

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

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

*Sunday, October 11, 2026*

*Tone 2*

## 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.

***Psalm 103 (LXX 102)***

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

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

***Psalm 143 (LXX 142)***

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



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

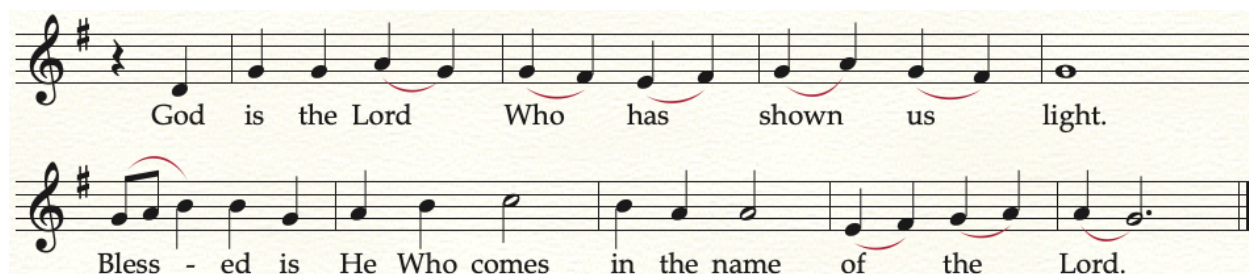
Your Spirit is good. Lead me in the land of uprightness.

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

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

O our God and our Hope, glory to You.

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



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

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

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

***Troparion of the Fathers: Tone 8 (Byzantine)***

## ***First Kathisma Hymn***

### *Tone 2*

*The noble Joseph, took Your spotless Body down from the Tree and wrapped it in pure linen with spices, and laid it for burial in a new tomb. But on the third day, You arose, O Lord, and bestowed great mercy on the world!*

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

*The angel stood by the tomb and cried to the myrrh-bearing women: "Myrrh is proper for the dead; but Christ has shown Himself free from corruption! Cry out then, 'The Lord is risen and has bestowed on the world great mercy!'"*

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

*O Virgin and all-glorious Theotokos, we sing to you a hymn of praise, for Hades has been destroyed by your Son's Cross, death has been put to death, and we the dead have been made to rise and become worthy of life. We have obtained Paradise, the original bliss! Wherefore, we glorify you by giving thanks to Christ our God, for He alone is almighty and all-merciful.*

### ***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 2*

*The women who went to Your sepulcher after Your Passion to anoint Your body, O Christ our God, saw Angels in the tomb and were astonished, for they heard a voice from them which said: The Lord has risen, granting the world great mercy.*

### ***Anavathmoi***

#### ***Antiphon 3***

*Those who trust in the Lord shall be like the mountain of Zion; they cannot be moved by the assaults of the enemy.*

*Let not the hands of those who live according to God stretch out to iniquities; for the sinner's rod shall not rule the inheritance of Christ.*

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

*The Holy Spirit is the Source of all wisdom: the Apostles found their grace in Him. The martyrs received their crowns through Him. The prophets looked to Him for their visions.*

### ***Matins Prokeimenon: Tone 2 - Psalm 7***

*Rise up, O Lord my God, in defense of the Law You commanded and the congregation of the peoples will surround You.*

*Verse: O Lord my God, on You I have set my hope.*

***“Let every breath...”***

### ***Matins Gospel Reading: Eothinon 8 – John 20:11-18***

But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. Then they said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him.” Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, “Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have

laid Him, and I will take Him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to Him, “Rabboni!” (which is to say, Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, ‘I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.’ ” Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that He had spoken these things to her.

***“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 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.

***Synaxarion of the Day***

On October 11, in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Apostle Philip the deacon of the Seventy; Venerable Theophanes the branded; Nektarios, Arsakios, Sisinius and Philotheos Kokkinos, patriarchs of Constantinople; and Venerable Jonah of Cyprus.

On this day we commemorate the holy and blessed Fathers who came together for the Seventh Ecumenical Council; the second time that such a council assembled in Nicaea. This took place during the reign of the pious and Christ-loving Emperors Constantine and Irene. The Council met against those who impiously, ignorantly and foolishly asserted that the Church of God worships idols, and against those who rejected the eminent and holy icons.

***Verses***

*Your champions, O Word, with words as their weapons,  
Turn to flight the foes of the venerable icons.*

The Council met in 787 to refute the Iconoclast heresy, whose camp believed that all depictions of Christ, His Mother and the saints should be destroyed. But the iconophiles believed that icons served to preserve the doctrinal teachings of the Church, and they considered icons to be man's dynamic way of expressing the divine, through art and beauty. The Council decreed that the veneration of icons was not idolatry, because the honor shown to them is not directed to the wood or paint, but passes to the prototype, or the person depicted. It also upheld the possibility of depicting Christ, Who became man and took flesh at His Incarnation. The Father, on the other hand, cannot be represented in His eternal nature, because "no man has seen God at any time."

By the intercessions of the Holy Fathers, O Christ God, have mercy upon us.  
Amen.

***Canon – Akathist Theotokos: Tone 4***

***Katavsia Odes 1-8***

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

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

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

**Ode 5:** The whole world was amazed at your divine glory, for you, O Virgin who have not known wedlock, have held in your womb the God of all, and have given birth to an eternal Son, Who rewards with salvation all who sing your praises.

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

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

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



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

***Matins Canon – 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’rable than the cherubim and more glorious beyond compare than the seraphim, who without corruption gave birth to God the Word and are truly Theotokos, we magnify you.

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

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

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

*If needed, the cantor sings the 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.*

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

***The Little Litany***

***“Holy is the Lord our God”***

***Exapostilaria – Eothinon 8 + Fathers + Theotokion***

*Mary was amazed to see two angels in the tomb and asked Christ, thinking He was the gardener where He had laid His body. When He called her by name, she acknowledged her Savior and heard, “Touch Me not but go to My brethren and say to them, I ascend to My Father.*

*O inspired Fathers, gathered for the Seventh Ecumenical Council, pray constantly to the Trinity to save from all heresy and from eternal judgment those who praise your divine assembly, that they may receive the Kingdom of heaven.*

*O Lord of great goodness, by the intercessions of Your Mother and the Fathers who met at all the Ecumenical Councils, strengthen Your Church, make firm the Faith, and make us all sharers in the Kingdom of heaven when You come to earth to judge the whole world.*

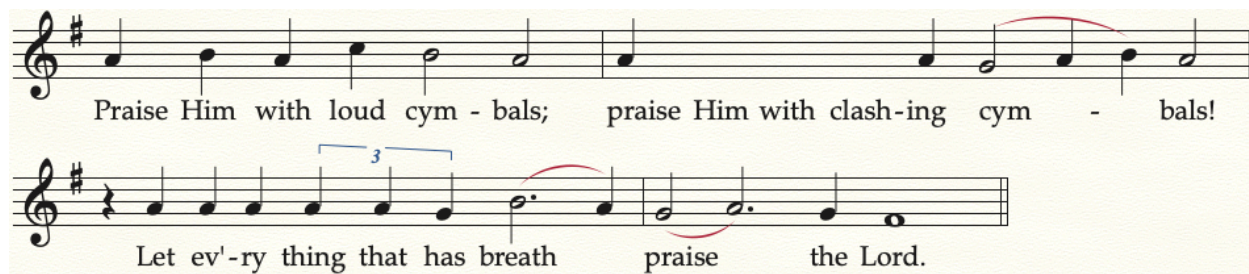
***The Praises: Tone 2 - Psalms 148, 150 (Kievan)***

The musical score is written on four systems of staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system contains four staves of music. The second system contains two staves of music. The third system contains two staves of music. The fourth system contains two staves of music. The lyrics are: Let ev'-ry breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heav - ens! Praise Him in the high - est! To You, O God is due a song. Praise Him, all His an - gels! Praise Him, all His hosts! To You, O God is due a song. Cantor Praise God in His sanc - tu - a - ry; praise Him in His might - y, firm - a - ment. People Praise Him for His might-y acts; praise Him accord-ing to His ex-cel-lent great - ness! Cantor Praise Him with the sound of the trum-pet; praise Him with the lute and harp! People Praise Him with the tim-brel and dance; praise Him with stringed in -stru-ments and flutes!

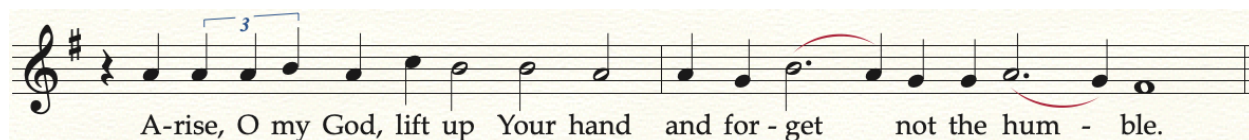
*(Tone 2) – Resurrection*

*Every breath and all creation glorifies You, O Lord, for through the Cross You have abolished death, in order to show the peoples Your Resurrection from the dead, for You alone are the Lover of mankind.*





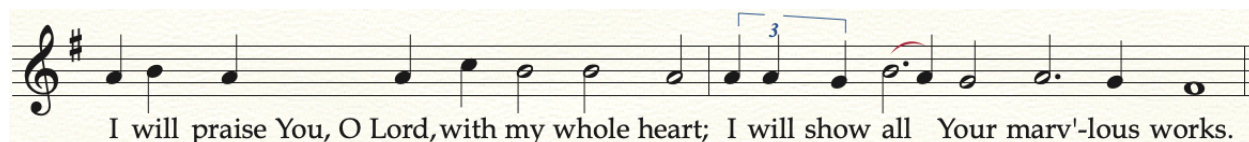
*Rejoice, O people, and exult! An angel sat on the stone of the tomb and he has brought us glad tidings, saying: Christ, the Savior of the world is risen from the dead, and He has filled the world with fragrance. Rejoice, O people, and be glad!*



*For the Fathers*

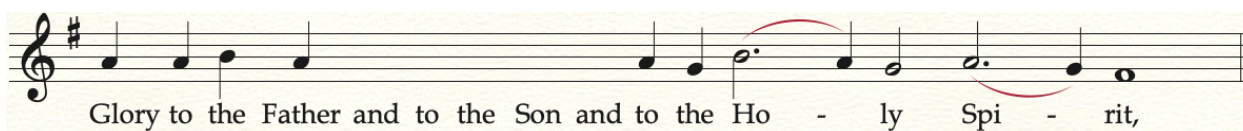
*Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of our Fathers; and praised and glorified is Your name forever.*

*When the inspired and holy Fathers received the light of the Holy Spirit, they proclaimed in few words but words rich in meaning the mystery of the Faith under the inspiration of God. As the divine army and true heralds of Christ, they were inspired by the teachings of the Gospel and holy Tradition. They were enlightened by that which they received from on high, establishing the Faith which they were taught by God.*



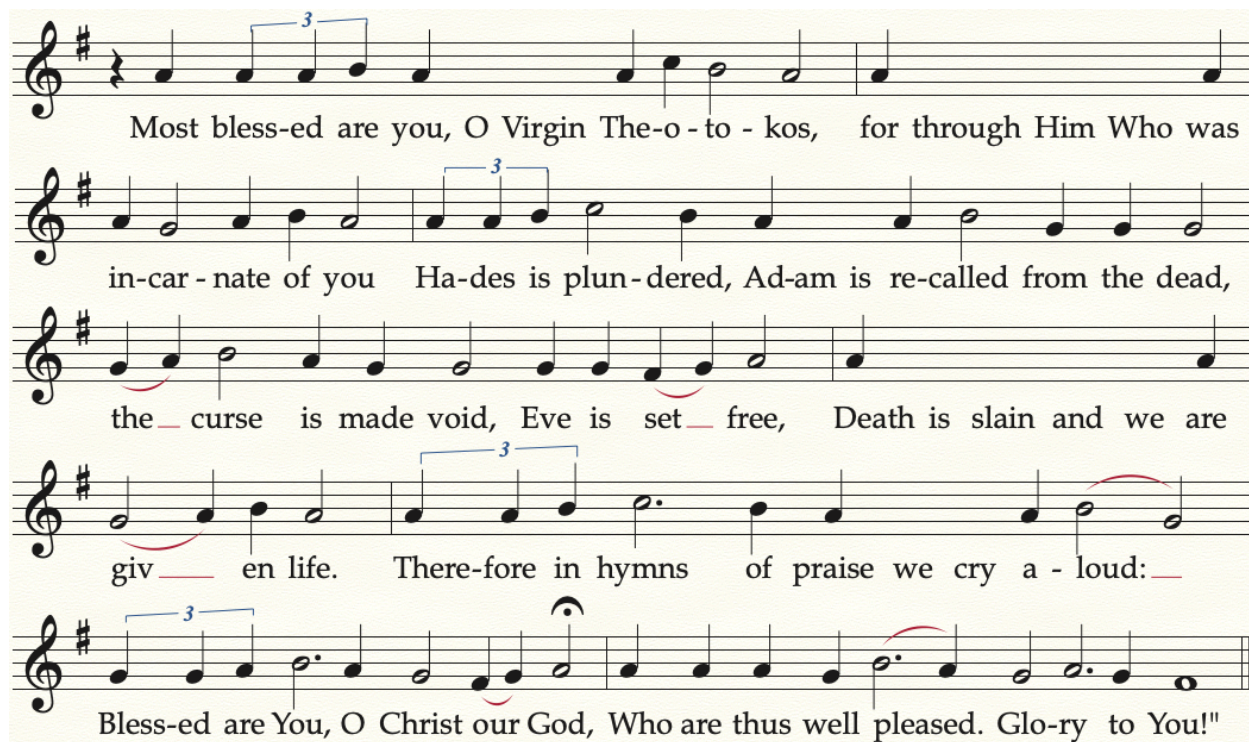
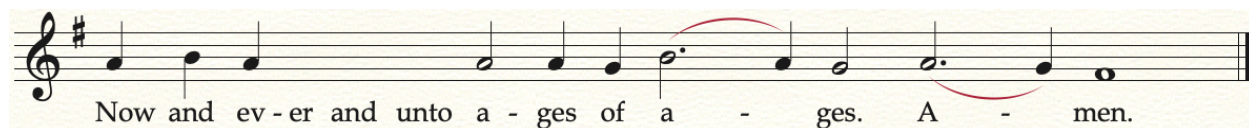
*Assemble His holy ones before Him all those who have made a covenant with Him by sacrifice.*

*Uniting all their pastoral knowledge and moved by a righteous indignation, in godly wrath and true judgment the holy Pastors used the staff of the Spirit to expel the devouring wolves from the sheep, who had slipped into the fullness of the Church with an incurable disease leading to death. Thus the holy Fathers acted as noble servants of Christ and true servants of the divine message.*



*(Tone 8) - Eothinon 8*

*Mary's bitter weeping is not in vain, for she is found worthy to be taught by angels and to see Jesus. In her weakness her thoughts are earthly, wherefore You tell her not to touch You, O Christ; yet You send her to proclaim to the apostles that You will ascend to Your Father's throne. With her, make us worthy to see You, O Lord and Master, 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**

***The Second Antiphon (Psalm 115)***

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

***The Third Antiphon – The Beatitudes***

***The Entrance Hymn***

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



***Resurrection Troparion: Tone 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!

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp). It features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some measures containing rests. Red curved lines are placed above the notes in several measures, likely indicating phrasing or breath marks. The lyrics are written below the staves, with line numbers 5, 9, 13, and 18 marking the beginning of new lines of text.

***Troparion of the Fathers: Tone 8 (Byzantine)***

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

The musical score is written on five staves in D minor (two flats). It features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some measures containing rests. Red curved lines are placed above the notes in several measures, likely indicating phrasing or breath marks. The lyrics are written below the staves, with line numbers 5, 9, and 13 marking the beginning of new lines of text.

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

***Hymn to St. John***

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

***Kontakion of the Theotokos: Tone 2 (Byzantine)***

O pro - tec - tion of Chris - tians that can - not be put to shame, me - di -  
a - tion un - to the Cre - a - tor most con - stant. O de -  
spise not the sup - pli - ant voi - ces of those who have sinned; but be  
quick, O good one, to come un - to our aid, who in faith cry un - to you:  
Has - ten to in - ter - ces - sion, and speed to make sup - pli - ca - tion, you who  
ev - er pro - tect, O The - o - to - kos, those who hon - or you.

***Prokeimenon: Tone 2 - Daniel 3:52 (LXX)***

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

*Verse: For You are just in all You have done, all Your deeds are faultless, all Your ways are right, and all Your judgments proper.*

***The Epistle Readings - Titus 3:8-15***

Titus, my son this is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men. But avoid foolish disputes, genealogies, contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and useless. Reject a divisive man after the first and second admonition, knowing that such a person is warped and sinning, being self-condemned. When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicus, be diligent to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Send Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey with haste, that they may lack nothing. And let our people also learn to maintain good works, to meet urgent needs, that they may not be unfruitful. All who are with me greet you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

***The Alleluia before the Gospel - Psalm 44:1; 34:17 (LXX 43; 33)***

*Verse: We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us.*

*Verse: The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them.*

***The Gospel Reading – Luke 8:5-15***

The Lord spoke this parable: “A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold.” When He had said these things He cried, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!” Then His disciples asked Him, saying, “What does this parable mean?” And He said, “To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that ‘Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.’ “Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience. As Jesus said this, He called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

***Magnification Hymn***

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

***The Communion Hymn - Psalm 148 & 112:5 (LXX 111)***

Praise the Lord from the heavens. The just shall be in everlasting remembrance. Alleluia (3x)

***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.*

***Troparion of the Fathers: Tone 8 (Byzantine)***

*O Christ our God, You are most glorified  
for You established our Fathers as lights upon the earth.  
Through them You led us to the true Faith  
O most merciful Lord, glory to You.*



*Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council*

*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.*



# Fall Season Troparia

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.