

6 FEBRUARY

Afterfeast

+ Confessor and Patriarch Phótiος of Constantinople C9
Bishop Voukólos of Smyrna C2

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.

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

S6: O Lord, if you mark offences, who will stand?
But there is forgiveness with you.

Let us praise with inspired hymns the great Phótiος of holy renown. He is the praiseworthy instrument of God's grace, the holy harp of the Advocate, the firm and most divine pillar of the sacred faith, the brave soldier and champion of the Orthodox, the great teacher and hierarch, the greatly-blessed messenger of true teaching, the support and boast of God's Church.

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.

All you Orthodox, chant in unison with sacred and holy hymns as you praise the most renowned and blessed Phótiος. He is the light of the entire inhabited earth, the preacher with a fiery voice, the distantly-acclaimed hierarch of the Church, the most outstanding man of God, the divine high priest, the wise shepherd, the guide for Christ's flock, the brilliant pastor of Constantinople and the first in rank among the patriarchs.

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

O glorious *patriarch*, most steadfast Phótiος, renowned bishop, confirmation of the Church and immovable pillar, you were banished from your flock by an evil command and shared in sorrows and tribulations for the Faith. Therefore, ever-memorable *bishop*, we all ardently honour you as a teacher of the Orthodox faith and an expounder of the mysteries.

Tone 1

S3: For there is mercy with the Lord
and abundant redemption with *him*.

He will redeem Israel from all his offences.

O holy father Voukólos, you shone with the light of divine virtues. You were mystically placed on the lamp-stand of the Church of God like a light, so that you could illuminate everyone through your sacred teaching.

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

O God-bearing father, Voukólos, the Holy Spirit has sanctified you. He gives holiness, light and salvation to the faithful who approach you.

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

O *Voukólos*, you preached the extreme goodness of our God, made the people pass from evil to good and guided them to the Saviour and Benefactor, *for you were* a sacred hierarch.

Glory: Tone 8

All you faithful, come and let us praise in faith the most wonderful Phótiος, the holy bishop and friend of the Lord! Because he was filled with the teaching of the apostles and revealed as a dwelling of the Holy Spirit through his virtuous life, he drove the wolves away from the universal Church with true teaching. He majestically presented the Orthodox Faith, and was revealed as a pillar and champion of reverence. Now as he stands after his death yet closer to Christ, he always prays for our souls.

Both now: Tone 5

Before Cheesefare Sunday

"Search the scriptures," as Christ our God said in the Gospels. There we find him born as a Child, wrapped in swaddling clothes, laid in a manger, fed on milk, receiving circumcision and carried by Simeon. He has appeared to the world not in fancy or imagination, but in very truth. Let us cry aloud to him, "Glory to you, O pre-eternal God!"

Both now: Tone 8

After Cheesefare Sunday

The King of Heaven, appeared on earth and lived with men because of his love for the human race. He took flesh from the pure Virgin and, after he had assumed it, came from her. The Son is one in two Natures, yet one Person. Therefore we truly proclaim him as perfect God and perfect man, and we acknowledge Christ as our God. O unwedded Mother, plead with him to have mercy on our souls.

Entrance

Phos Ilarón

P/D: Wisdom! Stand upright!

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

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

Prokeimenon

Of the Day

Prophecy 1

From the Book of Proverbs (10:7,6 etc - 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

The just and unjust are compared. Poetic

From the Book of Proverbs (10:31-11:12)

The mouth of the just distils wisdom, but the tongue of the unjust will perish.³² The lips of just men distil grace, but the mouth of the ungodly is perverse.¹ False balances are an abomination before the Lord, but a just weight is acceptable to him.² Wherever pride enters, there will also be disgrace, but the mouth of the lowly muses on wisdom.³ When a just man dies he leaves regret, but the destruction of the ungodly is speedy, and causes joy.^{4 5} Justice traces blameless paths, but ungodliness encounters injustice.⁶ The justice of upright men frees them, but the lawless are caught in their own destruction.⁷ At the death of a just man his hope does not perish, but the boast of the ungodly perishes.⁸ A just man escapes from a snare, but the ungodly man is given up in his place.⁹ In the mouth of the ungodly there is a snare to citizens, but the understanding of the just is prosperous.¹⁰ In the prosperity of the just a city prospers,¹¹ but in the destruction of the ungodly there is rejoicing. In the blessing of the upright a city will be exalted, but by the mouth of the ungodly it will be overthrown.¹² A man void of understanding sneers at his fellow citizens, but a sensible man is quiet.

Prophecy 3

The just is taken away quickly.

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

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

Ektení

Prayer

O Lord, allow us this night to be guarded from sin. Blessed are you, O Lord, God of our fathers! Praised and glorified be your name for ever. Amen. O Lord, let your mercy be on us, for we have hoped in you. Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes. Blessed are you, O Master; make me understand your statutes. Blessed are you, O Holy *One*; enlighten me with your statutes. O Lord, your mercy lasts for ever; do not overlook the work of your hands. To you belongs worship, to you belongs praise, to you belongs glory, to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and to ages of ages. Amen.

Plirotiká

Prayer

P: Peace be with you all. R: And with your spirit
D: Bow down your heads to the Lord. R: To you, O Lord.

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

Liti

Tone 6

O renowned father, grace flowed from your lips. You taught the rational flock to believe in the consubstantial Trinity, the one Divinity, for you were a true shepherd in Christ's Church.

Apósticha

Not after Farewell to Feast

Tone 2

Today the all-pure Virgin carries as an infant in her arms the Creator who is the Master of all and she enters the temple.

S1: O Master, now let your servant depart in peace according to your word. *Lk 2*

O Simeon, receive the Lord of glory. See, the promise given to you by the Holy Spirit is fulfilled today.

S2: *He is a light of revelation for the nations and the glory of your people Israel.* *Lk 2*

O good God, I have seen you at this time with my eyes. O Lover of the human race, now dismiss your servant quickly as you have promised me.

Glory: Tone 4

The imperial city rightly glorifies the holy hierarch Phótios as a royal gift. *He is* an echoing trumpet which announces the truths of salvation to the ends of the earth and summons everyone to join in the praise of God. Therefore let us cry aloud to him, "You were named after light and given the gift of speech; implore Christ God to save our souls."

Both now: Tone 2

Today Simeon receives in his arms the Lord of glory whom Moses saw of old on Sinai when he was given the tablets of the Law in the cloud and darkness. This is the one who has spoken through the prophets; he is the Creator of the Law. This is the one whom David foretold; he is to be held in awe by everyone, yet shows us great mercy.

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.

Trisagion Prayers

Apolytikia

Tone 4

O Phótios, you were of one mind with the apostles and a teacher of the whole world; plead with the Master of all to grant peace to the world and great mercy to our souls.

Not after Farewell to Feast

Tone 1

Hail, O virgin Theotokos, full of grace! The Sun of justice, Christ our God shone out from you and enlightened those who sat in darkness. O just Elder, rejoice and be glad, for you received into your arms the Redeemer of our souls who grants us the resurrection.

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 name of the Lord. *Ps 117*

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

S2: All the nations surrounded me, but I resisted them in the name of the Lord.

S3: This *is* the Lord's doing and it is marvellous 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

See, the spring of my soul bursts out! See, today the radiant memory of the wise and most blessed bishop Phótiós has been revealed. Therefore let us all praise him as someone who has confirmed the faith of the Orthodox by the power of the Spirit.

Not after Farewell to Feast

Glory: Both now:

O Life of all, you once carved the tablets of Mount Sinai, yet you were offered in the Temple and became a Child under the Law for my sake in order to save us from bondage to the old Law. Glory to the compassion of your heart! Glory to your kingdom, O Saviour! Glory to your dispensation, for only you are the Lover of the human race.

Kathisma 2

Tone 3

O Phótiós, you received divine illumination and were taught in the godly way of life. You shone in the priesthood as is correct for your name. You explained the teachings of the Faith in a manner beyond nature and made the Church steadfast in the Orthodox Faith. O venerable father, plead with Christ our God to grant us great mercy.

Not after Farewell to Feast

Glory: Both now: Tone 5

O Saviour, after you had fulfilled the decree of the Law, you were brought into the Temple of the Law as Maker, Master and Giver of the Law. Only compassionate Lord, in your good pleasure you wanted to be carried in the flesh in the aged arms of Simeon and to reveal your light to everyone.

Polyeleos

Kathisma 3

Tone 4

O foremost hierarch, renowned and divinely-eloquent preacher, glorious teacher of the Church, you water the thoughts of the faithful with grace and burn the thoughts of heretics with fire. O venerable and most glorious father Phótiós, you pour out streams of miracles and cleanse the impurity of the passions.

Not after Farewell to Feast

Glory: Both now:

The Ancient of Days becomes a baby for my sake. The all-pure God shares in purification so that he can confirm the flesh taken from the Virgin. Simeon was given insight into these mysteries and acknowledged him as God *who was* revealed in the flesh. He saluted him as Life and in old age cried out with joy, "Let me depart, for I have seen you, the Life of all."

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.

Prokeimenon Tone 4

R: My mouth will speak about wisdom. *Ps 48*
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, the one who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber;² but the one who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.³ To him the gatekeeper opens; the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.⁵ A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers."⁶ This figure Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.⁷ So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.⁸ All who came before me are thieves and robbers; but the sheep did not heed them.⁹ 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.
⁴ Wash me thoroughly from my lawless act
and cleanse me from my sin.
⁵ For I know my lawlessness
and my sin is always before me.
⁶ I have sinned against you alone
and done this evil before you
^{6b} so that you might be justified in your words
and overcome when you are judged.
⁷ For see, I was conceived in lawlessness
and my mother gave birth to me in sin.

- ⁸ For see, you have loved truth
and revealed to me the hidden and secret *things* of your wisdom.
- ⁹ You will sprinkle me with hyssop and I will be clean;
you will wash me and I will become whiter than snow.
- ¹⁰ You will make me hear about joy and gladness;
the humbled bones will rejoice.
- ¹¹ Turn your face from my sins
and wipe out all my lawlessness.
- ¹² O God, create a pure heart within me
and renew an upright spirit within me.
- ¹³ Do not banish me from your presence
or remove your Holy Spirit from me.
- ¹⁴ Restore the joy of your salvation to me
and make me firm with your directing Spirit.
- ¹⁵ I will teach the lawless your ways
and the ungodly will return to you.
- ¹⁶ O God, set me free from the guilt of blood;
O God of my salvation,
my tongue will rejoice in your justice.
- ¹⁷ O Lord, you will open my lips
and my mouth will proclaim your praise.
- ¹⁸ For if you had wanted sacrifice, I would have given it;
you will not be pleased with burnt offerings.
- ¹⁹ Sacrifice for God is a broken spirit;
God will not despise a broken and humbled heart.
- ²⁰ O Lord, be good to Zion in your pleasure
and let the walls of Jerusalem be built.
- ²¹ Then you will be pleased with a sacrifice of justice,
with an offering and burnt sacrifices;
then they will offer calves on your altar.

Glory: Tone 2

O merciful *Lord*, blot out the abundance of our offences through the prayers of your hierarch Phótios.

Both now:

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

Have mercy: Tone 6

O renowned father, grace flowed from your lips. You taught the rational flock to believe in the consubstantial Trinity, the one Divinity, for you were a true shepherd in Christ's Church.

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 the confessor and patriarch Phótios, of the holy bishop Voukolos, 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 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.*

Kontákia

Not after Farewell to Feast
Tone 1

O Christ *our* God, you sanctified the Virgin's womb by your birth and blessed Simeon's hands. Now you have come and saved us. Grant peace to your people in time of war and strengthen the rulers whom you have loved, for you are the only Lover of the human race.

Tone 8

Let us now crown with garlands of songs that far-shining saint of the Church of God. *He is* the God-given guide of all the Orthodox, the divinely-sounding harp of the Spirit and the resolute adversary of every heresy. Let us all cry out to him, "Hail, O most venerable Phótios!"

Íkos

O father, you were an angel among men and reached heavenly things from earth. I am filled with amazement and wonder as I observe you equal to the bodiless powers. I cry out to you, "Hail, O worshipper of the Trinity! Hail, for you praised God! Hail, O most precise standard of Orthodoxy! Hail, for you denounced evil! Hail, O inaccessible height of humility! Hail, O ineffable depth of insight! Hail, O divine priest of God! Hail, for you lead those who are saved to God! Hail, for you live among the Lord's martyrs! Hail, for you are a friend of the saints! Hail, O demolisher of irreverence! Hail, for you make the faithful confident! Hail, O most honourable Phótios!"

Synaxáριον

Today we remember our renowned father Voukolos, Bishop of Smyrna who lived in the Second Century. He was a disciple of John the Theologian. Polycarp succeeded him. On the Sixth he embarked for the original uncreated Light and left behind earthly illumination.

On the same day we remember our father among the saints, Phótios the Great, Patriarch of Constantinople, who lived in the Ninth Century. After a brilliant career at court he was elected Patriarch because of his great learning. He was elevated through the clerical ranks in the space of a week. He died in exile in Armenia.

Together with them we also remember:

Virgin Martyr Dorothea and Sisters of Kappadokia C3

Martyr Julian of Emesa C4

Bishop Mael of Ardagh, disciple of Patrick C5

Varsanouphios the Great and John the Prophet C6

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.

My soul glorifies the Lord
and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Saviour. **R**
²For he has regarded his servant's humility;
see, from now all generations will call me blessed. **R**
³For 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**
⁴He has accomplished strength with his arm
and scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. **R**
⁵He 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**
⁶He 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 have seen the outline in the shadow of the Law and the Scriptures, "Every male child who opens the womb will be holy for God." Therefore we also glorify the First-born 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

Tone 2

O father Phótios, the Church has a zealous intercessor and a brilliant teacher in you. She radiantly celebrates your memorial as she cries, "Continue to guard your flock. O holy hierarch of the Lord, keep it unharmed from heresy and distress.

Tone 2

In his supreme goodness the Word was ineffably born from the Virgin and became a Child without leaving the bosom of the Father. Simeon received him in his arms. The prophetess and priestess recognised him as the Lord. In advance they announced him to all as the Saviour of the human race.

Praises

Tone 1

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

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

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

Let us praise Phótios, the holy foremost hierarch of the Church, the great teacher, the preacher of the Word and the amazing equal to the apostles. His glorious memorial has dawned and brings joy to the faithful.

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

Let us praise Phótios, the holy foremost hierarch of the Church, the great teacher, the preacher of the Word and the amazing equal to the apostles. His glorious memorial has dawned and brings joy to the faithful.

S2: My mouth will speak about wisdom;
the thought of my heart will be about understanding. Ps 48
You were united as an equal to the apostles. You were an apostolic preacher to Bulgaria and all the Slavic people. Therefore you guided them to Christ and granted them new life through holy baptism. Preserve them in the Orthodox faith.

S1: The mouth of the just will muse on wisdom
and his tongue speak about judgement. Ps 36
O glorious Phótios, like another Archangel Michael, you contended with an earthly devil who arrogantly exalted himself. You cried out, "Let us stand up properly! Let us remain within the venerable traditions of the fathers!"

Glory: Tone 5

O rightly praised bishop Phótios, the power of the Devil is dispelled wherever your name is invoked, for you are the namesake of Light. The fallen Lucifer is unable to bear your brilliance. Therefore we implore you, "Quench the fiery darts which he hurls against us. Save us from his temptations through your prayers.

Both now:

All-holy Bride of God, only you carried in your womb the God whom no space can confine when he became man in his goodness, yet you did not confine him. Therefore I implore you to banish the evils which surround me on every side. Let me follow the correct road directly and arrive at the One who leads us to life.

Great Doxology

Glory to you who have shown us the light!
glory to God in the highest!
Peace on earth and goodwill to men!
²We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,
we glorify you, we thank you for your great glory,
³O Lord King, heavenly God, almighty Father,
O Lord, only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ,
and you, O Holy Spirit!
⁴O 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.
⁵Receive our prayer,
for you sit on the right of the Father,
and have mercy on us.
⁶For only you are holy, only you are Lord,
O Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.
⁷I will bless you every day
and always praise your name for ever and ever. Ps 144
⁸O Lord, allow us this day
to be guarded from sin.

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

¹⁰ O Lord, let your mercy *be* on us,
 for we have hoped in you. *Ps 32.*

¹⁶ Blessed are you, O Lord!
 Teach me your statutes. *X3 Ps 118*

¹² O Lord, you have been our refuge
 from generation to generation. *Ps 89*

I said, "O Lord, have mercy on me;
 heal my soul, for I have sinned against you." *Ps 40*

¹⁴ O Lord, I have fled to you;
 teach me to do your will, for you are my God. *Ps 142*

¹⁵ For with you is the source of life
 and in your light we will see light. *Ps 35*

¹⁶ Stretch out your mercy
 to those who know you. *Ps 35*

Triságion

Tone 1

Hail, O virgin Theotokos, full of grace! The Sun of justice, Christ our God shone out from you and enlightened those who sat in darkness. O just Elder, rejoice and be glad, for you received into your arms the Redeemer of our souls who grants us the resurrection.

LITURGY

Antíphon 1 Ps 102 Tone 2

S1: Bless the Lord, O my soul
 and everything within me bless his holy name.

R: At the prayers of the Theotokos, Saviour, save us!

S2: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
 and do not forget all his rewards.

S3: The Lord has prepared his throne in heaven
 and his kingdom rules over all.

S4: Glory: Both now:

Antíphon 2 Ps 145 Own Tone

S1: Praise the Lord, O my soul;
 I will praise the Lord throughout my life
and make melody to my God as long as I live.

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

S2: Blessed is the one whose helper is the God of Jacob,
 whose hope is in the Lord his God.

S3: The Lord will reign for ever,
 your God, O Zion, from generation to generation.

S4: Glory: Both now:
Monogenes

Antiphon 3 Ps 44 Tone 1

S1: O daughter, listen, see and incline your ear;
 forget your own people and your father's house.

R: Hail, O virgin Theotokos, full of grace! The Sun of justice, Christ our God shone out from you and enlightened those who sat in darkness. O just Elder, rejoice and be glad, for you received into your arms the Redeemer of our souls who grants us the resurrection.

S2: The daughters of Tyre will adore him with gifts
 and the rich people beg your favour.

S3: I will remember your name from generation to generation;
 therefore people will acknowledge you for ever and ever.

Entrance Ps 97

The Lord has made known his salvation
 and revealed his justice before the nations. *Ps 97*
 O Son of God, you were carried in the arms of the just Simeon.
 Save us who sing to you, "Alleluia!"

Apolytikia

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Tone 4

Your deeds truly revealed you to your flock as a model of faith, an icon of gentleness and a teacher of self-control. Therefore you have achieved the heights through humility and riches through poverty. O devout father Voukolos, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

Tone 4

O Phótios, you were of one mind with the apostles and a teacher of the whole world; plead with the Master of all to grant peace to the world and great mercy to our souls.

Of the Church

Kontákion

Tone 1

O Christ *our* God, you sanctified the Virgin's womb by your birth and blessed Simeon's hands. Now you have come and saved us. Grant peace to your people in time of war and strengthen the rulers whom you have loved, for you are the only Lover of the human race.

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

Christ our High Priest

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; ²⁷ 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. ²⁸ 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. ¹ 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, ² 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 (10:9-17)
 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. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. ¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² 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. ¹³ He flees because he is a hireling and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ 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!