

Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Council

July 14, 2024

Tone 2

MATINS – HYBRID

The Trisagion Prayers

PEOPLE: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us. (3x)

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

All-holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our iniquities. Holy God, visit and heal our infirmities for Your name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory: of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Troparion and Kontakion of the Cross and Theotokion

LEADER: O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance, granting to Your people victory over all adversaries, and by Your Cross preserving Your habitation.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:

O Lord, Who of Your own good will were lifted up on the Cross, O Christ our God, bestow Your generous gifts on the new nation which is called by Your name; make glad in Your might those who lawfully govern, that with them we may be led to victory over our adversaries, having in Your aid a weapon of peace and a trophy invincible.

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O fearsome Champion, who cannot be put to confusion, despise not our petitions, O good and all-praised Theotokos; establish the way of the Orthodox; save those who have been called upon to govern us, leading us all to that victory which is from heaven, for you are she who gave birth to God and alone are blessed.

Twelve-Fold Lord Have Mercy

LEADER: Lord, have mercy. (12x)

Through the prayer of our holy fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will among men. (3x)

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall declare Your praise. (2x)

The Six Psalms

Psalm 3

Lord, how they have increased who trouble me! Many are they who rise up against me. Many are they who say of me, "There is no help for him in God." But You, O Lord, are a shield for me, my glory and the One Who lifts up my head. I cried to the Lord with my voice, and He heard me from His holy hill. I lay down and slept; I awoke, for the Lord sustained me. I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around. Arise, O Lord; save me, O my God! For You have struck all my enemies on the cheekbone; You have broken the teeth of the ungodly. Salvation belongs to the Lord. Your blessing is upon Your people.

I lay down and slept; I awoke, for the Lord sustained me.

Psalm 38 (LXX 37)

O Lord, do not rebuke me in Your wrath, nor chasten me in Your hot displeasure! For Your arrows pierce me deeply, and Your hand presses me down. There is no soundness in my flesh because of Your anger, nor any health in my bones because of my sin. For my iniquities have gone over my head; like a heavy burden they are too heavy for me. My wounds are foul and festering because of my foolishness. I am troubled, I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day long. For my loins are full of inflammation, and there is no soundness in my flesh. I am feeble and severely broken; I groan because of the turmoil of my heart. Lord, all my desire is before You; and my sighing is not hidden from You. My heart pants, my strength fails me; as for the light of my eyes, it also has gone from me. My loved ones and my friends stand aloof from my plague, and my relatives stand afar off. Those also who seek my life lay snares for me; those who seek my hurt speak of destruction, and plan deception all the day long. But I, like a deaf man, do not hear; and I am like a mute who does not open his mouth. Thus I am like a man who does not hear, and in whose mouth is no response. For in You, O Lord, I hope; You will hear, O Lord my God. For I said, "Hear me, lest they rejoice over me, lest, when my foot slips, they exalt themselves against me." For I am ready to fall, and my sorrow is continually before me. For I will declare my iniquity; I will be in anguish over my sin. But my enemies are vigorous, and they are strong; and those who hate me wrongfully have multiplied. Those also who render evil for good, they are my adversaries, because I follow what is good. Do not forsake me, O Lord; O my God, be not far from me! Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!

Do not forsake me, O Lord; O my God, be not far from me! Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!

Psalm 63 (LXX 62)

O God, You are my God; early will I seek You; my soul thirsts for You; my flesh longs for You in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water. So I have looked

for You in the sanctuary, to see Your power and Your glory. Because Your loving-kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise You. Thus I will bless You while I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name. My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth shall praise You with joyful lips. When I remember You on my bed, I meditate on You in the night watches. Because You have been my help, therefore in the shadow of Your wings I will rejoice. My soul follows close behind You; Your right hand upholds me. But those who seek my life, to destroy it, shall go into the lower parts of the earth. They shall fall by the sword; they shall be a portion for jackals. But the king shall rejoice in God; everyone who swears by Him shall glory; but the mouth of those who speak lies shall be stopped. I meditate on You in the night watches. Because You have been my help, therefore in the shadow of Your wings I will rejoice.

My soul follows close behind You; Your right hand upholds me.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory to You, O God. (3x)

Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Psalm 88 (LXX 87)

O Lord, God of my salvation, I have cried out day and night before You. Let my prayer come before You; incline Your ear to my cry. For my soul is full of troubles, and my life draws near to the grave. I am counted with those who go down to the pit; I am like a man who has no strength, adrift among the dead, like the slain who lie in the grave, whom You remember no more, and who are cut off from Your hand. You have laid me in the lowest pit, in darkness, in the depths. Your wrath lies heavy upon me, and You have afflicted me with all your waves. You have put away my acquaintances far from me; You have made me an abomination to them; I am shut up, and I cannot get out; my eye wastes away because of affliction. Lord, I have called daily upon You; I have stretched out my hands to You. Will You work wonders for the dead? Shall the dead arise and praise You? Shall Your loving-kindness be declared in the grave? Or Your faithfulness in the place of destruction? Shall Your wonders be known in the dark? And Your righteousness in the land of forgetfulness? But to You I have cried out, O Lord, and in the morning my prayer comes before You. Lord, why do You cast off my soul? Why do You hide Your face from me? I have been afflicted and ready to die from my youth; I suffer Your terrors; I am distraught. Your fierce wrath has gone over me; Your terrors have cut me off. They came around me all day long like water; they engulfed me altogether. Loved one and friend You have put far from me, and my acquaintances into darkness.

O Lord, God of my salvation, I have cried out day and night before You. Let my prayer come before You; incline Your ear to my cry.

Psalm 103 (LXX 102)

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with loving-kindness and tender mercies, Who satisfies your mouth with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. The Lord executes righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed. He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the children of Israel. The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in mercy. He will not always strive with us, nor will He keep His anger forever. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor punished us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. As a father pities his children, so the Lord pities those who fear Him. For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are but dust. As for man, his days are like grass; as a flower of the field, so he flourishes. For the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more. But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children's children, to such as keep His covenant, and to those who remember His commandments to do them. The Lord has established His throne in heaven, and His kingdom rules over all. Bless the Lord, You His angels, who excel in strength, who do His word, heeding the voice of His word. Bless the Lord, all you His hosts, you ministers of His, who do His pleasure. Bless the Lord, all His works, in all places of His dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul!

In all places of His dominion, bless the Lord, O my soul!

Psalm 143 (LXX 142)

Hear my prayer, O Lord, give ear to my supplications! In Your faithfulness answer me, and in Your righteousness. Do not enter into judgment with Your servant, for in Your sight no one living is righteous. For the enemy has persecuted my soul; He has crushed my life to the ground; He has made me dwell in darkness, like those who have long been dead. Therefore my spirit is overwhelmed within me; my heart within me is distressed. I remember the days of old; I meditate on all Your works; I muse on the work of Your hands. I spread out my hands to You; my soul longs for You like a thirsty land. Answer me speedily, O Lord; my spirit fails! Do not hide Your face from me, lest I be like those who go down into the pit. Cause me to hear Your loving-kindness in the morning, for in You do I trust; cause me to know the way in which I should walk, for I lift up my soul to you. Deliver me, O Lord, from my enemies; in You I take shelter. Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God; Your Spirit is good. Lead me in the land of uprightness. Revive me, O Lord, for Your name's sake! For Your righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble. In Your mercy cut off my enemies, and destroy all those who afflict my soul; for I am Your servant.

O Lord, give ear to my supplications and do not enter into judgment with Your servant. (2x)

Your Spirit is good. Lead me in the land of uprightness.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory to You, O God. (3x)

O our God and our Hope, glory to You.

“God is the Lord...” - Psalm 118 (LXX 117 Tone 8 (Byzantine))

God is the Lord Who has shown us light.
Bless - ed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.

Verse: O give thanks unto the Lord and call upon His holy name.

Verse: All nations surrounded me; but in the name of the Lord will I destroy them.

Verse: The stone which the builders refused has become the head cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Troparion of the Fathers: Tone 8

O Christ our God, You are most glo - ri - fied,
for You es - tab - lished our Fa - thers as lights up - on the earth.
Through them You led us to the true Faith.
O most mer - ci - ful Lord, glo - ry to You.

First Kathisma Hymn

Tone 2

The noble Joseph, took Your spotless Body down from the Tree and wrapped it in pure linen with spices, and laid it for burial in a new tomb. But on the third day, You arose, O Lord, and bestowed great mercy on the world!

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:

The angel stood by the tomb and cried to the myrrh-bearing women: "Myrrh is proper for the dead; but Christ has shown Himself free from corruption! Cry out then, "The Lord is risen and has bestowed on the world great mercy!"

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O all-Virgin and all-glorious Theotokos, we sing to you a hymn of praise, for Hades has been destroyed by your Son's Cross, death has been put to death, and we the dead have been made to rise and become worthy of life. We have obtained Paradise, the original bliss! Wherefore, we glorify you by giving thanks to Christ our God, for He alone is almighty and all-merciful.

Resurrectional Evlogetaria - Tone 5 (Znamenny)

Blessed are You, O Lord. Teach me Your statutes.

The company of the angels was amazed, when they beheld You numbered among the dead; yet You, O Savior, were destroying the power of death and with Yourself raising up Adam and releasing all men from hell.

Blessed are You, O Lord. Teach me Your statutes.

Why, O women disciples, do you mingle sweet-smelling spices with your tears of pity? The radiant angel within the sepulcher cried to the myrrh-bearing women: "Behold the grave, and understand; for the Savior is risen from the tomb."

Blessed are You, O Lord. Teach me Your statutes.

Very early in the morning the myrrh-bearing women ran lamenting to Your tomb; but an angel came toward them, saying: "The time for lamentation is passed. Do not weep, but announce to the apostles the Resurrection."

Blessed are You, O Lord. Teach me Your statutes.

The myrrh-bearing women mourned as they carried ointments and drew near Your tomb, O Savior. But the angel spoke to them, saying: "Why do you number the living among the dead? Since He is God, He is risen from the grave."

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:

We adore the Father, as also His Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Holy Trinity in one essence; crying with the seraphim: "Holy, holy, holy are You, O Lord."

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Since you bore the Giver of life, O Virgin, you redeemed Adam from sin, and gave to Eve joy in place of sadness; and He Who was incarnate of you, Who is both God and man, has restored to life those who had fallen from it.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory to You, O God. (3x)

O our God and our hope, glory to You.

Hypakoe

Tone 2

The women who went to Your sepulcher after Your Passion to anoint Your body, O Christ our God, saw Angels in the tomb and were astonished, for they heard a voice from them which said: The Lord has risen, granting the world great mercy.

Anavathmoi

Antiphon 1

I have lifted up the eyes of my heart to You, O Savior, Who dwell in the heavens. Save me by Your radiant brightness!

Have mercy on us, for we have sinned against You at every hour, O Christ; and show us the way to repent and turn back to You before the end in a way that will be pleasing to You.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

It befits the Holy Spirit to reign, to sanctify and to move the creation. For He is God, one in Essence with the Father and the Son.

Matins Prokeimenon: Tone 2 - Psalm 7

Rise up, O Lord my God, in defense of the Law You commanded and the congregation of the peoples will surround You.

Verse: O Lord my God, on You I have set my hope.

“Let every breath...”

Matins Gospel Reading: Eothinon 3 – Mark 16:9-20

Now when He rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons. She went and told those who had been with Him, as they mourned and wept. And when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe. After that, He appeared in another form to two of them as they walked and went into the country. And they went and told it to the rest, but they did not believe them either. Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.” So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right

hand of God. And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

“Having Beheld...”

Having beheld the Resurrection of Christ let us worship the holy Lord Jesus, the only sinless One. We venerate Your Cross, O Christ, and we praise and glorify Your holy Resurrection for You are our God, and we know no other than You. We call on Your name. Come all you faithful, let us venerate Christ’s holy Resurrection. For behold through the Cross, joy has come into all the world. Let us ever bless the Lord, praising His Resurrection; for by enduring the Cross for us He has destroyed death by death.

Psalm 51 (LXX 50)

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your loving-kindness; according to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight — that You may be found just when You speak, and blameless when You judge. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sins my mother conceived me. Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, and in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me hear joy and gladness, that the bones You have broken may rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me by Your generous Spirit. Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners shall be converted to You. Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, the God of my salvation, and my tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Your praise. For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart — these, O God, You will not despise. Do good in Your good pleasure to Zion; build the walls of Jerusalem. Then You shall be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering; then they shall offer bulls on Your altar.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:

Through the intercession of the apostles, O merciful One, blot out the multitude of my offenses.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Through the intercession of the Theotokos, O merciful One, blot out the multitude of my offenses.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your loving-kindness; according to the multitude of Your tender mercies blot out my transgression.

Jesus, having risen from the grave as He foretold, has given us eternal life and great mercy.

Kontakion of the Fathers: Tone 8 (Byzantine)

The preach-ing of a - pos-tles and de - ci-sions of the Fa - thers
5 have es - tab-lished the true Faith of the Church which
9 she wears as the gar - ment of truth fash-ioned from the the-
14 o - lo - gy on high. She just-ly gov - erns and glo - ri -
18 fies the great mys-ter - y of wor - ship.

Ikos

Let us listen to the Church of God which cries out to us in a sublime proclamation: Whoever thirsts, let them come to me and drink! It is in the cup of Wisdom that I mix my wine; I have mixed it with the word of truth; and the water I pour out is not the water of strife, but that of harmony in the faith which the new Israel drinks, to whom God appeared, saying: Look and see! I am the same, I have not changed. I am the God both before and after all time. There is no other but I. Those who drink this water will be satisfied and shall praise and glorify the great mystery of worship.

Synaxarion of the Feast

On July 14, in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the Apostle Aquila of the Seventy; Joseph the Confessor, archbishop of Thessalonica; Peter, bishop of Crete; Venerable Onesimos of Magnesia and Nicodemus of the Holy Mountain.

On this Sunday, we commemorate the 630 holy and God-bearing Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council, which convened in Chalcedon in 451 against the Monophysites.

Verses

*Shunning opposite errors like the sea monsters Scylla and Charybdis,
The Fathers steer the Church on a straight course to safety.*

The Holy Fathers were, once again, concerned with the nature of Jesus Christ. The heretics considered His human nature less perfect, and His divine nature more perfect. This false teaching arose that Christ's human nature dissolved itself in His divine nature: like a cube of sugar in a cup of water. Thus, in that scenario, Christ had only one nature, the Divine. These false preachers were called Monophysites ("mono", meaning "one" and "physis", meaning "nature"), and they were led by Eutyches and Dioscorus. This Monophysitism overemphasized the divine nature of Christ, at the expense of the human nature. The Fourth Ecumenical Council condemned Monophysitism and proclaimed that Christ has two full and complete natures: the divine and the human, as defined by previous Councils. These two natures function as equally perfect, without confusion, and are neither divided nor separate. The Fathers declared that at no time did they undergo any mingling or change.

By the intercessions of Your Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

Canon – Akathist Theotokos: Tone 4

Katavsiae Odes 1-8

Ode 1: I shall open my mouth and the Spirit will inspire it, and I shall utter the words of my song to the Queen and Mother: I shall be seen radiantly keeping feast and joyfully praising her wonders.

Ode 3: O Mother of God, living and plentiful fount, give strength to those untied in spiritual fellowship, who sing hymns of praise to you; and in your divine glory grant to them crowns of glory.

Ode 4: He Who sits in glory upon the throne of the Godhead, Jesus the true God, has come in a swift cloud, and with His pure and mighty hand He has saved those who cry: Glory to Your power, O Lord.

Ode 5: The whole world was amazed at your divine glory, for you, O Virgin who have not known wedlock, have held in your womb the God of all, and have given birth to an eternal Son, Who rewards with salvation all who hymn your praises.

Ode 6: As we, celebrate this sacred and solemn feast of the Mother of God, let us come, clapping our hands, O people of the Lord, and give glory to God Who was borne of her.

Ode 7: The holy Children bravely trampled upon the threatening fire, refusing to worship created things in place of the Creator, and they sang in joy: "Blessed are You and praised above all, O God of our Fathers."

We praise, bless and worship the Lord, singing and exalting Him above all forever.

Ode 8: The Offspring of the Theotokos saved the holy Children in the furnace. He Who was then prefigured has since been born on earth, and He gathers together all creation to sing: “O all you works of the Lord, bless the Lord and exalt Him above all forever.”

Matins Canon – 9th Ode:

DEACON: *The Theotokos and Mother of the Light, let us honor and magnify in song.*

Magnification

“My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Refrain: More hon’rable than the cherubim and more glorious beyond compare than the seraphim, who without corruption gave birth to God the Word and are truly Theotokos, we magnify you.

For He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden, for behold from this time forth all generations shall call me blessed. For He Who is mighty has magnified me, and holy is His name, and His mercy is on those who fear Him throughout all generations.

He has shown strength with His arm. He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He has put down the mighty from their seat, and has exalted the humble and meek.

He has filled the empty with good things and the rich He has sent away empty. Remembering His mercy He has helped His servant Israel as He promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed forever.”

Cantor sings the 9th Ode Resurrection verses for the Tone of the Week while the deacon censes then concludes with the Katavasia of the Feast or Season.

Ode 9: Let every mortal born on earth, radiant with light, in spirit leap for joy; and let the hosts of the angelic powers celebrate and honor the holy feast of the Mother of God, and let them cry: Rejoice! Pure and blessed ever-Virgin, who gave birth to God.

“Holy is the Lord our God”

Exapostilaria – Eothinon 3 + Fathers + Theotokion

None can doubt that Christ is risen. He appeared to Mary, to the two disciples as they walked, to the eleven who sat at meal, He sent them to baptize and then ascended into heaven from whence He had come, and He confirmed their preaching with signs following.

Tone 2 (Znamenny)

5 We cel-e-brate to-day the mem-'ry of the di-vine Fa -
8 thers, and we pray through their in-ter-ces-sions de-liv-er Your
13 peo-ple from all harm of her - e-sies and count us wor -
thy to glo - ri-fy the Fa - ther, Son and Ho-ly Spi-rit.

O all-blameless one, you gave birth in an indescribable manner to God in two natures, two wills and one Person; He humbled Himself by His own will, accepting death on the Cross, granting us the riches of His divinity by His Resurrection from the dead.

The Praises: Tone 2 - Psalms 148, 150 (Kievan)

Let ev'-ry breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heav - ens!
Praise Him in the high - est! To You, O God is due a song.
Praise Him, all His an - gels! Praise Him, all His hosts!
To You, O God is due a song.

Cantor

Praise God in His sanc - tu - a - ry; praise Him in His might - y, firm - a - ment.

People

Praise Him for His might-y acts; praise Him accord-ing to His ex-cel-lent great - ness!

Cantor

Praise Him with the sound of the trum-pet; praise Him with the lute and harp!

People

Praise Him with the tim-brel and dance; praise Him with stringed in -stru-ments and flutes!

(Tone 2) – Resurrection

Every breath and all creation glorifies You, O Lord, for through the Cross You have abolished death, in order to show the peoples Your Resurrection from the dead, for You alone are the Lover of mankind.

Praise Him with loud cym - bals; praise Him with clash-ing cym - bals!
Let ev'-ry thing that has breath praise the Lord.

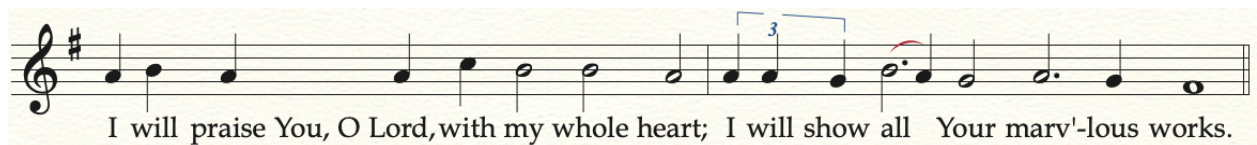
Rejoice, O people, and exult! An angel sat on the stone of the tomb and he has brought us glad tidings, saying: Christ, the Savior of the world is risen from the dead, and He has filled the world with fragrance. Rejoice, O people, and be glad!



(Tone 6) – Fathers

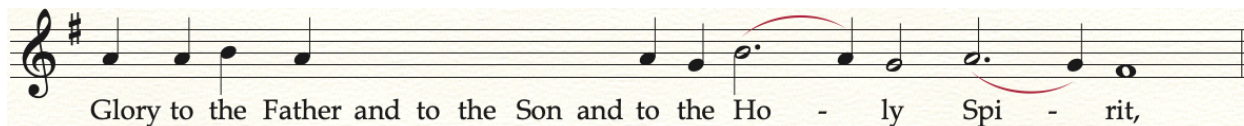
Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of our Fathers; and praised and glorified is Your name forever.

Pondering carefully in the Holy Spirit, and defining the fullness of wisdom for the soul, the honorable, glorious and all-blessed Fathers inscribed the divine and all-blessed Symbol of Faith, teaching clearly that the Word is co-eternal and consubstantial with the Father, thus clearly and faithfully following the teachings of the apostles!



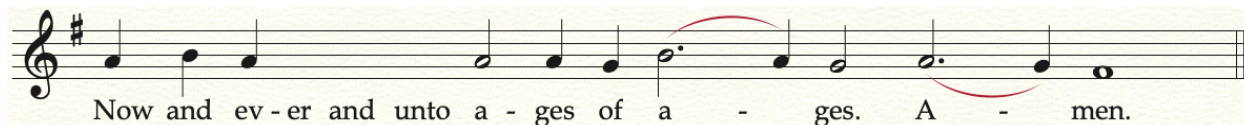
Assemble His holy ones before Him all those who have made a covenant with Him by sacrifice.

When the inspired and holy Fathers received the light of the Holy Spirit, they proclaimed in few words but words rich in meaning the mystery of the Faith under the inspiration of God. As the divine army and true heralds of Christ, they were inspired by the teachings of the Gospel and holy Tradition. They were enlightened by that which they received from on high, establishing the Faith which they were taught by God.



(Tone 8) - Fathers

When the ranks of the holy Fathers gathered together from the corners of the earth, they clearly proclaimed the one essence and nature of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Celebrating them in faith, we call them blessed and sing: Divine army – soldiers of the army of God! Shining lights of the eternal firmament! Invincible towers of the heavenly Zion! Scented flowers of Paradise; golden lamps of the Word, you are the glory of Nicea and the pride and delight of the universe! Never cease to pray for our souls!



Most blessed are you, O Virgin Theotokos, for through Him Who was incarnate of you Hades is plundered, Adam is recalled from the dead, the curse is made void, Eve is set free, death is slain, and we are given life. Therefore, in hymns of praise, we cry aloud: “Blessed are You, O Christ our God, Who are thus well pleased. Glory to You.”

Great Doxology

Glory to You, Who have shown us the light. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will among men.

We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks to You for Your great glory.

O Lord King, heavenly God, Father Almighty; O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; and O Holy Spirit.

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, Who take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us, You Who take away the sins of the world

Receive our prayer, You Who sit at the right hand of the Father, and have mercy on us.

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

Every day I will bless You, and I will praise Your name forever; yes, forever and ever.

Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.

Blessed are You, O Lord the God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name forever. Amen.

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have set our hope on You.

Blessed are You, O Lord; teach me Your statutes.

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Lord, You have been our refuge from generation to generation. I said: "Be merciful unto me; heal my soul, for I have sinned against You."

Lord, I have fled to You; teach me to do Your will, for You are my God.

For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light we shall see light.

Continue Your mercy to those who know You.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us.

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Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Holy Immortal: have mercy on us.

Holy God, **Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us.**

Troparion: Tone 4

Today is salvation come unto the world. Let us sing praises to Him Who rose from the grave, the Author of our life; for having by death destroyed death, He has given us victory and great mercy.

DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHYRSOSTOM

The Second Antiphon (Psalm 115)

O Son of God, **Who rose from the dead**, save us who sing to You: Alleluia

The Third Antiphon – The Beatitudes

In Your Kingdom remember us, O Lord, when You come in Your Kingdom. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when men shall revile you and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven.

The Entrance Hymn

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. O Son of God, Who rose from the dead save us who sing to You. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Resurrection Troparion: Tone 2 (Bulgarian)

When You de-scend-ed to death, O Life Im - mor - tal,
5 You slew Ha-des with the splen - dor of Your di - vin - i - ty, and when
9 from the depths You raised the dead, all the pow-ers of
13 heav - en cried out: O Giv - er of life, Christ our God
18 glo - ry to You!

Troparion of the Fathers: Tone 8 (Byzantine)

O Christ our God, You are most glo - ri - fied,
5 for You es - tab - lished our Fa - thers as lights up-on the earth.
9 Through them You led us to the true Faith.
13 O most mer - ci - ful Lord, glo - ry to You.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:

Hymn to St. John

O Apostle John, speaker of Deity, the beloved of Christ our God, hasten to deliver your people, powerless in speech, for He on Whose bosom you lean accepts you as an intercessor. Beseech Him therefore, to disperse the darkness of ignorance and pray for peace and great mercies to be shown upon us.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Kontakion of the Theotokos: Tone 2 (Byzantine)

O pro - tec - tion of Chris - tians that can - not be put to shame, me - di -
a - tion un - to the Cre - a - tor most con - stant. O de -
spise not the sup - pli - ant voi - ces of those who have sinned; but be
quick, O good one, to come un - to our aid, who in faith cry un - to you:
Has - ten to in - ter - ces - sion, and speed to make sup - pli - ca - tion, you who
ev - er pro - tect, O The - o - to - kos, those who hon - or you.

Prokeimenon: Tone 2 - Daniel 3:52 (LXX)

Blessed are You, O Lord God of our Fathers and praised and glorified is Your name forever.

Verse: For You are just in all You have done, all Your deeds are faultless, all Your ways are right, and all Your judgments proper.

Verse: We follow You with our whole heart, we fear You and we pray to You, do not let us be put to shame, but deal with us in kindness and great mercy.

The Epistle Reading - Titus 3:8-15

Titus, my son this is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men. But avoid foolish disputes, genealogies, contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and useless. Reject a divisive man after the first and second admonition, knowing that such a person is warped and sinning, being self-condemned. When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicus, be diligent to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Send Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey with haste, that they may lack nothing. And let our people also learn to maintain good

works, to meet urgent needs, that they may not be unfruitful. All who are with me greet you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

The Alleluia before the Gospel - Psalm 44 (LXX 43)

Verse: We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us.

Verse: You have saved us from our enemies, and have put to shame those who hated us.

The Gospel Reading – Matthew 5:14-19

The Lord said to His disciples: “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. “Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Magnification Hymn – “It is truly right...”

It is truly right to bless you, O Theotokos, who are ever blessed and all blameless and the Mother of our God. More honorable than the cherubim and more glorious beyond compare than the seraphim, who without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos, we magnify you!

The Communion Hymn - Psalm 148 & 112:5 (LXX 111)

Praise the Lord from the heavens. The just shall be in everlasting remembrance. Alleluia (3x)

The Dismissal

PRIEST: Glory to You, O Christ, our God and our hope, glory to You.

PEOPLE: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Father, bless.

PRIEST: May Christ our true God, *Who rose from the dead...* through the intercessions of His all-pure and all-blameless, holy Mother... at the supplication of (*N., patron of the church*), of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna, and of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loves mankind.

Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us and save us.

PEOPLE: Amen.

Troparion of the Fathers: Tone 8 (Byzantine)

O Christ our God, You are most glorified for You established our Fathers as lights upon the earth. Through them You led us to the true Faith. O most merciful Lord, glory to You.

Kontakion of the Fathers: Tone 8 (Byzantine)

The preach-ing of a - pos-tles and de - ci-sions of the Fa - thers
5 have es - tab-lished the true Faith of the Church which
9 she wears as the gar - ment of truth fash-ioned from the the-
14 o - lo - gy on high. She just-ly gov - erns and glo - ri -
18 fies the great mys-ter - y of wor - ship.

Ikos

Let us listen to the Church of God which cries out to us in a sublime proclamation: Whoever thirsts, let them come to me and drink! It is in the cup of Wisdom that I mix my wine; I have mixed it with the word of truth; and the water I pour out is not the water of strife, but that of harmony in the faith which the new Israel drinks, to whom God appeared, saying: Look and see! I am the same, I have not changed. I am the God both before and after all time. There is no other but I. Those who drink this water will be satisfied and shall praise and glorify the great mystery of worship.

Exapostilarion of the Fathers: Tone 2 (Znamenny)

5 We cel-e-brate to-day the mem-'ry of the di-vine Fa -
8 thers, and we pray through their in-ter-ces-sions de-liv-er Your
13 peo-ple from all harm of her - e-sies and count us wor -
thy to glo - ri-fy the Fa - ther, Son and Ho-ly Spi-rit.



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