

# *Postfeast Dormition*

*August 17, 2025*

*10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

*Tone 1*

## MATINS – HYBRID

### *The Trisagion Prayers*

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

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

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

Lord, have mercy. (3x)

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

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

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

### *Troparion and Kontakion of the Cross and Theotokion*

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

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

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

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

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

## *Twelve-Fold Lord Have Mercy*

LEADER: Lord, have mercy. (12x)

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

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

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

## *The Six Psalms*

### *Psalm 3*

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

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

### *Psalm 38 (LXX 37)*

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

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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.

***Psalms 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!

***Psalms 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)

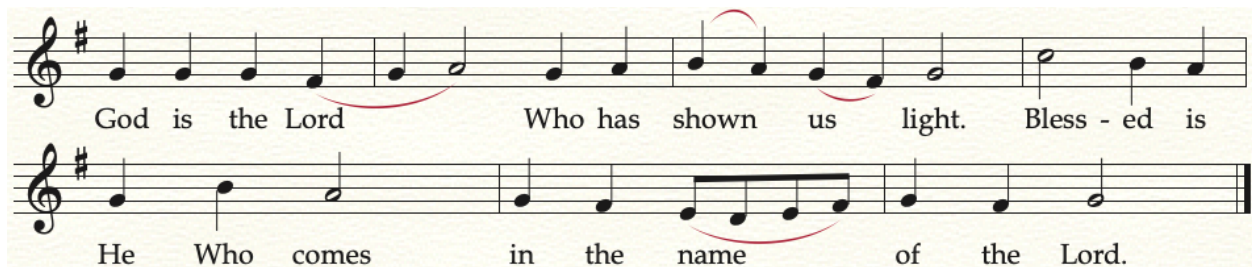
Your Spirit is good. Lead me in the land of uprightness.

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 7 (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.*

***Dormition Troparion: Tone 1 (Obikhod)***

## **Second Kathisma Hymn**

### *Tone 1*

*The women were on their way very early to Your tomb when they saw the angel and were overcome by fear; they were filled with amazement when they saw the tomb shining forth Life. They quickly returned to the disciples and announced the Resurrection: "Christ, in His mighty power, has despoiled Hades and raised up from the dust of the tomb all those who were dead! He has released man from fear of condemnation by the power of His Cross!"*

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

*You were truly nailed to the Cross, O Life of all, and You were numbered among the dead, O deathless Lord! On the third day, You rose, O Savior, and raised up Adam from corruption! The powers of heaven shouted to You, O Giver of life: "Glory to Your holy Passion, O Christ! Glory to Your Resurrection! Glory to Your mercy; for You alone are the Lover of mankind!"*

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

*You surrendered your soul into the hands of your Creator and God, Who for our sakes became incarnate of you. You passed over into eternal life. We all call you blessed, for you alone are pure and unblemished. We confess you to be the Theotokos, and call out to you to intercede before Christ to Whom you passed, that He may save our souls!*

### **Resurrectional Evlogetaria - Tone 5 (Znamenny)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

O our God and our hope, glory to You.

### ***Hypakoe***

*Tone 1*

*The thief's repentance won paradise, and the lamentation of the myrrhbearers disclosed the joy that You are risen, O Christ our God, granting the world Your great mercy.*

### ***Anavathmoi***

#### ***Antiphon 2***

*You made me ascend into the hills of Your laws: enlighten me with virtues that I may sing to You, my God!*

*Receive me, O Word, and be my shelter at my right hand; keep watch over me, lest the fire of sin scorch me!*

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

*In the Holy Spirit, all creation is renewed and presses toward its original state, for He is equal in power to the Father and the Son!*

### ***Matins Prokeimenon: Tone 1 - Psalm 12***

Now I will arise, says the Lord. I will set him in safety and speak freely in Him.

*Verse: The words of the Lord are pure words.*

***"Let every breath..."***

### ***Matins Gospel Reading: Eothinon 10 – John 21:1-14***

After these things Jesus showed Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and in this way He showed Himself: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We are going with you also." They went out and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing. But when the morning had now come, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the

disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Then Jesus said to them, “Children, have you any food?” They answered Him, “No.” And He said to them, “Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish. Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment (for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea. But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from land, but about two hundred cubits), dragging the net with fish. Then, as soon as they had come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish which you have just caught.” Simon Peter went up and dragged the net to land, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, “Come and eat breakfast.” Yet none of the disciples dared ask Him, “Who are You?”—knowing that it was the Lord. Jesus then came and took the bread and gave it to them, and likewise the fish. This is now the third time Jesus showed Himself to His disciples after He was raised from the dead.

***“Having Beheld...”***

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

***Psalm 51 (LXX 50)***

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

offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart — these, O God, You will not despise. Do good in Your good pleasure to Zion; build the walls of Jerusalem. Then You shall be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering; then they shall offer bulls on Your altar.

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

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

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

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

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

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

***Kontakion Resurrection: Tone 1 (Obikhod)***

When Gabriel announced to you, O Vir - gin "Re - joice,"  
with that word the Master of all was incarnate in you, O ho - ly ark, as the  
right-eous Da-vid said, your womb became more spa-cious than the heav-ens  
bear-ing your Cre-a - tor. Glory to Him Who took abode in you. Glo-ry to  
Him Who came from you. Glory to Him Who freed us by being born of you.

***Synaxarion of the Day***

On August 17, in the Holy Orthodox Church, we continue to celebrate the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos, and we commemorate the holy Hieromartyr Myron the Presbyter of Kyzikos.

***Verses***

*What care I for the severing of my head, says Myron,  
Compared to the very precious crown soon to crown me?  
On the seventeenth, Myron was cut down by a keen sword.*





Myron was a priest in the town of Achaia of wealthy and prominent origin and by nature was kind and meek, both a lover of God and of man. During the reign of Emperor Decius and, on the Feast of the Nativity of Christ, pagans charged into the church, dragged Myron out from the service and subjected him to torture. While in the fire, an angel appeared to Myron and encouraged him. After that, torturers began to cut his skin in strips. The martyr grabbed one strip of his skin and, with it, struck the torturer -- the judge -- on the face. The judge, whose name was Antipater, took a sword and killed himself as though possessed. Finally, the torturers took Myron to the city of Kyzikos and slew him with the sword in the year 250, and he entered into the Heavenly Kingdom.

On this day, we also commemorate the righteous siblings Eutychios, Eutychian, and Kassiane of Crete; Venerable Alypius the iconographer of the Kiev Caves; Martyrs Paul and Juliana of Ptolemais in Palestine; and Theodore of Solovky, enlightener of the Lapps.

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

### ***Canon – Dormition: Tone 1***

#### ***Katavsias Odes 1-8***

**Ode 1:** Your sacred and renowned memorial, O Virgin, is clothed in the embroidered raiment of divine glory. It has brought all the faithful together in joy, and led by Miriam, with dances and timbrels, they sing the praises of your Only begotten Son: for He has been greatly glorified.

**Ode 3:** O Christ, the Wisdom and the Power of God, Who create and uphold all things, establish the Church unshaken and unwavering: for You alone are holy, Who have Your resting place among the saints.

**Ode 4:** The dark sayings and riddles of the prophets foreshadowed Your Incarnation from a Virgin, O Christ, the lightning of Your brightness was to come as a light to lighten the Gentiles; and the deep utters its voice to You in joy: ‘Glory to Your power, O You Who love mankind.’

**Ode 5:** I shall declare the divine and ineffable beauty of Your excellencies, O Christ. For You have shone forth in Your own Person as the coeternal brightness from the eternal glory, and taking flesh from a virgin’s womb, You have arisen as the sun, giving light to those who were in darkness and shadow.

**Ode 6:** The fire within the whale, the monster dwelling in the salt waters of the sea, was a prefiguring of Your three days' burial, and Jonah acted as interpreter. For, saved and unharmed, as though he had never been swallowed, he cried aloud: 'I will sacrifice unto You with the voice of praise, O Lord.'

**Ode 7:** Fighting against cruel wrath and fire, the Divine Love of God quenched the fire with dew and laughed the wrath to scorn, making the three-stringed harp of the saints sing in the midst of the flames inspired by God in answer to the terrible instruments of music: 'Blessed are You, O most glorious God, our God and the God of our fathers.'

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

**Ode 8:** The all-powerful Angel of God revealed to the Children a flame, that brought refreshment to the holy young men while it consumed the ungodly. And he made the Theotokos into a life-giving fount, gushing forth to the destruction of death and to the life of those who sing: 'We who have been delivered praise the one and only Creator and exalt Him above all forever.'

### ***Matins Canon – 9<sup>th</sup> 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'able 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 9<sup>th</sup> Ode Resurrection verses for the Tone of the Week while the deacon completes censing altar, then concludes with the 9<sup>th</sup> Ode Katavasia of the Feast or Season.*

3 All gen - er - a - tions call you bless - ed, O on - ly The - o - to - kos.

5 *Irmos:* In you, O Vir - gin with - out spot the bounds of na - ture are o - ver - come:

7 for your vir - gin - i - ty was pre - served in your child - bear - ing and

9 death is be - trothed to life. O The - o - to - kos, vir - gin af - ter bear - ing child and a -

live af - ter death, you ev - er save your in - her - tance.

***“Holy is the Lord our God”***

***Exapostilaria: Eothinon 10 + Simeon + Indiction***

*When Nathaniel and Peter, Thomas, the sons of Zebedee and two other disciples went fishing in the sea of Tiberias, at Christ’s bidding they cast their net on the right side of the ship and caught a multitude of fish; Peter, recognizing Him, went to Him through the waters. At this, Christ’s third appearance, He showed the bread and fish on the coals.*

***Dormition Exapostilarion: Tone 3 (Byzantine)***

O you Apostles from far off, being gathered together / in the village of Gethsemane / lay my body in burial, / and You, my Son and my God receive now my spirit from me.



*The Praises: Tone 1 - Psalms 148, 150 (Byzantine)*

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 ac-cord-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-bral and dance. Praise Him with stringed in - stru-ments and flutes.

*(Tone 1) – Resurrection*

*O You Who endured the Cross, and abolished death, and rose from the dead, grant peace in our lives, O Lord, for You alone are all-powerful.*



*O You Who demolished hell and raised fallen man by Your Resurrection, enable us with pure hearts, O Christ, to praise and glorify You.*



*(Tone 4) - Dormition*

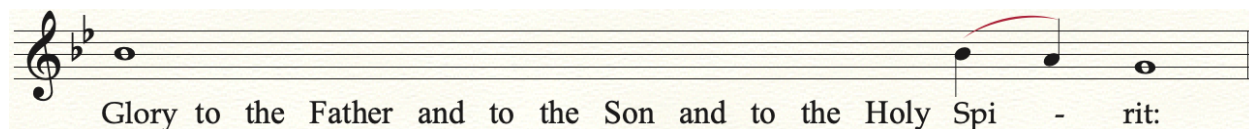
*Arise, O Lord, to Your resting place: You and the ark which You have sanctified.*

*At your glorious Dormition the heavens rejoice and the armies of angels exult; the whole earth makes glad, singing a hymn of departure to you, O Mother of Him Who is Lord of all, all-holy Virgin who knew not wedlock, you who have delivered mankind from the ancestral condemnation.*



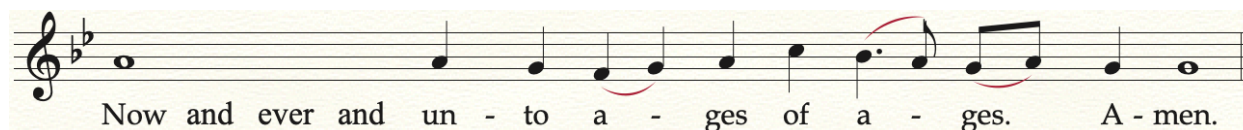
*The Lord has sworn in truth to David: He will not turn from it.*

*At a divine command the chief Apostles hastened from the ends of the earth to bury you, and when they beheld you taken up from earth to heaven they shouted with joy the words of Gabriel, and cried unto you: 'Rejoice, you bearer of the whole Divinity! Rejoice, you who alone by your childbirth have brought together earthly things and things on high!'*



*(Tone 6) - Eothinon 10*

*After You went down to hell and rose from the dead, the sorrowing disciples returned to their fishing in vain, but You, O Savior, as Master of all, came and told them to cast their nets on the right side of the boat. They caught a multitude of fish and You prepared a fire and food. Just as the disciples ate thereof, make us worthy to partake in spirit, O Lord and Lover of mankind.*



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.

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



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

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

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

**Holy Immortal: have mercy on us.**

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

*Troparion: Tone 4*

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

DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHYRSOSTOM

*Holy Baptism*

THE PRAYERS OF EXORCISM

*Prayer*

DEACON: Let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: O Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel, Who heal every sickness and every infirmity: Look upon Your servant; prove *them* and search *them*, and root out of *them* every operation of the devil. Rebuke the unclean spirits and expel them, and purify the works of Your hands; and exerting Your decisive might, speedily crush down Satan under *their* feet, giving *them* victory over him and over his foul spirits; that having obtained mercy from You, *they* may be made worthy to partake of Your heavenly mysteries; and may ascribe unto you glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

*Another Prayer*

DEACON: Let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: O Lord the Master, Who truly exist, Who have created man in Your own likeness, and have bestowed on him the power of life eternal; Who also despise not those who have fallen away through sin, but have provided salvation for the world through the incarnation of Your Christ: Deliver also this Your creatures from the bondage of the enemy, and receive *them* into Your heavenly kingdom. Open the eyes of *their* understanding, that the light of Your Gospel may shine brightly in *them*. Yoke unto *their* life a radiant angel, who shall deliver *them* from every snare of the adversary, from encounter with evil, from the demon of the noonday, and from evil visions.

*The priest then breathes on the mouth, forehead, and chest of the one being exorcised, saying:*

Expel from *him/her* every evil and impure spirit that hides and makes its lair in *his/her* heart: (3x)

The spirit of error, the spirit of guile, the spirit of idolatry and of every evil desire; the spirit of deceit and of every uncleanness which operates through the prompting of the devil. And make *them* reason-endowed sheep in the holy flock of Your Christ, an honorable member of Your church, children of the light, and heirs of Your kingdom; that having lived in accordance with Your commandments, and preserved inviolate the seal, and kept *their* garment undefiled, *they* may receive the blessedness of the saints in Your kingdom. Through the grace and generosity and love towards mankind of Your only-begotten Son, with Whom You are blessed, together with Your all-holy, good, and life-giving Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

## **THE RENUNCIATION OF SATAN AND THE PROFESSION OF FAITH**

*The priest and the catechumens to be baptized, with their sponsors, stand at the rear of the church facing west. Children are held by their sponsors, who respond for them.*

*The following question and reply are repeated three times:*

PRIEST: Do you renounce Satan and all his angels and all his works and all his service and all his pride?

CATECHUMEN/SPONSOR: I do renounce him.

*The following question and response are also said three times:*

PRIEST: Have you renounced Satan?

CATECHUMEN/SPONSOR: I have renounced him.

PRIEST: Then breathe and spit upon him.

*When this is done, all turn to face the east and stand in reverence. The following question and response are then repeated three times:*

PRIEST: Do you join yourself to Christ?

CATECHUMEN/SPONSOR: I do join myself to Christ.

*Then the priest asks only once:*

PRIEST: Have you joined yourself to Christ?

CATECHUMEN/SPONSOR: I have.

PRIEST: Do you believe in Him?

CATECHUMEN/SPONSOR: I believe in Him as King and God.

*The catechumens and sponsors say the Symbol of the Faith:*

### *The Nicene Creed*

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the only begotten, begotten of the Father before all worlds, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made; of one essence with the Father, by Whom all things were made;

Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man;

And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered and was buried;

And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures;

And ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father;

And He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead, Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets;

And I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.

I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.

I look for the resurrection of the dead,

And the life of the world to come. Amen.

*The following question and response are then repeated three times:*

PRIEST: Have you joined yourself to Christ?

CATECHUMEN/SPONSOR: I have.

PRIEST: Then bow down also before Him.

CATECHUMEN/SPONSOR (*bows and says*): I bow down before the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, the Trinity, one in essence and undivided.

PRIEST: Blessed is God, Who wills that all men should be saved, and should come to the knowledge of the truth: now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

PEOPLE: Amen.

### *A Prayer*

DEACON: Let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: O Master, Lord our God, call Your servants, N., to Your holy illumination, and grant unto *them* that great grace of Your holy baptism. Put off from *them* the old man, and renew *them* unto life everlasting; and fill *them* with the power of Your Holy Spirit, in the unity of Your Christ; that *they* may be no more children of the body, but children of Your kingdom.

Through the good will and grace of Your only-begotten Son, with Whom You are blessed, together with Your all-holy, good, and life-giving Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages. of ages.

PEOPLE: Amen.

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

*Standing before the font, facing east, deacon begins:*

DEACON: Bless, father.

PRIEST: Blessed is the kingdom of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

PEOPLE: Amen.

### *The 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: That this water may be sanctified with the power and effectual operation and indwelling of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: That there may be sent down into it the grace of redemption and the blessing of Jordan, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: That there may come upon this water the purifying operation of the Trinity beyond all being, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: That we may be illumined by the light of understanding and piety, by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: That this water may prove effective unto the averting of every snare of enemies, both visible and invisible, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: That *those* who *are* baptized therein may be made worthy of the kingdom incorruptible, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: For *those* who now comes to holy baptism, and for *their* salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: That *they* may prove *themselves children* of the light, and *heirs* of eternal good things, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: That *they* may be *members* and of the death and resurrection of Christ our God, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: That *they* may preserve *their* baptismal *garments* and the pledge of the Spirit pure and undefiled unto the fearful day of Christ our God, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: That this water may be for *them* a laver of regeneration, unto the forgiveness of sins, and a garment of incorruption, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: That the Lord God will hear the voice of our petition, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: That He will deliver *them* and us 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.

*Meanwhile the priest prays quietly:*

PRIEST: O compassionate and merciful God, Who try the heart and the mind, and Who alone know the secret thoughts of men, for no deeds are hidden before You, but all things are naked and manifest before Your eyes; Who know all things concerning me: Regard me not with loathing, neither turn Your face from me; but



overlook my iniquities at this present hour, O You Who disregard man's sins unto his repentance. And wash away the vileness of my body and the pollution of my soul. And sanctify me completely by Your all-perfect, invisible might and by Your spiritual right hand; lest, while I proclaim liberty to others and administer this rite with perfect faith in Your unutterable love toward mankind, I myself may become the base slave of sin. Yes, O Master, Who alone are good and full of love toward mankind, let not Your humble servant be led astray; but send down on me power from on high, and strengthen me in the administration of Your impending mystery, which is both great and most heavenly. And create the image of Your Christ in *them* who now desire to be born again through my unworthy ministry. And build *them* up on the foundation of Your apostles and prophets, that *they* may not be overthrown; but implant *them* firmly as a plant of truth, in Your holy, catholic and apostolic Church, that *they* may not be plucked out. That, as *they* increase in godliness, through *them* may be glorified Your all-holy name: of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

### ***The Blessing of Water***

*The priest then says the following prayer aloud:*

PRIEST: Great are You, O Lord, and marvelous are Your works, and there is no word sufficient to hymn Your wonders. (3x.)

For You, of Your own good will, have brought into being all things which before were not, and by Your might You uphold creation, and by Your providence You order the world.

*When You had joined together the universe out of four elements, You crowned the circle of the year with four seasons. Before You tremble all the powers endowed with intelligence. The sun sings to You. The moon glorifies You. The stars meet together before Your presence. The light obeys You. The deeps tremble before You. The springs of water are subject to You. You have spread out the heavens like a curtain. You have established the earth on the waters. You have set around the sea barriers of sand. You have poured forth the air for breathing. The angelic powers serve You. The choirs of the archangels fall down in adoration before You. The many-eyed cherubim and the six-winged seraphim, as they stand and fly around You, veil their faces in awe before Your indescribable glory.*

For You Who are God inexpressible, existing uncreated before the ages, and indescribable, descended upon earth, and took on the form of a servant, and were made in the likeness of man; for, because of the tender compassion of Your mercy, O Master, You could not endure to behold mankind oppressed by the devil; but You came and saved us. We confess Your grace. We proclaim Your mercy. We conceal not Your gracious acts. You have delivered the generation of our mortal nature. By Your birth You sanctified a virgin's womb. All creation magnifies You Who have manifested Yourself. For You, O our God, have revealed Yourself upon earth, and dwelt among men. You hallowed the streams of Jordan, sending down on them from heaven Your Holy Spirit, and crushed the heads of the dragons that lurked therein.

Therefore, O King Who love mankind, come now and sanctify this water by the indwelling of Your Holy Spirit. (3x)

And grant unto it the grace of redemption, the blessing of Jordan. Make it the fountain of incorruption, the gift of sanctification, the forgiveness of sins, the remedy of infirmities, the final destruction of demons, unassailable by hostile powers, filled with angelic might; that those who would ensnare Your creature will flee far from it. For we have called upon Your name, O Lord, and it is wonderful and glorious and terrible unto adversaries.

*The priest dips his fingers in the water and makes the sign of the Cross three times on the water, breathing on it and saying each time:*

Let all adverse powers be crushed beneath the sign of the image of Your most precious Cross. (3x)

And we pray You, O God, that every airy and unseen phantom may withdraw itself from us; and that no demon of darkness may conceal himself in this water; and that no evil spirit which instills darkening of intentions and rebelliousness of thought may descend into it with *those* who *are* about to be baptized. But, O Master of all, show this water to be the water of redemption, the water of sanctification, the purification of flesh and spirit, the loosing of bonds, the forgiveness of sins, the illumination of the soul, the laver of regeneration, the renewal of the spirit, the gift of adoption to sonship, the garment of incorruption, the fountain of life. For You have said, O Lord: "Wash, be clean; and put away evil things from your souls." You have bestowed upon us from on high a new birth through water and the Spirit. Therefore, O Lord, manifest Yourself in this water, and grant that *these* who is baptized therein may be transformed; that *they* may put away the old man, which is corrupt through the lusts of the flesh, and that *they* may be clothed with the new man, and renewed according to the image of Him Who created *them*;; that being buried, after the pattern of Your death, in baptism *they* may in like manner be a partaker of Your Resurrection and, having preserved the gift of Your Holy Spirit and increased the measure of grace committed to *them*, *they* may receive the prize of *their* high calling, and be numbered with the first-born whose names are written in heaven, in You, our God and Lord, Jesus Christ.

For unto You are due all glory, dominion, honor, and worship, together with Your unoriginate Father, and Your all-holy, good, and life-giving Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

PEOPLE: Amen.

### ***The Anointing with Oil***

PRIEST: Peace be to all.

PEOPLE: And to your spirit.

DEACON: Let us bow our heads to the Lord.

PEOPLE: To You, O Lord.

*The priest then breathes three times on a vessel containing oil, and makes the sign of the Cross over it three times and says the following prayer:*

DEACON: Let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: O Lord and Master, the God of our fathers, Who sent to those who were in the ark of Noah Your dove, bearing in its beak a twig of olive, the token of reconciliation and of salvation from the flood, the foreshadowing of the mystery of grace; and provided the fruit of the olive for the fulfilling of Your holy mysteries; Who thereby fill those who are under the Law with Your Holy Spirit, and perfect those who are under grace: Bless also this holy oil with the power and operation and indwelling of Your Holy Spirit (3x), that it may be an anointing unto incorruption, an armor of righteousness, to the renewing of soul and body, to the averting of every assault of the devil, to deliverance from all evil for those who shall be anointed with it in faith, or who partake of it.

Unto Your glory and the glory of Your only-begotten Son and of Your all-holy, good, and life-giving Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

PEOPLE: Amen.

DEACON: Let us attend.

*The priest pours some oil from the vessel, making with it the sign of the Cross in the water 3x, all sing:*

PRIEST/PEOPLE: Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*The priest then continues, saying:*

PRIEST: Blessed is God, Who illumines and sanctifies every man who comes into the world, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

PEOPLE: Amen.

*Then the one who is to be baptized is presented. The priest takes of the oil, and anoints him by making the sign of the Cross:*

*First on the forehead, saying::*

PRIEST: The servant of God, N., is anointed with the oil of gladness, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Then on the chest and back, saying*

Unto the healing of body and soul.

*On the ears, saying:*

Unto the hearing of faith.

*On the hands, saying:*

Your hands have made me and fashioned me.

*On the feet, saying:*

That *he/she* may walk in the way of Your commandments, O Lord.

### ***The Baptism***

*The priest, facing east, immerses each catechumen (or infant) three times, saying:*

PRIEST: The servant of God N., is baptized, in the name of the Father:

PEOPLE: Amen.

PRIEST: And of the Son:

PEOPLE: Amen.

PRIEST: And of the Holy Spirit.

PEOPLE: Amen.

*For each newly-baptized person the priest takes a white garment, blesses it with the sign of the Cross, and gives it to him, saying:*

PRIEST: The servant of God N., is clothed with the garment of righteousness, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The white garment is put on the newly-baptized as the following troparion is sung.*

READER/PEOPLE: Grant to me a shining robe of light, You Who clothe Yourself with light, O Christ our God, most merciful.

### ***Psalm 32 (LXX 31)***

*Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord does not impute iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.*

*When I kept silent, my bones grew old through my groaning all the day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my vitality was turned into the drought of summer.*

*I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.*

*For this cause everyone who is godly shall pray to You in a time when You may be found; Surely in a flood of great waters they shall not come near him.*

*You are my hiding place; You shall preserve me from trouble; You shall surround me with songs of deliverance.*

*I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye. Do not be like the horse or like the mule, which have no understanding, which must be harnessed with bit and bridle, else they will not come near you.*

*Many sorrows shall be to the wicked; but he who trusts in the Lord, mercy shall surround him.*

*Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, you righteous; and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!*

*The newly-baptized, dressed in a garment of white, is brought before the priest. The priest, prior to the Chrismation, presents him with a Cross to wear around his neck, exhorting him from the words found in Mark 8:34.*

PRIEST: The Lord has said, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow Me."

## **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY CHRISMATION**

DEACON: Let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: Blessed are You, O Lord God Almighty, Source of all good things, Sun of righteousness, Who shed upon those who were in darkness the light of salvation, through the manifestation of Your only-begotten Son and our God; and Who have given to us, unworthy though we are, blessed purification through holy water, and divine sanctification, through life-giving chrismation; Who now, also, have been graciously pleased to regenerate Your servant who has newly received illumination by water and the Spirit, and grant to *them* forgiveness of sins, whether voluntary or involuntary: O Master, compassionate King of all, grant also to *them* the seal of the gift of Your holy and almighty and adorable Spirit, and participation in the holy Body and the precious Blood of Your Christ. Keep *them* in Your sanctification; confirm *them* in the Orthodox faith; deliver *them* from the evil one, and from all his devices. And preserve *their* soul in purity and uprightness, through the saving fear of You; that *they* may please You in every deed and word, and may be *children* and *heirs* of Your heavenly kingdom.

For You are our God, the God Who shows mercy and saves; 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. Amen.

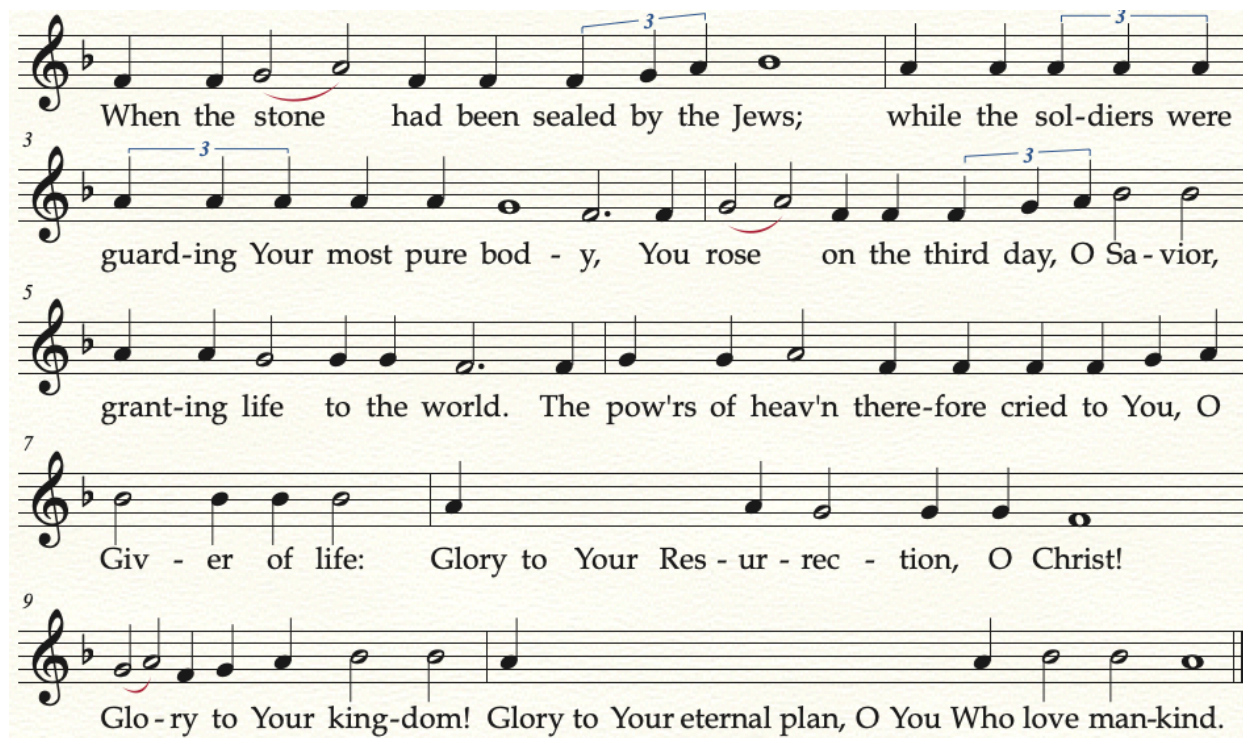
*The priest then anoints the newly-baptized with holy Chrism, making with it the sign of the Cross: on the forehead, on the eyes, on the nostrils, on the lips, on both ears, on the chest, on both hands, and on both feet, saying each time:*

PRIEST: The seal of the gift of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The people who are present respond each time, saying:*

PEOPLE: Seal.

**Resurrection Troparion: Tone 1 (Obikhod)**



When the stone had been sealed by the Jews; while the sol-diers were  
guard-ing Your most pure bod - y, You rose on the third day, O Sa - vior,  
grant-ing life to the world. The pow'rs of heav'n there-fore cried to You, O  
Giv - er of life: Glory to Your Res - ur - rec - tion, O Christ!  
Glo - ry to Your king-dom! Glory to Your eternal plan, O You Who love man-kind.



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

***Dormition Troparion: Tone 1 (Obikhod)***

In giv-ing birth, O The-o - to - kos, you have re-tained your vir -  
gin - i - ty and in fall-ing a-sleep you have not for-sa-ken the world,  
you who are the Moth-er of Life have passed o-ver in - to life,  
and by your prayers you de - liv - er our souls from death.

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

***Dormition Kontakion: Tone 2 (Special Melody)***

The grave and death could not hold the Moth-er of God,  
who is sleep-less in her prayers and in whose in-ter-ces - sion  
lies un-fail-ing hope. For as the Moth - er of God  
she has been trans-port - ed in - to life by Him Who  
dwelt with - in her ev - er vir - gin womb.

***Anti-Trisagion***

***“As many as have been baptized...”***

As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia. (3x)

***Prokeimenon: Tone 1 – Psalm 33 (LXX 32)***

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

*Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! For praise from the upright is beautiful.*

***Prokeimenon - Psalm 19 (LXX 18) - Baptism***

The Lord is my light and my Savior, whom shall I fear?

***The Epistle Readings - 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 + Romans 6:3:11***

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.

Brethren, Do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His Resurrection, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. For he who has died has been freed from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

***The Alleluia before the Gospel: Tone 1 - Psalm 18 (LXX 17)***

*Verse: It is God Who avenges me, and subdues the peoples under me; He delivers me from my enemies.*

*Verse: Great deliverance He gives to his king and shows mercy to His anointed, to David and his descendants forevermore.*

*Verse: My heart overflows with a good theme as I sing my song to the King. My tongue is nimble as the pen of a skillful scribe.*

### *The Gospel Reading – Matthew 17:14-23 + Matthew 28:16-20*

So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.” Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say to them, “Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.” So all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth.

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.

### *Dormition Magnification Hymn: Tone 1 (Byzantine)*

3 All gen-er-a-tions call you bless-ed, O on-ly The-o-to-kos.

5 *Irmos:* In you, O Vir-gin with-out spot the bounds of na-ture are o-ver-come:

7 for your vir-gin-i-ty was pre-served in your child-bear-ing and

9 death is be-trothed to life. O The-o-to-kos, vir-gin af-ter bear-ing child and a-

live af-ter death, you ev-er save your in-her-tance.

### *The Communion Hymn - Psalm 148*

Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens. Praise Him, O praise Him in the highest. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.



## *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 *whose Dormition we commemorate today...* 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.

### *Dormition Troparion: Tone 1 (Obikhod)*

In giving birth, O Theotokos, you have retained your virginity and in falling asleep you have not forsaken the world, you who are the Mother of Life have passed over into life, and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death.

### *Dormition Kontakion: Tone 2 (Special Melody)*

The grave and death could not hold the Moth - er of God,  
who is sleep-less in her prayers and in whose in-ter-ces - sion  
lies un-fail-ing hope. For as the Moth - er of God  
she has been trans-port - ed in - to life by Him Who  
dwelt with - in her ev - er vir - gin womb.

### *Ikos*

*Set a rampart about my mind, O my Savior, for I boldly sing the praises of Your most pure Mother, the rampart of the world. Establish me firmly within the fortress of my words and make me strong within the defenses of my thoughts: for You promise to fulfill the petitions of those who entreat You with faith. Grant to me a tongue and ready speech, and thoughts that are without shame: for every gift of enlightenment is sent down from You, O guiding Light, Who dwelt within her ever-virgin womb.*

*Dormition Fast Exapostilaria: Tone 3 (Byzantine)*

O you A - pos-tles from far off, be-ing gath-ered to - geth - er

5 in the vil - lage of Geth - se - ma - ne, lay my bod-y in bur - i - al,

11 and You, my Son and my God, re - ceive now my spi - rit from me.

17 You are the sweet - ness of an - gels, the glad-ness of the af - flict - ted ones,

22 a pro - tec - tion of all Chris - tians, O Vir - gin Moth - er of our Lord;

27 grant me now help and save me from the e - ter - nal tor - ments.

32 I have you as me - di-a - tor be - fore God Who loves man-kind;

37 may He not ques - tion my ac - tion be - fore the hosts of the an - gels,

42 I ask of you, O Vir - gin, has - ten now quick - ly to my aid.

46 You are a tow - er a - dorned with gold, a ci - ty sur-round - ed by

50 twelve walls; a shin - ing throne touched by the sun,

53 a roy - al seat for the King, O un - ex - plain - a - ble won - der,

58 how do you nurse the Mas - - - - - ter?



