antiphon 2 Ps 92 Tone 2

S1: The Lord reigns *and* is clothed with majesty;
the Lord has put on power and clothed himself.

R: Save us, O Son of God. You are wonderful in your saints.
We sing to you, “Alleluia!”

S2: For he founded the world which will not be moved.

S3: O Lord, holiness is right for your house
to length of days.

S4: Glory: Both now:

Monogenes

Antiphon 3 Ps 94 Tone 8

S1: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord,
and shout with joy to God our Saviour.

R: You cultivated the barrenness of the desert with the flood of your tears.
You bore fruit abundantly with sighing from the depths of your heart. You
became a star and enlightened the world with your wonders. Our devout
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S2: Let us enter his presence with thanksgiving
and gladly cry to him with psalms,

S3: For the Lord is a great God
and a high king over all the earth.

Entrance Ps 94

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.
Save us, O Son of God.
You are wonderful in your saints.
We sing to you, “Alleluia!”

Apolytikia

Tone 8

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*Of the Church***Kontákion**

Tone 3

Today the Virgin comes to the cave where she will ineffably give birth to the pre-eternal Word. O inhabited earth, rejoice when you hear the news! Glorify with the angels and shepherds the one who chose to be revealed as a new born Child, *yet was* God before the ages.

Trisagion**Prokeímenon Ps 149 Tone 7**

R: The holy ones will boast in glory.

S: Sing a new song to the Lord.

Apóstolos

The Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians (5:22-6:2)

Brothers, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness *and* self-control; there is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. ²⁶Let us have no self-conceit, no provocation of one another *and* no envy of one another. ¹Brothers, if a man is overtaken by any offence, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Regard yourself in case you also are tempted. ²Bear one another's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ.

Alleluia Ps 131 Tone 2

S1: O Lord, your priests will be clothed with justice.

S2: For the Lord has chosen Zion.

Gospel

From the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (11:27-30)

The Lord said to his disciples, "All things have been delivered to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle

and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Communion Ps 111

The just will be in everlasting remembrance. Alleluia!