

**SUNDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2018**  
**Martyrs Minás and Companions of Egypt C4**  
**Abbot Theódoros (Theodore) of the Studite Monastery C9**  
**Luke 8**  
**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday Tone 7 & Eothinón 2**

**VESPERS**

**Lord I have cried**

Tone 7

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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<sup>2</sup> Let my prayer be directed before you like incense,  
the raising of my hands be an evening sacrifice.  
O Lord, listen to me.

S10: Lead my soul from prison that I may acknowledge your name.  
Come, let us rejoice in the Lord who destroyed the dominion of  
death and enlightened the human race. Let us sing to him with the  
bodiless hosts, "Our Maker and Saviour, glory to you!"

S9: The just will wait for me until you reward me.  
O Saviour, you endured the cross and burial for our sake. As God  
you destroyed death by your death. We fall down before your  
resurrection on the third day. O Lord, glory to you!

S8: O Lord, I have cried to you from the depths;  
O Lord listen to my voice.

When the Apostles saw the resurrection of the Maker, they were  
amazed and sang the angelic praise, "This is the glory of the  
Church; this is the wealth of the kingdom." O Lord who suffered  
for our sake, glory to you!

S7: Let your ears note the voice of my plea.  
O Christ, you were held by lawless men, but you are my God and I  
am not ashamed. You were struck on the cheek, but I do not deny  
you. You were nailed to the cross and I do not conceal it, for I  
glorify your resurrection and your death is my life. O almighty  
Lord, Lover of the human race, glory to you!

S6: O Lord, if you mark offences, who will stand?  
But there is forgiveness with you.  
Christ fulfilled the prophecy of David and revealed his own  
greatness in Zion to the disciples. He is praised and always  
glorified, together with the Father and the Holy Spirit. At first, as  
the Word, he was bodiless, but later he took flesh and was killed for  
our sake as man. He rose with power, *for he is* the Lover of the  
human race.

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 Christ, you descended into Hades as you freely determined; you  
overthrew death as God and Master. You rose on the third day and  
with you raised Adam from the bonds of Hades and from  
corruption. Glory to your resurrection, only Lover of the human  
race!

Tone 8

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 holy Minás, you imitated the passion of the Lord who was  
without passion and handed yourself over like a lamb for voluntary  
slaughter. You did not fear the rage of the judges or turn away from  
the tortures of the body. How great were your faithful struggles!

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Through them, O renowned and victorious athlete, you levelled the  
pride of the enemy to the ground. X2

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

You were completely covered with wounds from the lashes, then  
like your Master before you, you were hung on the tree and branded  
with a heated iron all over your body. You did not deny the name of  
Christ, but instead turned the eyes your soul towards him. O blessed  
martyr, in this way you courageously endured your bodily  
sufferings.

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

O martyr, completely worthy to receive our hymns, in the love of  
Christ you renounced the shadows of this world, the transient  
honours, the darkness of false gods and the company of the evil  
people, so that you could enlist in the army of the select people of  
the Lord. Then, O holy martyr, you truly revealed yourself as  
unconquerable in your trials for him.

Glory: Tone 6

Again the yearly memorial of the beacons of the world, Minás,  
Victor and Vincent, has dawned. They enlighten the hearts of the  
faithful through their struggles for Christ and his cross. Therefore  
let us honour with hymns Christ our God who has crowned them  
with glory and honour.

Both now: Tone 7

O Theotokos, you were revealed as a mother above nature, for you  
remained a virgin beyond reason and understanding. No tongue can  
speak about your wonderful childbearing, for the order of nature  
was overruled by God. O pure *Lady*, your conceiving was most  
glorious. O Virgin, the manner of your giving birth was ineffable.  
We know that you are the Mother of God and pray fervently to you,  
"Plead with him to save our souls."

**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**

P/D: The Evening Prokeímenon

R: The Lord reigns *and* is clothed with majesty.

S1: The Lord has put on power and clothed himself.

S2: He founded the world, which will not be moved.

**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.*

### Apósticha

Tone 7

O Saviour of the world, you rose from the tomb and raised the human race with your body. O Lord, glory to you!

S1: The Lord reigns *and* is clothed with majesty;  
the Lord has put on power and clothed himself. *Ps 92*  
Come and worship *the Lord* who rose from the dead. He has enlightened all creation and saved us from the torments of Hades by his death. He has granted us eternal life and great mercy through his third-day resurrection.

S2: For he founded the world which will not be moved. *Ps 92*  
O Christ, you descended into Hades and captured death. O Lord, Lover of the human race, you rose again on the third day and have raised us who glorify your all-powerful resurrection.

S3: O Lord, holiness is right for your house to length of days. *Ps 92*  
O Lord, when you were placed in the tomb like someone asleep, you appeared awesome. But, when you rose on the third day as the almighty *Lord*, you raised Adam with you. Glory to your resurrection, only Lover of the human race!

Glory: Tone 6

O renowned father, the entire world is filled with the recognition of your holy deeds. You have received the reward of your toil in heaven though them. You destroyed legions of demons and have been united to the angelic choirs, whose pure lives you emulated. Through your boldness with Christ, request peace for our souls.

Now:

O Lady, raise the eyes of my soul towards you. Do not scorn the poverty of my sighing, but when the hour comes when the world will be judged by your Son, be my refuge, support and helper.

### Song of Simeon

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

### Triságon Prayers

#### Apolytikia

Tone 7

You destroyed death by your cross, opened Paradise to the thief and changed the weeping of the myrrh-bearers into joy. O Christ our God, you commanded your disciples to proclaim that you have risen and grant the world great mercy.

Tone 4

O Lord our God, your holy martyrs have received incorruptible crowns from you because of their struggles. For, since they had your strength, they laid low the tyrants and shattered the powerless audacity of demons. Save our souls through their prayers.

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O Theotokos, the mystery hidden from eternity and unknown to the angels, is revealed to those on earth through you. God was incarnate from you in a union without confusion and willingly took up the cross for us. He raised the first-formed man and has saved our souls from death.

### 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*

### Kathisma 1

Tone 7

After the Life had been laid in the tomb and the seal had been placed on the stone, the soldiers guarded Christ like a sleeping King. The angels glorified him as the immortal God and the women cried out, "The Lord has risen and granted the world great mercy."

Glory:

You have despoiled death by your three days' burial in the tomb. You have raised corrupt man by your life-bearing resurrection. Glory to you, O Christ our God, Lover of the human race!

Both now:

O Virgin-Theotokos, continually pray to Christ our God to save our souls, for he was crucified, rose for us and destroyed the power of death.

### Kathisma 2

O Christ our God, while the sepulchre was sealed, you rose from the tomb as Life. While the doors were closed, you stood in the midst of your disciples. O Resurrection of all, you renew a right Spirit within us through them, for you are great in mercy.

Glory:

O King of all, the women ran to the tomb with tears and carried spices, while the soldiers kept their watch over you. They said to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us?" The Angel of Great Counsel has risen and tramples down death. Glory to you, almighty Lord!

Both now:

Hail, O virgin Theotokos, full of grace, harbour and protection for the race of men! The Rescuer of the world was made flesh through you. Only you are both mother and virgin, ever-blessed and glorified. Plead with Christ our God to grant peace to the world.

**Evlogitária**

Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes.  
The assembly of angels was amazed when it saw you among the dead. O Saviour, by destroying the power of death, you raised Adam with you and freed everyone from Hades.

Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes.  
The radiant angel cried to the Myrrhbearers from the tomb, "Why do you women mingle myrrh with your tears? Look at the tomb and understand. The Saviour has risen from the tomb."

Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes.  
The Myrrhbearers ran sorrowfully to your tomb very early in the morning, but an angel came to them and said, "The time for sorrow has come to an end. Do not weep, but announce the resurrection to the apostles."

Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes.  
The Myrrhbearers were sorrowful as they approached your tomb, but the angel said to them, Why do you number the Living among the dead? As God he has risen from the tomb."

Glory:  
We worship the Father, his Son and the Holy Spirit, the Holy Trinity, one in Being. We cry with the Seraphim, "Holy, Holy, Holy are you, O Lord."

Both now:  
O Virgin, because you gave birth to the Giver of Life, you rescued Adam from his sin. You gave Eve joy instead of sadness. The Divine Man who was born from you has restored to life those who had fallen from it.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory to you, O God. (X3)  
O our God and our hope, glory to you.

**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*

**Ypakói**

*Read without note*

O Christ our God, you have put on our human form and endured the cross in the body. Save me by your resurrection, for you are the Lover of the human race.

**Anaváthmi Tone 7**

Antiphon 1 Ps 125  
O Saviour, since you turned the captivity of Zion from error, make me also live and raise me from slavery to passions.  
The man who sows tribulation in the South with tears of fasting will reap sheaves of eternal life-giving food.

Glory: Both now:  
The fountain of divine treasury is in the Holy Spirit, from whom come wisdom, understanding and fear; praise, honour, glory and might are his due.

Antiphon 2 Ps 126  
If the Lord does not build the house of the soul, we labour in vain, for no work or word is perfected without him.  
The saints from the fruit of the womb, who are spiritually moved, produce the fatherly teaching of adoption as sons.

Glory: Both now:  
Everything has its being through the Holy Spirit, for he is God before all, Master of all, unapproachable Light and Life of all.

Antiphon 3 Ps 127  
Those who fear the Lord and find the way of life are blessed with undefiled glory both now and forever.

As you see your offspring like saplings around your table, rejoice and exult when you offer them to Christ, the Chief Shepherd.

Glory: Both now:  
An abundance of graces, the wealth of glory and the great depth of judgments are in the Holy Spirit. We must worship him with the same glory as the Father and the Son.

**Prokeímenon Ps 9**

R: O Lord my God, arise, let your hand be raised; *and never forget the needy.*  
S: O Lord, I will thank you with all my heart.

**Small Litany**

For you are the King of Peace and Saviour of our souls, and we send up glory to you, to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, always, now and for ever, and to the ages of ages. *Amen*

**Kontákion**

*Read without note*

The dominion of death can no longer hold the human race captive, for Christ descended; he shattered and destroyed its powers. Hades is bound, while the prophets rejoice and cry with one voice, "The Saviour has come to those with faith; O faithful, enter the resurrection."

**Íkos**

Today death, Hades and the lowest depths of the earth quake with terror at the presence of one of the Trinity. The earth shakes and the gatekeepers of Hades are struck with terror at seeing you. But all creation rejoices with the prophets and sings a song of victory to you, our Redeemer and God, for you destroyed the power of death. Let us also shout and cry aloud to Adam and to those who are sprung from him, "He has introduced the cross to him; O faithful, enter the resurrection."

**Synaxáριον**

Today we remember the holy and great martyr Minás of Egypt who lived in the Fourth Century. On the Eleventh he found joy in his heart.

On the same day we commemorate the holy martyr Victor of Damáskos who lived in the Second Century. He was a victorious athlete in the presence of the sword and banished fear from his heart.

On the same day we commemorate the holy deacon and martyr Vincent of Spain who lived in the Second Century. He endured prison, but he was exalted when he departed from the prison of his flesh.

On the same day we commemorate the holy woman martyr Stephanís of Spain who lived in the Second Century. After she had renounced this life she was filled with numerous gifts.

On the same day we commemorate our renowned father Theódoros, Abbot of the Studion, who lived in the Ninth Century.

Together with them we remember:  
Bishop Martin the Merciful of Tours C4  
Holy Stephen Dechani of Serbia C14  
O God, have mercy on us through their holy prayers. *Amen.*

**Katavasías**

1: I will open my mouth and be filled with the spirit. I will sing a song to the Queen and Mother. I will come, rejoice in the feast and praise her entrance.

3: O Theotokos, living and inexhaustible fountain, strengthen those who are united in spiritual fellowship and who sing your praises. Make them worthy *to receive* crowns of glory at the time of your solemn entrance.

4: The counsel of God cannot be scrutinised. The Most High was incarnate from a Virgin. The prophet Habakkuk foresaw this and cried, "Glory to your power, O God!"

5: O Virgin, all creation was fearful at the sight of your solemn entrance, for although you knew no man, you entered the temple of God, as a most pure temple yourself. You order salvation for all who praise you.

6: O devout people, come and clap hands while we observe this divine and most precious feast of the Mother of God. Let us glorify God who was born from her.

7: The devout youths worshipped the Creator rather than created things. They courageously trampled on the threatening fire and joyfully sang, "Blessed are you, most praised Lord, the God of our fathers."

8: Let us praise, bless and worship the Lord. The *Lord* who was born from the Theotokos saved the holy children in the furnace. The one who was then prefigured has now been born on earth and gathers the whole inhabited earth to sing, "All you works of the Lord, bless the Lord and exalt him above all for ever.

### 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 his mighty firmament. *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 John.

P/D: Let us attend

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

### Eothinón Gospel 2

From the Holy Gospel according to Mark (16:1-8)

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup> And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. <sup>3</sup> And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" <sup>4</sup> And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; - it was very large. <sup>5</sup> And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. <sup>6</sup> And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. <sup>7</sup> But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." <sup>8</sup> And they went out quickly and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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

### Resurrection Ode

P/R: Now that we have seen the resurrection of Christ, let us worship the holy Lord Jesus, the only sinless one. O Christ, we venerate your cross, and praise and glorify your holy resurrection; for you are our God, and we know no one else apart from you. We address your name. All you faithful, come and venerate Christ's holy resurrection. For see, joy has come into all the world through the cross. Let us always bless the Lord and praise his resurrection. For he has destroyed death by death by enduring the cross for us.

### Psalm 50

O God, have mercy on me in your abundant mercy

and wipe out my offence through your great pity.

<sup>4</sup> Wash me thoroughly from my lawless act and cleanse me from my sin,

<sup>5</sup> for I know my lawlessness and my sin is always before me.

<sup>6</sup> I have sinned against you alone and done what is evil before you

<sup>6b</sup> so that you might be right in your words and overcome when you are judged,

<sup>7</sup> for see, I was conceived in lawlessness and my mother desired me in sin,

<sup>8</sup> for see, you have loved truth and shown me the mysteries and secrets of your wisdom.

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

<sup>10</sup> You will make me hear about joy and gladness; humbled bones will rejoice.

<sup>11</sup> Turn your face from my sins and wipe out all my lawlessness.

<sup>12</sup> O God, make a pure heart within me and renew an upright spirit within me.

<sup>13</sup> Do not banish me from your presence or remove your Holy Spirit from me.

<sup>14</sup> Restore your saving joy to me and strengthen me with your directing Spirit.

<sup>15</sup> I will teach the lawless your ways and the ungodly will return to you.

<sup>16</sup> O God, God of my salvation, free me from bloodshed, *then* my tongue will rejoice in your justice.

<sup>17</sup> O Lord, you will open my lips

and my mouth will announce your praise, for if you had wanted sacrifice, I would have given it; you will not be pleased with burnt offerings.

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

<sup>20</sup> O Lord, be good to Zion in your pleasure and let the walls of Jerusalem be built,

<sup>21</sup> then you will be pleased with a just sacrifice, with an offering and burnt sacrifices; then they will offer calves on your altar.

Glory: Tone 6

O merciful *Lord*, blot out the abundance of our offences through the prayers of the apostles.

Both now:

O merciful *Lord*, blot out the abundance of our offences through the prayers of the Theotokos.

Have mercy:

Jesus has risen from the tomb as he foretold and grants us eternal life and great mercy.

### Intercession

#### Short form

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 the holy and great martyr Minás, 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.*

### 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.

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

<sup>3</sup> 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:

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

<sup>5</sup> 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:

<sup>6</sup> 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: Let every earthborn mortal spiritually rejoice and carry lamps. be  
radiant and spiritually leap for joy. Let the ranks of angelic powers  
celebrate as they honour the holy entrance of the Theotokos and cry,  
"Hail, O pure and blessed Ever-virgin who gave birth to God!"

### 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*

### Holy is the Lord

Holy is the Lord our God. X3  
Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his footstool.  
for he is holy.

### Exaposteilária

#### Tone 2

The myrrhbearing women greatly rejoiced when they saw that the  
stone had been rolled away, for they saw a young man who sat at  
the grave and said to them, "Christ is risen. Go and tell his disciples  
and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. You, his dear ones,  
will see him there as he told you."

#### Tone 3

O compassionate Lord, your Church is adorned with the holy  
martyrs Minás, Victor, Vincent and Stephanís as the stars adorn the  
heavens. O God of love, through their prayers save us who sing to  
you.

O venerable father Theódoros, you have suffered anguish, ill-  
treatment and the pain of exile for the sake of the holy icons.  
Therefore you have received a double crown from the hand of the  
Most High *God* because of your asceticism and the witness of your  
faith.

O blameless Virgin, the way of the Lord was revealed through you  
and his footsteps guide the human race to the place where the  
angelic choir rejoices together with the assembly of the saints.

### Praises

#### Tone 7

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.

S8: This glory will be for all his holy ones.  
Christ is risen from the dead; he has shattered the chains of death.  
O earth, proclaim great joy; O heavens, praise the glory of God.

S7: Praise God in his saints;  
praise him in his mighty firmament.

Now that we have seen the resurrection of Christ, let us worship the  
holy Lord Jesus, the only sinless *being*.

S6: Praise him for his mighty deeds;  
praise him for the abundance of his majesty.

We continually praise the resurrection of Christ, for the holy Lord  
Jesus, who has revealed the resurrection, has saved us from our sins.

S5: Praise him with the trumpet sound;  
praise him with lute and harp.

What shall we give to the Lord in return for all his bounty to us?  
For our sake God came and lived among men. The Word became  
flesh and lived among us because of our corrupt nature. He is the  
Benefactor of the ungrateful, the Rescuer of captives, the Sun of  
justice of those sitting in darkness, the passionless *Lord* on the  
cross, the Light in Hades and the Resurrection for the fallen. Let us  
cry out to him, "Our God, glory to you!"

#### Tone 4

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

S3: Praise him with tuneful cymbals;  
praise him with joyful cymbals.

Let everything with breath praise the Lord.

You did not deny the saving name of Christ, nor give in to the  
invitations, nor offer to idols, when you were pierced by numerous  
sashes, struck with a lance and scorched with fire over your entire  
body. O Minás, you became a pure and perfect offering though your  
martyrdom. X2

S1: God is marvellous in his saints;  
the God of Israel will give power and strength to his people.  
A judge commanded that you should be blinded, that you should be  
hung on a tree, that your body should be burnt with fire, that your  
limbs should be amputated and that you should be beheaded. O  
athlete of the Saviour, renowned Victor, you triumphed over the  
enemy with the aid of the Spirit.

S2: The Lord has been marvellous in the saints on his earth;  
all his goodwill *is* for them.  
O Stephanida, the Lord has placed a crown of grace on you, since  
you are a martyr of many struggles. You bravely surrendered  
yourself to tortures and were torn apart, tied to two palms. Yet you  
escaped and flew to God, leaving your body in the hands of the  
hunter.

#### Glory: Tone 2

The women, together with Mary, went to the tomb carrying spices  
and said to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us?" But  
they found that it had been rolled away. A white-robed angel  
removed every care and trouble from their souls when he said, "The  
Lord Jesus has risen." So they told the disciples to hurry to Galilee  
in order to see the one who had risen from the dead, for he is the  
Lord and Giver of life.

#### Both now: Tone 2

O Virgin Theotokos, you are most blessed, for through the One  
who was born of you, Hades has been captured and Adam recalled.  
The curse has been annulled, and Eve set free. Death has been

slain, so we are given life. Blessed is Christ our God, whose good will it was. Glory to you!

### Great Doxology

Glory to you who have shown us the light!  
 glory to God in the highest!  
 Peace on earth and goodwill to men!  
<sup>2</sup> We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,  
 we glorify you, we thank you for your great glory,  
<sup>3</sup> O Lord King, heavenly God, almighty Father,  
 O Lord, only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ,  
 and you, O Holy Spirit!  
<sup>4</sup> 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.  
<sup>5</sup> Receive our prayer,  
*for* you sit on the right of the Father,  
 and have mercy on us.  
<sup>6</sup> For only you are holy, only you are Lord,  
 O Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.  
<sup>7</sup> I will bless you every day  
 and always praise your name for ever and ever. Ps 144  
<sup>8</sup> O Lord, allow us this day  
 to be guarded from sin.  
<sup>9</sup> Blessed are you, O Lord God of our fathers!  
 Praised and glorified be your name for ever. Amen. Daniel 3  
<sup>10</sup> O Lord, let your mercy *be* on us,  
 for we have hoped in you. Ps 32.  
<sup>16</sup> Blessed are you, O Lord!  
 Teach me your statutes. X3 Ps 118  
<sup>12</sup> 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  
<sup>14</sup> O Lord, I have fled to you;  
 teach me to do your will, for you are my God. Ps 142  
<sup>15</sup> For with you is the source of life  
 and in your light we will see light. Ps 35  
<sup>16</sup> Stretch out your mercy  
 to those who know you. Ps 35

### Triságion

#### Resurrection Troparion

Today salvation has come to the world. Let us sing to the one who rose from the dead, the Author of our life. When he destroyed death by death, he gave us victory and great mercy.

### LITURGY

#### Antiphon 1 Ps 91

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

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 arose from the dead  
 We sing to you, "Alleluia!"

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

S3: Your throne *was* made ready in the past;  
 you are from eternity.

*Monogenes*

#### Antiphon 3 Ps 94

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

R: You destroyed death by your cross, opened Paradise to the thief and changed the weeping of the myrrh-bearers into joy. O Christ our God, you commanded your disciples to proclaim that you have risen and grant the world great mercy.

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 arose from the dead.

We sing to you, "Alleluia!"

#### Apolytikia

Tone 7

You destroyed death by your cross, opened Paradise to the thief and changed the weeping of the myrrh-bearers into joy. O Christ our God, you commanded your disciples to proclaim that you have risen and grant the world great mercy.

Tone 6

Again the yearly memorial of the beacons of the world, Minás, Victor and Vincent, has dawned. They enlighten the hearts of the faithful through their struggles for Christ and his cross. Therefore let us honour with hymns Christ our God who has crowned them with glory and honour.

*Of the Church*

#### Kontákion

Tone 4

The most pure temple of the Saviour, the precious chamber and Virgin, the sacred treasure of the glory of God, is presented today to the house of the Lord. She brings with her the grace of the Spirit which the angels of God praise. Truly this woman is the dwelling place of Heaven.

#### Triságion

#### Prokeímenon

R: God is marvellous in his saints.

S: The God of Israel will give power and strength to his people.

#### Apóstolos of Saints

*Earthenware vessels can hold the Light.*

From the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (4:6-15)  
 Brothers, it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. <sup>7</sup> But we have this treasure in earthenware vessels to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. <sup>8</sup> We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; <sup>9</sup> persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed. <sup>10</sup> We always carry in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our bodies. <sup>11</sup> For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be revealed in our mortal flesh. <sup>12</sup> So death is at work in us, but life in you. <sup>13</sup> Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believe, and so we speak. <sup>14</sup> We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. <sup>15</sup> For it is all for your sake, so

that as grace extends to more and more people, it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

**Alleluia**

S1: The Lord has been marvellous in the saints on his earth;  
S2: All his goodwill *is* for them.

**Sunday Luke 8**

*The Parable of the Good Samaritan*

From the Holy Gospel according to Luke (10:25-37)

At that time a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"<sup>26</sup> He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read?"<sup>27</sup> And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself."<sup>28</sup> And he said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live."<sup>29</sup> But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"<sup>30</sup> Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead."<sup>31</sup> Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side.<sup>32</sup> So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.<sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion,<sup>34</sup> and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.<sup>35</sup> And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.'<sup>36</sup> Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbour to the man who fell among the robbers?"<sup>37</sup> He said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

**Communion Ps 148**

Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights. Alleluia!