

## 27 JANUARY

## + Relics of Patriarch John Chrysóstom of Constantinople C5

## VESPERS

## Lord I have cried

Tone 4

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.

O Lord, listen to me.

<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.

Tone 4

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

But there is forgiveness with you.

Let us joyfully sing the praises of Chrysóstom. *He is* the golden trumpet, the divinely-inspired organ, the inexhaustible sea of doctrine, the pillar of the Church, the heavenly mind, the depth of wisdom and the gilded vase. He pours out sweet streams of teaching like honey for the refreshment of the world.

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.

Let us worthily honour John Chrysóstom. He is the perpetually-shining star who enlightens every nation with the rays of true teaching, the preacher of repentance and the golden sponge which wipes away the despair of sadness. His words are a refreshing dew which revive hearts worn out by sin.

S4: Let Israel hope in the Lord  
from morning watch until night,  
from morning watch.

Let us praise Chrysóstom with joyful hymns. *He is* the earthly angel and heavenly man, the sweet and well-tuned harp, the treasury of virtues, the immovable rock, the example for the faithful, the imitator of the martyrs, the resident with the holy angels and the companion of the apostles.

Own Tone

S3: For there is mercy with the Lord

and abundant redemption with *him*.

He will redeem Israel from all his offences.

Let us establish a holy choir, for today the golden crown of the Church of Christ returns from Comana to the Queen of Cities with a glory worthy of a king. She shines with a heavenly light on his return. He guides the faithful to the spiritual Kingdom where they will live near the King of all. Therefore let us say to him, "O holy father Chrysóstom, your mouth and name are touched with gold, so pray for the salvation and enlightenment of our souls."

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

O Chrysóstom, brilliant heaven for the Church, you were harshly subjected to disgrace and exile. Today you joyfully rise above creation which you warm with your miracles like brilliant stars; you will never set again. You reveal Christ, brilliant like the sun, who illuminates your return with his life-giving majesty. Therefore let us say to him, "O holy father Chrysóstom, you shone with brilliant words, so pray for the salvation and enlightenment of our souls."

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

Heaven now dances with the angels; creation rejoices with the assembly of mortals. For the one who has caused everyone on earth

to become a heavenly spirit through the divine ladder of his teaching, shows us the steps which lead back to God, as though he were a new Jacob, while the angels rejoice at the return of his body. Therefore let us say to him, "O holy father Chrysóstom, you are a blessed companion of the bodiless angels, so pray for the salvation and enlightenment of our souls."

Glory: Tone 4

O Chrysóstom, you should never have been compelled to leave the Queen of Cities and go into exile in Komana. Therefore a royal festival brought you back into the palace under divine inspiration. The Church rejoices when it sees you and cries out in unison, "O my beauty, glorify the Lord who has returned to me the friend of the Bridegroom, the support of our faith, the peace of our hearts, the regard of our honour, the height of humility, the depth of charity, the treasure of my poverty and the majesty of conversion."

Therefore we implore you, "All-blessed father Chrysóstom, speaker in the angelic courts, we beg salvation for our souls.

Both now:

*O Virgin*, the prophet David was a forefather of God through you. He spoke beforehand about you in songs to the *Lord* who worked wonders in you, "At your right hand stood the queen." God, who was well-pleased to be incarnate from you without a father, announced you as mother and source of Life. He wanted to renew his fallen image, which had been made corrupt by passion, so he found the lost sheep wandering on the mountain, placed it on his shoulders and brought it to his Father. He joined it to the heavenly powers by his own will. O Theotokos, Christ who has great and rich mercy, has saved the world.

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.

## Prokeimenon

*Of the Day*

## Prophecy 1

From the Book of Proverbs (Composite)

The memory of the just is with eulogies, and the blessing of the Lord is on his head. Blessed is the man who has found wisdom, and the mortal who knows prudence. For it is better to travel for her, than for treasures of gold and silver. She is more valuable than precious stones. (Nothing evil can resist her; she is well known to all who approach her.) All price is not worthy of her. From her mouth proceeds justice, and she carries law and mercy in her mouth. O children, listen to me, and I will speak solemn truths. Blessed is the man who will keep my ways, for my ways are ways of life, and prayer is prepared by the Lord. Therefore, O men, I warn, and utter my voice to human sons. For I, wisdom, have lived with counsel and knowledge, and have called on understanding. I am counsel; I am prudent and strong. I love those who are friendly with me; and those who seek me will find grace. O simple, understand subtlety, and uneducated, take heart. Listen to me, for I will speak solemn truths, and will unfold right words from my lips. For my throat will muse on truth, and false lips are an abomination before me. All the words of my mouth are with justice; there is nothing in them wrong or perverse. They are all evident to those who understand, and right

to those who find knowledge. For I will teach you truth, so that your hope may be in the Lord, and you will be filled with spirit.

### Prophecy 2

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

Although the just may be overtaken with death, yet he will be at rest. <sup>8</sup> For honourable age is not in length of time, nor what is measured by the number of years. <sup>9</sup> But wisdom is the gray hair to people, and an unspotted life is old age. <sup>10</sup> He pleased God, and was loved by him, so that living among sinners he was taken up. <sup>11</sup> He was snatched, in case evil should alter his understanding, or deceit charm his soul. <sup>12</sup> For the bewitching of waywardness obscures things that are honest, and the wandering of desire undermines the simple mind. <sup>13</sup> Since he was made perfect in a short time, he completed long years, <sup>14</sup> for his soul pleased the Lord, therefore he hurried to take him away from among the wicked. <sup>15</sup> 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.

### Prophecy 3

From the Book of Proverbs (Composite)

The mouth of the just distils wisdom, but the tongue of the unjust will perish. <sup>32</sup> The lips of just men distil grace, but the mouth of the ungodly is perverse. <sup>4 5</sup> Justice traces out blameless paths, but ungodly behaviour encounters unjust dealing. <sup>7</sup> At the death of a just man his hope does not perish, but the boast of the ungodly perishes. <sup>19</sup> A just son is born for life, but the persecution of the ungodly ends in death. <sup>2</sup> A good man will eat from the fruits of justice, but the lives of offenders will perish before their time. <sup>9</sup> The just always have light, but the light of the ungodly is quenched. Deceitful souls go astray in sins, but just men pity and are merciful. <sup>17</sup> I love those who love me, and those who seek me will find me. <sup>2</sup> The tongue of the wise knows what is good, but the mouth of the foolish speaks evil. <sup>33</sup> There is wisdom in the good heart of a man, but it is not discerned in the heart of fools. <sup>11</sup> The Lord loves holy hearts, and all blameless people are acceptable to him; a king rules with his lips. <sup>1</sup> Who knows the wise? And who knows the interpretation of a saying? A man's wisdom will lighten his countenance, but a man of shameless countenance will be hated. <sup>2</sup> I loved her, and sought her out from my youth. I desired to make her my spouse, and I was a lover of her beauty. <sup>3</sup> Because she is conversant with God, she glorifies her nobility. Truly the Lord of all things himself loved her. <sup>4</sup> For she is privy to the mysteries of the knowledge of God, and a lover of his works. <sup>7</sup> And if a man love justice her labours are virtues, for she teaches temperance and prudence, justice and fortitude. These are such things that men can have nothing more profitable in their life. <sup>8</sup> If a man desires much experience, she knows things in the past, and ponders correctly what is to come. She knows the subtleties of speeches, and can expound obscure sentences. She foresees signs and wonders, and the events of seasons and times. <sup>9</sup> Therefore I purposed to take her to me to live with me, knowing that she would be a counsellor of good things, and a comfort in cares and grief. <sup>17</sup> Now when I considered these things by myself, and pondered them in my heart, how to be allied to wisdom is immortality, <sup>18</sup> and how great pleasure it is to have her friendship, and how in the works of her hands are infinite riches, and how in the exercise of conversation with her is prudence, and how in talking with her is a good report, I went about seeking how to take her to me. <sup>21</sup> Nevertheless, when I perceived that I could not otherwise obtain her, except God gave her to me; and that was a point of wisdom also to know whose gift she was, I prayed to the Lord, pleaded with him, and with my whole heart I said: <sup>1</sup> O God of my fathers, and Lord of mercy, who has made everything with your word, <sup>2</sup> and ordained man through your wisdom, that he should have dominion over the creatures which thou hast made, <sup>3</sup> and order the world according to equity and justice, and execute judgment with an upright heart, <sup>4</sup> give me wisdom that sits beside your throne, and do not reject me not from your children. <sup>5</sup> For I, your servant, and son of your handmaid, am a feeble person, youthful, and too young for the understanding of judgment and laws, and knew what was

acceptable in your sight, and right according to your commandments. <sup>10</sup> O send her from your holy heavens, and from the throne of your glory, that, being present, she may labour with me, and that I may know what is pleasing to you. <sup>11</sup> For she knows and understands everything, and she will lead me soberly in my deeds, and preserve me with her power. <sup>14</sup> For the thoughts of mortal men are miserable, and our schemes are only uncertain.

### Ekteni

#### 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 5

The Church of Christ rejoices once again, for she sees on her lampstand the light-bearing torch which enemies had hidden under a basket of silence and exile. O renowned father, she now honours you as a godly ray from the Summit of Virtues, which sheds a light more brilliant than the sun to the ends of the earth. Today the just judgement of God makes your justice shine from heaven like the midday sun; it grants peace and great mercy to the world.

S1: My mouth will speak about wisdom;

the thought of my heart will be about understanding. *Ps 48*  
O Chrysóstom, your reliquary, like a vessel containing pleasant perfumes, pours out streams of healings and miracles over the entire world; it anoints the souls of those who honour you. Because you are wealthy with the grace of Christ, as though with exotic perfumes, you convey the fragrant scent of eternal life to those who approach you. Therefore, O holy father, as we delight in your graces and rejoice over your sacred relics, we ask great mercy for our souls.

S2: The mouth of the just will muse on wisdom

and his tongue speak about judgement. *Ps 36*  
O faithful, the one who gave wheat to the world and nourished every heart with the heavenly delight of the Spirit, did not come from Egypt. Today a new Joseph comes from Comana in his holy relics. He makes us avoid the storms of dishonour and sea of affliction through his prayers. Therefore we call him blessed and cry out to him with faith, "Be close to those who celebrate your memory and grant them an abundance of great mercy."

#### Glory: Tone 6

O thrice-holy and thrice-blessed father, you were a disciple of Christ the High Priest and a good shepherd in your own right; you gave up your life for the flock. Now, O John Chrysóstom, hierarch of great esteem, plead with him to grant us great mercy."

Both now:

O Theotokos, you are the true vine which is loaded with the Fruit of Life. Therefore we implore you, "O pure Lady, pray, together with John Chrysóstom and all the saints, that our souls may be shown mercy."

### 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.

### Triságion Prayers

#### Apolytíkiá

Tone 8

The grace which shines from your lips has enlightened the inhabited earth like a torch. It has shown the riches of poverty to the world and revealed the heights of humility to us. O father John Chrysóstom, as you teach us by your words, intercede before the Word, Christ God, to save our souls.

Tone 8

O good *Lord*, you were born from a virgin for our sake. You suffered crucifixion, despoiled death through death and, as God, you revealed the resurrection. 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 as an intercessor the Theotokos who gave birth to you 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*

#### Kathisma 1

Tone 1

O John Chrysóstom, you enlightened the earth like a great sun with the brilliant rays of teaching and precept; you banished the darkness

of ignorance. Therefore, I implore you to free me from eternal darkness and count me worthy to receive the light of salvation through your prayers.

Glory: Both now:

O Virgin and mother, only you gave birth to Christ without seed. The miracle is beyond thought. We bow down and glorify you as Theotokos, for you gave birth to the King of Glory. Plead with him to establish peace for the world and to save our souls.

#### Kathisma 2

Tone 4

O Chrysóstom, you were given to the Church by Christ as a gleaming, golden, pleasing and divine instrument to sound the words of God. O sweetly-voiced swallow, O blessed *father* and amazing pastor, you shone like gold, your mind was robed with gold and *you were* a harp of repentance. Through your prayers rescue from temptation those who honour you.

Glory: Both now:

O Theotokos, when Joseph learnt about your virginal conception, he was perplexed and amazed. However, he remembered the dew on the fleece, the flaming bush which was not consumed and the staff of Aaron which came into bud. Your spouse and guardian testified to the priests and said, "A virgin has given birth and remained as before."

*Polyeleos*

#### Kathisma 3

Tone 4

Most worthy shepherd, you became worthy of being a shepherd through the will of Christ. You drove away the wolves from *the city* with the sling of your words. O wise *saint*, you unsparingly rebuked the lawless. O Chrysóstom, you escaped from those with jealousy and went on your long hard journey on which you died for *the city*. You return to the Queen of Cities and distribute divine grace.

Glory: both now:

Joseph was astonished when he saw an event beyond nature. O Theotokos, he called to mind the dewy fleece, the bush which was burn with fire, but not consumed and the rod of Aaron which bloomed. Your betrothed and guardian cried out to the priests in witness, "A Virgin gives birth to a Child, yet remains a virgin."

#### 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 48 Tone 4

R: My mouth will speak about wisdom.  
 S: All you nations, listen to these words.

#### 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 John (10:1-9)

The Lord said to those who followed him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber; <sup>2</sup> but he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> To him the gatekeeper opens; the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup> This figure Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. <sup>7</sup> So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who came before me are thieves and robbers; but the sheep did not heed them. <sup>9</sup> I am the door; if anyone enters by me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.”

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.

<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 this evil before you

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

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

<sup>8</sup> For see, you have loved truth  
and revealed to me the hidden and secret *things* 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;  
the humbled bones will rejoice.

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

<sup>12</sup> O God, create 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 the joy of your salvation to me  
and make me firm 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, set me free from the guilt of blood;  
O God of my salvation,  
my tongue will rejoice in your justice.

<sup>17</sup> O Lord, you will open my lips  
and my mouth will proclaim your praise.

<sup>18</sup> 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 sacrifice of justice,  
with an offering and burnt sacrifices;  
then they will offer calves on your altar.

Glory: Tone 2

O holy father Chrysóstom, torch of the Church, today all the hierarchs in their choirs rejoice in spirit as they celebrate your holy memory together with us.

Both now:

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

Have mercy: Tone 6

O Chrysóstom, you were truly the golden-mouthed trumpet who poured over the hearts of the faithful the treasure of the pure *and* joyful sounds of your teaching. O renowned father, as the prophet David said, “Their sound has gone out to the ends of the inhabited earth and make it radiant with light.”

### 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 our father among the saints and oecumenical teacher John Chrysóstom, 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 uniquely-fathered 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 1

The Church of Constantinople greatly rejoiced when it received the gift of your holy relics; it kept them as a treasure of great price. Most glorious John Chrysóstom, through your intercession they bring the grace of healing to those who praise you with hymns.

### Íkos

I bow my knees before the Creator of the world and extend my hands to the Word, who came before all time, in order to search for eloquence to sing about the renowned father who glorified him. The *Lord* who lives for ever said to the inspired prophet, “I glorify the people who glorify me.” The one who once exalted Samuel has now glorified this hierarch. After *John* had increased his talent, he returned it to the King who had entrusted it to him. Therefore the Most High *Lord* has highly promoted him. Although I am unworthy, I ask him to give me the grace to sing reverently about him. He is the, the Doctor who teaches the things of God to the entire inhabited earth, the most glorious John Chrysóstom.

### Synaxáron

Today we remember the transfer of the relics of our father among the saints, John Chrysóstom, Archbishop of Constantinople, which happened in the Fifth Century. In 438 the remains were brought back from the place of exile in Armenia. The Emperor Theodosios

begged forgiveness for his mother Evdokia who had exiled John. On the Twenty Seventh the city respectfully received your body in a golden reliquary.

Together with him we remember:

Monk Peter of Egypt C4

New Martyr Dimitrios of Constantinople C18

New Hieromartyr Peter C20

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

### Katavasias

1: The sun's rays once shone on dry land in the midst of the deep, for the water on both sides became as firm as a wall while the people crossed over the sea on foot. They offered this song acceptable to God, "Let us sing to the Lord, for he has been greatly glorified."

3: O Lord, *you are* the firm foundation of those who put their trust in you. Strengthen the Church which you have purchased with your precious blood.

4: O Christ, your virtue has covered the heavens, for after you came from your undefiled Mother, the ark of your sanctification, you appeared in the Temple of your glory as a Child in arms and the whole world was filled with your praise.

5: Isaiah symbolically saw God on a throne. He was lifted high and carried in triumph by angels in glory. He cried, "Woe is me, for I have seen the incarnate God beforehand. He is the Lord of the light which knows no evening and the King of peace."

6: When the Elder with his eyes saw the Salvation which had come to the Gentiles, he cried aloud to you, "O Christ, *you* come from God and are my God."

7: O Word of God, you dropped dew on the children as they spoke about divine matters in the midst of the fire. You took up your home in the pure Virgin. We praise you as we sing with devotion, "Blessed are you, O God of our fathers!"

8: Let us praise, bless and worship the Lord. The youths who fought for godliness stood together in the unbearable fire, yet were not harmed by it. They sang a divine hymn, "Bless the Lord, all you his works, and exalt him above all for ever!"

### Ode 9

**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.

**M**y soul glorifies the Lord  
and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Saviour. **R**

<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: Those of us who are faithful see the outline in the shadow of the Law and in the Scriptures, "Every male child which opens the womb will be holy for God." Therefore we also glorify the First-begotten Word, and Son of the Father who has no beginning, the First-born Son of the unwedded Mother.

### 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

Hail, O Queen of cities! Clap your hands and sing. Today you receive the body of your good shepherd and chief pastor. The golden mouth, which flows with honey, governs and saves you, and all the world.

O divine servant Mary, your protection is honoured. O Theotokos, your glory induces respect over the entire world; we glorify you at this present time. Since we possess you as an advocate with your Son and Creator, we can be saved through your continual prayers.

### Praises

Tone 4

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.

Tone 4

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

All-wise *father*, your holy teaching poured out; *it was* more brilliant than gold. It enriches the understanding of the hungry, and banishes the gloom of the passions and bitter winter of avarice. Therefore, O Chrysóstom, we rightly bless you and honour the return of your relics, for they are a source of holiness.

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

Let everything with breath praise the Lord.

O venerable father, you were unjustly driven from your flock. You endured tribulation, and bitter exile where you were counted worthy of a blessed end as a good athlete. You trampled on the crafty enemy. Therefore the Church rejoices on your return, for you adorned her as though with gold through your most wise teaching.

S2: My mouth will speak about wisdom;

the thought of my heart will be about understanding. Ps 48

Today the blessed Chrysóstom is celebrated with song as a pillar of fire, a river flowing with the water of doctrine, a heavenly intelligence, a totally-golden mouth of theology, a pledge for sinners, a divine preacher of repentance, a brightly shining lamp and a heavenly man.

S1: The mouth of the just will muse on wisdom  
and his tongue speak about judgement. Ps 36

O Chrysóstom, the imperial city receives your relics like a royal ornament. She is adorned by them and boasts in your words. She calls the whole world to celebrate and *receive* a divine share in your abundant gifts. She cries aloud, "O good Jesus, you are the glory of your servants!"

Glory: Tone 4

O father Chrysóstom, with your words you have watered every faithful person with your golden teaching like a divine river which flowed mystically in the beginning from Eden and passed over the four ends of the earth. Therefore, O John, since the return of your divine relics has been openly inscribed in your city, now pray that the souls of those who praise you may be saved.

Both now:

O Theotokos and blessed Virgin, save your servants from every danger so that we may glorify you as the hope of 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!

<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

#### Apolytikíon

Tone 8

The grace which shines from your lips has enlightened the inhabited earth like a torch. It has shown the riches of poverty to the world and revealed the heights of humility to us. O father John Chrysóstom, as you teach us by your words, intercede before the Word, Christ God, to save our souls.

### 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 94 Tone 2

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

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

S2: Let us enter his presence with gratitude and shout with gladness to him in psalms.

For the Lord is a great God and an exalted king over all the earth.

S3: For the ends of the earth are in his hand and the summits of the mountains are his.

For the sea is his and he made it; his hands have formed the dry land.

*Monogenes*

#### Antiphon 3 Ps 48 & 131 Tone 8

S1: My mouth will speak about wisdom; the thought of my heart will be about understanding. Ps 48

R: The grace which shines from your lips has enlightened the inhabited earth like a torch. It has shown the riches of poverty to the world and revealed the heights of humility to us. O father John Chrysóstom, as you teach us by your words, intercede before the Word, Christ God, to save our souls.

S1: I will clothe her priests with salvation and her holy ones will rejoice with gladness. Ps 131

### Entrance

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!"

### Apolytikíon

Tone 8

The grace which shines from your lips has enlightened the inhabited earth like a torch. It has shown the riches of poverty to the world and revealed the heights of humility to us. O father John Chrysóstom, as you teach us by your words, intercede before the Word, Christ God, to save our souls.

*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 Ps 48 Tone 1

R: My mouth will speak about wisdom; the thought of my heart will be about understanding.

S: All you nations, listen to these words.

### Apóstolos

From the Letter of Paul to the Hebrews (7:26-8:2)

Brothers, such a high priest was fitting for us: holy, guiltless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and made higher than the

heavens; <sup>27</sup>who does not need, like those high priests, to daily offer up sacrifices, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. For this he did once for all, when he offered up himself.

<sup>28</sup>For the law appoints men as high priests who have weakness, but the word of the oath which came after the law appoints a Son forever who has been perfected. <sup>1</sup>Now in the things which we are saying, the main point is this. We have such a high priest, who sat down on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, <sup>2</sup>a minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, not man.

**Alleluia Ps 36 Tone 2**

S1: The mouth of the just will muse on wisdom.

S2: God's law is in his heart.

**Gospel**

From the Holy Gospel according to John (10:9-16)

The Lord said to his disciples: I am the door; if anyone enters by me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. <sup>11</sup> I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> He who is a hireling and not a shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup> He flees because he is a hireling and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup> as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> And I have other sheep, that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will heed my voice. So there shall be one flock, one shepherd.

**Communion Ps 111**

The just will be in everlasting remembrance. Alleluia!