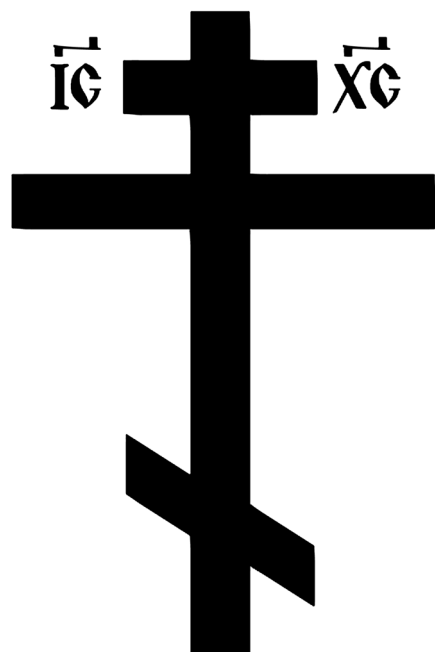


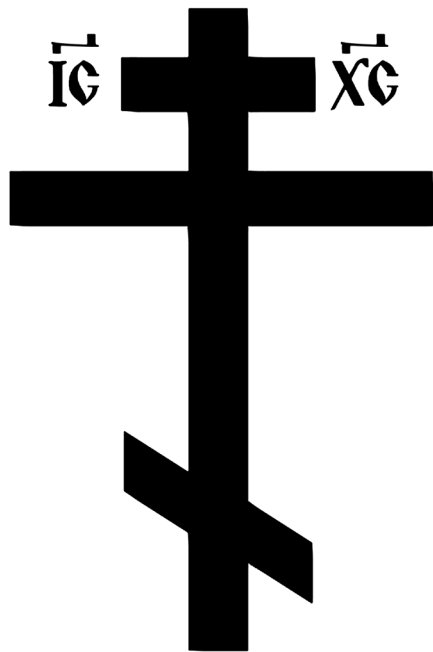


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Nativity of Our Most-Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary

8 September

On the Beatitudes

Feast 4 from Ode 3, Canon 1; 4 from Ode 6, Canon 2

8 & 7. Having lived blamelessly for God, ye gave birth unto the salvation of all, O divinely wise parents of her who gave birth to our Creator and God.

6. From a barren woman did the Lord, Who poureth forth life upon all, cause the Virgin to come forth, in whom He was pleased to make His abode, preserving her incorrupt even after giving birth.

5. Let us hymn Mary today as the Theotokos, the fruit of Anna, the intercessor and helper of all, who gave birth to the life-bearing Cluster.

4. Thy chaste parents placed thee, who art the Holy of holies, in the temple of the Lord, O pure one, to be raised with honor and prepared to become His Mother.

3. Join chorus, ye barren women and mothers! Be of good cheer and leap up, O ye childless! For a childless and barren woman bud-deth forth the Theotokos who delivereth Eve from her birth pangs and Adam from the curse.

2. In thee, O pure one, is the mystery of the Trinity hymned and glorified; for the Father was well pleased, and the Word made His abode within thee, and the divine Spirit overshadowed thee.

1. Thou wast a golden candlestick, O pure Theotokos, for in thy womb the Fire made His abode: the Word from the Holy Spirit; and He became visible in thee, in human form.

Troparion, Tone IV

Thy nativity, O Theotokos Virgin,/ hath proclaimed joy to all the world;/ for from thee hath dawned the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God,/ annulling the curse, and bestowing the blessing,// abolishing death and granting us life eternal.

Kontakion, Tone IV

Joachim and Anna were freed from the reproach of childlessness/
and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death, by thy holy nativity,
O immaculate one,/ which thy people, redeemed from the guilt of of-
fenses,/ celebrate, by crying to thee:// The barren woman giveth
birth to the Theotokos, the nourisher of our life.

Prokeimenon, Tone III

The Song of the Theotokos

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God
my Saviour.

Stichos: For He hath looked upon the lowliness of His hand-
maiden; for behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me
blessed.

Philippians §240 (2:5-11)

Brethren: Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:
who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal
with God: but made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Himself
the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and be-
ing found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obe-
dient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also
hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every
name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in
heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that
every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of
God the Father.

Alleluia, Tone VIII

Hearken, O daughter, and see, and incline thine ear.

Stichos: The rich among the people shall entreat thy countenance.

Luke §54 (10:38-42; 11:27-28)

At that time, Jesus entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard His word. But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to Him, and said, Lord, dost Thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? Bid her therefore that she help me. And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: but one thing is needful; and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her. And it came to pass, as He spoke these things, a certain woman of the company lifted up her voice, and said unto Him, Blessed is the womb that bare Thee, and the breasts which Thou hast sucked. But He said, Yea, rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.

Instead of It Is Truly Meet

Irmos of the 9th Ode of the second canon, Tone VIII:

Refrain: Magnify, O my soul, the most glorious nativity of the Mother of God.

Irmos: Foreign to mothers is virginity, and strange is childbirth for virgins, yet both were accomplished in thee, O Theotokos. Wherefore, we and all generations of the earth without ceasing do magnify thee.

Communion Verse

I will take the cup of salvation, and I will call upon the name of the Lord.

Universal Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross

14 September

The First Antiphon, Tone II

Psalm 21

Stichos 1: O God, my God, attend to me; why hast Thou forsaken me?

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us.

Stichos 2: Far from my salvation are the words of my transgressions. *Refrain.*

Stichos 3: My God, I will cry by day, and wilt Thou not hearken? And by night, and it shall not be unto folly for me. *Refrain.*

Stichos 4: But as for Thee, Thou dwellest, in the sanctuary, O Praise of Israel. *Refrain.*

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

The Second Antiphon, Tone II

Psalm 73

Stichos 1: O God, why hast Thou cast us off unto the end?

Refrain: O Son of God, Who wast crucified in the flesh, save us who chant unto Thee: Alleluia.

Stichos 2: Remember Thy congregation which Thou hast purchased from the beginning. *Refrain.*

Stichos 3: This is Mount Sion wherein Thou hast dwelt. *Refrain.*

Stichos 4: But God is our king before the ages, He hath wrought salvation in the midst of the earth. *Refrain.*

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

O Only-begotten Son and Word of God, Who art immortal, yet didst deign for our salvation to be incarnate of the Holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, and without change didst become man and wast crucified, O Christ God, trampling down death by death; O Thou Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit, save us.

The Third Antiphon, Tone I

Psalm 98

Reader: The Lord is king, let the peoples rage.

Choir: O Lord, save Thy people/ and bless Thine inheritance./
Grant victory unto Orthodox Christians/ over their adversaries,/ and by the power of Thy Cross// preserve Thou Thy commonwealth.

Reader: The Lord is king, let the peoples rage; He sitteth on the cherubim, let the earth be shaken.

Choir: Troparion.

Reader: The Lord is great in Sion, and He is high above all peoples.

Choir: Troparion.

Reader: Worship the Lord in His holy court.

Choir: Troparion.

At the Small Entry

Deacon: Exalt ye the Lord our God, and worship the footstool of His feet, for It is holy.

Troparion, Tone I

O Lord, save Thy people/ and bless Thine inheritance./ Grant victory unto Orthodox Christians/ over their adversaries,/ and by the power of Thy Cross// preserve Thou Thy commonwealth.

Kontakion, Tone IV

O Thou Who wast lifted up willingly on the Cross,/ bestow Thy mercies upon the new community named after Thee, O Christ God;/ gladden with Thy power the Orthodox Christians,/ granting them victory over enemies;// may they have as Thy help the weapon of peace, the invincible trophy.

Instead of the Trisagion

Before Thy Cross we bow down, O Master and Thy Holy Resurrection do we glorify. (*Thrice*)

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

And Thy Holy Resurrection do we glorify.

Before Thy Cross we bow down, O Master, and Thy Holy Resurrection do we glorify.

Prokeimenon, Tone VII

Exalt ye the Lord our God, and worship the footstool of His feet, for It is holy.

Stichos: The Lord is king, let the peoples rage.

I Corinthians §125 (1:18-24)

Brethren: The preaching of the cross is to those who perish, foolishness; but unto us which are saved, it is the power of God. For it is written: I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save those who believe. For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: but we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling-block, and unto the Greeks foolishness; but unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

Alleluia, Tone I

Remember Thy congregation which Thou hast purchased from the beginning.

Stichos: But God is our king before the ages, He hath wrought salvation in the midst of the earth.

John §60 (19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30-35)

At that time, the high priests and elders took council against Jesus to put Him to death. And they delivered Him to Pilate saying: "Away with Him! away with Him! Crucify Him!" Pilate said unto them: "Take ye Him, and crucify Him: for I find no fault in Him. The Jews

answered him: "We have a law, and by our law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God." When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was the more afraid; and went again into the judgment hall, and said unto Jesus: "Whence art Thou?" But Jesus gave him no answer. Then said Pilate unto Him: "Speakest Thou not unto me? Knowest Thou not that I have power to crucify Thee, and have power to release Thee?" Jesus answered: "Thou couldst have no power at all against Me, except it were given thee from above." When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha. And it was the preparation of the pass-over, and about the sixth hour: and he said unto the Jews: "Behold your King!" But they cried out: "Away with Him! Away with Him! Crucify Him!" Pilate said unto them: "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered: "We have no king but Cæsar." Then delivered he Him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led Him away. And He bearing His Cross went forth into a place called the place of the skull, which is called in Hebrew Golgotha: where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, on either side, and Jesus in the midst. And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the Cross. And the writing was: "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews". This title then read many of the Jews; for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city: and it was written in Hebrew, and Greek, and Latin. Now there stood by the Cross of Jesus His Mother, and His Mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary -Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw His Mother, and the disciple standing by, whom He loved, He said unto His Mother: "Woman, behold thy son!" Then said He to the disciple: "Behold thy Mother!" And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home. After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, bowed His head, and gave up the ghost. The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was a high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. Then came the soldiers, and broke the legs of the first, and of

the other who was crucified with Him. But when they came to Jesus, and saw that He was dead already, they broke not His legs: but one of the soldiers with a spear pierced His side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. And he that saw it bore record, and his record is true.

Instead of It Is Truly Meet

Irmos of the 9th Ode of the first canon, Tone VIII:

Refrain: Magnify, O my soul, the most precious Cross of the Lord.

Irmos: O Theotokos, thou art a mystical paradise, which being untilled brought forth Christ, by Whom the life-bringing Tree of the Cross was planted in the earth. In worshipping Him now through its exaltation, thee do we magnify.

Communion Verse

The light of Thy countenance, O Lord, hath been signed upon us.

Entry of Our Most-Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary into the Temple

21 November

On the Beatitudes

Feast 4 from Ode 3, Canon 1; 4 from Ode 6, Canon 2

8. Receiving the pure and undefiled one, who is more splendid than all creation, the animate bridal chamber of God, the beautiful Temple and chamber doth today appear as that which adorneth the bride for her wedding.

7. David, preceding the chorus, doth leap and dance with us, and declareth thee, O all-pure one, the queen adorned, who standeth in the Temple before our King and God, O most pure one.

6. From her, from whom transgressions went forth among the human race, hath her correction and incorruption blossomed forth, the Theotokos, who is led today into the house of God.

5. The angelic armies and a multitude of all men leap up for joy, and they advance as lamp-bearers before thy countenance, proclaiming thy majesty in the house of God.

4. O ye faithful, let us celebrate the spiritual feast of the Mother of God, chanting piously; for she is more holy than the heavenly intelligences.

3. With spiritual hymns let us praise the Mother of the Light, O ye faithful, for she hath appeared to us today, going forth into the temple of God.

2. O Father, Son and upright Spirit, Unity in three hypostases, indivisible Trinity: have mercy upon those who worship Thy divine might.

1. Contained in thy womb, O all-pure Mother of God, He Whom nought could contain issued forth from thee in two natures: God and man.

Troparion, Tone IV

Today is the prelude of God's good will/ and the heralding of the salvation of mankind./ In the temple of God, the Virgin is presented openly,/ and she proclaimeth Christ unto all./ To her, then, with a great voice let us cry aloud:/ Rejoice, O thou fulfillment// of the Creator's dispensation.

Kontakion, Tone IV

The most pure temple of the Savior,/ the most precious bridal-chamber and Virgin,/ the sacred treasury of the glory of God,/ is on this day brought into the house of the Lord,/ bringing with her the grace that is in the Divine Spirit./ And the angels of God chant praise unto her:// she is the heavenly tabernacle.

Prokeimenon, Tone II

The Song of the Theotokos

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

Stichos: For He hath looked upon the lowliness of His handmaiden; for behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

Hebrews §320 (9:1-7)

Brethren: The first covenant had also ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary. For there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein was the candlestick, and the table, and the showbread; which is called the sanctuary. And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the holiest of all; which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; and over it the cherubim of glory shadowing the mercy seat; of which we cannot now speak particularly. Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God. But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not

without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people.

Alleluia, Tone VIII

Hearken, O daughter, and see, and incline thine ear.

Stichos: The rich among the people shall entreat thy countenance.

Luke §54 (10:38-42; 11:27-28)

At that time, Jesus entered into a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha received Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard His word. But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to Him, and said: "Lord, dost Thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? Bid her therefore that she help me" And Jesus answered and said unto her: "Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: but one thing is needful; and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her." And it came to pass, as He spoke these things, a certain woman of the company lifted up her voice, and said unto Him: "Blessed is the womb that bore Thee, and the paps which Thou hast sucked." But He said: "Yea, rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it."

Instead of It Is Truly Meet

Irmos of the 9th Ode of the first canon, Tone IV:

Refrain: The angels beholding the entry of the most pure one were struck with wonder, seeing how the Virgin entered into the Holy of Holies.

Irmos: Let no profane hand touch the living Ark of God,/ but let the lips of the faithful, chanting unceasingly/ the words of the angel to the Theotokos,/ cry out with joy:// Truly art thou high above all, O pure Virgin.

Communion Verse

I will take the cup of salvation, and I will call upon the name of the Lord.

Nativity According to the Flesh of Our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ

25 December

The First Antiphon, Tone II

Psalm 110

Stichos 1: I will confess Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart, I will tell of all Thy wonders.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us.

Stichos 2: In the Council of the upright and in the congregation, great are the works of the Lord. *Refrain.*

Stichos 3: Sought out in all the things that He hath willed. *Refrain.*

Stichos 4: Confession and majesty are His work, and His righteousness abideth unto ages of ages. *Refrain.*

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

The Second Antiphon, Tone II

Psalm 111

Stichos 1: Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord; in His commandments shall he greatly delight.

Refrain: O Son of God Who wast born of the Virgin, save us who chant unto Thee: Alleluia.

Stichos 2: His seed shall be mighty upon the earth; the generation of the upright shall be blessed. *Refrain.*

Stichos 3: Glory and riches shall be in his house, and his righteousness abideth unto ages of ages. *Refrain.*

Stichos 4: There hath risen up in darkness a light for the upright; he is merciful and compassionate and righteous. *Refrain.*

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

O Only-begotten Son and Word of God, Who art immortal, yet didst deign for our salvation to be incarnate of the Holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, and without change didst become man and wast crucified, O Christ God, trampling down death by death; O Thou

Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit, save us.

The Third Antiphon, Tone IV

Psalm 109

Reader: The Lord said unto my Lord: Sit Thou at My right hand.

Choir: Thy Nativity, O Christ our God,/ hath shone forth the light of reason upon the world;/ for therein those who worship the stars/ have been taught by a star/ to worship Thee, the Son of righteousness,/ and to know Thee the Dayspring from on high.// O Lord, glory be to Thee.

Reader: Until I make Thine enemies the footstool of Thy feet.

Choir: Troparion.

Reader: A sceptre of power shall the Lord send unto Thee out of Sion; rule Thou in the midst of Thine enemies.

Choir: Troparion.

Reader: With Thee is dominion in the day of Thy power, in the splendour of Thy saints.

Choir: Troparion.

At the Small Entry

Deacon: From the womb before the morning star have I begotten Thee. The Lord hath sworn and will not repent: Thou art a priest forever, after the order of Melchisedek.

Troparion, Tone IV

Thy Nativity, O Christ our God,/ hath shone forth the light of reason upon the world;/ for therein those who worship the stars/ have been taught by a star/ to worship Thee, the Son of righteousness,/ and to know Thee the Dayspring from on high.// O Lord, glory be to Thee.

Kontakion, Tone III

Today the Virgin giveth birth unto the Transcendent One,/ and the earth doth offer a cave to Him Who is unapproachable./ Angels and shepherds give glory, and the magi journey with the star. For unto us a Child is born, Who is preëternal God.

Instead of the Trisagion

As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia. (*Thrice*)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen. Have put on Christ. Alleluia.

As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia.

Prokeimenon, Tone VIII

Let all the earth worship Thee and chant unto Thee; let them chant unto Thy name, O Most High.

Stichos: Shout with jubilation unto the Lord all the earth; chant ye unto His name, give glory in praise of Him.

Galatians §209 (4:4-7)

Brethren: When the fullness of time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying: Abba, Father! Wherefore, thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

Alleluia, Tone I

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

Stichos: Day unto day poureth forth speech, and night unto night proclaimeth knowledge.

Matthew §3 (2:1-12)

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judæa in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is He that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the east, and are come to worship Him. When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judæa: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule My people Israel. Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young Child; and when ye have found Him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship Him also. When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down, and worshipped Him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts; gold, and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

Instead of It Is Truly Meet

Irmos of the 9th Ode of the second canon of the feast, Tone I:

Refrain: Magnify, O my soul, her who is more honourable and more glorious than the hosts on high, the most pure Virgin Theotokos.

Irmos: It would be easier for us, because free from all danger, to keep silence in fear; while it is hard indeed, O Virgin, to devise with love hymns harmoniously put together. But do thou, O Mother, grant us power that we may fulfill our good intent.

Irmos: A strange and most wonderful mystery do I see: the cave is heaven; the Virgin the throne of the cherubim; the manger a room, in which Christ, the God whom nothing can contain, is laid. Him do we praise and magnify.

Communion Verse

The Lord hath sent redemption unto His people.

Dismissal

Priest: May He who was born in a cavern and lay in a manger for our salvation, Christ our true God, through the prayers of His Most-pure Mother, of our Father among the Saints, John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople, and of all the Saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loveth mankind.

Holy Theophany of Our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ

6 January

The First Antiphon, Tone II

Psalm 113

Stichos 1: When Israel went out of Egypt, and the house of Jacob from among a barbarous people.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us.

Stichos 2: Judea became His sanctuary, Israel His dominion. *Refrain*.

Stichos 3: The sea beheld and fled, Jordan turned back. *Refrain*.

Stichos 4: What aileth thee, O sea, that thou fleddest? And thou Jordan, that thou didst turn back? *Refrain*.

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

The Second Antiphon, Tone II

Psalm 114

Stichos 1: I am filled with love, for the Lord will hear the voice of my supplication.

Refrain: O Son of God Who wast baptized in the Jordan, save us Who chant unto Thee:

Alleluia.

Stichos 2: For He hath inclined His ear unto me, and in my days will I call upon Him. *Refrain*.

Stichos 3: The pangs of death have encompassed me, the perils of hades have found me. Tribulation and sorrow have I found, and I called upon the name of the Lord. *Refrain*.

Stichos 4: Merciful is the Lord and righteous, and our God hath mercy. *Refrain*.

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

O Only-begotten Son and Word of God, Who art immortal, yet didst deign for our salvation to be incarnate of the Holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, and without change didst become man and wast crucified, O Christ God, trampling down death by death; O Thou Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit, save us.

The Third Antiphon, Tone I

Psalm 117

Reader: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endureth forever.

Choir: When Thou, wast baptized in the Jordan, O Lord,/ the worship of the Trinity was made manifest;/ for the voice of the Father bare witness to Thee,/ calling Thee His beloved Son./ And the Spirit in the guise of a dove/ confirmed the certainty of the word./ O Christ God, Who hast appeared and hast enlightened the world, glory be to Thee.

Reader: Let the house of Israel now say that He is good, for His mercy endureth forever.

Choir: Troparion.

Reader: Let the house of Aaron now say that He is good, for His mercy endureth forever.

Choir: Troparion.

Reader: Let all that fear the Lord now say that He is good, for His mercy endureth forever.

Choir: Troparion.

At the Small Entry

Deacon: Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. We have blessed you out of the house of the Lord. God is the Lord, and hath appeared unto us.

Troparion, Tone I

When Thou, wast baptized in the Jordan, O Lord,/ the worship of the Trinity was made manifest;/ for the voice of the Father bare witness to Thee,/ calling Thee His beloved Son./ And the Spirit in the guise of a dove/ confirmed the certainty of the word./ O Christ God, Who hast appeared and hast enlightened the world, glory be to Thee.

Kontakion, Tone IV

Thou hast appeared today unto the whole world,/ and Thy light, O Lord, hath been signed upon us/ who with knowledge chant unto Thee:/ Thou hast come, Thou hast appeared,// O Light Unapproachable.

Instead of the Trisagion

As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia. (*Thrice*)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen. Have put on Christ. Alleluia.

As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia.

Prokeimenon, Tone IV

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. God is the Lord, and hath appeared unto us.

Stichos: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endureth forever.

Titus §302 (2:11-14; 3: 4-7)

Titus my child: The grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present age, looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior, Jesus Christ, Who gave Himself for us, that

He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a people of His own, zealous of good works. But after the kindness and love of God, our Savior, toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Spirit, which He shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ, our Savior, that, being justified by His grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Alleluia, Tone IV

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

Stichos: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory hath thundered, the Lord is upon the many waters.

Matthew §6 (3: 13-17)

At that time came Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbade Him, saying: "I have need to be baptized of Thee, and comest Thou to me?" And Jesus answering said unto him: "Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he suffered Him. And Jesus, when He was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo! the heavens were opened unto Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon Him: and lo! a voice from heaven, saying: "This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased."

Instead of It Is Truly Meet

Irmos of the 9th Ode of the first canon of the feast, Tone II:

Refrain: Magnify, O my soul, her who is more honourable than the hosts on high, the most pure Virgin Theotokos.

Irmos: Every tongue is at a loss to praise thee as is due:/ even a spirit from the world above is filled with dizziness, when it seeketh to sing thy praises, O Theotokos./ But since thou art good, accept our faith:/ Thou knowest well our love inspired by God,/ for thou art the Protector of Christians and we magnify thee.

Communion Verse

The grace of God that bringeth salvation unto all men hath appeared.

Dismissal

Priest: May He who deigned to be baptized by John in the Jordan for our salvation, Christ our true God, through the prayers of His Most-pure Mother, of our Father among the Saints, John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople, and of all the Saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loveth mankind.

Meeting of Our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ

2 February

On the Beatitudes

Feast 4 from Ode 3, and 4 from Ode 6

8 & 7. The firstborn of the Father before all ages has appeared from an undefiled Maiden as a firstborn child and He stretches out His hands to Adam.

6. That He might restore the first-formed man, who through beguilement had become childish in his mind, God the word has appeared as a child.

5. The Creator, having become a young child without undergoing change, has reshaped according to the form of His divinity our nature, taken from the earth and destined to return to earth once more.

4 & 3. Thou hast been set up in Sion as a stumbling stone and rock of offense for the disobedient, but unto the faithful Thou art salvation which cannot be broken.

2. Bearing faithfully the image of Him who begat Thee before all ages, Thou hast now from pity put on the weakness of mortal man.

1. Now lettest Thou depart in peace him who worships Thee as Son of the Most High and Son of the Virgin, God become a child.

At the Small Entry

Deacon: The Lord hath made known His salvation, in the sight of the nations hath He revealed His righteousness.

Troparion, Tone I

Rejoice, thou who art full of grace, O Virgin Theotokos,/ for from thee hath risen the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God,/ enlightening those in darkness./ Rejoice, thou also, O righteous Elder,/ as thou receivest in thine arms the Redeemer of our souls,/ Who also granteth unto us the Resurrection.

Kontakion, Tone I

Thou Who didst sanctify the Virgin's womb by Thy birth,/ and didst bless Symeon's hands as was meet,/ by anticipation didst even now save us, O Christ God./ But grant peace in the midst of wars unto Thy commonwealth,/ and strengthen Orthodox Christians// whom Thou hast loved, O only Lover of mankind.

Prokeimenon, Tone III

The Song of the Theotokos

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

Stichos: For He hath looked upon the lowliness of His hand-maiden; for behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

Hebrews §316 (7:7-17)

Brethren: Without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better. And here men that die receive tithes; but there he receiveth them, of whom it is witnessed that he liveth. And as I may so say, Levi also, who receiveth tithes, payed tithes in Abraham. For he was yet in the loins of his father, when Melchisedec met him. If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law), what further need was there that another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec, and not be called after the order of Aaron? For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law. For he of whom these things are spoken pertaineth to another tribe, of which no man gave attendance at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Juda; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood. And it is yet far more evident: for that after the similitude of Melchisedec there ariseth another priest, Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life. For he testifieth, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

Alleluia, Tone VIII

Now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, O Master, according to Thy word.

Stichos: A light of revelation for the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel.

Luke §7 (2:22-40)

At that time, the parents of the Child Jesus brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord; (As it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord;) And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons. And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Spirit, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law. Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him. And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against; (Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed. And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity; And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in

Jerusalem. And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth. And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

Instead of It Is Truly Meet

Irmos of the 9th Ode of the canon of the feast, Tone III:

Refrain: O Virgin Theotokos, thou hope of Christians:// Do thou protect, preserve, and save those that hope in thee.

Irmos: In the shadow and the letter of the Law,/ let us, the faithful, discern a figure:/ every male child that opens the womb/ shall be sanctified to God./ Therefore do we magnify the firstborn Word and Son of the Father without beginning,/ the firstborn Child of a Mother// who hath not known a man.

Communion Verse

I will take the cup of salvation, and I will call upon the name of the Lord.

Dismissal

Priest: May He who deigned to be carried in the arms of the righteous Simeon for our salvation, Christ our true God, through the prayers of His Most-pure Mother, of our Father among the Saints, John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople, and of all the Saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loveth mankind.

Annunciation of Our Most-Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary

25 March

Troparion of the Feast, Tone IV

Today is the fountainhead of our salvation/ and the manifestation of the mystery which was from eternity./ The Son of God becometh the Virgin's Son,/ and Gabriel proclaimeth the good tidings of grace;/ wherefore, we also cry to the Theotokos with him:// Rejoice, thou who art full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

Kontakion, Tone VIII

To thee, the champion leader, we thy servants dedicate/ a feast of victory and of thanksgiving/ as ones rescued out of sufferings, O Theotokos;/ but as thou art one with might which is invincible,/ from all dangers that can be do thou deliver us,/ that we may cry to thee: Rejoice, thou Bride Unwedded.

Prokeimenon, Tone IV

Proclaim from day to day the good tidings of the salvation of our God.

Stichos: O sing unto the Lord a new song, sing unto the Lord all the earth.

Hebrews §306 (2:11-18)

Brethren, He that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee. And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me. Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. For verily he took not on him the nature of

angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. Wherefore in all things it behooved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to help them that are tempted.

Alleluia, Tone I

He shall come down like rain upon a fleece, and like raindrops that fall upon the earth.

Stichos: His name shall be blessed unto the ages, before the sun doth His name continue.

Luke §3 (1:24-38)

In those days, Elisabeth, the wife of Zacharias, conceived, and hid herself five months, saying, Thus hath the Lord dealt with me in the days wherein he looked on me, to take away my reproach among men. And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth,

she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. For with God nothing shall be impossible. And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

Instead of It Is Truly Meet

Irmos of the 9th Ode of the canon of the feast, Tone IV:

Refrain: Proclaim, O earth, good tidings of great joy; ye heavens, praise the glory of God.

Irmos: Let no profane hand touch the living Ark of God,/ but let the lips of the faithful,/ chanting unceasingly the words of the angel to the Theotokos,/ with joy cry out:// Rejoice, thou who art full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

Communion Verse

The Lord hath elected Sion, He hath chosen her to be a habitation for Himself.

Entry of Our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ into Jerusalem: Palm Sunday

The First Antiphon, Tone II

Psalm 114

Stichos 1: I am filled with love, for the Lord will hear the voice of my supplication.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us.

Stichos 2: For He hath inclined His ear unto me, and in my days will I call upon Him. *Refrain*

Stichos 3: The pangs of death have encompassed me, the perils of hades have found me. *Refrain*

Stichos 4: Tribulation and sorrow have I found, and I called upon the name of the Lord.

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

The Second Antiphon, Tone II

Psalm 115

Stichos 1: I believed, wherefore I spake; I was humbled exceedingly.

Refrain: O Son of God, Who didst sit upon a colt, save us who chant unto Thee: Alleluia.

Stichos 2: What shall I render unto the Lord for all that He hath rendered unto me. *Refrain*

Stichos 3: I will take the cup of salvation, and I will call upon the name of the Lord. *Refrain*

Stichos 4: My vows unto the Lord will I pay in the presence of all His people. *Refrain.*

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

O Only-begotten Son and Word of God, Who art immortal, yet didst deign for our salvation to be incarnate of the Holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, and without change didst become man and wast crucified, O Christ God, trampling down death by death; O Thou

Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit, save us.

The Third Antiphon, Tone I

Psalm 117

Reader: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endureth forever.

Choir: In confirming the common Resurrection, O Christ God,/ Thou didst raise up Lazarus from the dead before Thy passion./ Wherefore, we also, like the children bearing the symbols of victory,/ cry to Thee, the Vanquisher of death:/ Hosanna in the highest;// blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Reader: Let the house of Israel now say that He is good, for His mercy endureth forever.

Choir: Troparion.

Reader: Let the house of Aaron now say that He is good, for His mercy endureth forever.

Choir: Troparion.

Reader: Let all that fear the Lord now say that He is good, for His mercy endureth forever.

Choir: Troparion.

At the Small Entry

Deacon: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. We have blessed you out of the house of the Lord. God is the Lord, and hath appeared unto us.

Troparion, Tone I:

In confirming the common Resurrection, O Christ God,/ Thou didst raise up Lazarus from the dead before Thy passion./ Wherefore, we also, like the children bearing the symbols of victory,/ cry to Thee, the Vanquisher of death:/ Hosanna in the highest;// blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Another Troparion, Tone IV:

As by baptism we were buried with Thee, O Christ our God,/ so by Thy Resurrection we were deemed worthy of immortal life;/ and praising Thee, we cry:/ Hosanna in the highest;// blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Kontakion, Tone VI

Being borne upon a throne in heaven, and upon a colt on the earth,/ O Christ God, Thou didst accept the praise of the angels/ and the laudation of the children as they cry to Thee:// Blessed is He that cometh to recall Adam.

Prokeimenon, Tone IV

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. God is the Lord, and hath appeared unto us.

Stichos: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endureth forever.

Philippians §247 (4:4-9)

Brethren, rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

Alleluia, Tone I

O sing unto the Lord a new song, for the Lord hath wrought wondrous things.

Stichos: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

John §41 (12:1-18)

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him. Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment. Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, which should betray him, Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor? This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein. Then said Jesus, Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this. For the poor always ye have with you; but me ye have not always. Much people of the Jews therefore knew that he was there: and they came not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might see Lazarus also, whom he had raised from the dead. But the chief priests consulted that they might put Lazarus also to death; Because that by reason of him many of the Jews went away, and believed on Jesus. On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord. And Jesus, when he had found a young ass, sat thereon; as it is written, Fear not, daughter of Sion: behold, thy King cometh, sitting on an ass's colt. These things understood not his disciples at the first: but when Jesus was glorified, then remembered they that these things were written of him, and that they had done these things unto him. The people therefore that was with him when he called Lazarus out of his grave, and raised him

from the dead, bare record. For this cause the people also met him, for that they heard that he had done this miracle.

Instead of It Is Truly Meet

Irmos of the 9th Ode of the canon of the feast, Tone IV:

God is the Lord, and hath appeared unto us; make ye a feast, and with gladness, come, let us magnify Christ with palms and branches, with hymns crying aloud: Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord our Saviour.

Communion Verse

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. God is the Lord, and hath appeared into us.

Dismissal

Priest: May He who deigned to sit on the foal of an ass for our salvation, Christ our true God, through the prayers of His Most-pure Mother, of our Father among the Saints, John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople, and of all the Saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loveth mankind.

The Ascension of Our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ

Thursday of the Sixth Week of Holy Pascha

The First Antiphon, Tone II

Psalm 46

Stichos 1: Clap your hands, all ye nations; shout unto God with a voice of rejoicing. *Refrain:* Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us.

Stichos 2: For the Lord Most. High is terrible, a great King over all the earth. *Refrain.*

Stichos 3: He hath subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet. *Refrain.*

Stichos 4: God is gone up in jubilation, the Lord with the voice of the trumpet. *Refrain.*

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

The Second Antiphon, Tone II

Psalm 47

Stichos 1: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, in the city of our God, in His holy mountain.

Refrain: O Son of God, Who didst ascend in glory, save us who chant unto Thee: Alleluia.

Stichos 2: The mountains of Sion on the sides of the north, the city of the great King. *Refrain.*

Stichos 3: God is known in her towers, when He cometh to help her. *Refrain.*

Stichos 4: For lo, the kings of the earth were assembled; they came together. *Refrain.*

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

O Only-begotten Son and Word of God, Who art immortal, yet didst deign for our salvation to be incarnate of the Holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, and without change didst become man and wast crucified, O Christ God, trampling down death by death; O Thou

Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit, save us.

The Third Antiphon, Tone IV

Psalms 48

Reader: Hear this, all ye nations; give ear, all ye that inhabit the world.

Choir: Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God,/ having gladdened Thy disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit;/ and they were assured by the blessing/ that Thou art the Son of God,// the Redeemer of the world.

Reader: Both ye that are born of earth, and ye sons of men, rich and poor together.

Choir: Troparion.

Reader: My mouth shall speak wisdom, and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding.

Choir: Troparion.

Reader: I will incline mine ear unto a parable, I will unfold my problem on the psaltery.

Choir: Troparion.

At the Small Entry

Deacon: God is gone up in jubilation, the Lord with the voice of the trumpet.

Troparion, Tone IV

Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God,/ having gladdened Thy disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit;/ and they were assured by the blessing/ that Thou art the Son of God,// the Redeemer of the world.

Kontakion, Tone VI

When Thou didst fulfill Thy dispensation for our sake,/ uniting things on earth with the heavens,/ Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God,/ departing not hence, but remaining inseparable from us,/ and crying unto them that love Thee:// I am with you, and no one shall be against you.

At the Small Entry

Choir: O come let us worship and fall down before Christ; O Son of God Who ascended in glory, save us who chant unto Thee: Alleluia.

Prokeimenon, Tone VII

Be Thou exalted above the heavens, O God, and Thy glory above all the earth.

Stichos: Ready is my heart, O God, ready is my heart; I will sing and chant in my glory.

Acts of the Apostles §1B (1:1-12)

The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the

earth. And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven. Then re-turned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sab-bath day's journey.

Alleluia, Tone II

God is gone up in jubilation, the Lord with the voice of the trumpet.

Stichos: Clap your hands, all ye nations; shout unto God with a voice of rejoicing.

Luke §114 (24:36-53)

At that time, after that Jesus had risen from the dead, he stood in the midst of his disciples, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them his hands and his feet. And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat? And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb. And he took it, and did eat before them. And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations,

beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things. And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high. And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy: And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.

Instead of It Is Truly Meet

Irmos of the 9th Ode of the first canon of the feast, Tone V:

Refrain: Magnify, O my soul, Him Who hath ascended from earth to heaven, Christ the Giver of life.

Irmos: Thee that art above understanding and word the Mother of God,/ that hast ineffably brought forth in time the Timeless One,// we the faithful with one accord magnify.

Communion Verse

God is gone up in jubilation, the Lord with the voice of the trumpet.

Dismissal

Priest: May He who in Glory ascended from us into heaven and sat at the right hand of the God and Father for our salvation, Christ our true God, through the prayers of His Most-pure Mother, of our Father among the Saints, John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople and of all the Saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loveth mankind.

Sunday of Holy Pentecost or Holy Trinity Sunday

The First Antiphon, Tone II

Psalm 18

Stichos 1: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament declareth the work of His hands.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us.

Stichos 2: Day unto day poureth forth speech and night unto night proclaimeth knowledge. *Refrain.*

Stichos 3: Their sound hath gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world. *Refrain.*

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

The Second Antiphon, Tone II

Psalm 19

Stichos 1: The Lord hear thee in the day of affliction; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee.

Refrain: O Good Comforter, save us who chant unto Thee: Alleluia.

Stichos 2: Let Him send forth unto thee help from His sanctuary, and out of Sion let Him help thee. *Refrain.*

Stichos 3: The Lord grant thee according to thy heart, and fulfill all thy purposes. *Refrain.*

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

O Only-begotten Son and Word of God, Who art immortal, yet didst deign for our salvation to be incarnate of the Holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, and without change didst become man and wast crucified, O Christ God, trampling down death by death; O Thou Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit, save us.

The Third Antiphon, Tone VIII

Psalm 20

Reader: O Lord, in Thy strength the king shall be glad, and in Thy salvation shall he rejoice exceedingly.

Choir: Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God,/ Who hast shown forth the fishermen as supremely wise,/ by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit,/ and through them didst draw the world into Thy net./ O Lover of mankind, glory be to Thee.

Reader: The desire of his heart hast Thou granted unto him, and hast not denied him the requests of his lips.

Choir: Troparion.

Reader: Thou wentest before him with the blessings of goodness, Thou hast set upon his head a crown of precious stone.

Choir: Troparion.

At the Small Entry

Be Thou exalted, O Lord, in Thy strength; we will sing and chant of Thy mighty acts.

Troparion, Tone VIII

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God,/ Who hast shown forth the fishermen as supremely wise,/ by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit,/ and through them didst draw the world into Thy net./ O Lover of mankind, glory be to Thee.

Kontakion, Tone VIII

Once, when He descended and confounded the tongues,/ the Most High divided the nations;/ and when He divided the tongues of fire,/ He called all men into unity;/ and with one accord we glorify the All-Holy Spirit.

Instead of the Trisagion

As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia. (*Thrice*)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen. Have put on Christ. Alleluia.

As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia.

Prokeimenon, Tone VIII

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

Stichos: The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament proclaimeth the work of His hands.

Acts of the Apostles §3 (2:1-11)

In those days, when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

Alleluia, Tone I

By the Word of the Lord were the heavens established, and all the might of them by the Spirit of His mouth.

Stichos: The Lord looked down from heaven, He beheld all the sons of men.

John §27 (7:37-52; 8:12)

In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.) Many of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, Of a truth this is the Prophet. Others said, This is the Christ. But some said, Shall Christ come out of Galilee? Hath not the scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was? So there was a division among the people because of him. And some of them would have taken him; but no man laid hands on him. Then came the officers to the chief priests and Pharisees; and they said unto them, Why have ye not brought him? The officers answered, Never man spake like this man. Then answered them the Pharisees, Are ye also deceived? Have any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed on him? But this people who knoweth not the law are cursed. Nicodemus saith unto them, (he that came to Jesus by night, being one of them,) Doth our law judge any man, before it hear him, and know what he doeth? They answered and said unto him, Art thou also of Galilee? Search, and look: for out of Galilee ariseth no prophet.

Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

Instead of It Is Truly Meet

Irmos of the 9th Ode of the second canon, Tone IV:

Rejoice, thou, O Queen, the glory of both mothers and virgins! For no mouth, however fluent and well-spoken, can be so eloquent as to hymn thee worthily; and every mind faileth to understand thy childbirth. Wherefore, with one accord thee do we glorify.

Communion Verse

Thy good Spirit shall lead me in the land of uprightness.

Dismissal

Priest: May He who sent the Most-holy Spirit from heaven upon His holy disciples and apostles in the form of fiery tongues, Christ our true God, through the prayers of His Most-pure Mother, of our Father among the Saints, John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople, and of all the Saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loveth mankind.

Holy Transfiguration of Our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ

6 August

The First Antiphon, Tone II

Psalm 65

Stichos 1: Shout with jubilation unto the Lord all the earth; chant ye unto His name, give glory in praise of Him.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us.

Stichos 2: The voice of Thy thunder is in their rolling. And Thy lightnings have lightened the world; the earth was shaken and it trembled. *Refrain.*

Stichos 3: Confession and majesty hast Thou put on, Who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment. *Refrain.*

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

The Second Antiphon, Tone II

Psalm 47

Stichos 1: The mountains of Sion on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.

Refrain: O Son of God Who wast transfigured upon the mountain, save us who chant unto Thee: Alleluia.

Stichos 2: And He brought them unto the mountain of his sanctuary, this mountain which His right hand had gained as a possession. *Refrain.*

Stichos 3: Mount Sion which He loved, and He built His sanctuary like that of a unicorn. *Refrain.*

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

O Only-begotten Son and Word of God, Who art immortal, yet didst deign for our salvation to be incarnate of the Holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, and without change didst become man and wast crucified, O Christ God, trampling down death by death; O Thou Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit, save us.

The Third Antiphon

Psalm 124

Reader: They that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Sion; nevermore shall they be shaken.

Choir: Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, O Christ our God,/ showing to Thy disciples Thy glory as each one could endure;/ shine forth Thou on us, who are sinners all, Thy light ever-unending/ through the prayers of the Theotokos. O Light-giver, glory be to Thee.

Reader: Mountains are round about her, and the Lord is round about His people from henceforth and for evermore.

Choir: Troparion.

Reader: O Lord, who shall abide in Thy tabernacle? And who shall dwell in Thy holy mountain.

Choir: Troparion.

Reader: Who shall ascend into the mountain of the Lord? Or who shall stand in His holy place?

Choir: Troparion.

At the Small Entry

Deacon: O Lord, send out Thy light and Thy truth; they have guided me along the way, and have brought me unto Thy holy mountain.

Troparion, Tone VII

Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, O Christ our God,/ showing to Thy disciples Thy glory as each one could endure;/ shine forth Thou on us, who are sinners all, Thy light ever-unending/ through the prayers of the Theotokos. O Light-giver, glory be to Thee.

Kontakion, Tone VII

On the mount Thou wast transfigured,/ and Thy disciples, as much as they could bear, beheld Thy glory, O Christ God;/ so that when they should see Thee crucified,/ they would know thy passion to be willing,/ and would preach to the world// that Thou, in truth, art the Effulgence of the Father.

Prokeimenon, Tone IV

How magnified are Thy works, O Lord! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

Stichos: Bless the Lord, O my soul; O Lord my God, Thou hast been magnified exceedingly.

II Peter §65 (1:10-19)

Brethren: give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth. Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance; Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me. Moreover I will endeavor that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance. For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For He received from God the Father honor and glory, when there came such a voice to Him from the excellent glory: This is my beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased. And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with Him in the holy mount. We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts.

Alleluia, Tone VIII

Thine are the heavens, and Thine is the earth.

Stichos: Blessed is the people that knoweth jubilation.

Matthew §70 (17: 1-9)

At that time, Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and brought them up into a high mountain apart, And was transfigured before them: and His face did shine as the sun, and His raiment was white as the light. And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elijah talking with Him. Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for Thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah. While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him. And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid. And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid. And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only. And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead.

Instead of It Is Truly Meet

Irmos of the 9th Ode of the first canon, Tone IV:

Refrain: Magnify, O my soul, the Lord transfigured on Tabor.

Irmos: Thy birth-giving was shown to be incorrupt God came forth from thy womb, and He appeared on earth wearing flesh and dwelt among men; wherefore, O Theotokos, we all magnify thee.

Communion Verse

O Lord, in the light of Thy face shall we walk, and in Thy name shall we rejoice forever.

Dismissal

Priest: May He who was transfigured in Glory before His disciples on Mount Tabor for our salvation, Christ our true God, through the prayers of His Most-pure Mother, of our Father among the Saints, John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople, and of all the Saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loveth mankind.

**Dormition of Our Most-Holy
Lady Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary**

15 August

On the Beatitudes

Feast 4 from Ode 3, Canon 1; 4 from Ode 6, Canon 2

8 & 7. The glorious apostles, seeing thee to be a mortal woman, yet, in manner transcending nature, the Mother of God, O all-immaculate one, with awe touched with their hands thee who art resplendent in glory, perceiving thee to be a habitation acceptable to God.

6 & 5. When God preserved with the glory of His divinity the honor of the animate ark wherein the Word became flesh, the judgment of retribution overtook the insolent one through the severing of his audacious hands.

4 & 3. For thee did Life shine forth, leaving intact the seal of thy virginity. How, therefore, hast thine all-pure and life-giving body been permitted to be tempted by death?

2 & 1. As the temple of Life, thou didst attain life everlasting; for, having given birth to the hypostatic Life, thou didst pass through death on to life.

Troparion, Tone I

In giving birth thou didst preserve thy virginity;/ in thy dormition thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos./ Thou wast translated unto life,/ since thou art the Mother of Life;// and by thine intercessions dost thou deliver our souls from death.

Kontakion, Tone II

The grave and death could not hold the Theotokos,/ who is sleepless in her intercessions and an unfailing hope in her mediations./ For as the Mother of Life she was translated unto life// by Him Who dwelt in her ever-virgin womb.

Prokeimenon, Tone III
The Song of the Theotokos

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

Stichos: For He hath looked upon the lowliness of His hand-maiden; for behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

Philippians § (2:5-11)

Brethren: Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Himself the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Alleluia, Tone II

Arise, O Lord, into Thy rest, Thou and the ark of Thy holiness.

Stichos: The Lord hath sworn in truth unto David, and will not annul it.

Luke § (10:38-42; 11:27-28)

At that time, Jesus entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard His word. But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to Him, and said: "Lord, dost Thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? Bid her therefore that she help me." And Jesus answered and said unto her: "Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: but one thing is needful; and Mary hath

chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.” And it came to pass, as He spoke these things, a certain woman of the company lifted up her voice, and said unto Him: “Blessed is the womb that bare Thee, and the paps which Thou hast sucked.” But He said: “Yea, rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.”

Instead of It Is Truly Meet

Irmos of the 9th Ode of the first canon of the feast, Tone I:

Refrain: The angels, having beheld the Dormition of the Most pure One,/ were struck with wonder,// at how the Virgin went up from earth to heaven.

Irmos: In thee, O Virgin without spot,/ the bounds of nature are overcome:/ for childbirth remains virgin/ and death is betrothed to life./ O Theotokos, Virgin after bearing child and alive after death,// do thou ever save thine inheritance.

Communion Verse

I will take the cup of salvation, and I will call upon the name of the Lord.

Κοίνιζ, ἡ βῆϝ ἡάπηνϝ ελάβα.
The end, and to our God be the glory!

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