

Matthew the Evangelist

Sunday, November 16, 2025

Tone 6

MATINS – HYBRID

The Trisagion Prayers

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

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

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

Lord, have mercy. (3x)

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

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

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

PEOPLE: Amen.

Troparion and Kontakion of the Cross and Theotokion

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

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

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

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

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

Twelve-Fold Lord Have Mercy

LEADER: Lord, have mercy. (12x)

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

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

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

The Six Psalms

Psalm 3

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

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

Psalm 38 (LXX 37)

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

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Psalm 63 (LXX 62)

O God, You are my God; early will I seek You; my soul thirsts for You; my flesh longs for You in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water. So I have looked for You in the sanctuary, to see Your power and Your glory. Because Your loving-kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise You. Thus I will bless You while I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name. My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth shall praise You with joyful lips. When I remember You on my bed, I meditate on You in the night watches. Because You have been my help, therefore in the shadow of Your wings I will rejoice. My soul follows close behind You; Your right hand upholds me. But those who seek my life, to destroy it, shall go into the lower parts of the earth. They shall fall by the sword; they shall be a portion for jackals. But the king shall rejoice in God; everyone who swears by Him shall glory; but the mouth of those who speak lies shall be stopped. I meditate on You in the night watches. Because You have been my help, therefore in the shadow of Your wings I will rejoice.

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

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

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

Lord, have mercy. (3x)

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

Psalm 88 (LXX 87)

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

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

Psalm 103 (LXX 102)

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

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

Psalm 143 (LXX 142)

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

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

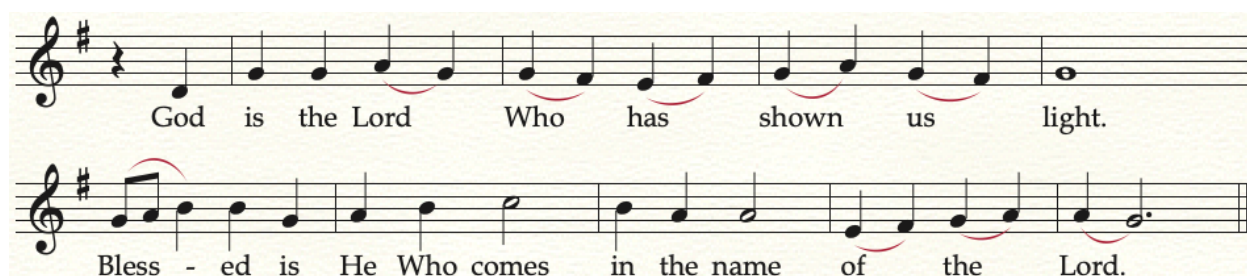
Your Spirit is good. Lead me in the land of uprightness.

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

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

O our God and our Hope, glory to You.

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



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

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

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

Troparion Matthew: Tone 3 (Obikhod)

You arose from the tax collector's booth and with zeal followed Christ the Master. / He made you a blessing for men, / a chosen Apostle and Evangelist for the world. / Therefore, we honor your precious memory, O Saint Matthew. / Entreat the merciful God that He may grant us remission of our sins.

First Kathisma Hymn

Tone 6

When the tomb was seen to be opened, Hades was groaning; and Mary Magdalene cried out to the Apostles in hiding: “Go out into the vineyard, you laborers! Proclaim the good news of the Resurrection! For the Lord is risen, granting to the world great mercy!”

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

Mary Magdalene stood before Your sepulcher, O Lord. Thinking You were a gardener, she cried out in her tears: “Where have you taken the eternal Life? Where have you hidden the One Who is enthroned upon the cherubim? I see the guards who are like dead men in their fright. Return my Lord to me, or else come with me and cry aloud: ‘You have risen from the tomb, raising up the dead! O Lord, glory to You!’”

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O Theotokos, Gideon foretold your conception and David explained the manner of your birth-giving. The Word came into your womb like dew on the fleece. O holy Soil, without seed, you brought forth Christ God, the Salvation of the world.

Resurrectional Evlogetaria - Tone 1 (Byzantine)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

O our God and our hope, glory to You.

Hypakoe

Tone 6

By Your voluntary and life-giving death, O Christ as God, You have shattered the gates of hell. You have opened Paradise to us once more, and by rising from the dead, You have freed our life from corruption.

Anavathmoi

Antiphon 3

Those who trust in the Lord are feared by their enemies; they are worthy of admiration, for they look to Heaven.

The lot of the just, O Savior, is to be favored by Your help; they will never stretch out their hands to iniquities under the sinners' rod.

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

The authority of the Holy Spirit is supreme over all things; He is worshiped by the angels of Heaven as well as everything that has breath here below.

Matins Prokeimenon: Tone 6 - Psalm 80

O God, stir up Your power and come to save us.

Verse: O Shepherd of Israel, hear us; You Who lead Joseph's flock.

"Let every breath..."

Matins Gospel Reading: Eothinon 1 – Matthew 28:16-20

Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

"Having Beheld..."

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

Psalm 51 (LXX 50)

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your loving-kindness; according to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight — that You may be found just when You speak, and blameless when You judge. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sins my mother conceived me. Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, and in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom. Purge me with hyssop,

and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me hear joy and gladness, that the bones You have broken may rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me by Your generous Spirit. Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners shall be converted to You. Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, the God of my salvation, and my tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Your praise. For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart — these, O God, You will not despise. Do good in Your good pleasure to Zion; build the walls of Jerusalem. Then You shall be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering; then they shall offer bulls on Your altar.

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

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

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

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

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

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

Resurrection Kontakion: Tone 6 (Kievan-Byzantine)

When Christ God the Giver of life / raised all of the dead / from the valleys of misery / with His mighty hand, / He granted resurrection / on the human race. / He is the Savior of all, / the Resurrection and the life / and the God of all.

Ikos (may be omitted)

Synaxarion of the Day

On November 16, in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew.

Verses

Matthew cried from the midst of the fire:

My Jesus! I give thanks to You, for You even save publicans.

On the sixteenth, the raging fire slew Matthew.

He was the son of Alphaeus, and was a tax collector when the Lord saw him in Capernaum and said to him: "Follow Me," and he arose, and followed Him." After that, Matthew received the Lord in his home where He expressed several great truths about His coming to earth. After receiving the Holy Spirit, Matthew preached the Gospel to the Parthians, Medes and Ethiopians. Matthew baptized the prince of Ethiopia's wife and son, at which the prince became greatly enraged. He dispatched soldiers to bring Matthew to trial. However, Matthew's face shined so brightly that they could not look at him. When the prince approached him, Matthew radiated such light that the prince was instantly blinded. However, the holy apostle had a compassionate heart and he prayed to God, and the prince's sight was restored. Even so, the prince arrested Matthew and subjected him to cruel tortures and then burned him in fire. Ironically, after Matthew's death, the prince repented and was baptized. The prince took the name "Matthew", gave up his princely wealth and ultimately served as a priest.

On this day, we also commemorate the Martyr Ephygenia of Ethiopia, disciple of St. Matthew; and Fulvian, prince of Ethiopia.

By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

Canon – Entrance of the Theotokos: Tone 4

Katavasia Odes 1-8

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

Ode 3: O Mother of God, living and plentiful fount, give strength to those united in spiritual fellowship, who sing hymns of praise to you; and on this day of your venerable Entrance grant to them crowns of glory.

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

Ode 5: The whole world was amazed at your venerable Entrance, for you, O Virgin who have not known wedlock, yourself a temple most pure, have gone within the temple of God, bestowing peace upon all who sing your praises.

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

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

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

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

Matins Canon – 9th Ode:

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

Magnification

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

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

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

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

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

If needed, the cantor sings the 9th Ode Resurrection verses for the Tone of the Week while the deacon completes censing altar, then concludes with the 9th Ode Katavasia of the Feast or Season.

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

“Holy is the Lord our God”

Exapostilaria – Eothinon 1 + Theotokion

In faith let us go with the disciples to the mountain in Galilee to see Christ announcing that all power is given to Him in heaven and on earth. Let us hear Him teaching that all nations are to be baptized in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, and as He has promised, He will be with the faithful always, to the end of this world.

Having shaken off your yoke as a tax collector, you wisely followed Christ, O holy Apostle Matthew. Having wondrously followed in His footsteps, you became a partaker of His divine Mysteries, inheriting His glory and sharing His Kingdom in the heavens.

O Virgin Mother of God, lift up in prayer for us your all-pure hands which carried the Creator, entreating Him to save us from all trials of demons, and to grant us the inheritance of the age to come.

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



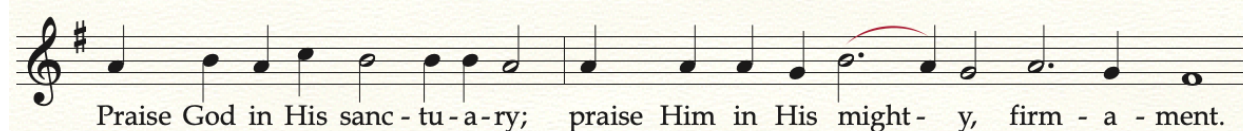
Let ev'-ry breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heav - ens!

Praise Him in the high - est! To You, O God is due a song.

Praise Him, all His an - gels! Praise Him, all His hosts!

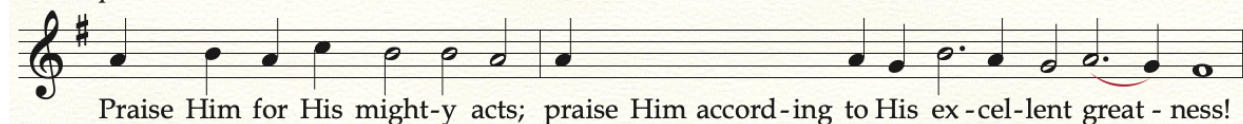
To You, O God is due a song.

Cantor



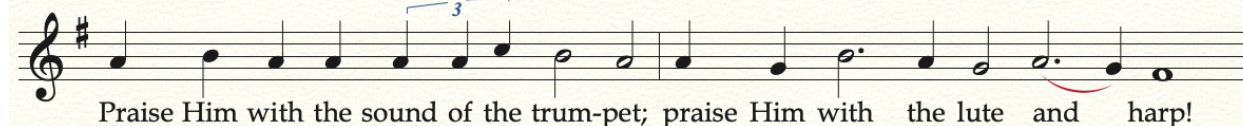
Praise God in His sanc - tu - a - ry; praise Him in His might - y, firm - a - ment.

People



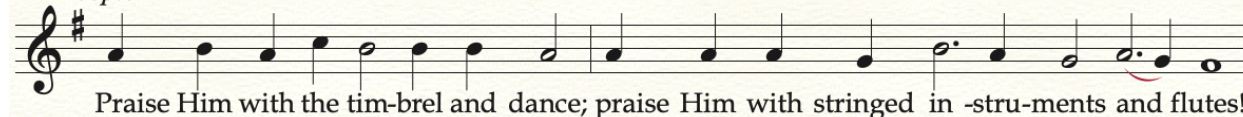
Praise Him for His might-y acts; praise Him accord-ing to His ex-cel-lent great - ness!

Cantor



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

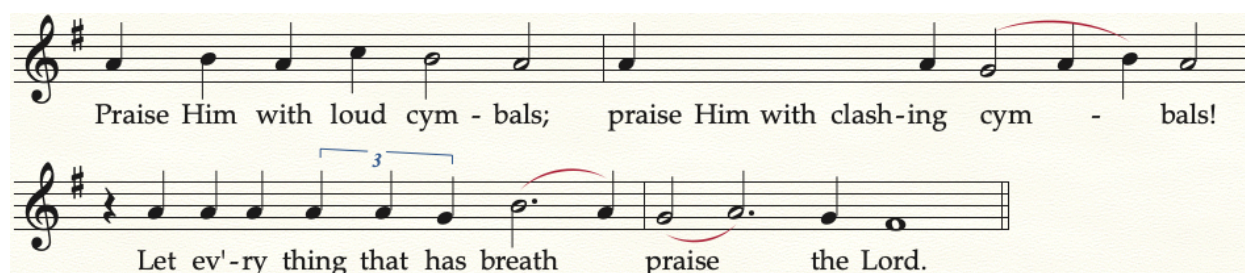
People



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

(Tone 6) – Resurrection

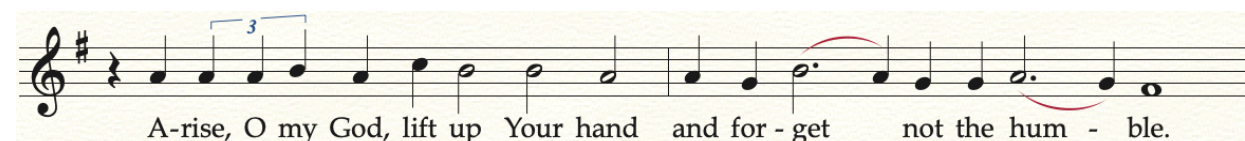
Your Cross is life and resurrection for Your people, O Lord; trusting in it we sing to You our risen God: O Lord, have mercy on us.



Praise Him with loud cym - bals; praise Him with clash-ing cym - bals!

Let ev'-ry thing that has breath praise the Lord.

Your burial opens Paradise to mankind, O Master, and we who are freed from corruption, sing to You our risen God: O Lord, have mercy on us.

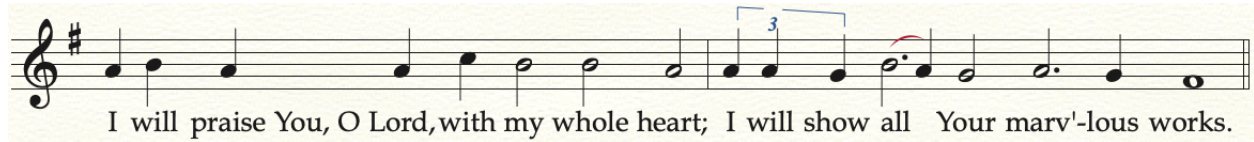


A-rise, O my God, lift up Your hand and for - get not the hum - ble.

(Tone 4) – Matthew

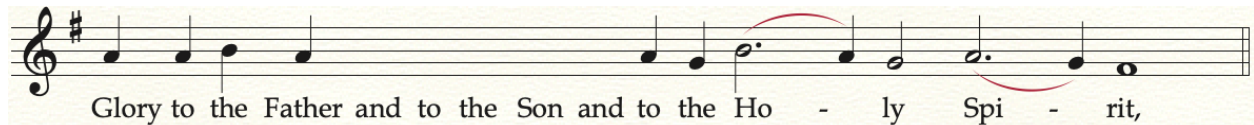
Their sound has gone forth into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world.

Seated at the summit of the knowledge of God, O holy Apostle Matthew, you received the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, appearing to you in the form of a tongue of fire, you burnt up the dry wood of the many idols. Therefore, we honor you as an apostle and spokesman of God as we celebrate your holy festival today.



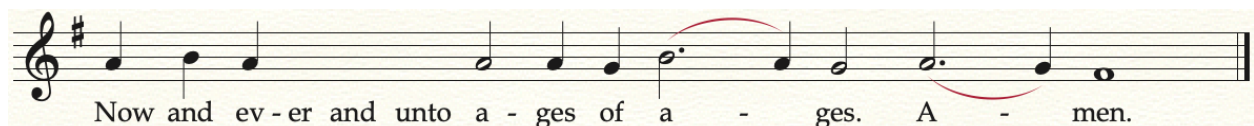
The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims the work of His hands.

Throughout the whole world you resounded the thunder of your saving teachings, O wise and holy Apostle Matthew. You purified the whole creation of idolatry, and you poured out the light of the Gospel of Christ upon all peoples. Having destroyed the temple constructed for idols, in grace you built up churches for the praise of God.



(Tone 8) - Matthew

Come, O faithful, clap your hands in joy today, singing hymns in memory of the holy apostle and evangelist Matthew, for he has cast off the yoke, renouncing the wealth of a tax-collector, to follow Christ and preach the divine Gospel. Thus, as the prophet said, his message has gone forth over the whole world, and he now intercedes that our souls may be saved.



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

Great Doxology

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Continue Your mercy to those who know You.

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

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

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

Holy Immortal: have mercy on us.

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Troparion: Tone 8

Having risen from the tomb and having burst the bonds of Hades, You loosed the condemnation of death, O Lord, releasing all mankind from the snares

of the enemy. Having manifested Yourself to Your Apostles, You sent them forth to proclaim You; and through them You have granted Your peace unto the civilized world, O You Who alone are abundant in mercy.

DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHYRSOSTOM

The Second Antiphon (Psalm 115)

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

The Third Antiphon – The Beatitudes

The Entrance Hymn

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

Resurrection Troparion: Tone 6 (Kievan-Byzantine)

The angelic pow'rs were be - fore Your tomb; the guards became as
3 dead men. Ma-ry stood in the sep - pul-chre seek - ing Your most pure
6 bod - y. You cap - tured hell, for You were not tempt - ed by it. You
9 came to the Vir - gin grant - ing Life, You Who rose from the dead:
12 Glo - ry to You, O Lord!

Troparion Matthew: Tone 3 (Obikhod)

You arose from the tax collector's booth and with zeal followed Christ the Master. / He made you a blessing for men, / a chosen Apostle and Evangelist for the world. / Therefore, we honor your precious memory, O Saint Matthew. / Entreat the merciful God that He may grant us remission of our sins.

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

Hymn to St. John

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

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Entrance Kontakion: Tone 4 (Znamenny)

4 The most pure tem-ple of the Sa - vior, the most pre-cious bri-dal cham-ber and
Vir - gin, the sa-cred treas-ur - y of the glo - ry of God, to -
8 day en-ters in - to the house of the Lord, bring-ing with her the grace of the Di-
10 vine Spi - rit. And God's an-gels sing of her, "This is the heav-en - ly
13 tab-er - na - cle."

Prokeimenon - Psalm 19 (LXX 18)

Their line has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork.

The Epistle Reading - 1 Corinthians 4:9-16

Brethren, for I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are distinguished, but we are dishonored! To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly clothed, and beaten, and homeless. And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure; being

defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now. I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn you. For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. Therefore I urge you, imitate me.

The Alleluia before the Gospel - Psalm 89 (LXX 88)

Verse: The heavens confess Your wonders, O Lord, and Your truth in the church of the saints.

Verse: God is glorified in the council of the saints.

The Gospel Reading – Matthew. 9:9-13

At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, “Follow Me.” So he arose and followed Him. Now it happened, as Jesus sat at the table in the house, that behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples. And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to His disciples, “Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” When Jesus heard that, He said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice.’ For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.”

Magnification Hymn

It is truly right to bless you, O Theotokos...

The Communion Hymn - Psalm 19 (LXX 18)

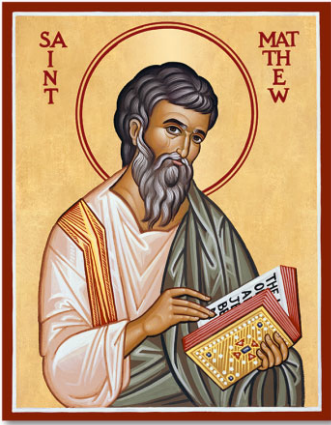
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The Dismissal

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

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

PEOPLE: Amen.

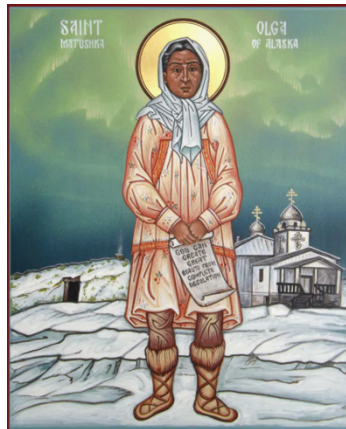


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Troparion Olga: Tone 4 (Valaam Chant)

*God has chosen a humble mother from Alaska
to be an example for all the servants of God.*

*He has given us Saint Olga as a helper in afflictions
and as a guide to leading a life of sacrificial love.*

*Therefore, we entreat you,
O holy Mother Olga:*

*pray that we, your sinful children, may be saved
and rejoice with you in the Kingdom of Heaven.*

Another Troparion of St. Olga: Tone 4 (Carpatho-Russian)

By your righteous deeds you were revealed to the world / as an image of the perfect servant of the Lord in Alaska. / By your fasting, vigils and prayers, you were inspired in your evangelical life. / You fed the hungry and you cared for the poor. / You served as a mid-wife and you brought babies into the world. / You nurtured children and you clothed all those in need. / Now, O holy Olga, you stand at the right hand of Christ the Master, / and you intercede for our souls.



Alexander Hotovitzky, Priestmartyr of New York (Dec 4)
Tone 6 (Kievan)

In a time of fiery temp - ta - tions for the Church of
Rus - sia, you manifested Christ's love to your flock,
through meekness and hu - mil - i - ty.
As a good pastor you laid down your life for Him.
Pray for us, O Hieromartyr Al - ex - an - der,
that our souls may be il - lu - mined!

Forefeast Entrance Troparion: Tone 4 (Znamenny)

Now Anna seeks joy for all in-stead of grief hav-ing giv-en birth to the on-ly ev-er
Vir - gin, whom to-day she brings into the tem-ple of the Lord, in glad ful-
fill-ment of her vow. For she carries the pure Moth-er, the tem-ple of God the Word.

Forefeast Entrance Kontakion: Tone 4 (Znamenny)

The universe is filled with joy to-day, pre - par-ing for the joy - ous feast,
the feast of the Moth - er of God! All cre - a - tion cries a - loud:
This is the ho - ly tem - ple!



Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple