

SUNDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2025
21st Sunday Tone 4 & Eothinón 10
Martyrs Akíndynos and Companions of Persia C4

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.

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

O Christ our God, we always honour your life-giving cross and glorify your resurrection on the third day. O almighty *Lord*, you have renewed the corrupt nature of the human race and revealed our way to heaven through it, for you are good and the Lover of the human race.

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

O Saviour, you abolished the penalty of the tree of disobedience by being nailed willingly to the tree of the cross. O almighty *Lord*, you broke the bonds of death as God by descending to Hades. Therefore we adore your resurrection from the dead and sing in joy, "Glory to you, O almighty Lord!"

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

O Lord listen to my voice.

O Lord, you smashed the gates of Hades and demolished the kingdom of death by your death. You rescued the human race from corruption and granted the world life, incorruption and great mercy.

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

O people, come and sing about the Saviour's resurrection on the third day. We have all been freed by it from the unbreakable bonds of Hades; we

have received life and incorruption. Therefore we cry in unison, “You were crucified, buried and rose again. Unique Lover of the human race, save us by your resurrection.”

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

But there is forgiveness with you.

O Saviour, angels and mortals sing about your resurrection on the third day. The ends of the inhabited earth have been enlightened by it and we have been rescued from bondage to the enemy. We cry, “O Life-creating and almighty Saviour, save us by your resurrection.”

S5: O Lord, I have waited for you for your name’s sake;
my soul has waited for your word,
my soul has hoped in the Lord.

O Christ our God, you have shattered the gates of brass and destroyed the chains of death. You have raised the fallen human race. Therefore we cry in unison, “O Lord risen from the dead, glory to you!”

Tone 4

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

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

He will redeem Israel from all his offences.

Let us sing about the company of the five martyrs. They are valiant athletes and fervent protectors. They each obtain gifts for the faithful in accordance with their names. Anempódistos brings freedom from the passions. Elpidiphóros brings hope for future good. Aphthónios brings an abundance of heavenly treasure. Pigásios brings a spring that never fails. Akíndynos brings the removal of every danger. X2

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

Neither hunger, tribulation, life, death, boiling cauldrons, the depths of the earth or even the mouths of wild animals could separate your brave deeds of patient endurance from the love of Christ. You continually directed your gaze towards him; you desired him alone and vanquished the enemy.

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

O divinely wise *martyrs*, as you delight in sweetness and are filled with light, save from misfortunes, bondage and imprisonment those who pray to you and honour your place of martyrdom,. For you have boldness before God and great mercy as true imitators and followers of Christ.

Glory: Tone 6

Today the martyrs' choir of fivefold splendour illuminates the faithful like a constellation of stars; it summons all to mystical joy. Today the servants of the spiritual Sun lead all to justice. They destroyed the traditions of the Persians who adored the material sun and worshipped fire. They filled to overflowing the cup of their suffering and have been crowned with their blood shed for the sake of Christ. O lovers of devotion, they call us and say, "Come and feast as you see our sufferings. Observe our crowns and honours." For Christ has truly said, 'The one who endures to the end is saved.' Come and share our crowns and use us as intercessors before the Lord."

Both now: Tone 4

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 corrupted 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.

Phos Ilarón

P/D: Wisdom! Stand upright!

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

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

Prokeímenon

P/D: The Evening Prokeimenon

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

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

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

Ektení

Prayer

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

Plirotiká

Prayer

P: Peace be with you all. R: And with your spirit

D: Bow down your heads to the Lord. R: To you, O Lord.

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

Amen.

Apósticha

Tone 4

O Lord, you have annulled our ancestral curse by ascending the cross. You have freed those in chains throughout the ages by descending to Hades and have granted incorruption to the human race. Therefore we glorify your life-giving and saving resurrection with hymns.

S1: The Lord reigns *and* is clothed with majesty;
the Lord has put on power and clothed himself. Ps 92

Uniquely-powerful Lord, you made the whole creation quake by hanging on the tree. You have raised those who lived in the tombs by being laid in the tomb; you have granted life and incorruption to the human race. Therefore we glorify your resurrection on the third day with hymns.

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

O Christ, a lawless people handed you over to Pilate and condemned you to be crucified, therefore they proved themselves ungrateful before their Benefactor. You willingly endured burial, rose by your own power on the third day and granted us eternal life and great mercy, for you are God.

S3: O Lord, holiness is right for your house to length of days. Ps 92

The women reached your tomb with tears, searched for you, but did not find you. They cried out with grief, "Woe to us! Our Saviour, King of all, how were you stolen? What place can hold your life-bearing body?" But an angel replied to them, "Do not weep but go and proclaim that the Lord has risen and grants us joy, for he is the uniquely-compassionate *Lord*."

Glory: Tone 2

Come and rejoice in the Lord today! It is the memorial of the passion-bearers. All who love the feasts of the Church, come and give glory as we offer them mystical praise, "Hail, O Akíndynos! Rejoice, Pegasus and Anempodistus! Rejoice, Elpidaphorus! Hail, O Aphthónios!" You drowned the deceits of idolatry in the depths of the sea and preached Christ the Lord openly in the arena. Therefore, most blessed and greatly suffering *martyrs*, always pray for our souls.

Both now:

O Theotokos, I place all my hope in you. Keep me under the wings of your protection.

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

When the women disciples of the Lord learnt from the angel the joyful message of your resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the Apostles, “Death is overthrown. Christ our God has risen and grants the world great mercy.”

Tone 2

O victorious witnesses of the Lord, blessed is the earth which received your blood! Holy are the heavenly places that opened to your souls! You vanquished the enemy in battle and proclaimed Christ with courage. Intercede with him to save our souls, for he is good.

O Theotokos, your mysteries are beyond every thought and your mysteries are exceedingly glorious. You were sealed in purity and preserved in virginity, and so were revealed without deception as the mother who gave birth to the true God. Plead with him to save our souls.

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 4

The myrrh-bearing women looked at the entrance of the tomb. They were unable to bear the sight of the flaming angel, trembled with wonder and said, "Can it be that the one who opened Paradise to the Thief has been stolen? Or is he risen, who before his passion proclaimed his resurrection? Christ is risen indeed; he grants life and resurrection to those in Hades."

Glory:

O Saviour, you suffered the cross by your free will. Mortal men laid you in a new tomb, although you are the *Lord* who founded the ends of the earth with your word. Therefore the alien was held in bondage and death was plundered without mercy. Everyone in Hades cried out at your life-bearing resurrection, "Christ, the Giver of life, is risen and will remain for ever!"

Both now:

O Theotokos, your seedless conceiving was beyond nature; Joseph was struck with wonder and called to mind the fleece wet with dew, the bush which burned, yet was not consumed, and the rod of Aaron which budded. In witness to these things, your betrothed guardian cried to the priests, "A Virgin bears a child and after childbearing remains a virgin."

Kathisma 2

O Saviour, Christ our God, you rose from Hades as immortal and raised the world with you by your resurrection. O Merciful *Lord*, you have broken in pieces the dominion of death and revealed the resurrection to everyone. Therefore we glorify you, only Lover of the human race.

Glory:

Gabriel came down from above and approached the stone where the Rock of Life lay. He was clothed in white and cried out to the mourners, "Stop your tears and wailing, for you have Mercy with you for ever. Take courage, for the *Lord* whom you seek with tears has truly woken. Therefore cry out to the Apostles that the Lord has risen."

Both now:

O Pure Virgin, all the choirs of angels were struck with wonder at the dread mystery of your conceiving. "How was it that the one whose hand held everything firm with a mere nod, was held in your arms as a mortal man? How was it that the *Lord* who was before the ages, was born from you? How was it that the one who feeds everything with breath was suckled at the breast?" They glorify you with hymns as the true Theotokos.

Evlogitária

Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes.

The assembly of angels was amazed when it saw you among the dead. O Saviour, by destroying the power of death, you raised Adam with you and freed everyone from Hades.

Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes.

The radiant angel cried to the Myrrhbearers from the tomb, "Why do you women mingle myrrh with your tears? Look at the tomb and understand. The Saviour has risen from the tomb."

Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes.

The Myrrhbearers ran sorrowfully to your tomb very early in the morning, but an angel came to them and said, "The time for sorrow has come to an end. Do not weep, but announce the resurrection to the apostles."

Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes.

The Myrrhbearers were sorrowful as they approached your tomb, but the angel said to them: Why do you number the Living among the dead? As God he has risen from the tomb."

Glory:

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

Both now:

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory to you, O God. (X3)

O our God and our hope, glory to you.

Small Litany

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

Ypakóï

Read without note

O Christ, the Myrrh-bearers hurried to announce to the Apostles the glad news of your all-glorious resurrection. They proclaimed that you had risen as God and granted the world great mercy.

Anaváthmi Tone 4

Antiphon 1 Ps 128

My Saviour, many passions have fought against me
from my youth, but help and save me.

May those who hate Zion be shamed by the Lord;
they will be withered like grass by fire.

Glory: Both now:

Every soul lives through the Holy Spirit;
it is exalted through purity
and illuminated by the Triune Unity in a sacred mystery.

Antiphon 2 Ps 129

O Lord, I have cried fervently from the depths of my soul;

let your divine ears listen to me.
 Everyone who has hoped in the Lord
 is higher than everyone who grieves.

Glory: Both now:

The streams of grace gush through the Holy Spirit;
 they water all creation to produce life.

Antiphon 3 Ps 130

O Word, let my heart be raised to you;
 let none of the world's pleasures enchant me back to earth.
 As each of us has affection for his mother,
 so we must have even more ardent love for the Lord.

Glory: Both now:

The wealth of divine knowledge, heavenly vision and wisdom
 comes from the Holy Spirit;
 for the Word unveils all the Father's teaching through him.

Prokeímenon Ps 43

R: O Lord, rise and help us;
 free us for your name's sake.

S: O God, we have heard with our ears.

Small Litany

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

Kontákion

Read without note

My Saviour and Redeemer raised those born on earth from their chains, for
 he is God. He shattered the gates of Hades and has risen on the third day
 as Master.

Íkos

Let all of us who are born on earth sing the praises of Christ, the Giver of
 life. He rose from the dead, came from the tomb on the third day and
 today has smashed the gates of death by his strength. He set free Adam
 and Eve, killed Hades and destroyed the sting of death. Let us cry aloud in
 thanksgiving with our generous praise, for he alone is the mighty God and
 has risen on the third day as Master.

Synaxáριον

Today we remember the suffering of the holy martyrs Akíndynos, Pigásios, Aphthónios, Elpidiphóros and Anempódistos of Persia who lived in the Fourth Century. Akindinos was a court official and on the Second he, together with two companions, perished in the flames. Aphthónios and Elpidiphóros bent their neck under the sword.

Together with them we remember:

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

Gospel Dialogue

P/D: Let us pray to the Lord. *Lord have mercy*

P: For you, O God, are holy *and* rest in the Holy Place. We send up glory to you, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. *Amen.*

R: Let everything with breath praise the Lord. *X3*

Praise God in his saints;

praise him in his mighty firmament. *Ps 50*

P/D: And that we may be counted worthy to listen to the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord our God. *Lord have mercy X3*

P/D: Wisdom. Stand up. Let us listen to the Holy Gospel.

P: Peace be with you all. *And with your spirit*

P: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

P/D: Let us attend

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

Katavasías

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

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

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

5: O Virgin, all creation was amazed at your divine glory, for you knew no man. You held thee God of all in your womb and gave birth to the eternal Son. You order salvation for all those who praise you.

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

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

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

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

Eothinón Gospel 10

From the Holy Gospel according to John (21:1-14)

At that time Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he revealed himself in this way. ² Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. ³ Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat; but that night they caught nothing. ⁴ Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the beach; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, "Children, have you any fish?" They answered him, "No." ⁶ He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, for the quantity of fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his clothes, for he was stripped for work, and sprang into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off. ⁹ When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish lying on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and although

there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

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

Resurrection Ode

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

Psalm 50

O God, have mercy on me in your abundant mercy
and wipe out my offence through your great pity.
⁴ Wash me thoroughly from my lawless act
and cleanse me from my sin,
⁵ for I know my lawlessness
and my sin is always before me.
⁶ I have sinned against you alone
and done what is evil before you
^{6b} so that you might be right in your words
and overcome when you are judged,
⁷ for see, I was conceived in lawlessness
and my mother desired me in sin,
⁸ for see, you have loved truth
and shown me the mysteries and secrets of your wisdom.
⁹ You will sprinkle me with hyssop and I will be clean;
you will wash me and I will become whiter than snow.
¹⁰ You will make me hear about joy and gladness;
humbled bones will rejoice.
¹¹ Turn your face from my sins
and wipe out all my lawlessness.
¹² O God, make a pure heart within me

and renew an upright spirit within me.

¹³ Do not banish me from your presence
or remove your Holy Spirit from me.

¹⁴ Restore your saving joy to me
and strengthen me with your directing Spirit.

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

¹⁶ O God, God of my salvation, free me from bloodshed,
then my tongue will rejoice in your justice.

¹⁷ O Lord, you will open my lips
and my mouth will announce your praise,

¹⁸ for if you had wanted sacrifice, I would have given it;
you will not be pleased with burnt offerings.

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

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

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

Glory: Tone 6

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

Both now:

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

Have mercy:

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

Intercession

Short form

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

Visit your world with mercy and compassion; exalt the horn of Orthodox Christians and send down on them your rich mercy, through the prayers of our all-pure Lady, Theotokos and Ever-virgin Mary, by the power of the honourable and life-giving cross, through the protection of the honourable

bodiless powers of heaven, through the prayers of the honourable, glorious, prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John, of the holy, glorious, all-praised apostles, of the holy, all-praised and victorious martyrs, of our holy and God-bearing fathers, of the holy and just forebears of God, Ioachim and Anna, of the holy martyrs Akíndynos, Pigásios, Aphthónios, Elpidiphóros and Anempódistos, and of all the saints. We ask you, only merciful Lord, “Listen to us sinners as we pray to you, and have mercy on us.”

Lord have mercy. X12

Through the mercy, compassion and love for the human race of your only-begotten Son, with whom you are blessed, together with the all-holy, good and life-giving Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. *Amen.*

Ode 9

My soul glorifies the Lord
and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Saviour. R:

R: *You are* more honourable than the Cherubim
and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim.
You gave birth to God the Word without defilement;
O true Theotokos, we glorify you.

² For he has regarded his servant’s humility;
see, from now all generations will call me blessed. R:

³ For the Almighty has accomplished great *things* for me
and his name is holy.

His mercy is from generation to generation
on those who fear him. R:

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

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

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

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

9: Let every earthborn mortal spiritually rejoice and carry lamps. be radiant and spiritually leap for joy. Let the ranks of angelic powers celebrate as they honour the sacred wonders of the Theotokos and cry, “Hail, O pure and blessed Ever-virgin who gave birth to God!”

Small Litany

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

Holy is the Lord

Holy is the Lord our God. *X3*

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

Exaposteilária

Tone 6

The sons of Zebedee, together with Peter, Thomas, Nathaniel of Cana and two other disciples, were fishing in the Sea of Tiberius. At Christ's command they cast the net on the right side and hauled in many fish. Peter recognised him and swam to him. Then Jesus took bread and fish, and gave it to them. This was the third time that he was revealed to his disciples.

Tone 3

O holy martyrs, your spring pours out the grace of healing with abundance; it rescues from every danger all the faithful who celebrate your sacred memory with hope. O renowned martyrs, pour out your remedies today on those who lovingly honour your choir of five.

You renewed nature which had been damaged by our first father. Beyond nature you conceived and gave birth as a virgin to the Author of creation. O Theotokos, because they were filled with his strength, the martyr choir contended while they sang to you as the first fruits of our salvation.

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.

S8: This glory will be for all his holy ones.
Almighty Lord, you suffered the cross and death, and rose from the dead.
We glorify your resurrection.

S7: Praise God in his saints;
praise him in his mighty firmament.
O Christ, you have rescued us by your cross from the ancient curse and
suppressed by your death the Devil who was tyrannising our nature. You
have filled everything with joy by your resurrection. Therefore we cry out
to you, “O Lord, risen from the dead, glory to you!”

S6: Praise him for his mighty *deeds*;
praise him for the abundance of his majesty.
O Christ *our* Saviour, lead us into your truth through your cross and rescue
us from the snares of the enemy; you have risen from the dead. O Lord,
Lover of the human race, extend your arm and, at the prayers of your
saints, raise us who have fallen because of sin.

S5: Praise him with the trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp.
O uniquely-fathered Word of God, in your love for the human race you
came to earth without leaving the bosom of the Father. You became truly
man, so that you could suffer the cross and death in the flesh, although you
are without passion in Divinity. You have granted the human race
immortality by your resurrection, for you alone are all-powerful.

S4: Praise him with cymbal and dance;
praise him with strings and flute.
O Saviour, you suffered death in the flesh in order to accomplish our
immortality. You lodged in the tomb so that you might rescue us from
Hades and raise us with you. For as man you suffered, but as God you
have risen. Therefore we cry out, “O Lord, Giver of life, only Lover of the
human race, glory to you!”

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

Let everything with breath praise the Lord.

O Saviour, the rocks were split when your cross was set up on Golgotha.

O Saviour, the doorkeepers of Hades were frightened when you were laid in the tomb as if you were dead, for you have abolished the strongholds of death and granted incorruption to all the dead by your resurrection. O Lord, Giver of life, glory to you!

S2: O Lord God, rise; let your hand be exalted
and never forget the poor.

O Christ our God, the women longed to see your resurrection. Mary Magdalene came before the others and found the stone rolled from the grave. The angel who sat on it said, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He has risen as God so that he might save all things."

S1: O Lord, I will thank you with all my heart;
I will recount all your wonders.

Where is Jesus whom you decided to guard? O Hebrews, say where the *Lord* is whom you laid in the grave, then sealed the stone? Either give up the buried one or believe in the risen *Lord*. Although you are silent about the Lord's resurrection, the stones will cry out, especially the stone which was rolled from the grave. Great is your mercy and great the mystery of your dispensation! O Saviour, glory to you!"

Glory: Tone 6

O Christ, after your descent to Hades and your resurrection from the dead, the disciples were rightly sorrowful and grieved at your absence. They went back to their work, attending their nets and boats. That night they caught nothing, but as day was breaking you appeared to them and called out as Lord of all, "Cast the net on the right side." They cast the net, caught many fish and found a wonderful meal prepared on the land from which they partook at once. O Lord and Lover of The human race, make us worthy now to enjoy it with them in spirit.

Both now: Tone 2

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

has been annulled, and Eve set free. Death has been slain, so we are given life. Blessed is Christ our God, whose good will it was. Glory to you!

Great Doxology

Glory to you who have shown us the light!

glory to God in the highest!

Peace on earth and goodwill to men!

² We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,
we glorify you, we thank you for your great glory,

³ O Lord King, heavenly God, almighty Father,
O Lord, only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ,
and you, O Holy Spirit!

⁴ O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us,

for you take away the sin of the world.

⁵ Receive our prayer,
for you sit on the right of the Father,
and have mercy on us.

⁶ For only you are holy, only you are Lord,
O Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

⁷ I will bless you every day
and always praise your name for ever and ever. Ps 144

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

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

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

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

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

Resurrection Troparion

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

LITURGY

Antiphon 1 Ps 91

S1: It is good to thank the Lord
and make melody to your name, O Most High.

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

S2: To announce your mercy in the morning
and your truth by night,

S3: For the Lord our God is upright
and there is no injustice in him.

S4: Glory: Both now:

Antiphon 2 Ps 92

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

R: Save us, O Son of God.
You arose from the dead
We sing to you, “Alleluia!”

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

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

Monogenes

Antíphon 3 Ps 94 Tone 4

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

R: When the women disciples of the Lord learnt from the angel the joyful message of your resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the Apostles, “Death is overthrown. Christ our God has risen and grants the world great mercy.”

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

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

Entrance Ps 94

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.

Save us, O Son of God.

You arose from the dead.

We sing to you, “Alleluia!”

Apolytikia

Tone 4

When the women disciples of the Lord learnt from the angel the joyful message of your resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the Apostles, “Death is overthrown. Christ our God has risen and grants the world great mercy.”

Tone 2

O victorious witnesses of the Lord, blessed is the earth which received your blood! Holy are the heavenly places that opened to your souls! You vanquished the enemy in battle and proclaimed Christ with courage. Intercede with him to save our souls, for he is good.

Of the Church

Kontákion

O unfailing protection of Christians and unchanging mediator before the Creator, do not despise the prayers of us sinners, but in your goodness extend your help to those of us who faithfully cry to you, “O Theotokos, you always protect those who honour you, so hurry to intercede for us and hasten to plead for us.”

Triságion

Prokeímenon Ps 103 Tone 4

R: O Lord, how splendid are your works;
 you have made them all in wisdom.
 S: Bless the Lord, O my soul!
 O Lord my God, you are highly exalted.

Apóstolos

From the Letter of Paul to the Galatians (2:16-20)

Brothers, we know that a man is not made just by works of the law, but through faith in Jesus Christ. Even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be made just by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because no one will be made just by works of the law. ¹⁷ But if, in our endeavour to be made just in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! ¹⁸ But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself an offender. ¹⁹ For I died to the law through the law, so that I might live for God. ²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. The life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Alleluia Ps 44 Tone 4

S1: Bend *the bow*, prosper and rule for truth, gentleness and justice;
 your right hand will amazingly guide you.
 S2: You have loved justice and hated lawlessness,
 so God your God has anointed you with joyful oil over your
 companions.

Sunday Luke 5

From the Holy Gospel according to Luke (16:19-31)

The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, ²¹ who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; ²³ and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. ²⁴ And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' ²⁵ But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in

your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' ²⁷ And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, ²⁸ for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, in case they also come into this place of torment.' ²⁹ But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' ³⁰ And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' ³¹ He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.'"

Communion Ps 148

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