

Matins Propers February 13, 2005
First Sunday of the Great Fast (Sunday of Orthodoxy)

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4. *"The Lord is God," Tone 4, p. 160*
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Glory...

Troparion of the Sunday of Orthodoxy - Tone 2



We bow be-fore your sa-cred im-age, O gra-cious Lord, and beg for-giveness for
our of-fens-es, O Christ our God; for you, of your own good will, ascended
the cross in your hu-man na-ture to de-liv-er from the enemy's
bondage those whom you cre-a-ted. There-fore, we grate-ful-ly cry
out to you: By your com-ing to save the world, O Sav-ior,
you have filled all with joy.

Now and ever...

Festal Theotokion, Tone 2, p. 98

5. *Psalm 118 and Hosts of Angels, p. 18*
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12. *Psalm 50, p. 25*

Penitential Stichera after Ps. 50

Cantor:

Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - - - it.

All:

O - pen to me the doors of repent-ance, O Giv - er of life. As we wor-ship in
 your tem-ple this morn - ing, teach us how to purify the temples of our bod - ies,
 and, in your com-pas - - - sion, pur - ify me by the good - ness of
 your mer - - - cies.

Cantor:

Now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men.

All:



Lead me to the paths of salva-tion, O The-o-to - kos, for I have condemned



my - self with shame - ful sins and have was - ted all my life in sloth - ful - ness.



By your in - ter - ces - sion, pur - i - fy me from all sin - ful - ness.

Cantor:



Have mer-cy on me, God, in your kind-ness. In your com-pas - sion blot out

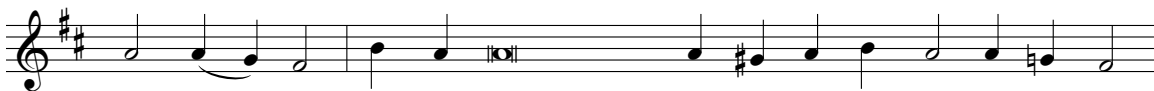


my of - fense.

All:



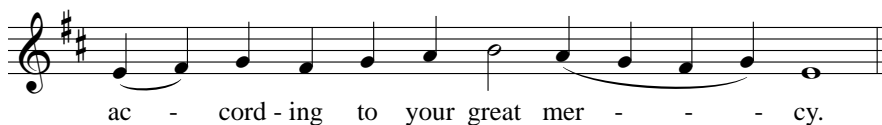
When I think upon the multitude of my e - vil deeds, I tremble for the ter-ri - ble



Judg-ment Day. But trust - ing in the com-pas - sion of your mer - cy, O Lord,



I cry to you like Da - vid: Have mer - cy on me, O God,

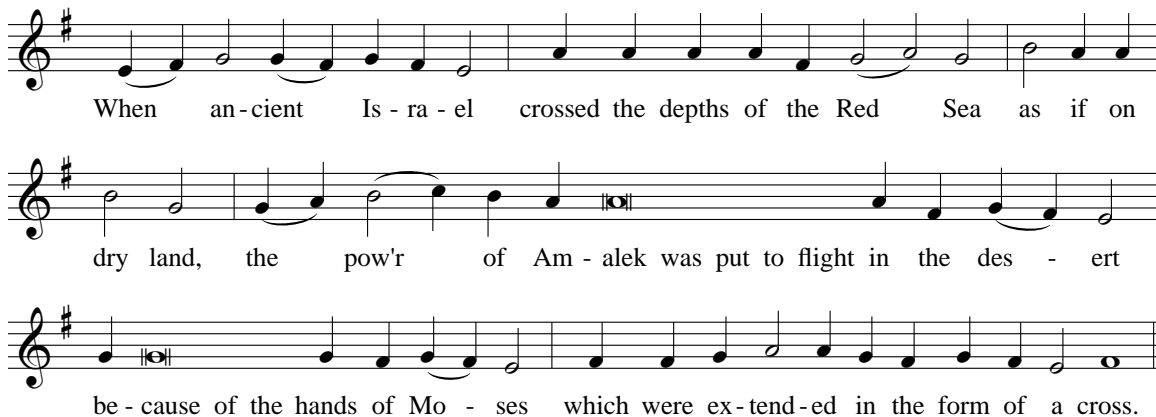


14. Prayer after Ps. 50, p. 29

Canon

Ode 1
Irmos

Tone 4



Refrain



Let us exult with joy, O faithful, and let us sing on this day: How wonderful are your works, O Christ, and how great is your power, O Lord; for you have established harmony among us. *Refrain*

Come, let us celebrate this day with joy and divine fervor. Heaven and earth rejoice; the choirs of angels and the multitudes on earth sing with festive melodies. *Refrain*

Come, O faithful, let us clap our hands at this great sight! The divided members of Christ have found their unity. Let us praise the Lord who grants us peace. *Refrain*

Today the Church is given the reward of its victory by the order and divinely inspired decision of the gracious emperors, Michael and Theodora.

Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spir - it; now and ev - er
and for - ev - er. A - men.

The sword of heresy has vanished, and we feel a holy joy, when, in faith, O most pure Virgin, we see your temple completely adorned with the holy icons.

Katavasia: *Repeat Irmos from above.*


Kontakion - Tone 8

O The - o - to - kos, the indescribable Word of the Fa - ther be - came describable
when he took flesh from you. Our soiled im - age was restored to its or - i - gi - nal form,
com - min - gled with di - vine beau - ty. This is the very salva - tion we pro - fess,
de - pict - ing it in word and deed.

Ikos: The mystery of our salvation was announced in times of old by the divinely inspired prophets. They foretold this illumination for us who have come to these last days. Through this we come to the knowledge of God, one God and Lord, glorified in three Persons, the only one whom we serve. Having one faith and one baptism, we have been clothed with Christ. May we, who believe in salvation, clothe ourselves in the same image both in word and deed.

Ode 8

Irmos



Stretch-ing out his hands, Dan-iel shut the mouths of li-ons in the den;



filled with the zeal of their faith and gird-ed with vir-tue.



the Youths extinguished the power of the fire while they cried out:



Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord!

Refrain

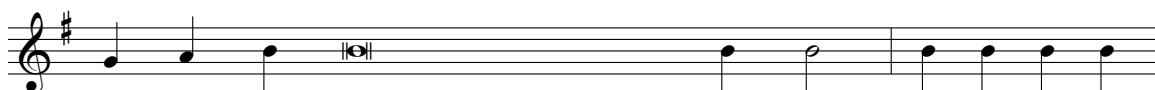


Glo-ry to you, our God, glo-ry to you.

Following the tradition of our holy Fathers, we paint the images of Christ and all the saints, and with our lips, our heart and spirit, we venerate these icons as we cry out: Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord. *Refrain*

The honor and veneration of the icon truly pass over to the prototype, following the teaching of the holy theologians; and in faith we sing to Christ: Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord. *Refrain*

Enlightened by the Holy Spirit, the pious Empress truly cherished the splendor and beauty of the Church of Christ; and with the faithful, she blessed Jesus, who is God in human form.



Let us bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spir-it, Lord. Now and ev-er



and for - ev - er. A - men.

Illumined by the rays of spiritual brightness, O Theotokos, your holy temple overshadows us with the cloud of the Spirit and sanctifies the faithful who sing with one voice: Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord.



Let us praise, bless, and worship the Lord, sing-ing and highly exalting him a-bove all



for - ev - - - er.

Katavasia *Repeat Irmos from above.*

The Canticle of the Theotokos (Magnificat) is found on page 32.

Ode 9

Irmos



Christ, the cor - ner - stone not hewn by hu - man hands, was hewn of you,



O Virgin and un - touched moun - tain; It is he who rejoins our separ - a - ted na - tures.



There - fore, filled with joy, we ex - tol you, O The - o - to - kos.

Refrain

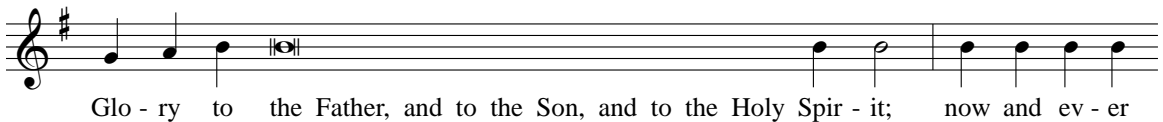


Glo - ry to you, our God, glo - ry to you.

Contemplating the Church once again adorned with the holy icons, in faith we hasten to sing out joyfully: We extol you, O thrice-holy Lord. *Refrain*

Possessing your precious Cross and the venerable icons of the saints as a high honor, the Church extols you with a joyful heart, O Lord. *Refrain*

Let our Church shine with your divine glory, O merciful Lord; surround it with angelic protection as with a rampart, and put an end to the arrogance of the pagans.



The condemnation of the first mother is wiped out, O holy Mother of God, for you have given birth in an ineffable manner to the Master of the universe, whose image we now venerate in his icon.

Katavasia *Repeat Irmos from above.*

Hymns of Light

Holy is the Lord our God, Tone 4, p. 180

Resplendent with virtues, let us behold the men standing in brilliant clothes inside the grave, giving life to the saddened myrrh-bearing women. Let us learn of the resurrection of the Lord of heaven and hasten with Peter to the tomb of Life. Let us stand before his wondrous Resurrection and contemplate the marvels of Christ.

Glory...

Let us exult in joy and clap our hands, and in joy, let us sing: How wonderful are your works, O Christ! Who can tell of your power, O Lord? For you gather your Church in peace and harmony.

Now and ever...

The sword of heresy has disappeared and its memory has forever vanished; and when we see your temple, O Theotokos, adorned with the grace of the venerated icons, we are filled with joy and delight.

17. *Psalms of Praise: Tone 4, p. 181*

recited verses, p. 181

To carry out the sentence pre-ordained:
this honor is for all *the* faithful.

Praise God in his holy place,
praise him in his mighty heavens.

Psalm 150

Cantor: Praise him for his powerful deeds,
(on 4) praise his surpassing greatness.

Stich 4 of the Resurrection, Tone 4, p. 183

Cantor: O praise him with sound of trumpet
(on 3) praise him with lute and harp.

Stichera of the Sunday of Orthodoxy - Tone 4

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The Church now re-joic-es in you, O Lord and Lov-er of us all, its Spouse and
Cre-a-tor; for you have saved it from the deceit of idols by your di-vine will
and u-nit-ed it to you by your pre-cious blood. Your Church accepts the restoration
of the ho-ly i-cons and prais-es and glo-ri-fies your name.

Cantor: Praise him with timbrel and dance,
(on 2) praise him with strings and pipes.

②

Ex-posing your bodily image for ven-e-ri-tion, O Lord, we proclaim the great



mystery of your work of sal - va - tion. O Christ and Lov-er of all of us,



you have been shown to our eyes, not mere-ly as an appearance as the Manichaeans



false-ly be-lieve, but in the reali-ty of the flesh, whose na - ture brings us



to your love.

Cantor: O praise him with resounding cymbals,
(on 1) praise him with clashing of cymbals.
Let everything that lives and that breathes
give praise to the Lord.



To - day is a day of joy and glad - ness, for the truth shines bright - ly.



The Church of Christ is re-splen-dent with the bril - liance of the holy icons that



have been re - stored, and peace reigns a - mong the faith - - - ful.

Cantor: Glory...

Doxastikon - Tone 6



Mo-ses re-ceived the Law while fast-ing; E - lijah, by fasting, closed the heav - ens;

and the three ho - ly chil - dren of A - bra - ham were vic - to - rious over the
 evil tyrant through their ab - stin - ence. By fasting, grant that we may partake in your
 Re - sur - rec - tion, as we sing aloud, O God and Sav - ior:
 Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly and Im - mor - tal, have
 mer - cy on us.

Cantor: Now and ever...

Theotokion for normal Sundays, p. 38

- 18. *The Great Doxology, p. 39*
- 19. *Troparion "You came forth from death" p. 43*
- 20. *Litany "Let us complete," p. 43*
- 21. *Prayer over bowed heads, p. 45*
- 22. *Dismissal, p. 46*

After the "Amen" of the dismissal, we sing the Fourth Gospel Sticheron in Tone 4, p 56.