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Wonderworker Gregory, Bishop
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22nd Sunday Tone 5 & Eothinón
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VESPERS

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.

S10: Lead my soul from prison that I may acknowledge your name.

O Christ, you have put the Devil to shame by your precious cross. You have blunted the sting of sin and saved us from the gates of death by your resurrection. We glorify you, only begotten *Lord*.

S9: The just will wait for me until you reward me.

Christ was led like a sheep to the slaughter in order to grant resurrection to the human race. The

princes of Hades were frightened by this, for the gates of sorrow were raised. Christ the King of glory had entered. He said to those in chains, "Go out," and to those in darkness, "Come to the light."

S8: O Lord, I have cried to you from the depths;

O Lord listen to my voice.

O great wonder! The Creator of invisible matter suffered in the flesh in his love for the human race and rose again as immortal *Lord*. O families of nations, come and worship him. We have been rescued from error by his compassion and have learnt to sing about one God in three persons.

S7: Let your ears note the voice of my plea.

O unfading Light, we offer you our evening worship. You shone on the world in the flesh in these last days as though in a glass. You even descended to Hades to banish its darkness. You have revealed the light of the resurrection to the nations. Glory to you, O Lord, Giver of light, glory to you!

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

But there is forgiveness with you. We glorify the Author of our salvation. The world was saved from deceit by his resurrection from the dead. The choir of angels

rejoices as the error of demons takes flight. Fallen Adam rises as the Devil is overthrown.

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.
 The guards were instructed by the lawless people, "Hide the resurrection of Christ; take money and say, 'The body was stolen from the tomb while we were asleep.' But who has heard of a body being stolen, a body anointed and naked, with its grave clothes left behind in the tomb? O Jews, do not be deceived, study the words of the prophets and understand that he is truly the Redeemer of the world and all-powerful.

Tone 4

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.

S3: O Gregory, what can we call you? Master, for you subjected the passions to your mind? Farmer, for you reaped the fruit of wisdom? One who was granted the vision of God and taught with heavenly theology? A sacred performer of the mysteries and most amazing worker

of miracles? Pray that our souls may be saved. X2

S2: Every nation, praise the Lord;
 every people, acclaim him!
 O Gregory, what can I now call you? Mighty destroyer of godless irreverence who lays down the laws of true worship? Wise teacher and granter of invincible peace? Victorious conqueror of armies? One who always lives in the mountains yet sees those who live in the cities? Pray that our souls may be saved.

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

O venerable *saint*, what can I now call you? You followed the apostles as a worker of miracles. You restrained the river by calling on Christ. You dried up the lake which was the cause of strife between brothers. You dispersed the ungodly assembly, but increased and enlightened Christian congregations. Pray that our souls may be saved.

Glory: Both now: Tone 5

In the Red Sea of old, a type of the virgin Bride was prefigured. There Moses divided the waters; here Gabriel assisted in the miracle. There Israel crossed the sea without getting wet; here the Virgin gave birth to Christ without seed. After

Israel's passage, the sea remained impassable; after Emmanuel's birth, the spotless *Lady* remained a virgin. O eternally-existing God, O Lord appearing as man, have mercy on us.

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 Prokeimenon
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.*

Aposticha

Tone 5

O Christ, incarnate Saviour, you were not parted from the heavens. We glorify you with songs of praise, for you accepted the cross and death for the sake of our race. O Lord, Lover of the human race, you

overthrew the gates of Hades and rose on the third day to save our souls.

S1: The Lord reigns *and* is clothed with majesty;

the Lord has put on power and clothed himself. Ps 92

O Giver of life, you have poured out streams of forgiveness, life and salvation for everyone by being pierced in the side. You have granted us immortality by accepting death in the flesh. You have freed us by being placed in the tomb and, as God, have raised us with you in glory. Therefore we cry out, “Glory to you, O Lord, Lover of the human race!”

S2: For he founded the world which will not be moved. Ps 92

O Lover of the human race, your crucifixion and descent into Hades are awesome. You have captured it and raised the ancient prisoners with you, for you are God in glory. You have opened Paradise and commanded it to take them back. Grant us, who glorify your resurrection on the third day, purification of sins. Make us worthy to be citizens of Paradise, for you alone are merciful.

S3: O Lord, holiness is right for your house to length of days. Ps 92
O Lover of the human race, you accepted death in the flesh for our

sake and rose from the dead on the third day. Heal us from our earthly passions, restore us from our evil offences and save us.

Glory: Tone 6

O renowned father, you were given divine insights like Daniel. The mystery of faith was revealed to you, in the same way that a dream came to him. Therefore we implore you to save our souls.

Both now:

O Theotokos, when you received the Archangel’s word, you became a Cherubic throne. You carried in your arms the Hope of our souls.

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.

Triságon Prayers

Apolytíka

Tone 5

O faithful, let us praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit. He was born from the Virgin for our salvation; for he

determined to ascend the cross in the flesh, to endure death and to raise the dead by his glorious resurrection.

Tone 8

You became worthy of your name through your way of life, your vigilance in prayer and your constant works of mercy. Therefore, O father Gregory, plead with Christ God to enlighten our minds so that we may not sleep in sin, which leads to death.

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

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 5

Let us celebrate the cross of the Lord, honour his sacred tomb with song and glorify the resurrection. For as God, he raised the dead from the tomb, stripped death of its power and the Devil of his strength; he illuminated those in Hades.

Glory:

O Lord, you were called dead, but put death to death. You were laid you in a tomb, but emptied the tomb. The soldiers guarded the sepulchre above, while below you were raising the dead from all the ages. Glory to you, almighty and incomprehensible Lord!

Both now:

Hail, O sacred mountain, where God has walked! Hail, O living bush which was not consumed by fire! Hail, only bridge between the world and God leading the dead to eternal life! Hail, O undefiled Maiden, for you gave birth to the Salvation of our souls without knowing a man!

Kathisma 2

O Lord, after your resurrection on the third day when the Apostles had worshipped you, Peter called out to you, “The women boldly ventured out, while I was a coward. The Thief acknowledges God, while I denied him. Will you continue to call me a disciple? Will you not make me again a fisherman of the sea? But, O God, accept me as a penitent and save me.”

Glory:

O merciful Lord, the lawless ones nailed you between those who were condemned and pierced your side with a spear. You accepted the tomb, demolished the gates of Hades and rose on the third day. The women ran to see you and announced your resurrection to the Apostles. O Lord, highly exalted Saviour, the angels sing your praises; glory to you!

Both now:

Unwedded Bride, you gave birth to God *and* have turned Eve’s grief to joy. The faithful sing your praises and venerate you because you have led us away from the ancient curse. O honourable *and* all-holy *Lady*, pray continually that we may be saved.

Evlogitaria

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

The sight of the angel dazzled the minds of the myrrhbearing women and their spirits were enlightened by your divine Resurrection. They preached the good news to the Apostles, "Announce to the nations the Lord's Resurrection. He has worked wonders and grants us great mercy!"

Anaváthmi Tone 5

Antiphon 1 Ps 131

My Saviour, I sing to you like David in my trouble;

save my soul from crafty speech.
The life of those who live in the
desert is blessed;
they are supported by divine
passion.

Glory: Both now:

Everything seen and unseen is
preserved by the Holy Spirit,
for he has power in himself as
truly one of the Trinity.

Antiphone 2 Ps 120

My soul, let us ascend the
mountains;

come to the place where help is
found.

O Christ, let your right hand rush
to guard me from everything
sinister.

Glory: both now:

As we speak about divine matters
through the Holy Spirit,
we say, "You are God, life, desire,
light and mind.

You are goodness and reign for
ever.

Antiphon 3 Ps 121

I offer my prayer for those who said
to me,

"Let us go to the courts of the
Lord,

filled with great joy."

Fearful things will be done to the
house of David,

for a fire there will consume every
shameful thought.

Glory: Both now:

The government of life belongs to
the Holy Spirit
and every creature is given the
breath of life through him
as also in the Father and the
Word.

Prokeímenon Ps 9

R: O Lord my God, rise,
for you reign for ever.

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

Kontakion

Read without note

O Christ my Saviour, you descended
into Hades, shattered its gates as the
almighty *Lord*, raised the dead as
Creator and destroyed the sting of
death. O Lover of the human race,
you have rescued Adam from the
curse; we all cry to you, "O Lord,
save us!"

Ikos

The women set aside their weeping
when they heard the words of the
angel and saw the resurrection with
awe and joy. See, Christ drew near
to them and said, "Hail, take
courage, for I have overcome the

world and set the prisoners free! Go quickly to the disciples and say that I will go before you to Galilee in order to proclaim the good news.” Therefore we all cry to you, “O Lord, save us!”

Synaxáron

Today we remember the holy apostles, Olympas, Rodion, Sosipatros, Tertios, Erastos and Kouartos who were counted with the Seventy. Olympas was a Roman and Kouartos was a secretary; they are mentioned in Romans 16. Erastos was a companion of Paul and Kouartos was a Corinthian. Rodion was a relative of Paul. Sosipatros served in Iconion. On the Tenth they discovered eternal blessedness.

On the same day we commemorate the holy martyr Orestas of Kappadokia who lived in the Fourth Century. He was the treasurer of the city.

Together with them we remember:
Poet Aedh of the Celtic Lands C6
Archbishop Justus of Canterbury C7
Martyr Prince Constantine of Georgia C9
Wonderworker Arsenios of Kappadokia C20
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 11

From the Holy Gospel according to John (21:15-25)

At that time Jesus revealed himself to his disciples after he had risen from the dead. And he said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep." ¹⁸ Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you girded yourself and walked where you would; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish to go." ¹⁹ (This he said to show by what death he was to glorify God.) And after this he said to him, "Follow me." ²⁰ Peter turned and saw following them the disciple whom Jesus loved, who had lain close to his breast at the

supper and had said, "Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?"²¹ When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, "Lord, what about this man?"²² Jesus said to him, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!"²³ The saying spread abroad among the brothers that this disciple was not to die; yet Jesus did not say to him that he was not to die, but, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?"²⁴ This is the disciple who is bearing witness to these things, and who has written these things; and we know that his testimony is true.²⁵ But there are also many other things which Jesus did; were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.

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.

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 what is evil before you

^{6b} so that you might be right in your words

and overcome when you are judged,

⁷ for see, I was conceived in lawlessness

and my mother desired me in sin,

⁸ for see, you have loved truth

and shown me the mysteries and secrets 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;

humbled bones will rejoice.

¹¹ Turn your face from my sins

and wipe out all my lawlessness.

¹² O God, make 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 your saving joy to me and strengthen me with your directing Spirit.

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

¹⁶ O God, God of my salvation, free me from bloodshed,

then my tongue will rejoice in your justice.

¹⁷ O Lord, you will open my lips and my mouth will announce 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 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 apostles, Olympas, Rodion, Sosipatros, Tertios, Erastos and

Kouartos, 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.

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: 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 8

After his resurrection, the Lord established Peter as a shepherd for his sheep when he asked him three times, “Do you love me?” When Peter saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them, he asked the Lord, “What about this man?” The Lord said, “Dear Peter, if I want him to remain until I come, what is that to you?”

Tone 3

Let us rightly celebrate Olympas, Tertios, Rodion and Sosipatros, together with Erastos and Kouartos as apostles and disciples of Christ, for they plead for us who celebrate their sacred memory on this feast.

O Virgin, the one who once envied my divine life and pleasure in Paradise, the scheming and cruel enemy who caused my exile from Eden, has been put to death by your motherhood.

Praises

Tone 5

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.

O Lord, you came out from the grave, which had been sealed by lawless men, just as you were born from the Theotokos. Your bodiless angels did not know how you were incarnate; the soldiers did not see the moment of your resurrection. These two marvels were concealed from curious minds, but were revealed to those who worshipped with faith the mystery about which we sing. Grant us joy and great mercy as we offer you praise.

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

O Lord, you demolished the eternal bars and broke apart the chains of the grave. You rose from the tomb and left your wrappings in the grave as a witness to your three-day burial. You left the guards watching at the tomb and went before your disciples to Galilee. O incomprehensible Saviour, great is your mercy; have mercy on us!

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

O Lord Christ, you suffered for us and the women hurried to your tomb to see you. When they approached with fear, they saw an angel sitting on the stone which had been rolled

away. He cried to them “The Lord is risen. Go and tell the disciples that the Saviour of our souls has risen from the dead.”

S5: Praise him with the trumpet sound;

praise him with lute and harp.

O Lord, you came into the midst of your disciples, although the doors were shut, just as you came from the sealed tomb. O long-suffering Saviour, you revealed the sufferings of the body which you had accepted, for you endured wounds as the Seed of David, but saved the world as Son of God. O incomprehensible Saviour, your mercy is great; have mercy on us.

Tone 5

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.

Hail, for you shed light by your holy theology! Hail, O pillar of the Church, its sure teacher and wonderful instrument of the Paraclete! Hail, O heavenly spirit, harp of the Spirit, sublime shepherd, yet gentle lamb! Hail, O sheep dear to the supreme Shepherd, fountain gushing with teaching and streams of healing. O hierarch Gregory,

plead with Christ to grant our souls great mercy. X2

Hail, O splendour of holy hierarchs, radiant tabernacle of the virtues and support of the Church! Hail, O example of priestly bearing, river overflowing with divine streams that refresh the world in yielding abundant spiritual fruits of salvation and by wiping away the mud of heresy! O earthly angel, heavenly man and mouth musing on God’s law! Hail, O Gregory, worthy heir of the one who grants the world great mercy!

O Gregory, you dried up a pool that was a source of conflict between brothers with the shower of your prayers. Through divine grace you stopped the flow of a river in flood with a stick turned into a tree. You destroyed the demonic altars and through the zeal of your prayers to God, you ended the cold of irreverence. Through your miracles you strengthen our souls and guide them to the Benefactor of all, from whom you received the deserved reward. Plead with him to grant our souls great mercy.

Glory: Tone 8

O Saviour, when you showed yourself to the disciples after your resurrection, you appointed Simon as shepherd for the sheep. You asked him to tend the flock in order

to renew his love. You said to him, "Peter, if you love me, feed my lambs, feed my sheep." He at once asked about the other disciple as he revealed his love. Therefore, O Christ, keep your flock from devouring wolves through their prayers.

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!

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

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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

Triságon

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

Antíphon 3 Ps 94

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

R: O faithful, let us praise and
worship the Word, co-eternal with
the Father and the Spirit. He was
born from the Virgin for our
salvation; for he determined to
ascend the cross in the flesh, to
endure death and to raise the dead
by his glorious resurrection.

S2: Let the heaven and earth
praise him.

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!”

Apolytíkiá

Tone 5

O faithful, let us praise and worship
the Word, co-eternal with the Father
and the Spirit. He was born from
the Virgin for our salvation; for he
determined to ascend the cross in the
flesh, to endure death and to raise
the dead by his glorious
resurrection.

Tone 8

You became worthy of your name through your way of life, your vigilance in prayer and your constant works of mercy. Therefore, O father Gregory, plead with Christ God to enlighten our minds so that we may not sleep in sin, which leads to death.

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 Ps 11 Tone 5

R: O Lord, you will guard us;
you will keep us from this generation for ever.
S: O Lord, save me, for the devout man has failed;
true words have become few among the sons of men.

Apóstolos – Sunday Week 22

From the Letter of Paul to the Galatians (6:11-18)
Brothers, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own

hand. ¹² It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order so that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³ For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised so that they may glory in your flesh. ¹⁴ But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵ For neither circumcision counts for anything or uncircumcision, but a new creation. ¹⁶ Peace and mercy be on all those who walk by this rule, on the Israel of God. ¹⁷ From now on let no man trouble me, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. ¹⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

Alleluia Ps 88 Tone 5

S1: O Lord, I will sing about your mercies for ever;
I will announce your truth with my mouth to all generations.
S2: For you have said: Mercy will be built up for ever;
your truth will be prepared in the heavens.

Sunday Luke 9

From the Holy Gospel according to Luke (12:16-21)
The Lord spoke this parable, "The land of a rich man brought forth

plentifully; ¹⁷ and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' ¹⁸ And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰ But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹ So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

Communion Ps 148

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