

28th Sunday after Pentecost

Commemoration of the Holy Greatmartyr Barbara & of our Venerable Father John of Damascus

VESPERS: Tone 3

P. Regular Beginning

C. Lord I have cried... (Tone 3)

1. The **power** of death has been **destroyed** by Thy Cross/ and the **wiles** of the devil have been set to naught, O Christ our **Saviour**,/ **while** mankind, **saved** by faith,// offers Thee hymns of praise forever.
2. The **whole** inhabited earth has been enlightened by Thy Resurrection, O Lord,/ **and** the paradise of old has been reopened;/ **while** it extols Thee,// all creation offers Thee hymns of praise forever.
3. I **glorify** the might of the **Father**/ **and** of the Son and the power of the Holy **Spirit**;/ **and** I praise the dominion of the undivided, uncreated **Godhead**//--the consubstantial Trinity that reigns unto the **ages** of ages.
4. We **worship** Thy precious **Cross**, O Christ,/ and **praise** and glorify Thy Resurrection:// For by Thy wounds have we **all** been healed.

Stichera for the Greatmartyr Barbara (Tone 2)

5. When at the dreadful tribunal, the most blessed Juliana,/ beholding the glorious martyr **Barbara**,/ **who** was covered with wounds, her whole body lacerated by divers **tortures**,/ cried out with **fervent** tears:/ "O Word of God Who **lovest** mankind,// grant now that I may share in her **torments**!"
6. The holy Barbara and Juliana,/ possessed of a single yearning towards **piety**,/ **contended** against the **enemy**,/ and, having mightily **vanquished** him,/ **they** were vouchsafed glory by **Christ** God./ Wherefore, having done away with destructive **passions**,// they bestow healings upon all the **faithful**.
7. When sweet death was pronounced upon thee,/ O most honoured martyr **Barbara**,/ thou didst **quickly** end thy course, **rejoicing**;/ and thou wast slaughtered by the all-iniquitous hands of thine ungodly **father**,/ and offered thyself up to God as **comely** fruit./ Wherefore, truly joining chorus with the wise **virgins**,// thou dost behold the effulgence of Christ thy **Bridegroom**.

Stichera for the Venerable John (Tone 8)

8. O most wise **father** John,/ thou hast adorned the Church of **Christ** with thy hymns,/ sweetly chanting things most divine through the activity of the **Spirit**,/ O most glorious **father**,/ striking thy harp and emulating all the musical modes of **David**./ And **causing** it to sound,// thou hast drawn all to thee with **divine** hymns.

9. O glorious **father** John,/ having forsaken the tumultuous turmoil **of** the world,/ thou didst hasten to the tranquility of Christ, O **venerable** one,/ and wast truly enriched with divine visions and acts and manifest splendors **most** rich./ These hast thou imparted to the faithful, O **most blessed** one,// resplendent in thy **godly** life.
10. **Come**, O ye **earthborn**,/ and with hymns let us piously hymn today the sacred and honourable festival of the **venerable** John:/ for he was truly counted worthy to receive divine illumination./ O Thine ineffable **compassion**, O Lord,/ whereby we have come to know how to **glorify** Thee,// the All-**good** One!

Glory... (Tone 6)

Forsaking homeland, birthright and possessions, O **Barbara**,/ and spurning thine ungodly **father**,/ thou didst come to **love** God,/ to Whom thou didst **betroth** thyself;/ and thou didst become known as a great **merchant**./ Him do thou entreat, that our **souls** be saved.

Both now & ever... Dogmatikon (Tone 3)

How can we refrain from wonder, O all-hallowed **Virgin**,/ at thy **bearing** God and **man** in One?/ For **thou**, without blemish and who hast never **known** a man,/ hast brought **forth** without father a **Son** in the flesh,/ begotten of the Father without mother before all **ages**,/ Who suffered no **change**, confusion nor **division**,/ but kept in **full** what is proper to each **nature**;/ our **Lady**, thou Virgin and **Mother**,/ **entreat** Him to **save** the souls// of those who in the true faith confess thee to be the Theotokos.

- P. Wisdom. Aright!
 C. O Joyful Light...
 P. Prokimenon. The Lord is King...
 P. Wisdom! (And readings, if any)
 P. Augmented Litany
 R. Vouchsafe...
 P. Litany of Fervent Supplication

APOSTICHA: (Tone 3)

1. **Thou** hast darkened the sun by Thy **Passion**, O Christ;/ **by** Thy Resurrection hast Thou given **all** things light.// Accept our evening hymn, O Thou Who **lovest** mankind.
- V. The Lord is King,/ and hath put on glorious **apparel**.
2. **Thy** life-giving Resurrection, O Lord,/ has brought **light** to all the **inhabited** earth/ and **called** up Thy creation that lay in **corruption**,/ so that **we**, released from the curse of Adam, **cry** aloud:// Glory unto Thee, O **Almighty** Lord.
- V. He hath made the world so sure/ that it **cannot** be moved.
3. **Suffering** in the fl-esh, **Thou**, O God/ Who by **nature** cannot be changed, hast **changed** Thyself,/ and the creation unable to bear the sight of Thee hanging was bowed **down** by fear/ and it **groaned** as it sang the

praises of Thy long-suffering./ And **Thou**, descending into hell, hast risen on the **third** day, // giving the world life and great **mercy**.

V. Holiness becometh Thine house/ O Lord, forever.

4. **Thou** hast suffered **death**, O Christ, / **to** deliver our **kind** from death: / **And**, risen the third day **from** the dead, / **Thou** hast raised up with Thyself those who **acknowledge** Thee to be God / and **Thou** hast **enlightened** the world. // O Lord, **glory** to Thee.

Glory... (Tone 6)

O venerable **father**, / report of thy corrections hath gone forth into **all** the earth. / Wherefore, thou hast received the reward of thy labors in the **heavens**, / and hast destroyed hordes of the **demons**, / and hast attained unto the ranks of the **angels**, / whose life thou didst blamelessly **emulate**. / As thou hast boldness before **Christ** God, // ask thou **peace** for our souls.

Both now and ever... (Tone 6)

O all-hallowed **Virgin**, / Christ, the Maker and Deliverer and Lord **proceeded** from thy womb, / and clothing Himself in me, set man free from the original curse of **Adam**. / Wherefore, O all-pure **Virgin**, / we sing without ceasing to thee as Mother of God and **Virgin** / in truly the greeting of the **angel**: // Hail! O Lady, advocate and defender and **salvation** of our souls.

C. St. Symeon's Prayer

R. Trisagion

C. Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos x3

Blessed be the Name of the Lord... x3

Psalm 33:1-10

MATINS: Tone 3

P. Regular Beginning

P. Great Ectenia

C. God is the Lord... (Tone 3)

C. Sunday Troparia (Tone 3) (once only)

Let the heavens rejoice! / Let the earth be glad! / For the Lord has shown strength with His arm! / He has trampled down death by death! / He has become the firstborn of the dead! / He has delivered us from the depths of hell, // and has granted to the world great mercy.

Troparion for the Greatmartyr Barbara (Tone 8)

Let us honour the holy Barbara; / for the most honoured one broke the snares of the enemy and was delivered from them like a bird, // with the help and aid of the Cross.

Glory... Troparion for St. John of Damascus (Tone 8)

O instructor of Orthodoxy, teacher of piety and purity, / beacon for the whole world, John most wise: / by thy doctrines thou hast illumined all, O instrument of the Spirit, // entreat Christ God, that our souls be saved.

Both now and ever... (Tone 8)

Thou, O good Lord, for our *sakes* wast born of a **Virgin**/ and hast endured crucifixion, despoiling **death** by death,/ and as God, Thou hast *shown* forth the Resurrection./ Despise not the work of **Thine** hands./ Show Thy love for man, O **merciful** Lord./ Accept the intercession made on our behalf by the Theotokos who **bore** Thee,// and, O our Saviour, save Thy despairing **people**.

Lord Have Mercy 3x
Glory...

R. Now...
R. Kathisma II
P. Small Ectenia

R. Sessional Hymns:

Christ hath arisen from the dead, the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep, the firstborn of creation, the Creator of all that existeth; and in Himself He hath restored the nature of our race which had become corrupt. No longer dost thou have dominion, O death, for the Master of all hath destroyed thy realm!

V. Arise, O Lord my God, let Thy hand be lifted high; forget not Thy paupers to the end.

Having tasted the fruit of death, O Lord, Thou didst cut off the bitterness of death by Thine arising, and hast strengthened man against it, revoking the defeat of the primal curse. O Lord, Defender of our life, glory be to Thee!

G/B... We sing thy praises, O Virgin Theotokos, who dost intercede for the salvation of our kind; for thy Son and our God by taking flesh of thee and accepting to suffer through the Cross has delivered us from corruption because He lovest mankind.

R. Kathisma III
P. Small Ectenia

R. Sessional Hymns:

Terrified of Thine immutable divinity and voluntary suffering, O Lord, hell lamented to itself, saying: "I tremble before a Being of incorrupt flesh; I behold One invisible, Who mystically contendeth against me. Wherefore, I hold fast to those who cry: Glory to Thy resurrection, O Christ!"

V. I will confess Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart, I will tell of all Thy wonders.

O ye faithful, let us theologize concerning the incomprehensibility of the crucifixion, the ineffability of the resurrection, the unspeakable mystery; for today death and hell have been made captive, and the human race hath been clothed in incorruption. Wherefore, giving thanks, we cry unto Thee: Glory to Thine arising, O Christ!

G/B... O Theotokos, thou didst mystically contain in thy womb the Unapproachable and Uncircumscribable One, Who is consubstantial with the

Father and the Spirit, and through thy birthgiving we have learned to glorify in the world the one and unconfused power of the Trinity. Wherefore, with thanksgiving we cry out to thee: Rejoice, O thou who art full of grace!

- C. Polyeleos
- C. Evlogitaria (Blessed art Thou, O Lord...)
- P. Small Ectenia

R. Ypakoe:

Amazing the myrrh-bearing women by the sight of Him, and refreshing them by his words, the radiant angel said to them: "Why seek ye the Living in the tomb? He Who hath emptied the graves hath arisen! Understand the Changer of corruption to be immutable! Say ye unto God: How awesome are Thy works, for Thou hast saved the human race!"

Hymn of Degrees: (Antiphon One)

Thou didst move the captivity of Sion away from Babylon, O Word. Draw me also forth from the passions unto life.

They who sow in the south with tears divine shall joyfully reap the grain of life everlasting.

G/B... Unto the Holy Spirit, as to the Father and the Son, shineth all thanksgiving, wherein all things live and move.

Hymn of Degrees: (Antiphon Two)

If the Lord buildeth not the house of the virtues, in vain do we labor; and when the Spirit protecteth it, no one will destroy our city.

Through the Spirit are the saints ever adopted by Thee, O Christ, as the fruit of Thee and the Father.

G/B... Through the Holy Spirit are all holiness and wisdom perceived. For He bringeth every created thing into existence. Him do we worship, for He is God, like the Father and the Word.

Hymn of Degrees: (Antiphon Three)

Blessed are they who fear the Lord, who walk the path of the commandments; for they shall eat of all the fruits of life.

Be Thou glad, O Chief Shepherd, beholding Thine offspring round about Thy table, bearing the branches of goodly works.

G/B... From the Holy Spirit are all the riches of glory; from Him are grace and life for every creation: for He is hymned with the Father and the Word.

P. Prokimenon: (Tone 3)

Say among the nations that the Lord is king; for He hath established the world, which shall not be shaken.

V. O sing unto the Lord a new song.

- C. Let every breath praise the Lord.
- P. GOSPEL #6

C. Having Beheld the Resurrection of Christ...

R. Psalm 50

C. Glory... Now... Have mercy on me... Jesus having risen...

P. Save, O God, Thy People...

Anointing.

Canticle One

Irmos: He Who of old gathered the waters into one at His divine behest/ and parted the sea for the people of Israel,/ is our God and is most glorious.// To Him let us chant, for He hath been glorified.

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

Our God is He Who cursed the earth to bring forth as fruit thorns through the sweat of the transgressor, and in the flesh receiveth a crown of thorns from the hands of the transgressors of the law. He hath abolished the curse, in that He hath been glorified.

He of Whom death was afraid hath appeared as the vanquisher and victor over death; for having assumed animate flesh subject to sufferings, and contended against the tyrant, He hath raised all up with Himself. He is our God, for He hath been glorified.

Theotokion

All nations glorify thee as the true Theotokos who gave birth without seed; for He is our God Who, having descended into thy sanctified womb, became of our essence. God and Man was born of thee.

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

Every heavenly being fittingly bendeth its knee, with those of earth and those in the nethermost parts, before Him Who became incarnate of thee, O Virgin; He hath been glorified.

O the reconciliation which took place within thee! For He Who abundantly bestoweth gifts hath as God given us the divine Spirit, having received flesh of thee, O Maiden, in that He hath been glorified.

Holy Greatmartyr Barbara, pray to God for us!

O all-blessed and worshipful Trinity Who givest gifts to Thy servants which are beyond comprehension, breathe Thou a ray of splendor into my darkened mind, that I may praise the ever-memorable martyr Barbara.

The glory of Thy martyrs hath truly passed every bound of praise, O Thou Who lovest mankind; yet, accepting the praise we offer thee with faith according to our measure, O Master, send down upon us rich rewards.

A most beauteous rose sprang forth from a thorny root and hath perfumed the Church of Christ: the glorious Barbara, who dyed her vesture in the blood of her suffering. Her do we hymn as is meet.

Holy father John of Damascus, pray to God for us!

To me who desire to begin thy laudation grant me now thy mellifluous voice, O venerable one, wherewith thou didst with hymns illumine the Orthodox Church which honoureth thy memory, O father John.

Glory... Perceiving the nature of things most excellently, as a wise judge keen of intellect thou didst prefer eternal things to those which do not last; for thou didst trade transitory things for those which are abiding, O John, where Christ hath now glorified thee.

Both... Thou hast been shown to surpass all creation, visible and invisible, O pure Ever-virgin; for thou gavest birth to the Creator, in that it was His good pleasure to become incarnate in thy womb. Him do thou entreat with boldness, that He save those who hymn thee.

C. Katavasia (Tone 1)

Christ is born, glorify Him./ Christ is from heaven receive Him./ Christ is on earth, be ye lifted up./ Sing unto the Lord, all the earth./ And praise Him with joy, ye people; // For He hath glorified Himself.

Canticle Three

Irmos: O Most High, Thou Ruler of all,/ Who out of non-existence/
hast brought all things, which are fashioned by Thy Word/ and
made perfect by the Spirit; // Confirm me in Thy love!

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

The ungodly one was confounded by Thy Cross, for he fell into the pit which he dug; but in Thy resurrection, O Christ, Thou didst raise up the lowly.

The preaching of piety to the nations covered them like the water of the sea, O Thou Who lovest mankind; for having risen from the tomb, Thou didst reveal the light of the Trinity.

Theotokion

All-glorious things have been said of thee, O animate city of Him Who reigneth forever; for through thee, O Mistress, did God come to dwell with those on earth.

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

The Virgin, having sprung forth as the rod of the root of Jesse, as said the prophets, put Thee forth as a flower for us, O Christ. Holy art Thou, O Lord!

That Thou mightest cause mortals to partake of the divine, Thou didst abase Thyself, receiving our flesh from the Virgin. Holy art Thou, O Lord!

Holy Greatmartyr Barbara, pray to God for us!

Wounded by the love of Thee, her Bridegroom, O Master, the passion-bearer Barbara rejected all the ungodliness of her father with unrestrained vehemence.

Neither the sweet beauty and comeliness of flowers, nor riches, nor yet the sweetness of youth satisfied thee, O goodly virgin, glorious Barbara, who had become the bride of Christ.

Neither the obstacle of a womanly nature nor her youthful stature impeded the martyr's perfect struggles, O Christ; for she was fortified by Thine invisible power.

Holy father John of Damascus, pray to God for us!

Thou didst distribute thy wealth, thereby giving it back to God; wherefore, the kingdom in the heavens hath been prepared for thee, and thou hast now received a vastly increased reward, O John.

Glory... Receiving the talent of wisdom, O John, thou didst adorn the Church of Christ, ornamenting it with thy deeds; and, departing this life, thou hast increased it exceedingly.

Both... The ranks of angels were astonished, O all-pure one, and the hearts of men were filled with awe at thy birthgiving. Wherefore, we honour thee, the Theotokos, with faith.

C. Katavasia (Tone 1)

To the Son Who was begotten of the Father/ without change before all ages,/ and in the last times was without seed made flesh of the Virgin,/ to Christ our God let us cry aloud:// Thou hast raised up our horn, holy art Thou, O Lord.

P. Small Ectenia

C. Kontakion for the Greatmartyr Barbara (Tone 4)

Following God Who is piously hymned in Trinity, O athlete,/ thou didst dim the pagan temples;/ and, suffering amid thy contest, O Barbara of manly mind,/ thou wast not afraid of the threats of the tyrants,// ever chanting aloud: "I worship the Trinity, the One God!"

R. Ikos for the Greatmartyr Barbara

Assembling, let us honour, as is meet, Barbara, who made herself the bride of Christ through martyrdom; for, delivered from soul-corrupting danger, destruction and earthquake through her supplications, we lead our life in peace, vouchsafed Thy mercies, O Saviour, with all the saints who have pleased Thee from ages past, to walk in the light and to chant with them. And Thou hast astonished all men who confess with faith: We worship the Trinity, the One God!

C. Kontakion for St. John of Damascus (Tone 4)

Let us hymn John, the honoured and divinely eloquent speaker and hymnographer,/ the instructor and teacher of the Church, the opponent of the enemy;/ for taking up the Cross of the Lord as a sword,/ he hath cut down all the falsehood of heresies,// and as a fervent intercessor before God he bestoweth forgiveness of transgressions upon all.

R. Ikos for St. John of Damascus

Together let us cry out to the instructor, teacher and priest of the Church, as an initiate of ineffable mysteries: By thy supplications to God open our mouths and vouchsafe that we may speak the words of thy doctrines; for thou didst appear in the world as one who shareth in the Trinity, shining forth in the world like another sun, illumining all with thy

miracles and teachings, like Moses ever instructing in the law of the Lord. And thou wast a luminary in word and deed, praying unceasingly, that forgiveness of transgressions be given to all.

R. Sessional Hymns

In thy suffering thou didst amaze all, for thou didst endure the wounding, bonds, tortures and imprisonment inflicted upon thee by the tormenters, O all-lauded Barbara. Wherefore, Christ hath bestowed upon thee a crown in heaven, and it is to Him that thou didst flee, desiring Him earnestly. He hath imparted unto thee, O martyr, the grace to pour forth healings upon men.

Glory... Thou hast been shown to us to be a melodious and sanctified clarion, O most sacred one, sounding forth in hymnody the teachings of the Lord and Saviour to the ends of the earth; and by thy words thou hast illumined the earth. O venerable John, entreat Christ God, that He grant us great mercy.

Both... Thou wast the divine tabernacle of the Word, O only all-pure Mother and Virgin, who hast surpassed the angels in purity. With the divine waters of thy prayers, O pure one, cleanse me who, more than all others, am dust, defiled by carnal transgressions; and grant me great mercy.

Canticle Four

Irmos: Thou hast shown us constant love, O Lord,/ for Thou didst give Thine only-begotten Son over to death for us./ Wherefore, in thanksgiving we cry to Thee:// Glory to Thy power, O Lord.

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

In Thy mercy, Thou didst withstand wounds and stripes, O Christ, enduring the malice of blows to Thy cheeks; and with long-suffering deigning to be spit upon, Thou didst thereby accomplish salvation for me. Glory to Thy power, O Lord.

Thou didst partake of death in a mortal body, O Life, for the sake of the suffering of the poor and the groans of Thy paupers; and having brought corruption upon the corrupter, O All-glorious One, Thou didst resurrect all with Thyself, in that Thou hast been glorified.

Theotokion

Remember, O Christ, the flock which Thou hast acquired by Thy suffering; and accepting the merciful entreaties of Thine all-glorious Mother, deliver it by Thy power, O Lord, visiting it in its affliction.

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

Thou hast healed our infirm nature, O Master, within the Virgin uniting to it Thine all-pure divinity, a most speedy remedy, O Word.

Thou art my portion and desired inheritance, O Lord, Who, having become a hypostasis in flesh from the Virgin, hast united me to Thy Hypostasis, O Word.

Holy Greatmartyr Barbara, pray to God for us!

O Thou Who wast born of the Virgin, Thou hast given to virgin maidens the boldness to cast down the deceiver. Wherefore, the right victorious Barbara put his arrogance to shame.

Our first mother, led astray of old by the machinations of the deceiver, was driven from the food of paradise; but Barbara, putting him to shame, hath now made her abode in the bridal-chamber of heaven.

Thou didst destroy the power of death by Thy Cross; wherefore, the maiden Barbara, sparing not her body, most valiantly endured wounding with steadfast mind.

Holy father John of Damascus, pray to God for us!

Submitting to the command of Christ, thou didst forsake the beauty, wealth, sweetness and splendor of the world; and taking up thy cross for His sake, O wise John, thou didst follow after Him.

Glory... Impoverishing thyself for Christ Who impoverished Himself for the sake of man's salvation, thou wast glorified with Him as He promised, and dost now reign with Him Who reigneth forever, O John.

Both... All of us, the faithful, know thee to be the haven of salvation and an insuperable rampart, O Mistress Theotokos; for by thy supplications thou dost deliver our souls from tribulations.

C. Katavasia (Tone 1)

A rod from the root of Jesse/ and blossom therefrom, O Christ,/ Thou didst spring forth from the Virgin;/ from the mountain overshadowed and densely wooded hast Thou come,/ incarnate of her who knew not man,/ O Thou praised and immaterial God.// Glory to Thy power, O Lord!

Canticle Five

Irmos: I rise at dawn unto Thee, the Creator of all,/ Who passest all worldly understanding;/ for Thy commandments are light,// wherein do Thou direct me.

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

Through the envy of the Jews Thou wast given over to an unjust judge, O Beholder of all. And Thou Who judgest the whole earth with justice hast delivered ancient Adam from condemnation.

O Christ Who hast risen from the dead, grant Thy peace unto Thy Churches through the invincible power of Thy Cross, and save Thou our souls.

Theotokion

O only Ever-virgin, thou hast been shown to be the holy tabernacle and more spacious than the heavens, in that thou didst receive the Word of God, Whom all creation cannot contain.

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

Thy Son, the Word of God, O Virgin, the Creator of Adam the first-formed, is not a created being, even though He fashioned animate flesh for Himself out of thee.

Thy Son, the Lord Jesus, the Word of God, O Virgin, a Hypostasis perfect in two natures, is perfect God and perfect man.

Holy Greatmartyr Barbara, pray to God for us!

Commanding that the bath-house be lighted by three windows, O Barbara, thou didst mystically describe baptism, which, through the light of the Trinity, is the radiant cleansing of the soul.

Aflame with zeal for God; the most lauded maiden Barbara spat upon the vile faces of the false deities, putting to shame the prince of this world.

Opening for Barbara, who was fleeing the savagery of her cruel father, the mountain straightway received her, like the ever-memorable protomartyr Thecla of old; for Christ wrought a miracle.

Holy father John of Damascus, pray to God for us!

Made steadfast in the divine life by the fear of Christ, O father John, thou didst subject all thy carnal mind to thy spirit, cleansing thy senses.

Glory... Having carefully purified body, mind and soul of all defilement, O divinely wise one, thou didst receive the splendor of the triple Sun, Who doth enrich thee with radiant gifts.

Both... Entreat thy Son and Lord, O pure Virgin, that He grant deliverance from the assaults of the adversary to all captives and peace to those who set their hope on thee.

C. Katavasia (Tone 1)

God of peace, the Father of mercies,/ Thou hast sent unto us an Angel of Thy great council,/ Who giveth us peace./ Therefore having been led unto the light of godly wisdom,/ waking early from the night// we do sing praises of Thee, O Lover of mankind.

Canticle Six

Irmos: The uttermost abyss of sins hath engulfed me,/ and my spirit doth perish./ But, stretching forth Thine upraised arm, O Master,// save me as Thou didst Peter, O Helmsman!

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

An abyss of mercy and compassion hath surrounded me through Thy compassionate descent; for having become incarnate and taken on the form of a servant, O Master, Thou didst deify me, glorifying me with Thyself.

The slayer underwent death, beholding Him Who was dead alive again. These were images of Thy resurrection, O Christ, and of Thine all-pure, vanquishing sufferings.

Theotokion

O all-pure one who alone dost mediate before the Creator and men, in manner past understanding: entreat thy merciful Son, and be thou a champion for thine all-sinful servants.

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

He Who shareth no form receiveth our form from the incorrupt Virgin, becoming man in form and matter without changing in His divinity.

O all-pure one, deliver me from the abyss of sins and the tempest of the passions, for thou art a haven and an abyss of miracles for those who have recourse unto thee with faith.

Holy Greatmartyr Barbara, pray to God for us!

As Thou didst promise to give divinely imparted wisdom unto those who stand before the tyrants' tribunals for Thy sake, the martyr Barbara was filled therewith.

With divinely wise words thou didst denounce the falsehood of the ungodly, O glorious Barbara, and in enduring the deeds of the tyrants thou didst astonish the wise.

The blameless athlete gave her body over to be pitilessly afflicted with wounds and to be abraded thoroughly with rags of horse-hair, for the sake of Christ.

Holy father John of Damascus, pray to God for us!

Illumined by the grace of the Spirit, and manifestly enriched by the knowledge of human things, thou didst generously distribute thy substance to the needy, O John.

Glory... Like the choirs of heaven didst thou adorn the Church in Orthodox manner, intoning divine choral hymns to the Trinity.

Both... Thou gavest birth without knowing man, O Virgin, and remainest eternally virgin, revealing the true Godhead of thy Son and God in images.

C. Katavasia (Tone 1)

The sea monster spat forth Jonah/ as it had received him, like a babe from the womb;/ while the Word, having dwelt in the Virgin and taken flesh,/ came forth from her yet kept her uncorrupt./ For being Himself not subject to decay,// He preserved His Mother free from harm.

P. Small Ectenia

C. Kontakion, Tone 3

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb/ O Merciful One/ leading us from the gates of death./ On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices;/ with the Prophets and Patriarchs they unceasingly praise// the divine majesty of Thy power.

R. Ikos

Let heaven and earth join chorus today and with one mind hymn Christ God, for He hath raised the prisoners up from the graves. All creation rejoiceth, offering worthy hymns to our Deliverer, the Creator of all; for having led men up from hell today, in that He is the Bestower of life, He exalteth them to the heavens with Him, doth cast down the arrogance of the enemy, and breaketh down the gates of hell by the divine might of His authority.

Canticle Seven

Irmos: As of old Thou didst bedew the three pious children/ in the Chaldaean flame,/ with the radiant fire of Thy divinity/ illumine us who cry:// Blessed is the God of our fathers.

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

The splendid veil of the temple was rent in twain at the crucifixion of the Creator, revealing the truth hidden in the Scripture unto the faithful who cry: O God of our fathers, blessed art Thou!

When Thy side was pierced, O Christ, with the drops of Thy divinely flowing and life-creating blood, which fell upon the ground according to Thy design, Thou didst restore those on earth, who cry: O God of our fathers, blessed art Thou!

Triadicon

Let us glorify the good Spirit with the Father and the only-begotten Son, O ye faithful, worshipping the one Godhead and Sovereignty in three, crying: O God of our fathers, blessed art Thou!

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

O Thou Who art the Lord of glory, Who ruleth the heavenly hosts, Who sittest with the Father, and art borne in the Virgin's arms: O Lord God of our fathers, blessed art Thou!

We have all come to know thee as the Theotokos who gave birth unto God; for thou didst bear one of the Trinity, Who had become incarnate of thee. Blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, O all-pure one!

Holy Greatmartyr Barbara, pray to God for us!

The tyrant who rageth in vain to destroy the earth and annihilate the sea lieth like a plaything beneath the feet of the maiden Barbara; for Christ, having trampled Him down, hath bound him like a vile bird.

When thy whole body was wracked with unbearable wounds and empurpled with drops of thy blood, O most lauded martyr, glorious Barbara, thou didst endure scorching by torches applied to thy sides.

O the inhuman and pitiless savagery and exceeding ungodliness of the torments! For with swords they cruelly severed the breasts of the martyr as though in a butcher's shop, but her mind was set steadfastly on Christ, the judge of the contest.

Holy father John of Damascus, pray to God for us!

Afire with zeal, with thy splendid writings thou didst strike down all the false knowledge of God-opposing heresies, O John, manifestly elucidating what had been sown of old and written carefully by the wise.

Glory... With the discourses and the dogmas which thou didst compile thou didst fervently denounce the blasphemous impiety of the abominable disciples of Manes, which strove to infect the Church of Christ, O John.

Both... O undefiled Virgin, Mother unwedded, we know thee to be more holy than the saints, in that thou alone gavest birth to the immutable God; for thou hast poured forth incorruption upon all the faithful by thy divine birthgiving.

C. Katavasia (Tone 1)

The youths who were brought up together in godliness,/ despising the command of the unrighteous infidel,/ were not terrified by the threatening fire,/ but standing in the midst of the flames they did sing:// O God of our fathers, blessed art Thou.

Canticle Eight

Irmos: United in the unbearable fire,/ yet unharmed by its flame,/ the pious youths chanted a divine hymn in intercession:/ Bless the Lord, all ye works of the Lord,// and exalt Him supremely for all ages!

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

The splendor of the temple was rent in twain when Thy Cross was planted on Golgotha, and creation fell down in fear, singing: Bless the Lord, all ye works of the Lord! Hymn and exalt Him supremely forever!

Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Christ, and by Thy divine power didst set aright him who fell, deceived into eating of the tree; and he crieth and saith: Bless the Lord, all ye works of the Lord! Hymn and exalt Him supremely forever!

Theotokion

Thou hast been shown to be the temple of God, an animate habitation, and the ark; for thou, O all-pure Theotokos, hast reconciled the Creator with men, and all of us, His works, hymn thee fittingly and exalt Him supremely for all ages.

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

As the Mother of God and one close to Him, thou didst surpass the noetic ranks. We bless thine Offspring, O blessed Virgin, and exalt Him supremely for all ages.

Thou didst show forth a natural beauty, most comely, which illumineth the flesh of the Divinity. We bless thine Offspring, O blessed Virgin, and exalt Him supremely for all ages.

Holy Greatmartyr Barbara, pray to God for us!

Christ appeared to thee in prison, O Barbara, surrounded by light unapproachable, commanding thee to be of good cheer, healing thy wounds and granting thee joy; wherefore, thou hast lovingly taken wing to thy Bridegroom.

Manifestly hath Thy prophecy been fulfilled, O Christ; for the father giveth his own child over to death, the wretched parent becoming the instigator of Thy martyr's slaughter. Wherefore, he was destroyed by fire from heaven.

An angel of light arrayed thee like a bride in splendid vesture, O Barbara, who wast stripped naked for Christ's sake and wast subjected to suffering; for thou didst shed thy garments, receiving divine transformation.

Holy father John of Damascus, pray to God for us!

Thou didst openly denounce the division of Nestorius, the confusion of Severus and the monothelite foolishness, O thrice-blessed John, shining forth the radiance of Orthodoxy upon all the ends of the earth in the one true Faith.

Let us bless Father, Son, Holy Spirit, the Lord!

The enemy sowed the tares of heresy abundantly in the Church of Christ, that the worship of Christ in His precious icons might be eliminated; but he did not find thee sleeping, O most blessed John, who uprootest every seed of evil.

Both... Without seed didst thou conceive Him Who is inseparable from the Father and dwelt in thy womb as God and man, and thou gavest birth to Him ineffably, O all-pure Theotokos. Wherefore, we confess thee to be the salvation of us all.

We praise, we bless, we worship the Lord, praising and supremely exalting Him unto all ages.

C. Katavasia (Tone 1)

The furnace moist with dew/ was the image and figure of a wonder past nature./ For it burnt not the Children whom it had received,/ even as the fire of the Godhead consumed not the Virgin's womb into which it had descended./ Therefore in praise let us sing:// Let the whole creation bless the Lord and exalt Him above all forever.

P. Magnificat

C. Song of the Most Holy Theotokos.

Canticle Nine

Irmos: A wonder new and divine:/ the Lord manifestly passeth through the closed door of the Virgin,/ naked at His entry;/ and God doth reveal Himself as corporeal as He issueth forth;/ and yet the gate remaineth shut.// Ineffably let us magnify her as the Mother of God.

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

Awesome is it to behold Thee, the Creator, O Word of God, uplifted upon the Tree: God suffering in the flesh for His servants, and lying in the tomb, bereft of breath, and releasing the dead from hell. Wherefore, O Christ, we magnify Thee as omnipotent.

Placed dead in the tomb, Thou didst save the forefathers from the corruption of death; and, raising up the dead, Thou didst cause life to blossom forth, guiding human nature to the light and clothing it in divine incorruption. Wherefore, we ever magnify Thee as the Light of life.

Theotokion

Thou hast been shown to be the temple and throne of God, wherein He Who is in the highest dwelt, born of thee who knewest not man, O most pure one, without in any wise opening the gates of thy flesh. Wherefore, O pure one, by thine unceasing supplications quickly and utterly subdue the barbaric nations.

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

The pious and faithful can never have enough of thy praises, O Virgin; for, ever receiving divine and spiritual desire through desire, we magnify thee as the Mother of God.

Thou hast appointed for us an unashamed advocate, her who gave Thee birth, O Christ. Through her entreaties Thou givest us the merciful Spirit, the Bestower of goodness, Who through Thee proceedeth from the Father.

Holy Greatmartyr Barbara, pray to God for us!

Meeting the glorious end of thy martyrdom under the sword, O Barbara, and vouchsafed crowns of martyrdom with Juliana, thou didst hear the voice of God, which filled thee with power.

United now with Christ thy Bridegroom, shining with the glory of divine light in the mansions of heaven, O Barbara, look down upon those who hymn thee, lightening our sufferings and leading us to the living God.

Christ, fulfilling thy request, O athlete Barbara, granteth healings unto those who with faith keep thine annual memorial. For truly thy right glorious miracles have surpassed the sands of the sea in number.

Holy father John of Damascus, pray to God for us!

Thou hast taught all the children of the Church to hymn in Orthodox fashion the worshipful Unity in Trinity, and manifestly to theologize the divine incarnation of the Word, O John, explaining those things in the sacred Scriptures which many find difficult to understand.

Glory... Having hymned the ranks of the saints,-the pure Theotokos, the forerunner of Christ, the apostles, the prophets, fasters and wise teachers, the righteous and the martyrs,-O John, thou dost now abide in their mansions.

Both... In manner past understanding, O Virgin Theotokos, thou becamest the bridal-chamber of the incarnation of the Word, arrayed and embroidered with the glory of the virtues. Wherefore, we proclaim thee to be the Theotokos, O most immaculate one.

C. Katavasia (Tone 1)

A **strange** and most wonderful mystery do I **see**; / the cave is **heaven**; / the **Virgin** the throne of the **cherubim**; / the manger a room, in which Christ, the God Whom nothing can **contain**, is laid. // Him do we praise and **magnify**.

P. Small Ectenia

C. Holy is the Lord our God...

R. Exapostilarion Six (Luke 24:36-53)

Showing that Thou art man in essence, O Saviour, Thou hast risen from the tomb. And Thou hast partaken of food and hast stood in their midst to preach repentance. And Thou hast straightway ascended to the Father and promised to send the disciples the Comforter.

Exapostilarion for the Greatmartyr Barbara

Like a most beautiful rose, dyed with the blood of thy sacred suffering, thou didst spring forth from a thorny root, O virgin martyr Barbara. Now do thou lovingly save from misfortunes those who keep thy divine memory.

Glory... Exapostilarion for St. John of Damascus

Thou didst shine forth like a divine light upon the Church, O our father, illumining it with the splendor of thy hymns and the light of thy character, whereby thou dost reveal the dogmas of Christ as adorned, to Whom do thou never cease to pray for us, O John.

Both... Theotokion

The Maker of the creation and God of all, has taken mortal flesh from thine undefiled blood, O all-holy Virgin. And my nature corrupt throughout has He made new, leaving thee the same after as before childbirth. Therefore we all praise thee with faith crying: Rejoice! Queen of the World.

C. Lauds: Tone 3 Stichera

Let every bre-ath **praise** the Lord/

Praise the Lord from the **Heavens**/

Praise Him in the **highest**/

To **Thee** is due a **hymn**, O God/

Praise Him, all ye His **Angels**;/

Praise Him, all **ye** His hosts.//
To Thee is due a **hymn**, O God.

R. (The following may be read or sung antiphonally)

Praise Him, O sun and moon; praise Him, all ye stars and light.

Praise Him, ye heavens of heavens, and thou water that art above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the Lord; For He spake, and they came to be; He commanded, and they were created.

He established them forever, yea, forever and ever; He hath set an ordinance, and it shall not pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons and all ye abyesses,
Fire, hail, snow, ice, blast of tempest, which perform His word,

The mountains and all the hills, fruitful trees, and all cedars,

The beasts and all the cattle, creeping things and winged birds,

Kings of the earth, and all peoples, princes and all judges of the earth,

Young men and virgins, elders with the younger; let them praise the name of the Lord, for exalted is the name of Him alone.

His praise is above the earth and heaven, and He shall exalt the horn of His people.

This is the hymn for all His saints, for the sons of Israel, and for the people that draw nigh unto Him.

Sing unto the Lord a new song; His praise is in the church of the saints.

Let Israel be glad in Him that made him, let the sons of Sion rejoice in their king.

Let them praise His name in the dance; with the timbrel and the psaltery let them chant unto Him.

For the Lord taketh pleasure in His people, and He shall exalt the meek with salvation.

The saints shall boast in glory, and they shall rejoice upon their beds.

The high praise of God shall be in their throat, and two-edged swords shall be in their hands.

To do vengeance among the heathen, punishments among the peoples,

To bind their kings with fetters, and their nobles with manacles of iron,

V. To do among them the judgment that is written/ This glory shall be to **all** His saints.

1. O **come** all ye **nations**,/ **perceive** the might of this awful **mystery**./ Our **Saviour** Who in the **beginning** was the Word,/ has been **crucified** for us and of His own Will suffered **burial**,/ on the third **day** He rose again that He might **save** us all.// Therefore let us **worship** Him.

V. Praise ye God in His saints,/ praise Him in the firmament of His **power**.

2. The **watch** that **guarded** Thee, O Lord,/ **related** all the wonders that had **come** to pass,/ but the vain **assembly** of the Sanhedrin filled their **hands** with gifts,/ thus **thinking** to hide Thy Resurrection that the whole world **glorifies**.// Have **mercy** upon us.

V. Praise Him for His mighty acts,/ praise Him according to the multitude of His **greatness**.

3. All **things** were filled with joy at receiving the tidings of Thy Resurrection,/ **for** Mary Magdalene, when she **went** to Thy tomb,/ found an **angel** in shining raiment seated upon the **stone** who said:/ 'Why do ye seek the living **among** the dead?/ He is not **here**, but risen, **as** He said,// and He goes before you into **Galilee**.'

V. Praise Him with the sound of trumpet,/ praise Him with **psaltery** and harp.

4. O **Master** Who **lovest** mankind,/ in Thy **light** do we **see** light./ For **Thou** art risen **from** the dead/ and hast **bestowed** salvation on **mankind**./ Let all the **creation** give glory to Thee Who alone art without sin// and do Thou have **mercy** upon us.

V. Praise Him with timbrel and dance,/ praise Him with **strings** and flute.

Stichera for the Greatmartyr Barbara (Tone 1)

5. **Disdaining** the sweetness of earthly food and the riches of thy father, and despising **glory** as well,/ thou didst love the heavenly Bridegroom, O most glorious **Barbara**;/ for, beheaded by the sword, thou didst enter unto Christ the Bridegroom with the wise **virgins**/. Wherefore, dispelling the **deadly** plague,/ thou dost heal the faithful by the activity of the Holy **Spirit**// and prayest unceasingly for our souls.

V. Praise Him with tuneful cymbals, praise Him with cymbals of jubilation./ Let every breath praise the Lord.

(Tone 2)

6. The wicked enemy is put to shame, vanquished by a **woman**,/ as our first mother was **lured** into sin;/ for Christ, the Word of the Father Who was incarnate of the Virgin without change or **confusion**,/ as He Himself knew, lifted the curse from Eve and **Adam**,/ and He crowned the martyr Barbara **as** is meet,// granting the world cleansing and great mercy **for** her sake.

V. Wondrous is God in His saints, the God of Israel.

7. The divinely called Barbara, suffering at the **tribunal**, said:/ "Cruel are my present torments, O ye **torturers**,/ but joyful will it be to receive **everlasting** life!/ I shall never prefer earthly things to those of **heaven**!/ Wherefore, cut ye and **lacerate** my flesh,/ and give me over to the fire, that, **rejoicing**,/ I may depart unto Christ my **Bridegroom**!"// Through her supplications, O Christ God, send down Thy mercies and save us who with faith celebrate her **sufferings**.

V. In congregations bless ye God, the Lord from the wellsprings of Israel.

(Tone 6)

8. Treading the path of suffering, O most honoured **Barbara**,/ thou didst avoid the counsel of thy **father**./ Bearing a lamp like a wise virgin, thou didst enter into the **courts** of thy Lord,/ and as a manly-wise

martyr thou hast received the grace to heal carnal **passions**./ Deliver us all, who **hymn** thee,// from spiritual sickness by thy prayers **unto** God.

Glory... Gospel Sticheron (Tone 6)

Thou, O Christ, art **peace** indeed/ Who givest the peace of **God** to men,/ and after the Resurrection, Thou hast shown terrible things to the **disciples**/ who supposed they saw a **spirit**./ But Thou hast calmed the tumult **of** their souls,/ by showing them Thine **hands** and feet./ To those who nevertheless still **disbelieved**,/ Thou hast opened their minds to understand the **Scriptures**/ by partaking food with them and reminding them of Thy **teachings**./ And having assured them of the promise of the **Father**,/ and having blessed them, Thou hast gone away to **heaven**.// With them we therefore worship Thee, glory to **Thee**, O Lord.

Both now and ever... (Tone 2)

Most Blessed art Thou, O Virgin Theotokos,/ for through Him Who became incarnate of thee is hades led **captive**,/ **Adam** recalled, the curse annulled, Eve set free, **death** slain,/ and we are given life. Wherefore, we cry **aloud** in praise:/ Blessed art Thou, O **Christ** God,// Who hast been thus well-pleased, **glory** to Thee.

The Great Doxology

Dismissal Tropar:

Today is salvation come unto the world; let us sing to Him Who arose from the tomb, and is the Author of our life. For having destroyed death by death, He hath given us the victory and great mercy.

P. Litanies
Dismissal

R. Hours
Tropar: Resurrection & Greatmartyr Barbara/St. John alternating
Kontak: Resurrection

At Liturgy:

Order of Troparia & Kontakia as per Double Service

Prokimenon for Tone 3

O chant unto our God, chant ye; chant unto our King, chant ye!

V. Clap your hands, all ye nations; shout unto God with a voice of rejoicing.

Prokimenon for GM Barbara & St. John (Tone 4)

Wondrous is God in His saints, the God of Israel.

Epistle(s): Col 1:12-18 & Gal 3:23-29

Alleluia for Tone 3

V. In Thee, O Lord, have I hoped; let me not be put to shame in the age to come.

V. Be Thou unto me a God to defend me and a house of refuge to save me.

Alleluia for GM Barbara & St. John (Tone 1)

Gospel(s): Luke 17:12-19 & Mark 5:24-34

Communion Verse: Praise ye & Rejoice in the Lord...