

# *Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council*

*Philip, Apostle of the 70 & Theophanes the Confessor*

*Sunday, October 11, 2026*

*Tone 2*

## GREAT VESPERS - SATURDAY EVENING

DEACON: Bless, Father.

PRIEST: Blessed is our God always now and ever and unto ages of ages.

PEOPLE: Amen.

*“Come Let Us Worship...”*

### *Psalm 104*

Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord You are very great: / You are clothed with honor and majesty, / Who cover Yourself with light as with a garment, / Who stretch out the heavens like a curtain.

**He lays the beams of His upper chambers in the waters, / Who makes the clouds His chariot, / Who walks on the wings of the wind, / Who makes His angels spirits, His ministers a flame of fire.**

You Who laid the foundations of the earth, / so that it should not be moved forever, / You covered it with the deep as with a garment; / the waters stood above the mountains.

**At Your rebuke they fled; / at the voice of Your thunder they hastened away. / They went up over the mountains; they went down into the valleys, / to the place which You founded for them.**

You have set a boundary that they may not pass over, / that they may not return to cover the earth. / He sends the springs into the valleys, / which flow among the hills.

**They give drink to every beast of the field; / the wild donkeys quench their thirst. / By them the birds of the heavens have their habitation; / they sing among the branches.**

He waters the hills from His upper chambers; / the earth is satisfied with the fruit of Your works.

**He causes the grass to grow for the cattle, / and vegetation for the service of man, / that he may bring forth food from the earth, / and wine that makes glad the heart of man,**

oil to make his face shine, / and bread which strengthens man's heart.

**The trees of the Lord are full of sap, / the cedars of Lebanon which He planted, / where the birds make their nests; / the stork has her home in the fir trees.**

The high hills are for the wild goats; / the cliffs are a refuge for the rock badgers.  
**He appointed the moon for the seasons; / the sun know its going down. / You made darkness, and it is night, / in which all the beasts of the forest creep about.**

The young lions roar after their prey, / and seek their food from God. / When the sun arises, they gather together / and lie down in their dens.

**Man goes out to his work / and to his labor until the evening. / O Lord, how manifold are Your works! / In wisdom You have made them all.**

The earth is full of Your possessions / – this great and wide sea, / in which are innumerable teeming things, / living things both small and great.

**There the ships sail about and there is that Leviathan / which You have made to play there. / These all wait for You, / that You may give them their food in due season.**

What You give them they gather in; / You open Your hand, they are filled with good. / You hide Your face, they are troubled; / You take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

**You send forth Your Spirit, they are created; / and You renew the face of the earth. / May the glory of the Lord endure forever; / may the Lord rejoice in His works.**

He looks on the earth, and it trembles; / He touches the hills, and they smoke.

**I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; / I will sing praise to my God while I have my being. / May my meditation be sweet to Him; / I will be glad in the Lord.**

May sinners be consumed from the earth, / and the wicked be no more. / Bless the Lord, O my soul! / Praise the Lord!

**The sun knows its going down. / You make darkness and it is night. / O Lord, how manifold are Your works! / In wisdom You have made them all.**

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

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

O our God and our hope, glory to You!

### *The Great Litany*

DEACON: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: For the peace from above, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: For the peace of the whole world, for the good estate of the holy churches of God, and for the union of all men, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: For this holy house, and for those who enter with faith, reverence, and fear of God, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: For our father, (*metropolitan, archbishop, or bishop*) N., the honorable presbytery, the diaconate in Christ, and for all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: For our president, all civil authorities, and for our armed forces, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: For this city, every city and countryside, and for the faithful living in them, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: For healthful seasons, an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: For travelers by sea, by land, and by air; the sick and the suffering; for captives and their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: For our deliverance from all tribulation, wrath, danger, and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Your grace.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: Calling to remembrance our most-holy, most-pure, most-blessed, and glorious Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and each other and all our life unto Christ our God.

PEOPLE: To You, O Lord.

*Exclamation of the Fourth Prayer*

PRIEST: For unto You are due all glory, honor, and worship: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

PEOPLE: Amen.

**“O Lord, I Cry...” – Tone 6**

**Opening Psalm Verses - Psalm 141:1, 2 (LXX 140)**

O Lord, I cry out to You, hear me! Hear me, O Lord. O Lord, I cry out to You, hear me. Give ear, give ear to my voice when I cry out to You. Hear me, O Lord.

Let my prayer be set before You as incense, as incense before You and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. Hear me, O Lord.

Set a guard, O Lord over my mouth; keep watch o’er the door of my lips.

*Do not incline my heart to any evil thing, to practice wicked works with men who work iniquity; and do not let me eat of their delicacies.*

Let the righteous strike me; it shall be a kindness, and let him reprove me; it shall be as excellent oil. Let not my head refuse it, for still my prayer is against the deeds of the wicked.

*Their judges are overthrown by the sides of the cliff and they hear my words for they are sweet. Our bones are scattered at the mouth of the grave, as when one plows and breaks up the earth.*

But my eyes are upon You, O God the Lord; in You I take refuge; do not leave my soul destitute.

*Keep me from the snares which they have laid for me, and from the traps of the workers of iniquity. Let the wicked fall into their own nets, while I escape safely.*

**Psalm 142 (LXX 141)**

I cry out to the Lord with my voice; with my voice to the Lord I make my supplication.

*I pour out my complaint before Him; I declare before Him my trouble.*

When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then You knew my path. In a way in which I walk they have secretly set a snare for me.

*Look on my right hand and see, for there is no one who acknowledges me; refuge has failed me; no one cares for my soul.*

I cried out to You, O Lord. I said, “You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.

*Attend to my cry, for I am brought very low; deliver me from my persecutors for they are stronger than I.”*

Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise Your name.

*(Tone 2) – Resurrection*

*Come, let us worship God the Word begotten of the Father before all ages, and incarnate of the Virgin Mary. Having endured the Cross, He was buried as He Himself desired and having risen from the dead, He saved me, an erring man.*

The righteous shall surround me for You shall deal bountifully with me.

*Christ our Savior nailed to the Cross the bond against us, He voided it and destroyed the dominion of death! Let us worship His Resurrection on the third day.*

***Psalm 130 (LXX 129)***

Out of the depths I have cried to You, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice!

*With the archangels let us praise the Resurrection of Christ! He is our Savior, our Redeemer. He is coming with awesome glory and mighty power to judge the world which He made.*

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

*The angel proclaimed You the crucified and buried Master. He told the women: Come, see the place where He lay! He is risen as He said, for He is almighty. We worship You, O only immortal One. Have mercy on us, O Christ, the Giver of life.*

If You, Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared.

*(Tone 6) – Fathers*

*The Seven Councils of the Fathers were held at various times, but Patriarch Germanos the New assembled the accounts of all seven and compiled them into a single rule and canon, setting them all in order. He summarized their doctrines. He recorded their teachings, presenting these Fathers to the Lord as watchful intercessors for our salvation and as fellow shepherds of the fold.*

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His word I do hope.

*The Law of Moses gave honor to the seventh day for the Hebrews, who lived in the shadow of grace. But you, O Fathers, by the inspiration of God Who created the universe in six days and blessed the seventh, have taken part in the Seventh Ecumenical Council, making it most glorious as the rule of our Faith.*

My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, I say more than those who watch for the morning. O Israel, hope in the Lord;

*O thrice-blessed Fathers, you have enabled all men to come to the knowledge of the Trinity, the cause of the creation of this world. You have appeared as champions of Orthodoxy, for being mystically inspired, you called three councils then four, professing the Trinity as the Creator of the four elements and the whole universe.*

For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is abundant redemption. And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

*It would have been enough for Elijah the Prophet to have bent only once to give life to the dead son of the woman; but he knelt and bent seven times. Thus, he prophesied your seven councils, in which belief in the Incarnation of the Word of God was revived among the faithful, striking dead the doctrine of Arius and his followers.*

***Psalm 117 (LXX 116)***

O, praise the Lord, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!

*In your wisdom, O venerable Fathers, you mended the garment of Christ which had been torn apart by howling dogs. For you could not bear to see His nakedness, but as Shem and Japheth of old hid the nakedness of their father Noah, you put to*

*shame those who would not respect their own Father foolishly following the teachings of Arius.*

For His merciful kindness is great toward us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.

*You are true shepherds of the flock of Christ. You drove out the vicious heretics from the Savior's fold, those devouring wolves clothed in sheep's clothing. Truly you have done well, O faithful shepherds. You have exposed the error of those wretched ones. Therefore, we rightfully call you blessed.*

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

*(Tone 6) – Fathers*

*Today let us celebrate the God-bearing Fathers, the mystical trumpets of the Spirit, who stand in the midst of the Church, singing true theology in a hymn of unity. They proclaim the one essence of the divine Trinity. They refuted the errors of Arius and upheld the Orthodox Faith and now they ceaselessly intercede before God, that He have mercy on our souls.*

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

*(Tone 2) – Resurrection*

*The shadow of the Law passed away when grace came. For as the bush burned and was not consumed, so the Virgin gave birth and remained a virgin. Instead of a pillar of fire, there has risen the Sun of Righteousness. Instead of Moses, Christ, the Salvation of our souls.*

### ***The Prayer before the Entrance***

DEACON: Let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: In the evening and in the morning and at noonday we praise You, we bless You, we give thanks to You, and we pray to You, O Master of all, Lord Who love mankind. Direct our prayer before You as incense, and incline not our hearts to words or thoughts of evil; but deliver us from all who seek after our souls. For unto You, Lord, O Lord, we lift up our eyes, and in You have we hoped. Put us not to shame, O our God.

For unto You are due all glory, honor, and worship: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

DEACON: Amen.

DEACON: Bless, father, the holy entrance.

PRIEST: Blessed is the entrance into Your holy place always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

DEACON: Amen.

DEACON: Wisdom. Let us attend.

### ***“O Joyful Light”***

PEOPLE: O joyful Light of the holy glory of the immortal, heavenly, holy, blessed Father: O Jesus Christ. Now that we have come to the setting of the

sun and behold the light of evening, we praise God: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. For it is right at all times to worship You with voices of praise, O Son of God and Giver of life. Therefore all the world glorifies You.

***The Evening Prokeimenon: Tone 7***

***Psalm 77 (LXX 76)***

DEACON: The evening prokeimenon.

The Lord is King, He is clothed with majesty.

*Verse: The Lord is robed; He is girded with strength.*

*Verse: For He established the world so that it shall never be moved.*

***Old Testament Readings (may be omitted)***

**Genesis 14:14-20a**

Now when Abram heard that Lot his nephew was taken captive, he armed his three hundred and eighteen trained servants who were born in his own house, and went in pursuit as far as Dan. He divided his forces against them by night, and he and his servants attacked them and pursued them as far as Hobah, which is north of Damascus. So he brought back all the goods, and also brought back his nephew Lot and his goods, as well as the women and the people. And the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley), after his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him. Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High. And he blessed him and said: Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand.

**Deuteronomy 1:8-11, 15-17a**

Thus said Moses to the sons of Israel: See, I have set the land before you; go in and possess the land which the LORD swore to your fathers—to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—to give to them and their descendants after them. And I spoke to you at that time, saying: I alone am not able to bear you. The LORD your God has multiplied you, and here you are today, as the stars of heaven in multitude. May the LORD God of your fathers make you a thousand times more numerous than you are, and bless you as He has promised you! So I took the heads of your tribes, wise and knowledgeable men, and made them heads over you, leaders of thousands, leaders of hundreds, leaders of fifties, leaders of tens, and officers for your tribes. Then I commanded your judges at that time, saying: Hear the cases between your brethren, and judge righteously between a man and his brother or the stranger who is with him. You shall not show partiality in judgment; you shall hear the small as well as the great; you shall not be afraid in any man's presence, for the judgment is God's.

**Deuteronomy 10:14-21a**

Thus said Moses to the sons of Israel: Indeed heaven and the highest heavens belong to the LORD your God, also the earth with all that is in it. The LORD delighted only in your fathers, to love them; and He chose their descendants after them, you above all peoples,

as it is this day. Therefore circumcise the foreskin of your heart, and be stiff-necked no longer. For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, Who shows no partiality nor takes a bribe. He administers justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the stranger, giving him food and clothing. Therefore love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the LORD your God; you shall serve Him, and to Him you shall hold fast, and take oaths in His name. He is your praise, and He is your God, Who has done for you these great and awesome things which your eyes have seen.

*The Litany of Fervent Supplication / The Ektenia*

DEACON: Let us say with all our soul and with all our mind, let us say.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: O Lord Almighty, the God of our fathers, hear us we pray, and have mercy.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your great mercy, hear us we pray, and have mercy.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

DEACON: Again we pray for all pious and Orthodox Christians; for our father, (*metropolitan, archbishop, or bishop*) N.; for our brethren: the priests, deacons, and monastics and for all our brotherhood in Christ.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

DEACON: Again we pray for the blessed and ever-memorable founders of this holy church (*and for the servants of God. NN.*); and for all our fathers and brethren, the Orthodox departed this life before us, who here and in all the world lie asleep in the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

DEACON: Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, and visitation, and for pardon and forgiveness of sins for (*the servants of God NN., and*) all Orthodox Christians of true worship, who live and dwell in this community.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

DEACON: Again we pray for those who bear fruit and do good works in this holy and all-venerable temple; for those who serve and those who sing; and for all the people here present, who await Your great and rich mercy.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

PRIEST: [O Lord our God, receive this fervent supplication of Your servants, and have mercy on us according to the multitude of Your mercy; and send down Your compassion on us and on all Your people, who await Your great and rich mercy.]

For You are a merciful God and love mankind, and unto You we ascribe glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

PEOPLE: Amen.

### *The Evening Prayer*

PEOPLE: Grant, O Lord, to keep us this evening without sin. Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name forever. Amen. Let Your mercy be upon us, O Lord, even as we have set our hope on You. Blessed are You, O Lord; teach me Your statutes. Blessed are You, O Master; make me to understand Your statutes. Blessed are You, O holy One; enlighten me with Your statutes. Your mercy, O Lord, endures forever. Despise not the works of Your hands. To You belongs worship, to You belongs praise, to You belongs glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

### *The Evening Litany*

DEACON: Let us complete our evening prayer to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Your grace.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: That this whole evening may be perfect, holy, peaceful, and sinless, let us ask of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Grant this, O Lord.

DEACON: For an angel of peace, a faithful guide, a guardian of our souls and bodies, let us ask of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Grant this, O Lord.

DEACON: For pardon and forgiveness of our sins and transgressions, let us ask of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Grant this, O Lord.

DEACON: For all things good and profitable for our souls, and peace for the world, let us ask of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Grant this, O Lord.

DEACON: That we may complete the remaining time of our life in peace and repentance, let us ask of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Grant this, O Lord.

DEACON: For a Christian ending to our life, painless, blameless, and peaceful, and for a good defense before the fearful judgment seat of Christ, let us ask of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Grant this, O Lord.

DEACON: Calling to remembrance our most-holy, most-pure, most-blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and each other and all our life unto Christ our God.

PEOPLE: To You, O Lord.

*Exclamation of the Seventh Prayer*

PRIEST: For You are a good God and love mankind, and unto You we ascribe glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

PEOPLE: Amen.

PRIEST: Peace be to all.

PEOPLE: And to your spirit.

*The Prayer with Heads Bowed*

DEACON: Let us bow our heads to the Lord.

PEOPLE: To You, O Lord.

PRIEST: O Lord, our God, Who bowed the heavens and came down for the salvation of mankind, look upon Your servants and Your inheritance; for to You, the fearful Judge, Who love mankind, have Your servants bowed their heads, and submissively inclined their necks, not awaiting help from men, but entreating Your mercy and looking confidently for Your salvation. Guard them at all times, both during this present evening and in the approaching night, from every enemy, from all adverse powers of the devil, and from vain thoughts and evil imaginations.

Blessed and glorified be the might of Your kingdom: of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

PEOPLE: Amen.

*Aposticha: Tone 2*

Your Resurrection, O Christ our Savior,  
has enlightened the whole universe,  
recalling Your creation. \*

Glory to You, O Almighty Lord.

*The Lord is King, He is clothed with majesty. The Lord is clothed with strength  
and has girded Himself.*

By the tree You destroyed the curse of the tree, O Savior.  
By Your burial You mortified the majesty of death.  
You have enlightened our race by Your Resurrection. \*

O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You.

*For He established the world which shall not be shaken.*

When You were seen nailed to the Cross, O Christ,  
You restored the beauty of Your creatures.

The soldiers showed their inhumanity \*  
when they pierced Your side with a spear.

The Hebrews, not knowing Your power,  
asked that Your tomb might be sealed,

but through the mercy of Your compassion, \*

You accepted the tomb and rose on the third day. O Lord, glory to You.

*Holiness adorns Your house, O Lord, forever.*

O Christ, the Giver of life,

for the sake of the dead You voluntarily endured death,

descending into hell as the mighty One, \*

to save all those who awaited Your coming,

You granted them the life of Paradise instead of hell.

Grant also to us who glorify Your third-day Resurrection \*

cleansing of our souls and great mercy.

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

*(Tone 4) – Fathers*

O believers, let us come together today

to celebrate in faith and true worship

the remembrance of the God-inspired Fathers \*

who had come together from throughout the world,

in the splendid city of Nicea.

They rejected the doctrine of the impious Arius

and banished him from the universal Church \*

by a decree of the council.

They instructed all to openly profess the Son of God,

that He is consubstantial and co-eternal

with the Father before eternity, \*

and they clearly wrote this in the Symbol of Faith.

Therefore, following their divine doctrines,

let us worship the Son in true faith,

together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, \*

the Trinity consubstantial in one Godhead.

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

Look on the entreaties of your servants, O blameless one!

Stop all the terrible attacks against us,

freeing us from every affliction, \*

for we have only you as our sure and firm anchor!

Do not let us be put to shame, O Lady,

for we call on you for our intercession!

Hasten to pray for those who call in faith: \*

“Rejoice, O Lady, help of all, the joy and shelter and salvation of our souls!”

*Hymn of St. Simeon*

Lord, now you are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word, for my eyes have seen Your salvation which You have prepared before the face of all people; a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel.

### *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.

PRIEST: 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.

### *Resurrection Troparion: Tone 2 (Bulgarian)*

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

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

### *Troparion of the Fathers: Tone 8*



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

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

### *Resurrection Theotokion: Tone 8*



5 For our sake You were born of the Vir - gin and en -  
8 dured cru - ci - fix - ion O Good One,  
12 de - stroy - ing death by death. Revealing the Res - ur - rec -  
16 tion as God, do not de - spise the work of Your hand.  
20 Re - veal Your love for man, O Mer - ci - ful One,  
25 and ac - cept the The - o - to - kos pray - ing for us, and  
save Your de - spair - ing peo - ple, O our Sa - vior.

### *The Blessing & Dismissal*



***Troparion Apostle Philip of the 70: Tone 3 (Obikhod)***

*Filled with divine grace, you served God the Word as a  
deacon of the Church, O Apostle Philip.*

*By the working of miracles and by signs from God  
You enlightened the multitudes of Samaria.*

*O blessed one, entreat Christ our God to grant us His great  
mercy.*

***Kontakion of the 7<sup>th</sup> Council Fathers: Tone 6 (Kievan-Byzantine)***

The Son Who shone forth from the Fa-ther, from a woman, was born  
in two na - tures, and hav-ing be-held Him as a man  
we do not de-ny the im-age of His hu-man form, but rather portray and  
ven-er-ate it with faith. There-fore the Church, main-tain-ing the true faith,  
honors the icon of Christ's in-car-na - tion.

***Ikos***

*The all-merciful God, wishing to rouse us always to the perfect memory of His becoming Man, has delivered this precept unto men: the depiction of His honored form through the painting of images; that beholding it with our eyes we may believe what we have heard in speech; and might clearly know the names, the accomplishments and the contests of the saints, and Christ the Crown-bestower Who grants crowns unto the holy athletes and martyrs; through whom now the Church yet more manifestly holds fast the true Faith and honors the icon of Christ's incarnation.*



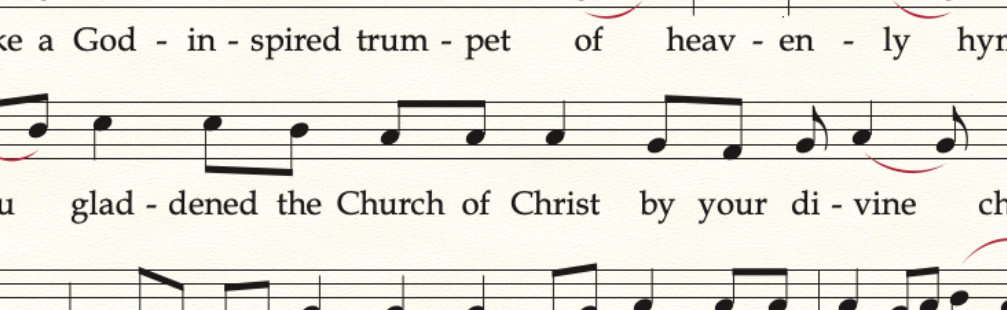
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## *Fall Season Troparíá*

*Romanos the Melodist (Oct 1)*



*Tone 4 (Greek Chant)*



Like a God - in - spired trum - pet of heav - en - ly hymns,  
you glad - dened the Church of Christ by your di - vine chants;  
for you were en - light-ened and in - spired by the The-o - to - kos,  
and were shown forth to the world as a god-ly mel-o-dist. There-fore,  
we hon-or you with love, O right-eous Fa - ther Ro-ma - nos.



*Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow (Oct 9)*  
*Tone 1 (St. Sergius Chapel)*

Let us praise Tikhon, the Patri-arch of all Rus-sia, and Enlightener  
 of North A-mer - i-ca, an ar-dent follower of the a-pos-tol - ic tra-  
 di-tions, a good pastor of the Church of Christ, who was elected  
 by di-vine pro-vi-dence and laid down his life for his sheep.  
 Let us sing to him with faith and hope, and ask for his  
 hierarchical in-ter-ces - sions: Keep the Church in Russia in  
 tran-qui-li-ty, and the Church in Ameri - ca in peace;  
 gath-er her scat - tered chil-dren in-to one flock, bring to  
 repentance those who have re-nounced the True Faith; preserve our  
 lands from civ-il strife, and en-treat God's peace for all peo - ple.