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The Service of Matins

for Sunday, December 29, 2019

**Octoechos - Mode 3.
on Sunday Morning**

Eothinon 6

Menaion - December 26-31

**Sunday After Christmas. We commemorate the holy and righteous
Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James (Iakovos) the
Brother of the Lord.**

Katavasias of Christmas II

Text in English

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Octoechos

Mode 3.

On Sunday Morning

Menaion

December 29

December 26-31

Memory of righteous Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James (Iakovos) the Brother of the Lord.

MATINS

CHOIR

Mode 3.

God is the Lord, and He revealed Himself to us. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. [SAAS]

Verse 1: *Give thanks to the Lord and call upon His name.*

or: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

Verse 2: *All the nations surrounded me, but in the name of the Lord I defended myself against them.*

Verse 3: *And this came about from the Lord, and it is wonderful in our eyes.*

From Octoechos - - -

Resurrectional Apolytikion.

Mode 3.

Let the heavens sing for joy, and let everything on earth be glad. For with His Arm the Lord has worked power. He trampled death under foot by means of death; and He became the firstborn from the dead. From the maw of Hades He delivered us; and He granted the world His great mercy. [SD]

Glory. **For the Ancestors of God.**

Mode 2.

Annunciate the miracles to David the ancestor of God, O Joseph. You saw the Virgin pregnant. You glorified with the shepherds. You worshipped with the Magi. And you were warned by an Angel. Entreat Christ God to save our souls. [SD]

Both now.

Apolytikion of the Feast.

From Menaion - - -

Mode 4.

Your nativity, O Christ our God, has caused the light of knowledge to rise upon the world. For therein the worshippers of the stars were by a star instructed to worship You, the Sun of Righteousness, and to know You as Orient from on high. Glory to You, O Lord. [SD]

PRIEST

Again and again, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

(Lord, have mercy.)

Commemorating our most holy, pure, blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

(To You, O Lord.)

For Yours is the dominion, and Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

From Octoechos - - -

CHOIR

Kathisma I.

Mode 3.

Christ has risen from the dead, the first of those who have fallen asleep. The Artificer of all things that were made was first born before all creation; now He has renewed the corrupted nature of our human race in himself. O Death, you no longer have dominion, for the Master of all has destroyed your power. [SD]

Glory.

When You had physically tasted death, O Lord, You curtailed its bitterness by Your resurrection, and You strengthened humanity against it, by reversing the failure related to the primal curse, O Defender of our life. Glory to You, O Lord. [SD]

From Menaion - - -

Both now. **For the Feast.**

Mode 4. Joseph marveled.

Come, believers, let us see the place where Christ has been born.* With the Magi, those three kings who from the orient are,* now let us follow to where the star is proceeding.* Ceaselessly do Angels sing praises there.* Shepherds in the field sing a worthy song,* saying: Glory in the highest be to Him who* was born today in the grotto* from the Virgin and Theotokos,* in Bethlehem of Judea. [SD]

From Octoechos - - -

Kathisma II.

Mode 3. Seeing how beautiful.

At Your Divinity's immutability, * and at Your suffering's intentionality, * amazed was Hades, Lord, and thus lamented to itself and said: * I tremble at this human frame's uncorrupted hypostasis. * I see the invisible

One waging war on me secretly. * Hence those whom I am holding are crying out: * Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ. [SD]

Glory.

Seeing how beautiful.

We the believers now theologize about * the inexplicable, incomprehensible * unspoken mystery of Your crucifixion and resurrection. * For today the realm of death and of Hades has been despoiled, * and vested is the human race with incorruptibility. * And therefore in thanksgiving we cry aloud: * Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ. [SD]

From Menaion - - -

Both now. **For the Feast.**

Mode 4. Joseph marveled.

Mary, why are you amazed and awed by what was done in you? * And she answers, "For in time I have brought forth a timeless Son. * But I have no understanding of His conception. * Husbandless am I: how can I bear a son? * Who has ever seen seedless childbirth? * But where God wills, the order found in nature * is overcome, as it is written." * So Christ was born from the Virgin Maiden, * in Bethlehem of Judea. [SD]

Resurrectional Evlogetaria.

Mode pl. 1.

Blessed are You, O Lord, teach me Your statutes.

When the hosts of the Angels saw how You were accounted among the dead, they all marveled. You, O Savior, are the One who destroyed the might of death; and when You arose You raised Adam with yourself and from Hades liberated everyone. [SD]

Blessed are You, O Lord, teach me Your statutes.

"Why do you mingle the ointments with your tears full of pity, O women disciples?" Thus the Angel who was shining in the tomb cried to the myrrh-bearing women. "See for yourselves the empty tomb and understand, that the Savior has risen from the sepulcher."

[SD]

Blessed are You, O Lord, teach me Your statutes.

Very early in the morning, the myrrh-bearing women were hastening to Your tomb lamenting. But the Angel appeared to them and uttered, "The time for lamentation has ended; weep no more. Go announce the Resurrection to the Apostles." [SD]

Blessed are You, O Lord, teach me Your statutes.

When the myrrh-bearing women had come with their spices to Your sepulcher, O Savior, they heard the voice of an Angel clearly speaking to them, "Why do you account among the dead the One who lives? For as God, He has risen from the sepulcher."

[SD]

Glory.

We bow down in worship to the Father and His Son and the Holy Spirit, the Holy Trinity, one in essence; and we cry aloud with the Seraphim: Holy, Holy, Holy are You, O Lord. [SD]

Both now.

Giving birth to the Giver of life, O Virgin, you delivered Adam from sin, and to Eve you have rendered joy in place of sorrow. He who

from you became incarnate, God and man, has directed to life him who fell from it. [SD]

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

DEACON

Again and again, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

(Lord, have mercy.)

Commemorating our most holy, pure, blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

(To You, O Lord.)

PRIEST

For blessed is your name, and glorified is your kingdom, of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

READER

From Octoechos - - -

Hypakoe. Mode 3.

Astounding in appearance, refreshing by the words he spoke, the flashing Angel said to the myrrh-bearing women: Why do you look in a tomb for the Living One? He is risen and has emptied the tombs. Know Him, the unchanging Changer of corruption. Say to God: How awesome are Your works! For You have saved the human race. [SD]

CHOIR

Anavathmoi.

Antiphon I. Mode 3.

You rescued the captivity of Zion out of Babylon, O Logos; do also draw me up from the passions to life. [SD]

Those who sow shedding godly tears when the south wind is blowing, joyously will harvest ears of life everlasting. [SD]

Glory. Both now.

In the Holy Spirit, as in the Father and the Son, radiates intrinsically every gift of goodness. And in Him all things both live and move. [SD]

Antiphon II.

Unless the Lord build the house of the virtues, in vain do we labor. But if He protect the soul, no one can conquer our city. [SD]

O Christ the Fruit of the womb, by the Spirit are the saints forever as adopted sons to You as to a father. [SD]

Glory. Both now.

In the Holy Spirit are perceived all holiness and wisdom, for He gives substance to all creation. Since He is God, let us worship Him, as we do the Father and Logos. [SD]

Antiphon III.

Those who fear the Lord are blessed: they will walk in the ways of the commandments; for they will eat every kind of vivifying produce. [SD]

Gazing on your offspring round about your table bearing branches of good works, be glad, O arch-pastor. [SD]

Glory. Both now.

With the Holy Spirit is all the wealth of glory. From Him issue grace and life to all creation, for He is extolled with the Father and the Logos. [SD]

Prokeimenon.

Say among the Gentiles, "The Lord is King, for He established the world, which shall not be shaken." (2)

Verse: *Oh, sing a new song to the Lord.*

Say among the Gentiles, "The Lord is King, for He established the world, which shall not be shaken." [SAAS]

From Octoechos - - -

READER

Resurrectional Kontakion.

From the tomb You rose today, O Lord of tender compassion, also from the gates of death You led us out, O our Savior. On this day is Adam dancing and Eve rejoices, and with them together Patriarchs and the Prophets are unceasingly extolling the divine power of Your authority. [SD]

Oikos.

Let heaven and earth dance for joy today, and in oneness of mind extol Christ God, for He resurrected the prisoners from their tombs. All creation rejoices together, offering worthy songs to the Creator of all and our Redeemer, for today as the Giver of Life, having drawn mortals up from Hades, He exalts them to heaven together, and lays a curse on the enemy's haughtiness, and smashes the gates of Hades, by the divine power of His authority.

[GKD]

From Menaion - - -

Kontakion. For the Ancestors of God.

Filled with joy of heart today is the divine Prophet David; Joseph and Iakovos together offer up praises. They received the crown of kinship with Christ the Savior and rejoice. To Him ineffably born on earth they cry out and extol Him without ceasing, * O Lord of mercy, save us who honor You. [SD]

Oikos.

By the ineffable will, born in the flesh is the fleshless One. In body now circumscribed is the Uncircumscribed, immutably preserving both essences. An origin receives He who in nature is unoriginate and alone transcends time. As an infant is perceived He who transcends perfection. Borne in arms is He who bears the universe. Therefore as God, by His birth He crowns those who have the honor of being His kin; whom we glorify with faith, as we cry without ceasing, * O Lord of mercy, save us who honor You. [SD]

Synaxarion.

From the Menaion.

On December 29, we commemorate the Holy Innocents, the 14,000 infants slaughtered by Herod.

On this day we also commemorate all our Christian brethren who have died by starvation and thirst, or by the sword, or from exposure. The Synaxis in their honor was held at the church of the Most-holy Theotokos in Chalcostrateia, where her holy shrine was.

On this day we also commemorate our devout father Marcellus, Abbot of the Unsleeping.

On this day we also commemorate our devout father Thaddaeus the Confessor.

We also commemorate our devout father George, Bishop of Nicomedia, the composer of various hymnographic Canons and Troparia.

We also commemorate the Consecration of the Church of the Forty Martyrs, near the Bronze Tetrapylon.

We also commemorate the holy and righteous Ancestors of God: Joseph the Betrothed of our Lady the holy Theotokos and Virgin Mary; James (or Iakovos) the Brother of the Lord; and David the Prophet and king.

By the intercessions of Your saints, O God, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.

CHOIR

Katavasias of Christmas II

Ode i. Mode 1.

Working signs of old the Master saved the people, * replacing fluid waves of the sea with dry land. * Now born of a Maid by His own will, He has made * passable a way to heaven. Him, in essence * equal to mankind and the Father, we glorify. [SD]

Ode iii.

Hearken, Benefactor, to the hymns of Your servants, * and humble the arrogant contempt of the foe. * Carry us Your musicians, all-seeing Master, * high above all sin, immovably established * firmly on the Faith's foundation, O Blessed One. [SD]

Ode iv.

Prophet Habakkuk in his ode was foretelling * mankind's remaking, when of old he was granted * to see its type in a manner past expression: * From the Virgin mountain

as a newborn infant * the Logos emerged, to refashion the peoples. [SD]

Ode v.

Would that You come, O Christ, to us who once were darkened * by the night of works of error, but who offer * hymns to You wakefully now, O Benefactor. * Grant us forgiveness, and make easy the pathway. * Ascending this path may we also find glory. [SD]

Ode vi.

Jonah, as he sat in the sea's deepest caverns, * implored to come to You and out of the tempest. * But as for me, by the tyrant's arrows wounded, * I pray You, O Christ, the Destroyer of evil, * come to me quicker than my soul's own indifference. [SD]

Ode vii.

As the three young men were ensnared by the longing * for the King of all, hence they disdained the tyrant's * impious chatter, though he was very angry. * The infinite fire yielded to them, who uttered, * Blessed are You, O Master, unto the ages. [SD]

Ode viii.

We praise and we bless and we worship the Lord.

Standing in fire without burning, the young men * did of old portray thus the womb of the Maiden. * Remaining sealed, supernaturally it gave birth. * Grace with a single miracle-working power * did both, and rouses all the peoples to sing praise. [SD]

DEACON

Let us pray to the Lord.
(Lord, have mercy.)

PRIEST

For you are holy, our God, who rest among the Saints, and to you we give glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

CHOIR

Amen.

Mode 2.

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord. (2) Let everything that breathes praise the Lord. [SAAS]

DEACON

Let us pray to the Lord our God that we may be made worthy to hear the holy Gospel.
(Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.)

DEACON

Wisdom. Arise. Let us hear the Holy Gospel.

PRIEST

Peace be with all.
(And with your spirit.)

PRIEST

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

DEACON

Let us be attentive.
(Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You.)

PRIEST *(from the altar table)*

Eothinon 6
Luke. 24:36-53

At that time, Jesus went up and stood among His disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and frightened, and supposed that they saw a spirit. And He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do questionings rise in

your hearts? See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself; handle Me, and see; for a spirit has not flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy, and wondered, He said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave Him a piece of broiled fish [and some honeycomb], and He took it and ate before them. Then He said to them, "These are My words which I spoke to you, while I was still with you, that everything written about Me in the law of Moses and the prophets and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then He opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in His name in all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I send the promise of My Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." Then He led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up His hands, He blessed them. While He blessed them, He parted from them, and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the Temple blessing God. [RSV]

(Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You.)

READER

Having beheld the Resurrection of Christ, let us worship the holy Lord Jesus, the only sinless one. Your Cross, O Christ, we venerate, and Your holy Resurrection we praise and glorify. For You are our God; apart from You

we know no other; we call upon Your name. Come, all faithful, let us venerate the holy Resurrection of Christ; for behold, through the Cross, joy has come to the whole world. Ever blessing the Lord, let us praise His Resurrection; for having endured the Cross for us, He destroyed death by death. [GOA]

CHOIR

Psalm 50 (51).

Mode 2. *(or the Mode of the week)*

[Merciful,] Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your great mercy; and according to the abundance of Your compassion, blot out my transgression.

Wash me thoroughly from my lawlessness and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my lawlessness, and my sin is always before me.

Against You only have I sinned and done evil in Your sight; that You may be justified in Your words, and overcome when You are judged.

For behold, I was conceived in transgressions, and in sins my mother bore me.

Behold, You love truth; You showed me the unknown and secret things of Your wisdom.

You shall sprinkle me with hyssop, and I will be cleansed; You shall wash me, and I will be made whiter than snow.

You shall make me hear joy and gladness; my bones that were humbled shall greatly rejoice.

Turn Your face from my sins, and blot out all my transgressions.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right 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 with Your guiding Spirit.

I will teach transgressors Your ways, and the ungodly shall turn back to You.

Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, the God of my salvation, and my tongue shall greatly rejoice in Your righteousness.

O Lord, You shall open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise.

For if You desired sacrifice, I would give it; You will not be pleased with whole burnt offerings.

A sacrifice to God is a broken spirit, a broken and humbled heart God will not despise.

Do good, O Lord, in Your good pleasure to Zion, and let the walls of Jerusalem be built.

Then You will be pleased with a sacrifice of righteousness, with offerings and whole burnt offerings.

Then shall they offer young bulls on Your altar. And have mercy on me, O God. [SAAS]

Glory.

At the intercession of the Apostles, O Lord of mercy, blot out my many offences. [SD]

Both now.

At the intercession of the Theotokos, O Lord of mercy, blot out my many offences. [SD]

Verse: *Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your great mercy; and according to the abundance of Your compassion, blot out my transgression.*

Jesus, having risen from the grave as He foretold, has granted us eternal life and great mercy. [SD]

DEACON

O God, save your people and bless your inheritance. Look upon your world with mercy and compassion. Raise the Orthodox Christians in glory, and send down upon us your rich mercies, through the intercessions of our most pure Lady the Theotokos and ever-Virgin Mary, the power of the precious and life giving Cross, the protection of the honorable, bodiless Powers of heaven, the supplications of the honorable and glorious prophet, and forerunner John the Baptist, the holy, glorious, and praiseworthy Apostles, our Fathers among the Saints, the great hierarchs and ecumenical teachers, Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom, Athanasios, Cyril, and John the Merciful, patriarchs of Alexandria; Nicholas, bishop of Myra, Spyridon, bishop of Trimythous, Nektarios of Pentapolis, the wonder-workers; the holy, glorious great Martyrs George the Victorious, Demetrios the Myrobletes, Theodore the Teron, and Theodore the General, Menas the Wonderworker, the Hieromartyrs Haralambos and Eleftherios; the holy, glorious, and victorious martyrs; the glorious great Martyr and all-laudable Euphemia; the holy and glorious Martyrs Thecla, Barbara, Anastasia, Katherine, Kyriake, Fotene, Marina, Paraskeve and Irene; of our holy God-bearing Fathers; (local patron

saint); the holy and righteous ancestors of God Joachim and Anna, and the holy and righteous Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James (Iakovos) the Brother of the Lord, whose memory we observe; and of all your Saints. We beseech you, only merciful Lord, hear us sinners who pray to you and have mercy on us.

CHOIR

Lord, have mercy. (12)

PRIEST

Through the mercy, compassion, and love of mankind of your only-begotten Son, with whom you are blessed, together with your all-holy, good and life-giving Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

DEACON

Let us honor and magnify in song the Theotokos and the Mother of the light.

CHOIR

Ode ix.

Megalyrnarion. Mode 1.

Verse: *My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.* [NKJV]

Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and in glory greater beyond compare than the Seraphim; you without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos. You do we magnify. [SD]

Verse: *For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; for behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed.* [NKJV]

Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and in glory greater beyond compare than the Seraphim; you without corruption gave birth

to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos. You do we magnify. [SD]

Verse: *For He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name. And His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.* [NKJV]

Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and in glory greater beyond compare than the Seraphim; you without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos. You do we magnify. [SD]

Verse: *He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.* [NKJV]

Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and in glory greater beyond compare than the Seraphim; you without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos. You do we magnify. [SD]

Verse: *He has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent away empty.* [NKJV]

Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and in glory greater beyond compare than the Seraphim; you without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos. You do we magnify. [SD]

Verse: *He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy, as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.* [NKJV]

Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and in glory greater beyond compare than the Seraphim; you without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos. You do we magnify. [SD]

Ode ix. Katavasia. Mode 1.

O my soul, magnify the ever-virgin Maid who from the curse has redeemed us.

Easier for us is from fear to love silence, * free of any peril as it is, O Virgin; * whereas to weave stirring hymns out of longing * in earnest, is difficult. Therefore, O Mother, * give us strength to match our volition, we pray you. [SD]

DEACON

Again and again, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

(Lord, have mercy.)

Commemorating our most holy, pure, blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

(To You, O Lord.)

PRIEST

For all the powers of heaven praise You and give You glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

CHOIR

Mode 2.

Holy is the Lord our God. (2) [SAAS]

Holy is the Lord our God. Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at the footstool of His feet.

For He is holy.

From Octoechos - - -

Exaposteilarion.

The Sixth Eothinon.

Mode 2. On the mountain.

Demonstrating that You are man * essentially, O Savior, * after Your rising from the grave, * You came and stood among them, and ate the food; and You taught them * that they should preach repentance. * You, being forthwith taken up * to the heavenly Father, promised to send * the Paraclete Spirit to Your disciples. * O God, beyond divine, and man, * glory to Your arising. [SD]

For the Ancestors of God.

From Menaion - - -

For the Ancestors of God.

Mode 2. On the mountain.

Let us extol the memory * of God's ancestor David, * and the renowned Iakovos* Brother-of-God, and Joseph * the Theotokos' divine Betrothed. * For they rendered their service * worthy of God in Bethlehem * at the divine Nativity of the Christ, * together with Angels, Magi and shepherds * singing a hymn of praise to Him* as to their God and Master.

[SD]

For the Feast.

From Menaion - - -

Mode 3. Automelon.

Our Savior from on high * the Orient from the East * visited us who in the dark * and shadow hitherto had lain; * now we have found the truth indeed. * And this is so because from the Virgin the Lord is born. [SD]

Lauds. Mode 3.

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. It is fitting to sing a hymn to You, O God. [SAAS]

Praise Him, all you His angels; praise Him, all you His hosts. It is fitting to sing a hymn to You, O God. [SAAS]

Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all you stars and light.

Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, and you waters above the heavens. Let them praise the Lord's name.

For He spoke, and they were made; He commanded, and they were created.

He established them forever and unto ages of ages; He set forth His ordinance, and it shall not pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you dragons and all the deeps.

Fire and hail, snow and ice, stormy wind, which perform His word.

Mountains and all the hills, fruitful trees and all cedars.

Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds.

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all judges of the earth.

Young men and maidens, elders with younger, let them praise the Lord's name, for His name alone is exalted.

His thanksgiving is in earth and heaven. And He shall exalt the horn of His people.

A hymn for all His saints, for the children of Israel, a people who draw near to Him.

Sing to the Lord a new song, His praise in the assembly of His holy ones.

Let Israel be glad in Him who made him, and let the children of Zion greatly rejoice in their King.

Let them praise His name with dance; with tambourine and harp let them sing to Him.

For the Lord is pleased with His people, and He shall exalt the gentle with salvation.

The holy ones shall boast in glory, and they shall greatly rejoice on their beds.

The high praise of God shall be in their mouth and a two-edged sword in their hand.

To deal retribution to the nations, reproving among the peoples.

To shackle their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron.

From Octoechos - - -

Resurrectional Stichera.

Sticheron 1. Mode 3.

To fulfill among them the written judgment: this glory have all His holy ones. [SAAS]

O come, all you nations. Know the power of the awe-inspiring mystery. For Christ our Savior, the Logos who was in the beginning, voluntarily for us was crucified and buried, and He rose from the dead to save the universe. Let us worship Him. [SD]

Sticheron 2. Mode 3.

Praise God in His saints; praise Him in the firmament of His power. [SAAS]

Those who guarded You reported all the marvelous events, O Lord. However the Sanhedrin of futility filled their hands with gifts, thinking that in this way they could hide Your resurrection, which the world glorifies. Have mercy on us. [SD]

Sticheron 3. Mode 3.

Praise Him for His mighty acts; praise Him according to the abundance of His greatness. [SAAS]

The universe was filled with joy in the experience of Your resurrection. Mary Magdalene came unto the tomb and found an Angel sitting upon the stone. With his garments flashing like lightning, he said to her, "Why do you seek among the dead the

One who is alive? He is not here, but has risen as He said, and is going before you to Galilee."

[SD]

Sticheron 4. Mode 3.

Praise Him with the sound of trumpet; praise Him with the harp and lyre. [SAAS]

In Your light we will see light, O Master who loves humanity; for You have risen from the dead, and You granted salvation to the human race, so that all creation may glorify You, only sinless One. Have mercy on us. [SD]

For the Feast. Mode 4.

Praise Him with timbrel and dance; praise Him with strings and flute. [SAAS]

You righteous, be glad in heart; and the heavens, be exultant. Leap for joy, O mountains, at the birth of the Messiah. Resembling the Cherubim, the Virgin Maiden is seated and holds in her embraces God the Logos incarnate. The shepherds glorify the newborn Babe; Magi bring the Master their precious gifts. Angels are singing hymns of praise, and say, "O Lord incomprehensible, glory to You." [SD]

Praise Him with resounding cymbals; praise Him with triumphant cymbals; let everything that breathes praise the Lord. [SAAS]

O Virgin Theotokos who gave birth to the Savior, you reversed the curse to which Eve once was subject. For you have become the Mother of the Father's good pleasure, and you hold in your embraces God the Logos incarnate. The mystery admits no inquiry; we all glorify it by faith alone, and with you we cry aloud and say, "O Lord incomprehensible, glory to You." [SD]

Verse: *The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at My right hand, until I make your enemies the footstool of Your feet."* [SAAS]

Come, let us extol and praise the Savior's Mother, who remained a virgin even after childbirth. Animate City of our King and God, rejoice, for Christ having dwelt in you has wrought our salvation. Together with Gabriel we sing your praise, together with the shepherds we glorify you, crying out, "Theotokos, intercede with the Lord, who is incarnate from you, to save us." [SD]

Verse: *I have begotten You from the womb before the morning star. The Lord swore and will not repent.* [SAAS]

The Father was well pleased; the Logos became flesh; and the Virgin gave birth to God who became man. A Star reveals Him; Magi bow in worship; Shepherds marvel, and creation rejoices. [SD]

From Menaion - - -

Glory. **For the Feast.**
Mode pl. 4.

Blood and fire and a cloud of smoke, portents on earth that Joel foresaw: blood, the incarnation; fire, the divinity; and the cloud of smoke, the Holy Spirit that came upon the Virgin and filled the world with fragrance. Great is the mystery of Your becoming human! Glory to You, O Lord. [SD]

From Octoechos - - -

Both now. **Theotokion.**

You are supremely blessed, O Virgin Theotokos. For through Him who from you became incarnate was Hades taken prisoner, and Adam has been summoned back; the curse has been neutralized, and Eve has been liberated; death has been put to death, and we

have been brought to life. Therefore extolling
we cry out: O Christ our God, You are blessed,
for so was Your good pleasure. Glory to You!

[SD]

Great Doxology

Glory be to You who showed the light.
Glory in the highest to God. His peace is on
earth, His good pleasure in mankind. [SD]

We praise You, we bless You, we worship
You, we glorify You, we give thanks to You
for Your great glory.

Lord King, heavenly God, Father, Ruler
over all; Lord, only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
and You, O Holy Spirit.

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.

Accept our supplication, You who sit at
the right hand of the Father, and have mercy
on us.

For You alone are holy, You alone are
Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the
Father. Amen.

Every day I will bless You, and Your name
will I praise to eternity, and to the ages of
ages.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, this day, that we be
kept without sin.

Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of our
fathers, and praised and glorified is Your
name to the ages. Amen.

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

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

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statutes.

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

Lord, You have been our refuge from
generation to generation. I said: Lord, have
mercy on 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. (3)

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

Both now and ever and to the ages of ages.
Amen.

Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

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

*After the Doxology, sing the following Resurrectional
Troparion.*

Mode 4. (or the Mode of the week)

Today has salvation come to pass in the
world. Let us sing to Him who resurrected
from the tomb and is the Author of our life.
For, destroying death by death, He gave us the
victory and the great mercy. [SD]