

12 DECEMBER
+ Wonderworker and Bishop Spyridon of Tremithous C4

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.

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.

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.

Hail, O model for hierarchs, the unshaken foundation of the Church, the glory of the Orthodox, a source of miracles, an unquenchable fountain of love, a most radiant lamp and instrument of the Spirit, a godly mind, meek and guileless, adorned with true simplicity, a heavenly man and earthly angel, a worker in the vineyard and true friend of Christ. Implore him to grant great mercy to those who honour you. *X2*

S4: Let Israel hope in the Lord

from morning watch until night,

from morning watch.

S3: For there is mercy with the Lord

and abundant redemption with him.

He will redeem Israel from all his offences.

O Spyridon, glory of the fathers, you were revealed as a meek inheritor of the earth. Through cords of wise and simple words with divine grace, you strangled the evil and demented teaching of Arius. In the Spirit you set out the divine and sacred teaching which enlightens every Orthodox Christian and taught them to glorify the unique Word as truly the only begotten of the unoriginate Father who grants the world great mercy. *X2*

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

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

O father, you put to death the carnal passions and raised the dead by the grace of God. You transformed a serpent into gold and by your prayer restrained the raging of the river. You appeared to the afflicted emperor by night and healed him by coming close to his heart through the marvellous glory which was given to you by God. Therefore, we honour your memory with a mighty voice. We reverence the divine and sacred shrine of your relics from which flows a divine stream of healing and great mercy. X2

Glory: Tone 1

O venerable father Spyridon, blessed and wise, for the sake of the love of God you questioned the dead woman as if she were alive. You transformed a serpent into gold for a man beset by poverty. You pitied the people and restrained the river's flow. You stood before the emperor as a physician through God's providence, and as his disciple, you raised the dead. You clarified the faith among many fathers. As you were enabled to do everything by Christ who strengthened you, plead with him now to save our souls.

Both now: Tone 6

O cave of Bethlehem, prepare yourself to receive the Mother who bears Christ in her womb. O manger, receive the Word who destroys the sins of the human race. O shepherds, keep watch; you will bear witness to the awesome wonder. O Wise Men come from Persia and bring your gifts to the King, for the Lord has appeared from a virgin mother. She bowed to him as a servant and spoke to him in her heart when she said, "My Saviour and God, how were you conceived in me? How did you grow in me?"

Entrance

Phos Ilarón

P/D: Wisdom! Stand upright!

O Jesus Christ, joyful light of the holy glory
of the immortal, heavenly, holy, blessed Father,

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

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

Prokeímenon
Of the Day

Prophecy 1
Blessed is the man who has found wisdom.

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
Aphorisms - 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 drop 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 meditates 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 out blameless paths, but ungodliness encounters unjust dealing. ⁶ The justice of upright men frees them, but offenders 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 delivered up in his place. ⁹ In the mouth of the ungodly there is a snare to citizens, but the discernment of just men is prosperous. ¹⁰ In the prosperity of just men a city prospers, ¹¹ but by the mouth of ungodly men it is overthrown. ¹² A man without understanding sneers at his fellow citizens, but a sensible man is quiet.

Prophecy 3

God has visited his chosen ones.

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.

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 1

All you faithful, come and join the sacred celebration of this radiant feast. Come to the spiritual banquet to which Spyridon invites us. *There is* a divine table, refreshing miracles and immortal works. Let us imitate his gentleness and simplicity, his openness and goodness, the wisdom which he shared with all, and the many virtues which caused him to shine as the sun in the midst of his fellow bishops.

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

O wise bishop Spyridon, you were outstanding in your miracles and virtues. The former made your life shine brighter than the sun, the latter illumined the whole face of the earth more than sunlight. In all things you have appeared to us as a sublime creature, resplendent and glorious. You are the fervent defender of the faithful who take refuge under your protection.

S2: I will clothe her priests with salvation
and her holy ones will rejoice with gladness. Ps 131

O awe-inspiring wonder! At your command, the dead answer with a living voice. At your order for change, the river stops its course. At your prayer, the emperor is healed of his illness. O bishop Sphyridon, lucid preacher of the doctrine of the Trinity, through you, a serpent was changed into gold, and the dead were transformed to life, for Christ was at work in you,.

Glory: Tone 2

Venerable and wise father Sphyridon, your virtues revealed you to be the divine treasure of bishops. As an intercessor for the Church, you cast out the leader of heretics. In council, you crushed the blasphemy of Arius to the earth. Since you accomplish wonders in both word and deed, implore Christ to save our souls.

Both now: Tone 2

See, the time of your salvation draws near. Prepare yourself, O cave, for the Virgin is coming to give her child to the world. Rejoice and exult, O Bethlehem of Judah, for the Lord will shine from you. Listen, mountains and hills and all you regions about Judea. Christ comes to save man whom he created, for he is the Lover of the human race.

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

Apolytikia

Tone 1

Our God-bearing father Sphyridon, you were revealed as a defender of the First Council and a wonderworker. Most holy *bishop*, you spoke to someone dead in the grave and transformed a serpent to gold. While you chanted your holy prayers, you had angels serving with you. Glory to the *Lord* who gave you strength. Glory to the one who granted you a crown. Glory to the one who through you grants healing to all.

Tone 1

O Virgin, O sacred ark, when Gabriel greeted you with “Hail!” he cried out like the just David, for the Master of all was incarnate in you. You were revealed as more spacious than the heavens, for you carried your Creator. Glory to the one who lives in you! Glory to the one who comes from you! Glory to the one who frees us through your Child!

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 3

O venerable father, you changed the serpent into gold; by the power of your words you silenced the deadly impiety of Arius. O blessed *saint*, you healed the emperor, raised the dead and expelled demons. Therefore, O holy bishop, we gather to praise your venerable memory.

Glory: Both now:

Let the earth and all its ends be filled with joy! See, the Theotokos is hurrying to give birth to the King of all. *This is* a miracle which is impossible to explain. The infinite *Lord* will have a beginning in time. The one without a body will clothe himself in our flesh. The cave receives the one who holds all creation in his hand. O Bethlehem rejoice! O creation, dance and celebrate the forefeast of our salvation.

Kathisma 2

Tone 4

By your words, O holy Spyrídon, you adorned the Church of Christ. By your works you honoured the image of God in which you were created. By your wisdom you gave light to the world and illuminated the whole creation with your gifts of healing. Therefore we celebrate your memory with faith.

Glory: Both now:

O virgins, join in the joy of the Virgin. O mothers, accompany the Mother of Christ our God with your hymns. O Wise Men from the east, join the angels. O shepherds, assemble with our choir. For the Virgin is approaching to give birth in the city of Bethlehem. O God, save us through her prayers.

Polyeleos

Kathisma 3

Tone 8

You divinely revealed the power of the Holy Trinity to the princes and hierarchs who were assembled in the honourable Council of the lovers of wisdom. Because you preached the divine unity, they came to know its unique Being through your teaching. You ineffably silenced the prattling of Arius by divine grace and the inspiration of the Spirit. O inspired hierarch, implore Christ our God to grant forgiveness of sins to those who sincerely celebrate your holy memory.

Glory: Both now:

Hail, O magnificent throne of our God! Hail, O Virgin, *you are* the royal seat, the marriage bed covered with purple and gold, the scarlet cloak, the richly-adorned temple and the lampstand bearing the Light! Hail, O Mother of our God, *you are* the city with twelve ramparts and golden gates, the illuminated bridal chamber, the table which reflects gold and the tabernacle decorated by God. Hail, O glorious Bride, *you are* brilliant like the sun! Hail, unique splendour of my soul.

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;
the meditation of my heart will be about understanding. 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 our father Spyridon.

Both now:

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

Have mercy: Tone 6

O wise hierarch Spyridon, *you are* the joy of the fathers and their crown. You enlighten the ends of the earth with the brightness of your miracles which reveal you as victorious over the madness of Arius. Implore Christ to save our souls.

Intercession

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

Visit your world with mercy and compassion; exalt the horn of Orthodox Christians and send down on them your rich mercy, through the prayers of our all-pure Lady, Theotokos and Ever-virgin Mary, by the power of the honourable and life-giving cross, through the protection of the honourable bodiless powers of heaven, through the prayers of the honourable, glorious, prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John, of the holy, glorious, all-praised apostles, of the holy, all-praised and victorious martyrs, of our holy and God-bearing fathers, of the holy and just forebears of God, Ioachim and Anna, of the wonderworker Spyridon, 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.

Kontáktion

Tone 2

All-holy Spyridon, *you were* inspired by the love of Christ *and* flew on wings of the Spirit to pure contemplation. Therefore you became an altar of sacrifice in your apostolic life and implore the Lord to enlighten us all.

Íkos

Today let us celebrate Spyridon, a hierarch of the Lord *who was* sanctified from his childhood. When he had received the tablets of the new law of grace from the divine Glory, he was recognised by everyone through his miracles as a witness to the divine radiance, a zealous defender of the poor and a reconciler of sinners. By the will of God he has become a hierarch capable of asking the Lord to enlighten us all.

Synaxáron

Today we remember our renowned father Spyridon the Wonderworker, Bishop of Trimidoús, who lived in the Fourth Century. He was a married uneducated shepherd who was chosen as a bishop because of his great piety. He was present at the First Oecumenical Council. On the Twelfth he departed from this passing life and his soul became enthralled.

Together with him we remember:

Hieromartyr Alexander of Jerusalem C3

Martyr Synetós of Rome C3

Bishop Finnian of Clonard C6

Bishop Colman of Glendalough C7

Abbess Edburga of Minster C8

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

Katavasías

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

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

4: O Rod of the stem of Jesse and Flower which bloomed from a virgin, O all-praised Christ, you have come from the mountain covered with

darkness. You have been made flesh from her who did not know marriage. O God not formed from matter, O Lord, glory to your might!

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

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

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

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

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

Ode 9

My soul glorifies the Lord

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

R: *You are* more honourable than the Cherubim

and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim.

You gave birth to God the Word without defilement;

O true Theotokos, we glorify you.

² For he has regarded his servant's humility;

see, from now all generations will call me blessed. R:

³ For the Almighty has accomplished great *things* for me

and his name is holy.

His mercy is from generation to generation

on those who fear him. R:

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

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

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

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

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

Small Litany

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

Exaposteilária

Tone 3

O Spyrídon, the Spirit bore you to the spiritual flock from an unreasoning herd of animals, as was the case with Moses and David, whose gentleness you imitated.

O blessed father, the Lord glorified you with innumerable wonders and miracles. You acknowledged the Holy Trinity with the sacred Council *and* raised men from their sins. Through your heavenly prayer you changed a serpent into gold and stopped the flow of a river in order to cross it.

O blameless Virgin, you carried the one whom God had begotten, the divine Word who brought salvation to the world and caused our redemption in wisdom. Therefore we all ask you in song to save us from every danger and affliction, for you are the woman who pleads before him.

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.
 Because you were enlightened with the radiance of the Spirit, you dispelled the darkness of Arius' foolish talk. Therefore, O wise bishop, you faithfully taught about the Holy Trinity in simplicity. You strengthened the council, and were glorified by the wise and learned.

S3: Praise him with tuneful cymbals;
 praise him with joyful cymbals.
 Let everything with breath praise the Lord.
 Because you were enlightened with the radiance of the Spirit, you dispelled the darkness of Arius' foolish talk. Therefore, O wise bishop, you faithfully taught about the Holy Trinity in simplicity. You strengthened the council, and were glorified by the wise and learned.

S2: My mouth will speak about wisdom;
 the thought of my heart will be about understanding. Ps 48
 O divinely blessed father and wonderworker, because you were clothed with heavenly radiance and the power of Christ, you grant healing of soul and body to those who now celebrate your memory with faith.
 Continually intercede for us.

S1: I will clothe her priests with salvation
 and her holy ones will rejoice with gladness. Ps 131
 O bearer of God, you were revealed as a cultivator of Christ the true vine in your fidelity to the commandments. Therefore, you mystically received the talent of the kingdom from above. O wise S^{py}ridon, pray continually for us who honour you.

Glory: Tone 4

O venerable father, all-praised and wise bishop, you were filled with the teaching of the apostles. You were revealed as a temple of the divine Spirit in your virtuous life. With your teaching you drove away the wolves who attacked the Church and clarified the faith of the Orthodox. You were a pillar and champion of true worship. Therefore you accomplished wonders in days of old, raised a dead woman to question her and transformed a serpent into gold. Even now, O speaker with teachers, truly marvellous among the fathers, plead with the Saviour to save our souls.

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!

Let peace *come* to earth and goodwill to men!

² We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,
we glorify you *and* 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 hand 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 constantly praise your name for ever and ever. Ps 144.2

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

⁹ Blessed are you, O Lord God of our fathers!

Your name is praised and glorified for ever. Amen Dan 3

¹⁰ O Lord, let your mercy be on us,
for we have hoped in you. Ps 32.22

- ¹⁶ Blessed are you, O Lord!
 Teach me your statutes. *X3* Ps 118.12
- ¹² O Lord, you have been our refuge
 from generation to generation. Ps 89.1
- I said, "Lord, have mercy on me;
 heal my soul, for I have sinned against you." Ps 40.5
- ¹⁴ O Lord, I have fled to you;
 teach me to do your will,
 for you are my God. Ps 142:10
- ¹⁵ For with you is the source of life
 and in your light we will see light. Ps 35.10
- ¹⁶ Extend your mercy
 to those who know you. Ps 35.11

Triságion

Apolytíkion

Tone 1

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LITURGY

Antiphon 1 Ps 91 Tone 5

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

Antiphon 2 Ps 92 Tone 2

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

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

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

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

S4: Glory: Both now:

Monogenes

Antiphon 3 Ps 94 Tone 1

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

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S2: Let us enter his presence with thanksgiving
and gladly cry to him with psalms,

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

Entrance Ps 94

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.

Save us, O Son of God.

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Of the Church

Kontákion

Tone 3

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

Triságion

Prokeimenon Ps 149 Tone 7

R: The holy ones will boast in glory.

S: Sing a new song to the Lord.

Apostolos

The Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians (5:8-19)

Brothers, once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.

Walk as children of light, ⁹for the fruit of light is found in all that is good, right and true. ¹⁰Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part

in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³When anything

is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes

visible is light. ¹⁴Therefore it is said, "Wake up, O sleeper, and rise from

the dead, and Christ will give you light." ¹⁵Look carefully then how you

walk, not as unwise men but as wise. ¹⁶Make the most of the time,

because the days are evil. ¹⁷Therefore do not be foolish, but understand

what is the will of the Lord. ¹⁸And do not get drunk with wine, for that is

debauchery. Instead be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹addressing one another in

psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make melody to the Lord

with all your heart.

Alleluia Ps 131 Tone 2

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

and your holy ones will rejoice.

S2: For the Lord has chosen Zion.

Gospel

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

The Lord said to those who followed him: I am the door; if any one 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 The one 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 31

O just, be glad in the Lord and rejoice;
all you upright in heart, boast *in the Lord*. Alleluia!