**SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER 2026**
**+Apostle and Evangelist Luke (Loukas) C1**
**20th Sunday Tone 3 & Eothinón 9**

**VESPERS**

**Lord I have cried**

Tone 3
O Lord, I have cried to you, listen to me;
O Lord, listen to me.
O Lord, I have cried to you, listen to me;
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 Saviour, the dominion of death has been shattered by your cross and the deception of the Devil has been destroyed. The human race which has been saved by faith always offers you a hymn.

S9: The just will wait for me until you reward me.
O Lord, everything has been enlightened by your resurrection and Paradise has been re-opened. The whole creation praises you and continually offers you a hymn.

S8: O Lord, I have cried to you from the depths;
O Lord listen to my voice.
I glorify the power of the Father and the Son, and I praise the authority of the Holy Spirit, the undivided, uncreated Divinity, the consubstantial Trinity who reigns for all time.

S7: Let your ears note the voice of my plea.
O Christ, we bow down in worship before your precious cross. We glorify and praise your resurrection, for we have all been healed by your wounds.

S6: O Lord, if you mark offences, who will stand?
But there is forgiveness with you.
We praise the Saviour *who was* incarnate from the Virgin, for he was crucified for our sake, rose on the third day and grants us great mercy.

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.
Christ descended to Hades *where* he proclaimed the glad news and said, "Be of good courage. See, now I have triumphed. I am the resurrection; I will lead you out, for I have shattered the gates of death."

Tone 8
4: Let Israel hope in the Lord
from the morning watch until night,
from the morning watch.
What shall we call you, for you have seen our God? An efficient steward of the mysteries of Christ? A wise builder of the spiritual tabernacle? The carver of the tablets of grace on which you have engraved the newest of laws which came from Zion and are preached by you? Pray for the salvation of our souls.

3: For there is mercy with the Lord
and abundant redemption with him.
He will redeem Israel
from all his offences.
What shall we call you, O glorious apostle? An attentive physician who heals souls and bodies with the treasures of heavenly graces? A colleague and travelling companion of Paul? The writer of the Acts of the Apostles? Many are your names and many are your gifts. Pray for the salvation of our souls.

2: Every nation, praise the Lord;
every people, acclaim him!
What shall we call you, O God-inspired preacher? A faithful steward of the mysteries of Christ? A servant of the divine tent not made with human hands and perfected in the fullness of time by the Builder of wisdom? He entrusted to you the new law of grace *which was* inscribed in Zion on tablets hewn from the rock of love. O faithful witness, pray for the salvation of our souls.

1: For he has strengthened his mercy over us
and the truth of the Lord remains for ever.
What shall we call you, O amazing apostle? A faithful observer of the wisdom which educates us? The writer of the Acts of the Apostles whose teaching you relate? The immoveable pillar of faith, the fortification of the Church or the impregnable fortress? Many are your deeds and many are your gifts. Pray for the salvation of our souls.

Glory: Tone 6
O apostle of Christ, compiler of divine teaching and foundation of the Church, you were the attendant and emulator of Paul *who was* the Vessel of Election. You have rescued us from the turmoil of ignorance by wisdom, for our hearts were in the depths of destruction. Therefore, most admirable Luke, the pride of Antioch, we implore you to pray to our Saviour and God for those who celebrate your most honourable memory with faith.

Glory: Both now: Tone 3
All-honoured *Virgin*, how can we not wonder at your giving birth to the *Lord* who is God and man? For, all-pure *Lady* without experience of man, you gave birth to a Son in the flesh who was begotten without mother from the Father before time. He underwent no mingling, change or division, but preserved the attributes of each nature. Therefore, O Lady and virgin Mother, plead with him to save the souls of those who acknowledge you in the Orthodox manner to be the Theotokos.

**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 3

O Christ, you darkened the sun by your passion and enlightened the whole creation with the light of your resurrection. O Lover of the human race, accept our evening hymn.

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

O Lord, your life-bearing resurrection enlightened the whole inhabited earth and recalled your creation which had become corrupt. Therefore we, who are rescued from the curse of Adam, sing, "O almighty Lord, glory to you!"

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

You are the changeless God, yet were changed by suffering in the flesh. Because creation could not endure seeing you on the cross, it was filled with fear, yet praised your patience. You have granted the world life and great mercy by descending into Hades and rising on the third day.

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

O Christ, you endured death in order to rescue our human race from death. You rose from the dead on the third day, raised with you those who knew you as God and enlightened the world. Glory to you!

Glory: Tone 6

All-wise apostle, faithful labourer of the Saviour, witness of the triumph of his passion, you have completed the race, kept the faith, harvested the peoples from the darkness of error and offered us as a sweet-smelling oblation to the heavenly King. Now that you stand before the Judge of all, pray that he will rescue us from our sins and save us from eternal death when he comes in glory on the Day of Judgment.

Both now: Tone 6

Most pure Virgin, my Maker and Redeemer, Christ the Lord, was born from you; by accepting my nature he freed Adam from his ancient curse. We continually glorify you as the Mother of God. Hail, celestial joy! Hail, O Lady, the protection, intercession and salvation of our souls!

**Song of Simeon**

B/P: O Master, now let your servant depart in peace
according to your word,
2 for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared before all peoples,
3 a light of revelation for *the* nations
and *the* glory of your people Israel.

**Triságion Prayers**

**Apolytíkia**

Tone 3

Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad, for the Lord has shown strength with his arm. He has trampled down death by death and become the first born from the dead. He has rescued us from the depths of Hades and granted great mercy to the world.

Tone 3

O holy apostle Luke, pray to the merciful God to grant our souls forgiveness for their failings.

Tone 3

O virgin Theotokos, we praise you as mediator for the salvation of our race. For your Son and our God accepted suffering on the cross in the flesh which he took from you. He has set us free from corruption, for he is the Lover of the human race.

**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*

**Kathísma 1**

Tone 3

Christ is risen from the dead, the firstfruits of those who sleep. He is the firstborn of all creation and the Maker of everything created. He restored the corrupt nature of our race in himself. O Death, you will reign no more, for the Master of all has destroyed your power.

Glory:

O Lord, after you had tasted death in the flesh, you emptied death of its sting through your resurrection. You have strengthened the human race against death and proclaimed the abolition of the ancient curse. Glory to you, O Lord, Protector of our lives!

Both now:

O Theotokos, Gabriel marvelled at the beauty of your virginity and at the great brightness of your purity, as he cried to you, "What praise can I offer which is fitting for you? By what name can I call you? I am troubled and afraid. Therefore, as I was commanded, I raise my cry, 'Hail, O Full of Grace.'"

**Kathísma 2**

O Lord, Hades was dismayed when it saw your unchanging divinity, yet observed your voluntary passion. It mourned and said, "I tremble before the flesh of the incorruptible Person. I see the one who cannot be seen as he mysteriously fights me, while those I hold in my power are crying out, 'O Christ, glory to your resurrection!'"

Glory:

O faithful, when we speak about divine matters, we touch on an ineffable mystery, the incomprehensible crucifixion and the inexplicable resurrection. For today death and Hades are plundered while the human race is clothed with incorruption. Therefore we cry aloud with thanksgiving, "Glory to your resurrection, O Christ!"

Both now:

O Theotokos, you mysteriously held in your womb the Lord whom no one can comprehend and nothing can contain. He is one in essence with the Father and the Spirit. Through your childbearing

we have come to realise that the one and only Energy of the Trinity is glorified without confusion in the world. Therefore we cry aloud to you with thanksgiving, "Hail, O Full of Grace!"

**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*

**Ypakói**

*Read without note*

The radiant angel caused amazement through his appearance and brought dew by his words to the myrrhbearing women, "Why do you seek the Living in a grave? The one who has emptied the tomb has risen and has changed corruption, *for he is* the *Lord* without change. Say to God, 'How fearful are your works, for you have saved the human race!'"

**Anaváthmi Tone 3**

Antiphon 1 Ps 125
O Word, you freed the captivity of Zion from Babylon,
so pull me from the passions of life in the same way.
Those who sow divine tears in the South
will reap everlasting sheaves with joy.
Glory: Both now:
Every good gift comes from the Holy Spirit,
for he is radiant, together with the Father and the Son;
everything lives and moves in him.

Antiphon 2 Ps 126
If the Lord had not built the house of virtues,
then we would labour in vain;
while he protects the soul no one destroys our city.
The saints are always like the fruit of the womb for you;
O Christ, they have been adopted as sons by the Father
through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.
Glory: Both now:
All wisdom and holiness are observed in the Holy Spirit,
for he is the essence of all creation.
Let us worship him with the Father and the Word,
for he is God.

Antiphon 3 Ps 127
Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways;
for they eat the life-giving fruits of the commandments.
O chief Shepherd, rejoice as you see your children
who carry branches of good deeds around your table.
Glory: Both now:
All richness of glory is the Holy Spirit's
and from him come grace and life for all creation,
for he is praised with the Father and the Word.

**Prokeimenon Ps 95**

R: Say among the nations that the Lord reigns,
and has founded the world which will not be moved.
S: Sing to the Lord a new song.

**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*

O merciful *Lord*, on this day you rose from the tomb and led us away from the gates of death. Today Adam dances as Eve rejoices. Together with the prophets and patriarchs they continually praise the divine majesty of your power.

**Íkos**

Let heaven and earth dance today and sing in unison the praises of Christ our God, for he has raised those held captive from the grave. All creation rejoices together and offers suitable hymns to the Creator and Rescuer of all. For today, as the Giver of Life, he pulled mortal man from Hades and raised him to heaven with himself. He has trampled the pride of the enemy and broken the gates of Hades by the divine majesty of his power.

**Synaxárion**

Today we remember the holy apostle and evangelist Luke. He was a physician who travelled with Paul on some of the missionary journeys. He wrote the two-volume Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. There is a story that he also wrote the first icons and so is regarded as the father of iconography. On the Eighteenth the frail course of his life came to an end.

Together with him we remember:
Martyr Marinos of Anazarvos C4
Hermit Julian of Mesopotamia C4
Martyr Wenna of Talgarth C5
O God, have mercy on us through their holy prayers. Amen.

**Katavasías**

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

**Gospel Dialogue**

P/D: Let us pray to the Lord. *Lord have mercy*
P: For you, O God, are holy *and* rest in the Holy Place. We send up glory to you, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. *Amen.*
R: Let everything with breath praise the Lord. *X3*
Praise God in his saints;
praise him in his mighty firmament. Ps 50
P/D: And that we may be counted worthy to listen to the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord our God. *Lord have mercy X3*
P/D: Wisdom. Stand up. Let us listen to the Holy Gospel.
P: Peace be with you all. *And with your spirit*
P: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.
P/D: Let us attend
R: Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.

**Eothinón Gospel 9**

From the Holy Gospel according to John (20:19-31)
On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you.” 20 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.” 22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” 24 Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe.” 26 Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, "Peace be with you.” 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing.” 28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me, Thomas? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.” 30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.

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 XXX, 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 be radiant and spiritually leap for joy. Let the ranks of angelic powers celebrate as they honour the holy feast 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 5

When you had entered while the doors were shut, you filled your apostles with the Holy Spirit. You breathed peace on them and said, "Forgive sins or retain them." After eight days you showed Thomas your hands and your side. Therefore we cry out with him, "My Lord, and my God!"

Tone 2

O Luke, apostle of Christ, initiate of ineffable mysteries, teacher of the Gentiles, prophet of God *and* most wise announcer of the mysteries, together with the godly Paul and the all-pure Theotokos whose divine icon you lovingly wrote, pray for us who bless you and celebrate your holy dormition.

O sovereign Virgin of all, go before us in danger and distress, support us in the anguish of the last day, and snatch us from the Devil, Hades and destruction. Make us worthy to stand without fear before the awesome judgement seat of your Son. You can accomplish whatever you wish as the Theotokos.

**Praises**

Tone 3

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.
Come, every nation, and learn the power of the awesome mystery, for Christ our Saviour, who is the Word from the beginning, was crucified and willingly suffered burial for our sake. He rose from the dead so that he might save all things; let us worship him.

S7: Praise God in his saints;
praise him in his mighty firmament.
O Lord, your guards spoke about all the wonders, but the deluded council filled their right hands with gifts, imagining that they would then conceal your resurrection which the world glorifies. Have mercy on us!

S6: Praise him for his mighty *deeds*;
praise him for the abundance of his majesty.
Everything was filled with joy on learning the proof of the resurrection. Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found an angel in radiant clothing sitting on the stone. He said, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen as he foretold; he goes ahead of you to Galilee."

S5: Praise him with the trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp.
O Master, we see light in your light. For you have risen from the dead and, as the Lover of the human race, grant salvation to man, so that the whole creation may glorify you, the only sinless *Lord*. Have mercy on us!

Tone 1

4: Praise him with cymbal and dance;
praise him with strings and flute.
O faithful, let us honour the apostle Luke with hymns. He is the disciple of Christ, the most wise recorder of the Gospel, the beautiful and chosen vessel, the living icon, and the boast of all the Churches. For he preached about the all-glorious miracles of God and by grace enlightened those *who are* on earth with rays of theology.

3: Praise him with tuneful cymbals;
praise him with joyful cymbals.
Let everything with breath praise the Lord. Ps 150
O wise *evangelist*, you learnt the healing of souls more than the skill of healing bodies, *but* were revealed as excellent at both. Most blessed Luke, you were inspired by the wisdom of God, and healed souls and bodies. You call men to knowledge, as though on wings in a flight towards God. You guide them all to heaven, where you pray for those who honour you.

[5] Their sound has gone out into all the earth
and their words to the ends of the world. Ps 18
You drew out like fish those who had fallen into the abyss of ignorance, with the hook of the Word for the knowledge of God. You gave rightful honour and purity of life to Christ as an offering. Therefore you were an apostle of Christ, a wise herald and a speaker for the active workings of grace.

Tone 8

[1] The heavens declare the glory of God
*and* the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
All creation, come and let us praise the true physician of souls with hymns; *he is* the ever-memorable Luke, the disciple of the Saviour. For he heals the sickness of godless behaviour with the anointing of Christ's fountain. He pours streams of water on living gardens with the rivers of divinely flowing waters which come from his mouth. Therefore his proclamation goes out into all the earth like prophecy and he prays that our souls may be saved.

Glory:

O faithful, let us assemble and cry out like David with hymns to Luke, the mystical preacher of the Word, "Your tongue is revealed to be the pen of a scribe, as it engraves the face of Christ, the chief Writer, so that the nations may understand the knowledge of God." He preached the Gospel and also recorded the Acts of the Apostles. Therefore he prays for our souls as he stands before God the Trinity.

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 3**

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

R: Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad, for the Lord has shown strength with his arm. He has trampled down death by death and become the first born from the dead. He has rescued us from the depths of Hades and granted great mercy to the world.

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!"

**Apolytíkia**

Tone 3
Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad, for the Lord has shown strength with his arm. He has trampled down death by death and become the first born from the dead. He has rescued us from the depths of Hades and granted great mercy to the world.

Tone 3
O holy apostle Luke, pray to the merciful God to grant our souls forgiveness for their failings.

*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."

**Trisagion**

**Prokeimenon Ps 18 Tone 8**

[5]His sound has gone out into all the earth
and his words to the ends of the world.
[1]The heavens declare the glory of God
*and* the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

**Apostolos**

From the Letter of Paul to the Colossians (4:5-11, 14-18)
Brothers, conduct yourselves wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time. [6]Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer every one. [7]Tych'icus will tell you all about my affairs; he is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. [8]I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts, [9]and with him Ones'imus, the faithful and beloved brother, who is one of yourselves. They will tell you of everything that has taken place here. [10]Aristar'chus my fellow prisoner greets you, and Mark the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions -- if he comes to you, receive him), [11]and Jesus who is called Justus. These are the only men of the circumcision among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me. [14]Luke the beloved physician and Demas greet you. [15]Give my greetings to the brethren at La-odice'a, and to Nympha and the church in her house. [16]And when this letter has been read among you, have it read also in the church of the La-

odice'ans; and see that you read also the letter from La-odice'a.
17And say to Archip'pus, "See that you fulfil the ministry which you
have received in the Lord." 18I, Paul, write this greeting with my
own hand. Remember my fetters. Grace be with you.

**Alleluia Ps 88 Tone 1**

6 O Lord, the heavens will acknowledge your wonders
and your truth in the assembly of saints.
8 God is glorified in the council of the saints;
*he is* great and terrible towards all those around him.

**Gospel**

From the Holy Gospel according to Luke (10:16-21)
The Lord said to his disciples, "The one who hears you hears me, and
the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me
rejects the one who sent me." 17 The seventy returned with joy,
saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" 18
And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. 19
Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and
scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall
hurt you. 20 Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are
subject to you; but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." 21
In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank
thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these
things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes;
yes, Father, for such was your gracious will."

**Communion Ps 148**

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