

*8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*  
*Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils*

VESPERS: Tone 7

P. Regular Beginning

C. Lord I have cried...

1. O **come** let us rejoice in the **Lo-ord**/ Who **destroyed** the power of death and **enlightened** mankind,/ and **let** us cry aloud with the **angels**::// Glory to Thee, our Creator and our **Saviour**.
2. **On** our account Thou hast endured the **Cross** and the tomb:/ and as **God** Thou hast by death also put **death** to death:/ **Therefore**, we worship Thy Resurrection on the **third** day:// Glory to **Thee**, O Lord.
3. On **beholding** the Resurrection of the Creator,/ the **Apostles**, marveling, sang an angelic **song** of praise:/ **Here** is the glory **of** the Church,/ **here** the richness of the **Kingdom**:/ **Glory** be to **Thee**, O Lord,// Who hast suffered **death** for us.
4. O **Christ**, though Thou hast been taken captive by **wicked** men,/ Thou **art** my God and I am **not** shamed;/ I deny not that Thy **back** was scourged;/ I keep not **hid** that Thou wast **nailed** to the Cross./ I **boast** of Thy Resurrection, for Thy **death** is my life:// O almighty Lord, Who lovest mankind, to Thee be **glory**.

Stichera for the Holy Fathers (Tone 6)

5/6 Before the ages Thou wast begotten of the womb of the Father without **mother**/ before the **morning** star;/ yet Arius calleth Thee a creature, refusing to glorify **Thee** as God,/ with audacity mindlessly confusing Thee, the Creator, with a **creature**,/ laying up for himself fuel for the **everlasting** fire./ But the Council in Nicaea proclaimed Thee to be the **Son** of God,// Who art equally enthroned with the Father and the **Spirit**.

7/8 Wisely did ye mend the **robe** of Christ/ which had been rent and torn by the jaws of dogs, O honoured **fathers**,/ unable to endure the sight of His **nakedness**,/ as of old Shem and Japheth could not bear to see their father's **nakedness**./ And ye put to shame the mindlessness of those of like mind with **Arius**:// the **namesake** of wrath.

9/10 The Macedonians, Nestorians, Eutychians and Dioscorans,/ the Appollinarians, Sabellians and Severians,/ savage wolves who came clad in **sheep** skins,/ did ye, as true pastors, drive far away from the flock of the **Saviour**,/ stripping the thrice-wretched ones in particular of their sheep's **clothing**:// Wherefore, we call you **blest**.

Glory... (Tone 6)

Let us praise today the mystic clarions of the **Spirit**,/ the God-bearing fathers who in the **midst** of the Church/ changed the harmonious hymn of **theology**,/ that the Trinity is one and immutable in essence and **divinity**://

the destroyers of Arius, the champions of the **Orthodox**,// who ever pray to the Lord that our souls find **mercy**.

Both now & ever... Dogmatikon (Tone 7)

**Thou**, O Theotokos, hast been acknowledged to be a **Mother/ above** and beyond nature, yet withal remaining a **Virgin**./ **This** is past words and understanding,/ and the **wonder** of thy giving birth no **tongue** can tell./ Most **glorious**, O pure Virgin, was thy **conceiving**:/ and **beyond** the grasp of mind, the manner of thy **bearing** child./ **For** when God so wills, the order of nature is **overthrown**./ **Therefore**, we all acknowledging thee as the Mother of God, fervently **beseech** thee:// Make supplication for our **souls** to be saved.

P. Wisdom. Aright!

C. O Joyful Light...

P. Prokimenon. The Lord is King...

P. Wisdom! Readings:

Readings for the Fathers

R. The reading is from Genesis (14:14-20)

Abram, having heard that Lot, his nephew, had been taken captive, numbered his own home-born servants, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued after them to Dan. And he came upon them by night, he and his servants; and he smote them and pursued them as far as Hobah, which is on the left of Damascus. And he recovered all the cavalry of Sodom, and he recovered Lot, his nephew, and all his possessions, and the women and the people. And the king of Sodom went out to meet him after he returned from the slaughter of Chedorla-omer, and the kings with him, to the valley of Shaveh (this was the plain of the kings). And Melchizedek, King of Salem, brought forth loaves and wine, and he was the priest of the Most High God. And he blessed Abram, and said: "Blessed be Abram of the Most High God, Who made heaven and earth; and blessed be the Most High God Who delivered thine enemies into thy power."

R. The reading is from Deuteronomy (1:8-11, 15-17)

In those days, Moses said to the children of Israel: "Behold, God hath delivered the land before you. Go in and inherit the land, which He promised to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give it to them and to their seed after them. And I spake to you at that time, saying: I shall not be able by myself to bear you. The Lord your God hath multiplied you; and, behold, ye are today as the stars of heaven in multitude. The Lord God of your fathers add to you a thousandfold more than you are, and bless you as He hath said to you. How shall I alone be able to bear your labor, and your burden, and your gainsayings? Take to yourselves wise men for your tribes, and I will set your leaders over you. And ye answered me, and said: 'The thing which thou hast told us is good to do.' So I took of you wise and understanding and prudent men, and I set them to rule over you as rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, and rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens, and officers to your judges. And I charged your judges at that time, saying: Hear causes between your brethren, and judge rightly between a man and his brother, and the stranger who is with him. Thou shalt not have respect to persons in judgment, thou shalt judge small and great equally; thou shalt not shrink from before the person of a man, for the judgment is God's."

R. The reading is from Deuteronomy (10:14-21)

In those days, Moses said to the children of Israel: "Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens belong to the Lord thy God, the earth and all things that are therein. Only the Lord chose your fathers to love them, and He chose out their seed after them, even you, beyond all nations, as at this day. Therefore, ye shall circumcise the hardness of your heart, and ye shall not harden your neck. For the Lord your God, He is the God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, and strong, and terrible God, Who doth not accept persons, nor will He by any means accept a bribe, executing judgment for the stranger and orphan and widow. And as He loveth the stranger, to give him food and raiment, so shall ye love the stranger; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt. Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God, and serve Him, and shalt cleave unto Him, and shalt swear by His name. He is thy boast, and He is thy God, Who hath wrought in the midst of thee these great and glorious things, which thine eyes have seen."

P. Augmented Litany

C. Vouchsafe...

P. Litany of Fervent Supplication

C. Litya Prayers

*First sticheron that of the temple; Then the following:*

Glory... Verses for the Holy Fathers (Tone 3)

O holy fathers, ye were careful preservers of the Traditions of the apostles,/ for, having taught in Orthodox manner/ the consubstantiality of the Holy Trinity,/ in council ye cast down the blasphemy of Arius;/ and having denounced both him and Macedonius,/ who contended against the Spirit,/ ye condemned Nestorius, Eutyches and Dioscorus,/ Sabellius and the mindless Severus./ Pray ye that we be delivered from their deception,// that our life may be kept undefiled in the Faith, we beseech you.

Both... Through the divine Spirit, by the will of the Father,/ without seed thou didst conceive the Son of God/ Who hath existed without mother from before the ages,/ and for our sake thou gavest birth in the flesh unto Him Who came froth from thee without father;/ and thou didst nurture Him on milk as a babe./ Wherefore, cease not to pray,// that our souls be saved.

P. *Litya prayers in back of the Church*

APOSTICHA: (Tone 7)

1. **Rising** from the tomb, O **Saviour** of the world,/ Thou **hast**, together with Thy flesh, **raised** up man:// To Thee, O Lord, be **glory**.

V. The Lord is King,/ and hath put on glorious apparel.

2. **Come**, let us **worship** Him,/ Who **rose** from the tomb and gave **light** to all./ For **by** His resurrection on the **third** day/ He **set** us free from the **tyranny** of hell,// granting us life and great **mercy**.

V. He hath made the world so sure/ that it cannot be moved.

3. O **Christ**, the Lord, Who alone **lovest** mankind,/ **Thou** hast descended **into** hell,/ **despoiling** death and rising upon the **third** day;/ Thou hast **raised** us up with Thee glorifying Thine all-powerful Resurrection,// O Thou Who **lovest** mankind.

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

4. O **Lord**, what an awful sight it was to see Thee lying as if **asleep** in the tomb;/ yet **Thou** didst rise on the third **day** in might,/ **raising** up with Thee **Adam**, who cried:// Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Thou, Who alone **lovest** mankind.

Glory... (Tone 4)

This **day** let us, the assemblies of the **Orthodox**,/ faithfully acting in accordance with **piety**,/ **celebrate** the prayerful memory of the God-bearing **fathers**/ who assembled from throughout all the world in the splendid city of **Nicaea**;/ for with pious mind they cast down the godless dogma of the dreadful **Arius**,/ and in council cast him out of the **cath'lic** Church,/ and in their **Symbol** of Faith/ have clearly taught all to confess the Son of God to be **consubstantial**,/ equally everlasting, and existent before the **ages**,/ setting this forth precisely and **piously**./ Wherefore following their divine dogmas and believing them with certainty, we worship the Trinity One in **essence**:// the Son and the Holy Spirit together with the Father, in one **Godhead**.

Both now and ever... (Tone 4)

Look **down**, O all-pure **Virgin**,/ upon the supplications of thy **servants**;/ Thou dost **crush** the savage assaults that **beset** us/ and dost calm **all** our distress./ Thou art the only steadfast support **that** we know:/ suffer us not, our Lady, to be **put** to shame,/ we who in thee have found an intercessor and who call **upon** thee./ Make speed to hearken to the **entreaties**/ of those who in faith cry **unto** thee:/ Hail! O our Lady, thou art the **help** and the joy,/ the protection and the **salvation** of our souls.

C. St. Symeon's Prayer

R. Trisagion

C. Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos x2

Troparion for the Holy Fathers (Tone 8)

Most glorious art Thou, O Christ our God,/ Who hast established our fathers upon the earth as beacons,/ and hast thereby guided us all to the true Faith!// O greatly Compassionate One, glory be to Thee!

P. Blessing of loaves.

C. Amen. Blessed be the Name of the Lord...

MATINS: Tone 7

P. Regular Beginning

P. Great Ectenia

C. God is the Lord...

Sunday Troparia (Tone 7)

x2

By Thy Cross, Thou didst destroy death./ To the thief, Thou didst open paradise./ For the myrrh-bearers, thou didst change weeping into joy/ and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God,/ to proclaim that Thou art risen// granting the world great mercy.

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Both... (Tone 8) (See music in vigil book)

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:

Life lay in the tomb, and the seal lay upon the stone. The soldiers guarded Christ as they would a sleeping king, and the angels glorified Him as immortal God. And the women cried aloud: The Lord hath risen, granting great mercy to the world!

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

O Christ God, Who by Thy burial madest death captive, and Who by Thine arising raised up man who had become corrupt: Glory to Thee, in that Thou lovest mankind!

G/B... As thou, who art sung by all the world, art the treasure house of our Resurrection, lead out of the pit and abyss of their offences, those who have put their faith in thee. For thou who before bearing child wast Virgin, and in childbirth and after childbirth hast remained Virgin, hast saved us by giving birth to our salvation.

R. Kathisma III  
P. Small Ectenia

R. Sessional Hymns:

While the tomb was sealed, Thou didst shine forth life from the grave, O Christ God; and while the doors were shut, Thou, the Resurrection of all, didst stand before the disciples, through them renewing an upright spirit for us, according to Thy great mercy.

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

The women ran to Thy tomb, bearing myrrh and tears; and while the soldiers were keeping watch over Thee, the King of all, they said to themselves: "Who will roll away the stone for us?" But the Angel of great Counsel had arisen, trampling down death. O Lord almighty, glory be to Thee!

G/B... Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos full of grace, haven and intercession for the human race, for of thee did the Deliverer of the world become incarnate, for thou alone art both Mother and Virgin, ever-blessed and all-glorious. Entreat Christ God, that He grant peace to all the world.

R. Psalm 118  
 C. Evlogitaria (Blessed art Thou, O Lord...)  
 P. Small Ectenia

R. Ypakoe:  
 O Christ God, Who assumed our form and endured the Cross in the flesh, save me by Thy resurrection, in that Thou lovest mankind.

Hymn of Degrees: (Antiphon One)

O Saviour Who turned the captivity of Sion away from falsehood, grant life unto me, rescuing me from enslaving passions.

He who with tears soweth the afflictions of fasting in the south shall reap sheaves of joy and everlasting life.

G/B... Through the Holy Spirit cometh the well-spring of divine treasures: from Him are wisdom, understanding and fear, and to Him are due praise and glory, honour and dominion.

Hymn of Degrees: (Antiphon Two)

If the Lord buildeth not the house of the soul, in vain do we labor; For without Him is no work or word made perfect.

Moved by the Spirit, the saints, made true children through adoption by the Son, have transmitted the teachings of the Father.

G/B... Through the Holy Spirit doth everything come into being; for, from before the beginning of time, He hath been the God of all, the Lord of all, the unapproachable Light, and the Life of all.

Hymn of Degrees: (Antiphon Three)

Having found the paths of life, they who fear the Lord are blessed, now and forever, with incorruptible glory.

Seeing thine offspring like the trunks of trees round about thy table, rejoice and be glad, leading them to Christ, the Chief Shepherd.

G/B... From the Holy Spirit come an abyss of gifts, a wealth of glory and great depths of judgment; for, equal in glory with the Father and the Son, He is worshipped with Them.

P. Prokimenon: (Tone 7)

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

V. I will confess Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart.

Let every breath praise the Lord.

GOSPEL #8

- 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: By Thy hand was the nature of water,/ which before was fluid,/ transformed into solid form, O Lord./ Wherefore, having passed through it dryshod, // Israel chanteth to Thee a hymn of victory.

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

By the Tree was the tyranny of death overthrown, when Thou was condemned to an unjust death, O Lord; thus, utterly unable to vanquish Thee, the prince of darkness was rightly banished.

Hades drew nigh to Thee, but his fangs were unable to rend Thy body, and his jaws were broken; wherefore, having destroyed the pangs of death, O Saviour, Thou didst arise on the third day.

### Theotokion

The pangs of our first mother Eve have been eased, for, eluding pain, thou gavest birth without knowing man. Wherefore, clearly knowing thee to be the Theotokos, O all-pure one, we all glorify thee.

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

O Virgin who gavest birth to the Abyss of loving-kindness, illumine my soul with thy luminous effulgence, that I may hymn the abyss of thy wonders as is meet.

Seeing us wounded by the dart of sin, the Word took pity on us, as our Benefactor; wherefore, the All-divine One ineffably united Himself to flesh He had received from thee, O most pure one.

Holy Fathers pray to God for us!

With sacred words let the fathers be honored who from Nicaea, as it were from the sky, thundered forth the Word of the living God everywhere, showing forth His enemies slain by their thunder.

With the Holy Spirit hath Christ driven the evil spirit of the Spirit-haters far from His Church, unifying the church by the activity of the Second Council.

Cyril, the leader of the Council, who clearly confessed the Virgin Mary to be the pure Mother and Theotokos, dispelled the deception of Nestorius the Christ-hater.

Theotokion

O pure one, thou gavest birth unto Christ, One of the uncreated Trinity, in two natures and volitions, Who for thy sake hath accomplished the uniting of men and angels.

Holy Fathers, pray to God for us!

The pious council of the fathers, which once assembled against Eutyches, truly preached the Saviour in two inseparable natures, manifestly walking and abiding according to the doctrine of the godly father Cyril.

The six hundred and thirty pious men, having cast down the deception of Eutyches and the heresy of Severus, attained unto this hymn: We preach Christ in two natures, walking according to the pronouncement of the blessed Cyril.

Glory... Let him who doth not confess Christ, the Word of the Father, to be in two natures and activities, fall under our anathema! For thus did the Fourth Council of the holy fathers unanimously preach. Let us all, therefore, call them blessed.

Both... Most glorious things have been spoken of thee amid generations of generations, O Mary Theotokos, who contained God the Word within thy womb, and remained pure. Wherefore, we all honour thee, after God, as our intercessor.

C. Katavasia (Tone 4)

**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**.

Canticle Three

Irmos: O Lord and Saviour/ Who in the beginning established the heavens by Thine omnipotent Word/ and confirmed all their power by the all-accomplishing and divine Spirit:// establish me upon the immovable rock of the confession of Thee!

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

Having ascended the Tree, O compassionate Saviour, of Thine own will Thou didst experience pain for our sake and didst endure the wounding which won reconciliation and salvation for the faithful. And thereby have we all been reconciled with Thy Father, O Merciful One.

Having cleansed of sores me who was wounded by the sting of the serpent, O Christ, Thou didst show forth light unto me who from of old have lain in darkness and corruption; for having descended into hades through the Cross, Thou didst raise me up with Thyself.

Theotokion

Through the entreaties of Thy Mother who knew not man, O Saviour, grant peace to the world, and vouchsafe Thine ineffable glory unto those who glorify Thee.

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

Blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, O Virgin Theotokos, thou joy of all; for, for the whole world thou gavest birth unto the Joy and Gladness which truly dispelleth the grief of sin, O Bride of God.

O Virgin Theotokos, thou didst truly give birth for us to eternal Life and Peace, causing men's ancient battle against God the Father to cease, through thy faith and confession of grace.

Holy Fathers, pray to God for us!

The mindless Arius, showing himself to be a servant of a created being, and Macedonius, likewise revealed as abominable, are tormented together in the fire of Gehenna with the heathen.

With the seven sacred councils of the holy fathers didst thou adorn the honoured Church, O Christ, driving far away the darkness of deception as with the light of seven beacons.

The multifarious murrain of the heretics destroyeth Thy flock, O Word; but the shepherds of Thy noetic sheep have changed this by their doctrine.

#### Theotokion

O all-pure one, thou gavest birth unto One of the uncreated Trinity, Who is two in nature and volition, and Whose image we worship, filled with grace.

Holy Fathers, pray to God for us!

They that have foolishly inclined towards the words of Severus, which are full of dreadful poison, are ever put to shame, cut off from the Church like predatory wolves and dogs.

O ye faithful who join chorus together, we honour the Saviour and Creator of all in two indivisible natures, two volitions and activities. Wherefore, we utterly reject the deception of Severus.

Glory... Come ye, and let us openly spurn the deception of the pernicious Severus and Jacob, and with them Theodosius and Dioscorus; but let us praise the Fourth Council of the pious fathers with divine hymns.

Both... Thou hast been shown to be more exalted than the cherubim and the seraphim, O Theotokos; for thou alone hast received the uncontainable God in thy womb, O immaculate one. Wherefore, all we, the faithful, bless thee with hymns, O pure one.

#### C. Katavasia (Tone 4)

O **M**other of God,/ thou living and **p**lentiful fount,/ give **s**trength to those united in spiritual **f**ellowship,/ who sing hymns of **p**raise to thee:/ And in thy divine **g**lory// vouchsafe unto them crowns of **g**lory.

P. Small Ectenia

#### C. Kontakion, Tone 7

The dominion of death/ can no longer hold men captive/ for Christ descended shattering and destroying its powers!/ Hell is bound, while the prophets rejoice and cry:/ The Saviour has come to those in faith,// Enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection.

R. Ikos

Below, the uttermost depths, hades and death trembled today before One of the Trinity; the earth quaked, and the gatekeepers of hades, beholding Thee, were horrified. And all creation, rejoicing with the prophets, singeth a hymn of victory to Thee, our Deliverer and God, Who hast now destroyed the power of death. Let us exult and cry out unto Adam and his descendents, in that the tree of the Cross hath restored him to paradise: Come forth, ye faithful, unto the resurrection.

R. Sessional Hymn of the Holy Fathers (Tone 4) x2

Ye have been shown to the world as all-radiant beacons of the truth of Christ on earth, O truly most blessed and divinely eloquent fathers, having burned the heresies of the blasphemous confusion of tongues and quenched the flaming tumults of those whose faith is false. Wherefore, as holy hierarchs of Christ, pray ye that we be saved.

G/B... Theotokion

By thy divine birthgiving, O pure one, thou hast renewed mortal nature which had grown corrupt in earthly passions; and thou hast raised up all from death to the life of incorruption. Wherefore, as is meet, we all bless thee as thou didst foretell, O all-glorious Virgin.

Canticle Four

Irmos: O Christ God Who, without leaving the bosom of the Father, didst descend to earth;/ I have heard the mystery of Thy dispensation,// and have glorified Thee, Who alone lovest mankind.

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

Giving His shoulders over to stripes, the innocent Master, Who was incarnate of the Virgin, was beaten by a most sinful servant, loosing mine offenses.

Standing before the tribunal of iniquitous judges, the Judge is examined as one indicted; and He Who judgeth the earth with righteousness and as God formed man is smitten by a hand of clay.

Theotokion

In that thou art truly the Mother of God, entreat thy Creator and Son, O most immaculate one, that He guide me to the saving haven of His glorious will.

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

O most hymned one, who even before creation appeared to God as wholly elect and beauteous in the splendor of thy radiance, enlighten those who hymn thee.

For man, O pure one, thou gavest birth unto God, Who became incarnate of thy pure blood, and delivereth from many offenses those who with love glorify and honour thee, O Mother and Virgin.

Holy Fathers, pray to God for us!

Thine enemies raised a great tumult, O Saviour, and they that hate Thee have lifted up their head a little; yet straightway they have fallen, unable to endure the blare of Thy spiritual trumpets.

The suns of the Sun have with twofold radiance made clear that the Son and Spirit are from the Father, uncreated, equally unoriginate. The Father is believed to be the sole cause of both.

Seven are the spirits which rested on Christ, Isaiah said: and Christ, with the Father and the divine Spirit, rested on the seven councils.

#### Theotokion

From thy precious blood didst thou give birth unto God Who bore flesh, O pure Maiden; Him have the fathers professed to be in two natures, but a single Hypostasis.

Holy Fathers, pray to God for us!

O mindless and vain Severus, tell us: is the Word, the Son of the Father of lights, a single essence, commingled, unoriginate? For if thou sayest so, thou dost postulate a different essence; for flesh and the Word are not a single essence, but are two, O wretched one!

To speak of a single nature of the Word goeth against the incarnate nature of humankind apart from any change and commingling; and the teacher and primate of the Alexandrians, hath clearly taught two natures and volitions to those who wish to reason in Orthodox manner.

Glory... The two unconfused natures of Christ do we all proclaim, O ye faithful, trampling underfoot all the impiety of Eutyches and the mindless Dioscorus. And we follow the limits set down by the holy fathers through the discourse of the divine Cyril.

Both... Thou art the chariot of the cherubim, O pure Mother of God; thou art the habitation, the dwelling-place of God the Word of the Father, Who clothed Himself in flesh of thine all-pure womb. Wherefore, worshipping Him Who becometh incarnate of thee in two natures, we glorify Him unceasingly.

#### C. Katavasia (Tone 4)

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

#### Canticle Five

Irmos: Night is bereft of light for those without faith, O Christ,/ but for the faithful there is enlightenment in the sweetness

of Thy words;/ wherefore, I rise early unto Thee// and hymn Thy divinity.

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

For Thy servants art Thou betrayed, and Thou endurest blows to Thy cheeks, which win freedom for those who chant: I rise early unto Thee and hymn Thy divinity!

By Thy divine power, O Christ, Thou didst cast down the mighty one with Thy weak human flesh, and by Thy resurrection Thou hast shown me to be a victor over death, O Saviour.

Theotokion

O pure Mother, thou gavest birth unto God, Who as God became incarnate of thee, O most hymned one; and though thou hadst no concourse with the male gender, yet dost thou give birth through the Holy Spirit.

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

Beholding the ladder set firmly in the highest, Jacob understood it to be an image of thee, O thou who knewest not wedlock; for through thee hath God come into fellowship with men, O most pure Mistress.

Having now found everlasting deliverance through thee, O Virgin, we earnestly cry out to thee, "Rejoice!", O Bride of God; and uplifted to joy by thy light, O most hymned one, we hymn thee in songs.

Holy Fathers, pray to God for us!

The divine grapevine of Christ which was brought from Egypt was once consumed by the wild beasts of the accursed destroyer; but they have been driven far away with the sling of the holy fathers.

Illumining their minds with thrice-radiant divine splendor, the honoured fathers professed the Lord Christ to be One of the honourable Trinity and two in nature and volition.

O Trinity, among material things hath the Church been made heavenly by the wise fathers as among the seraphim; and ever chanting unto Thee the thrice-holy hymn, it uniteth Thy threefold nature into One.

Theotokion

Thou wast the Mother and hand-maiden of thy Son, O pure one; for He Who came forth from thee existed before thee as thy Creator. Him do we know to be in two natures and we unite them in the hypostatic Word.

Holy Fathers, pray to God for us!

O Severus! Do not wickedly confuse the natures of Christ, O iniquitous one; for all the priests and all-blessed teachers, professing that in the one Person of Christ there are two natures, have expounded thus to all.

Desiring to take pity on us who were perishing, the Unoriginate One, the Word of the Father, as Lover of mankind, manifestly assumed human nature. Wherefore, I profess Him in two natures and volitions.

Glory... The Fourth Council, having set at naught Severus and Dioscorus, who blaspheme Christ, read aloud the Tome of Leo, the primate of Rome, right well showing forth the nature of the Saviour as two in number, without separation.

Both... Possessed of maternal boldness before thy Son, O most pure one, spurn not the thought of us as kin, we pray; for thee alone do we Christians set before the Master as our merciful purification.

C. Katavasia (Tone 4)

The whole **world** was amazed at thy divine **glory**,/ for **thou**, O Virgin who hast not known **wedlock**,/ hast **held** in thy womb the **God** of all,/ and hast given birth to an **eternal** Son,// Who rewards with salvation all who sing thy **praises**.

Canticle Six

Irmos: Sailing amid the tumult of the cares of life,/ I founder with the ship of sin and am cast to the soul-destroying beast;/ yet like Jonah I cry to Thee, O Christ;// Lead me up from the deadly abyss!

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

The souls of the righteous imprisoned in hell and left there, remembered Thee and besought salvation of Thee, which through the Cross Thou didst grant to the nether regions, O Christ, having come there full of loving-kindness.

The choir of the apostles despaired of ever seeing again Thine animate temple not made by man, which was destroyed by Thy sufferings; yet, beyond hope, they worshipped Thee and everywhere proclaimed Thee risen.

Theotokion

Who among men can explain the manner of thine ineffable birthgiving which took place for our sake, O Virgin Bride of God? For God the Word, Who is uncircumscribable, uniting Himself to thee, became flesh through thee.

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

The images of the law and the foretellings of the prophets clearly proclaimed beforehand thee, O pure one, who wouldst give birth to the Benefactor of all creation, Who continually and in manifold ways hath benefited those who hymn thee with faith.

The first-created Adam, who of old was banished from the divine delight of Eden through the treachery of the slayer of man, didst thou restore when thou gavest birth unto Him Who hath delivered us from his transgression, O thou who knewest not wedlock.

Holy Fathers, pray to God for us!

Once David, chanting, said: The God of gods, the Lord, hath spoken, and He hath called them from the ends of all the earth, from the rising of the sun and even unto the setting thereof, signifying the ecumenical councils of the fathers.

The wisdom of God hath founded seven pillars, Thy Church, O Master, which is maintained unshaken by all the heresies by the councils of the sacred fathers, seven in number.

May shame cover the countenances of Eutyches and Dioscorus, who spake foolishly of a commingling of the nature of Christ; for He received the nature of earthborn man not in appearance, but in His divinity.

#### Theotokion

Let Nestorius be admitted to the benighted councils of the Jews and let his blasphemous tongue be cut out; for the Virgin Mary gave birth to God Who became incarnate for us.

Holy Fathers, pray to God for us!

The two epistles of Cyril which were once sent to the prefect who held authority over the East, denounce all the deception of Severus, piously proclaiming Christ.

Glory... Cyril preached Christ in two natures and two activities, cutting off the heresy of the senseless Severus. Wherefore, let us all remain in his doctrines.

Both... We, the pious, proclaim thee truly to be the pure and all-glorious Virgin, O Mary Theotokos, shutting the impudent mouth of Nestorius and evil mind of Dioscorus.

#### C. Katavasia (Tone 4)

**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 **born** of her.

#### P. Small Ectenia

#### C. Kontakion of the Holy Fathers (Tone 8)

The preaching of the apostles and the dogmas of the fathers sealed the one Faith of the Church;/ and clad in the robe of truth woven of theology from on high,// it setteth aright and glorifieth the great mystery of piety.

#### R. Ikos for the Holy Fathers

Let us hearken unto the Church of God which crieth out with exalted preaching: let him who thirsteth come to me and drink the cup which I hold, for it is the cup of wisdom! This drink of truth have I drawn by the word, which poureth forth not the water of gainsaying, but of confession, and drinking of it the present Israel beholdeth God, Who declareth: Behold ye, and see that it is I Myself Who am God, and I change not! I have been God from the beginning, and will be so ever after; and other than Me there is no God! They that drink hereof shall be satisfied, and shall praise the great mystery of piety.

Canticle Seven

Irmos: Of old, the children showed the fiery furnace to pour forth dew,/ hymning the one God and saying:/ Supremely exalted and all-glorious// is the God of our fathers!

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

Through a tree death came to Adam, who of his own will committed disobedience; but through the obedience of Christ is he restored. For my sake is the all-glorious Son of God crucified.

All creation hath hymned Thee, O Christ, Who rose from the tomb; for Thou didst cause life to blossom forth for those in hades, and resurrection for the dead, and light for those in darkness, O All-glorious One.

Theotokion

Rejoice, daughter of corrupt Adam! Rejoice, only Bride of God! Rejoice, O thou who gavest birth to God, and through whom corruption was driven off! Him do thou beseech, O pure one, that we all be saved.

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

Receiving the burning coal of old, Isaiah was purified, O Maiden; and in signs he beheld thy giving birth to the supremely exalted and all-glorious God of our fathers.

Of old, the divine prophets, beholding images and signs of thy divine birthgiving, joyously cried out, chanting: Supremely exalted and all-glorious is the God of our fathers!

Holy Fathers, pray to God for us!

Once Daniel destroyed the dragon of Babylon; and by the prayers of the fathers hath Arius, the cruel serpent of Egypt, which devoureth the flock of Christ, been manifestly broken asunder.

With unforgivable impiety the wolf Macedonius showed his disdain, striking out against the Spirit Who deifieth men and restoreth all the faithful to their pristine goodness with the laver of baptism.

Dioscorus, Eutyches and Severus the Leviathan, the three who have commingled and mixed the natures of Christ with mental confusion, have struck out with audacity against the worshipful Trinity.

Theotokion

With reverence do we venerate the image of the countenance of Thine incarnation, O Master, and that of Thy Mother and of all the saints, knowing with right thought that the veneration passeth well to the prototype.

Holy Fathers, pray to God for us!

Confessing Christ to be in two natures and activities, without confusion, immutably, we vanquish the deception of Severus. Wherefore, we

cry out to Him Who, in assuming flesh, endured suffering: Blessed is the God of our fathers!

We understand that it was One Who was on the Tree, yet, as God in the highest, was in the bosom of the Father, and Who was in the tomb in that He was joined to the flesh. To Him do we chant, crying out together: Blessed art Thou, O God of our fathers!

Glory... Despising the enemies of the Trinity, the emptiness and division of Arius who belittled God, and the like-mindedness of Sabellius, let us cry out to the Trinity, O ye faithful: Blessed is the God of our fathers!

Both... Theologizing in Orthodox manner, we declare Thee to be the Lord of all, the one and, more precisely, only-begotten Son of the Father, knowing Thy one, proceeding Spirit to be right, equally united and ever-existent with Thee.

C. Katavasia (Tone 4)

The **Holy** Children bravely trampled upon the **threatening** fire,/ preferring not to worship created things rather than the Creator,/ and they **sang** in joy:/ 'Blessed art Thou and **praised** above all,// O Lord God of our **fathers**.'

#### Canticle Eight

Irmos: The bush on Sinai, which partook of fire without being consumed,/ revealed God unto Moses,/ who was slow of speech and spake with difficulty;/ and the zeal of God showed forth the three children in the fire as invincible, who chanted:/ Hymn the Lord, all ye works of the Lord,// and exalt Him supremely forever!

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

Slaughtered for the world, the all-pure Lamb brought an end to the sacrifices offered in accordance with the law, in that He is God, purifying it of transgressions, that it may ever cry: Hymn the Lord, all ye works of the Lord, and exalt Him supremely for all ages!

Our flesh, which was assumed by the Creator, was not incorrupt before His suffering; but after His suffering and resurrection it was rendered untouchable by corruption, and restoreth mortals, who cry: Hymn the Lord, all ye works of the Lord, and exalt Him supremely for all ages!

#### Theotokion

Thy pure and most unblemished state hath purified the vile and abominable state of the whole world, O Virgin; and thou becamest the cause of our reconciliation with God. Wherefore, O all-pure Virgin, all of us, His works, bless and exalt thee supremely for all ages.

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

With the light of thy birthgiving thou didst strangely enlighten the whole world, O Theotokos; for in thine arms thou dost bear Him Who is truly

God, Who enlighteneth the faithful, who ever cry: O ye works of the Lord, hymn the Lord and exalt Him supremely for all ages!

O pure one, we piously hymn thy womb, which ineffably contained the incarnate God, Who hath given the enlightenment of the knowledge of God unto all the faithful, who ever cry: O ye works of the Lord, hymn the Lord and exalt Him supremely for all ages!

Holy Fathers, pray to God for us!

The Son and the Spirit shone forth as divinely planted shoots from a single Root; for the Father is the sole Cause, is timeless and of honour equal with the other timeless Persons.

Thou didst timelessly shine forth from an immaterial womb, O Word Who art of one essence with the Father and the Spirit; yet for our sake Thou madest thine abode in the material womb of the only Theotokos.

Darts ablaze with the fire of the Spirit, the seven councils of the godly fathers pierced the shameful hearts of the heretical enemies and sent them to their death.

#### Theotokion

Not in more than one Person do we glorify the one Christ, nor do we unify Him in commingling His essence; for He is one and the same Person, thy Son and Creator, O Virgin, distinguished by being dual in nature.

Holy Fathers, pray to God for us!

Let them that do not profess the one Son in two natures, indivisible, immutable and unconfused, be put to shame, and let their mouths be stopped; for we, the pious, render glory, believing that Christ acteth and willeth not in accordance with different hypostases, but in two natures.

O ye who bear the name of Jacob the ragged and take his name to yourselves, tell us: Were ye baptized in his name of old? Wherefore, because of him, ye who yet willingly cleave unto shamelessness with that liar have fallen away from the grace of Christ.

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

In Chalcedon, the Fourth Council set at naught Dioscorus, Eutyches and Severus, and utterly cut off from the Church of Christ the Master the thorns of their heresy, which confused the natures of the Saviour. With the Church we who are Orthodox hold them in derision.

Both... O all-pure Theotokos, cleanse thou the wounds of my soul and the bruises of sin, washing them with the stream which springeth forth from the side of thy Son in flowing streams; for to thee do I cry, to thee do I flee, and thee, who art full of the grace of God, do I invoke.

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

C. Katavasia (Tone 4)

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 the creation to sing:/ O all ye **works** of the Lord,// bless ye the Lord and exalt Him above all forever.

P. Magnificat

C. Song of the Most Holy Theotokos.

### Canticle Nine

Irmos: O Mother who knewest not man,/ who gavest birth without experiencing corruption,/ and lent flesh to the Word Who hath fashioned all things,/ O Virgin Theotokos, thou receptacle of Him Whom nought can resist/ and dwelling-place of the Infinite:// thee do we magnify.

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

O all ye of alien mind, who assume that the Divinity suffered, stop your mouths; for we magnify the Lord of glory crucified in the flesh, but not crucified in His divine essence, for His is One in two natures.

O ye who believe not in the resurrection of the body, come ye to the tomb of Christ and learn; for the flesh of the Bestower of life was dead and rose again, to assure us of the final resurrection, wherein we hope.

### Triadicon

Worshipping a Trinity of Hypostases, not of Godheads, a Oneness of divinity, not of Persons, we cut off those who divide It; moreover, we confound those who dare to confuse that which we magnify.

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

Thou hast been the Mediatress of everlasting joy and gladness for us, O Ever-virgin Maiden, having given birth to the Deliverer Who delivereth those who worship Him as God in truth and by the divine Spirit.

David, thine ancestor, O all-pure one, hymning thee, calleth thee the ark of divine holiness, which supernaturally contained God Who sitteth in the bosom of the Father. O ye faithful, let us magnify Him without ceasing.

Holy Fathers, pray to God for us!

One must not add or subtract ought from sacred Tradition, our Orthodox Faith; for therein have we faithful been baptized. And they that add ought to this Faith shall be rightly given over to the ban of anathema.

Let us all leap up in joy of heart, uniting in one feast the memory of the sacred councils of the fathers, for, for their sake have we come to behold the light of Orthodoxy; for they have been revealed as beacons guiding all to find the right doctrines.

Let us ask cleansing for our souls, and let us strive to live our life piously, that we may share in the portion of the holy fathers who have disclosed the riches of the right doctrine unto us their children.

Theotokion

God shone forth from thy womb, O Mother of God, and hath deified the human race and counted it worthy of His own glory; and He hath shown all who ever proclaim thee truly the Theotokos to be His heirs.

Holy Fathers, pray to God for us!

The false Severus, having traversed the right glorious Church of Christ, rightly became the object of the vengeance of the council of the pious fathers because of his blasphemy and deceptive verbal artifice; and, condemned, he is cut off from the company of the teachers of the Church.

Glory... O wretched Severus, why comminglest thou the natures of Christ and introducest confusion and commixture into them, thus adding to the Godhead, which is devoid of passion, the suffering on the Cross and the burial of the only-begotten Word of God? Wherefore, we abominate thy great blasphemy.

Both... The pride and audacity of the foe and the counsels of them that utter blasphemy against the Creator hath He Who was born of the Virgin set at naught; and as God Who hath lifted up the horn of His people and strengthened them with faith He hath made the council of the faithful unshakable, that we may all magnify thee, O Theotokos.

C. Katavasia (Tone 4)

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

P. Small Ectenia

C. Holy is the Lord our God...

R. Exapostilarion Eight (John 20:11-18)

Seeing two angels inside the tomb, Mary was struck with wonder and not knowing Christ, she asked Him supposing Him to be the gardener: 'Where O Lord, hast thou laid the body of my Jesus?' And recognizing by His call that He was the Saviour Himself, she heard: 'Touch me not; tell the brethren I go to my Father.'

Glory... Exapostilarion for the Holy Fathers

Celebrating the memory of the divine fathers today, by their supplications, O most Compassionate One, we entreat Thee: Deliver Thy people, O Lord, from all the harm of heresies, and vouchsafe that all may glorify the Father, the Word and the most Holy Spirit.

Both... Theotokion from the Menaion

Rejoice, palace of God! Rejoice, mountain overshadowed! Rejoice, bush unburnt! Rejoice, throne of glory! Rejoice, divine table! Rejoice, golden candlestick! Rejoice, most radiant lamp! Rejoice, O Mary, Virgin and Mother, thou light cloud!

C. Lauds: Tone 7 Stichera

**Le-et** every breath **praise** the Lord/

**Praise** the Lord from the **Heavens**/  
 Pra-**aise** Him in the **highest**/  
 To **Thee** is due a **hymn**, O God/  
**Praise** Him, all ye His **Angels**://  
 Pra-**aise** 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 for ever, yea, for ever and ever; He hath set an ordinance, and it shall not pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons and all ye abysses,  
 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. **Christ** is risen **from** the dead,/ bursting **asunder** the **chains** of death:/  
 Proclaim, O ye earth, tidings of **great** joy:// Sing, O ye heaven, of the **glory** of God.

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

2. Having **beheld** the Resurrection of Christ,/ let us **worship** the Holy Lord **Jesus**,// Who alone is **without** sin.

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

3. **Let** us never cease to hail the Resurrection of Christ/ Who has **saved** us from our transgressions./ **Holy** is the Lord **Jesus**// Who showed forth the Resurrection.

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

4. **Wha**-at shall we **give** Thee, O Lord,/ for **all** that Thou hast **given** us?/  
**For** our sakes Thou, O God, hast lived **among** men;/ on **account** of our corrupt nature the Word became flesh and **dwelt** in us./ He **became** the Benefactor of the **thankless**,/ the **Liberator** of those in captivity;/ **He** is the Sun of Righteousness for those sitting in **darkness**;/ **He** Who is impassible, **endured** the Cross;/ **He** is the light in hell; He is **Life** in death;/ **He** is the Resurrection of the fallen, and we **cry** unto Him://  
Glory unto **Thee**, our God.

V. Praise Him with timbrel and dance, praise Him with strings and flute. Praise Him with tuneful cymbals, praise Him with cymbals of jubilation./ Let every breath praise the Lord.

Stichera for the Holy Fathers (Tone 6)

5/6. Having combined their **spiritual** art,/ and reviewed the heavenly and precious **Symbol** of Faith/ through the Divine **Spirit**,/ the honoured fathers inscribed it with a divine **writing**,/ wherein the right glorious, most rich and truly divine **wise** ones/ teach most clearly that the Word is co-unoriginate/ and equally everlasting with Him that **begot** Him,// thus following most carefully the teachings of the **apostles**.

V. Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy name unto the ages.

7. Having received all the noetic radiance of the Holy **Spirit**,/ as **preachers** of Christ,/ the divine defenders of the teachings of the **Gospel**/ and the traditions of the pious, **inspired** by God,/ proclaimed their most supernatural **decision**;/ and having manifestly received from on high the revelation thereof,// being illumined, they expounded the Faith **taught** by God.

V. Gather together unto Him His holy ones who have established His covenant upon sacrifices.

8. Having mustered all their pastoral skill and then being moved to **wrath** most just,/ as champions, as most true **servants** of Christ/ and most sacred keepers of the mysteries of divine **preaching**,/ the divine pastors drove forth the savage and pernicious wolves,/ casting them out of the fullness **of** the Church;// and they fell, as it were, to their deaths as ones afflicted **incurably**.

Glory... (Tone 8)

The **choir** of the holy **fathers**,/ which hath gathered from the **ends** of the earth,/ hath taught the single essence of the Father, Son and Holy **Spirit**,/ and hath carefully committed to the Church the mystery of

theology./ Praising them in faith, let us bless them, **saying:**/ O divine legion, divinely eloquent swordsmen of the **Lord's** command,/ most radiant stars of the noetic **firmament**,/ unassailable towers of the mystical **Sion**,/ sweet-scented blossoms of paradise, golden **mouths** of the Word,/ boast of Nicaea and adornments of the **whole** world:// Pray ye in **behalf** of our souls!

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.

P. The Great Doxology

R. 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

C. G/B... Gospel Sticheron (Tone 8)

The tears of Mary are not warmly shed in vain./ For behold, she was held worthy of the angels' teaching/ and vouchsafed the sight of Thee, Thyself, O Christ./ But again her thoughts were earthly thoughts as those of a weak woman./ Therefore she was dismissed and told not to touch Thee, O Christ./ But she was also sent as herald to the disciples,/ and she affirmed to them the good tidings proclaiming the Ascension to the portion of the Father.// With her do Thou also make us worthy of Thy manifestation, O Master and Lord.

R. Hours  
Tropar: Resurrection & Holy Fathers  
Kontak: Resurrection/Holy Fathers alternating

At Liturgy:

Order of Troparia & Kontakia as follows:

Tropar Sunday  
Tropar Temple  
Tropar Holy Fathers  
Kontak Sunday  
Kontak Temple  
Glory... Kontak Holy Fathers  
Both... O Unfailing Intercessor

Prokimenon for Tone 7

The Lord will give strength unto His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.

V. Bring unto the Lord, ye sons of God, bring unto the Lord the sons of rams.

Prokimenon for the Holy Fathers (Tone 4)

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers.

Epistle(s): I Cor 1:10-18 & Heb 13:7-16

Alleluia for Tone 7

V. It is good to give praise unto the Lord, and to chant unto Thy name, O Most High.

V. To proclaim in the morning Thy mercy, and Thy truth by night.

Alleluia for the Holy Fathers (Tone 1)

Gospel(s): Matt 14:14-22 & John 17:1-13

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