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MATINS

CHOIR

Mode 1.

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 1. Automelon.

The stone had been secured with a seal by the Judeans, * and a guard of soldiers was watching Your immaculate body. * You rose on the third day, O Lord * and Savior, granting life unto the world. * For this reason were the powers of heaven crying out to You, O Life-giver: * Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ; * glory to Your kingdom; * glory to Your dispensation, only One who loves mankind. [SD]

Glory. **For the Hieromartyr.**

From Menaion - - -

Mode pl. 1. *Let us worship the Word.*

You were fully adorned with the sacred priestly robes. * You were dripping with streams of your own martyric blood. * In this state, you ran to Christ your Master, O blessed Saint * Eleftherius, destroyer of Satan; you are wise. * Therefore cease not interceding * for us who loyally honor * your blessed contest of martyrdom. [SD]

Both now. **For the Forefathers.**

Mode 2.

By faith You justified the Forefathers, having through them betrothed to yourself the Church that came out of the nations. The saints are boasting in glory; for the glorious fruit, the Virgin who without seed gave birth to You, is from their progeny. At their entreaties, O Christ our God, save our souls.

[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 1. Automelon.

The soldiers keeping watch at Your tomb, O my Savior, * became as dead for fear of the radiant Angel. * And he proclaimed that You arose to the women who came at dawn. * We extol You, Lord, for You abolished corruption, * and we worship You, our only God, who was buried * and rose from the sepulcher. [SD]

Glory.

The soldiers keeping watch.

You willingly were nailed to the Cross, loving Master; * as mortal You were laid in a tomb, O Life-giver. * By Your own death did You destroy death's dominion, O Mighty One. * For the sentries of Hades in fear of You shuddered. * With yourself You raised those who were dead from the ages, * for You alone love mankind. [SD]

Both now. **Theotokion.**

The stone had been secured.

When Gabriel had uttered rejoice to you, O Virgin, * then with the voice was the Lord of all becoming incarnate * in you whom the holy Ark of old * prefigured, as righteous David said. * You carried your Creator and proved to be more spacious than the heavens. * Glory to Him who dwelt inside of you; * glory to Him who came forth from You; * glory be to Him who through your childbirth has set us free. [SD]

From Octoechos ---

Kathisma II.

Mode 1. The stone had been secured.

The women went early in the morning to the gravesite, * and when they beheld the appearance of an angel they trembled. * The sepulcher radiated life; the wonder filled them with astonishment. * Hence they went away, proclaiming the resurrection unto the Disciples. * "Christ has despoiled Hades, as the One * mighty and only powerful, * and He raised up all who were corrupted, * and dispelled the fear of condemnation, by the power of the Cross." [SD]

Glory.

The stone had been secured.

When You the Life of the universe were nailed unto the Cross, * and You were reckoned among the dead, O Lord, the Immortal One, * O Savior, on the third day You arose, * and resurrected Adam from decay. * For this reason were the powers of heaven crying out to You, O Life-giver: * Glory to Your sufferings, O Christ; * glory to Your Resurrection; * glory to Your condescension, only One who loves mankind.

[SD]

Both now. **Theotokion.**

The soldiers keeping watch.

O Mary, who became the Master's hallowed vessel, * now raise us up, for we have fallen into the chasm * of awful despondency, and transgressions and suffering. * For you have indeed become salvation for sinners, * and their help in need and their prevailing protection; * and you save your servants. [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 1.

The repentance of the robber plundered Paradise, while the lament of the myrrh-bearing women revealed the joy. For You had risen, O Christ our God, bestowing on the world the great mercy. [SD]

CHOIR

Anavathmoi.

Antiphon I. Mode 1.

When I am afflicted, hearken to my distress; Lord, to You I cry out. [SD]

Ceaseless does divine longing become in those who dwell in the wilderness, outside of the futile world as they are. [SD]

Glory. Both now.

To the Holy Spirit do both honor and glory belong, as to the Father and the Son. Let us therefore sing in praise to the Trinity and one dominion. [SD]

Antiphon II.

Having lifted me up to the mountains of Your laws, brighten me with virtues, O God, that I may praise You. [SD]

With Your right hand embracing me, O Logos, be my keeper, shelter me, so that the fire of sin not burn me. [SD]

Glory. Both now.

By the Holy Spirit all creation is renewed, and thus returns unto its first state. For It is equal in power to the Father and the Logos. [SD]

Antiphon III.

Because they said to me, Let us journey to the courts of the Lord, my spirit has been cheered, and my heart rejoices also. [SD]

On the house of David there is great fear; for there, when thrones have been placed, all the tribes and tongues of the earth will be judged. [SD]

Glory. Both now.

To the Holy Spirit honor, worship, glory and dominion, as befit the Father and the Son, must also be offered. For the Trinity is a Monad, in nature but not in persons. [SD]

Prokeimenon.

"Now I will arise," says the Lord; "I will establish them in salvation; I will declare it boldly." (2)

Verse: *The words of the Lord are pure words, like silver fired in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.*

"Now I will arise," says the Lord; "I will establish them in salvation; I will declare it boldly." [SAAS]

From Octoechos - - -

READER

Resurrectional Kontakion.

You arose from the sepulcher in glory as God, and with yourself resurrected the world. And mortal nature extolled You as God, and death was obliterated, and Adam is dancing, O Master; and Eve, now redeemed from the bonds, rejoices crying out: O Christ, You are He who grants resurrection to all. [SD]

Oikos.

Let us extol, as omnipotent God, the One who rose on the third day, and who smashed the gates of Hades, and who raised from the tomb those who were there from all time, and who was seen by the myrrh-bearing women as He so willed, uttering to them first of all the greeting, Rejoice, and to the Apostles

declaring the joy, as the only Giver of life. Therefore in faith the women announce to the Disciples the tokens of victory. And Hades groans, and Death laments, and the world exults and all people rejoice together. For You, O Christ, are He who grants resurrection to all. [GKD]

From Menaion - - -

Kontakion. For the Forefathers.

Worshiping not the image made by hands, but putting on the breastplate of the unwritten essence, in the arena of fire you, thrice-blessed ones, were glorified. Standing in the midst of a flame unendurable, you called upon God, "Make haste, O Compassionate one, and hurry as the Merciful one, unto our aid, for You can do what You will." [SD]

Oikos.

Extend Your hand, which of old the Egyptians, making battle, and the Hebrews, then embattled, had experienced. Do not forsake us, that Death, who thirsts after us, and Satan, who hates us, may drink us down. But be near us and spare our souls, as You once spared Your lads in Babylon as they ceaselessly sang Your praises, and were for You thrown into the furnace, and from thence called to You, "Make haste, O Compassionate one, and hurry as the Merciful one, unto our aid, for You can do what You will." [SD]

Synaxarion.

From the Menaion.

On December 15 was the contest of the holy Hieromartyr Eleftherios.

On this day Saint Anthia, mother of Saint Eleftherios, died by the sword as she was holding her son's dead body.

On this day Saint Coremmon the Eparch died by the sword after he believed in Christ and was baptized.

On this day the two Twins who believed in Christ died by the sword.

On this day was the contest of the devout martyr St. Susanna.

On this day we also commemorate the holy Martyr Eleftherios the Chamberlain.

On this day we also commemorate the holy Martyr Bacchus the New.

On this day we also commemorate our devout father Paul the New, who was an ascetic on Mt. Latrus in the days of Emperor Constantine Porphyrogenitos.

Today is also the Sunday of the holy Forefathers.

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

CHOIR

Katavasia of Christmas I

Ode i. Mode 1.

Christ is born; glorify Him! * Christ is come from heaven; go and meet Him. * Christ is on earth; arise to Him. * Sing to the Lord, all you who dwell on the earth; * and in merry spirits, O you peoples, praise His birth. * For He is glorified. [SD]

Ode iii.

To the Son, begotten * without flux, of the Father, before the ages, * and who was lately made incarnate * of the Virgin without seed; * to Christ God now let us cry aloud: * You have exalted the horn of our strength. Only You are holy, O Lord. [SD]

Ode iv.

Jesse's root produced a branch, O Christ, *
and You its flower blossomed forth, * from the
Virgin who by Habakkuk prophetically once
was called * overshadowed, dense mountain.
* From her who knew not man You came
incarnate, * the immaterial God. * Glory to
Your power, O Lord. [SD]

Ode v.

God of peace and Father of mercies,
Your Son * You have sent unto us as Your
messenger, * the Angel of great counsel who
is granting peace. * Therefore having been
guided to the light of godly knowledge, *
waking from the night to dawn, we sing Your
glory, O Lover of man. [SD]

Ode vi.

Such as it received * Jonah as an embryo,
the sea beast disgorged him from its bowels
intact. * With the Virgin, though, when the
Logos had dwelt in her taking on flesh, *
He came forth from her preserving her yet
incorrupt. * For from her no fluxion suffered
He, * and He kept her unaltered in childbirth.
[SD]

Ode vii.

The Servants nurtured piously together,
* with contempt regarding the impious
king's decree, * intrepidly faced the threat of
holocaust, * and while standing in the midst of
flames they chanted thus, * saying: O God of
the fathers, You are blessed. [SD]

Ode viii.

*We praise and we bless and we worship the
Lord.*

Babylon's bedewing furnace bore the
image * of an extraordinary wonder. * For

it did not burn the youths it accepted, *
nor did the fire of Divinity consume the
Virgin's womb wherein it went. * So let us
melodiously chant in praise: * Let all creation
bless and extol the Lord, * and let it exalt Him
supremely to the ages. [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 4

Luke. 24:1-12

On the first day of the week at early dawn, the women went to the tomb, taking spices, which they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel; and as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how He told you, while He was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise." And they remembered His words and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told this to the Apostles; but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home wondering at what had happened. [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, the holy and glorious hieromartyr Eleftherios, and the holy Forefathers, 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.

Megalynarion. 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 her who is greater in
honor and in glory than the armies of heaven.*

I see here a strange and paradoxical
mystery. * For, behold, the grotto is heaven;
* cherubic throne is the Virgin; * the manger
a grand space * in which Christ our God the
uncontainable reclined as a babe; * Whom in
extolling do we magnify. [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 Fourth Eothinon.

Mode 2. On the mountain.

Let us with virtues dazzling bright *
envision two men standing * in the life-
bearing sepulcher * wearing dazzling apparel
* beside the myrrh-bearing women * who bow
their faces to the earth. * Let us be taught the
rising of * Him who rules over heaven. And
let us run * unto life within the tomb, joining
Peter. * Marveling at what has occurred, * let
us abide to see Christ. [SD]

From Menaion - - -

For the Forefathers.

Mode 2. O Women, hearken.

Come all who love our ancestors, * and
duty-bound exultantly * let us assemble and
honor * the memory of the Fathers * Jacob,
Isaac and Abraham, * from whom descended
Christ the Lord * when He became incarnate *
in His abundant compassion. [SD]

For the Hieromartyr.

From Menaion - - -

Mode 3. Having embellished heaven.

O Father Eleftherios, * you as a shepherd
brought to Christ * flocks of believers, and
your mother * like a heifer clung to you her
calf, * and she was slaughtered along with
you. * Now to you both I sing praises. [SD]

Theotokion.

Mode 3. Having embellished heaven.

I bring you as mediatrix * before the
Lord who was born of you, * O all-holy
Maiden, * so that I who am wretched * may be
spared from all punishment * and also eternal
torments. [SD]

Lauds. Mode 1.

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.

Resurrectional Stichera.

From Octoechos - - -

Sticheron 1. Mode 1.

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

O Christ, we praise in song Your saving Passion, and Your resurrection do we glorify.

[SD]

Sticheron 2. Mode 1.

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

You endured crucifixion and abolished death and resurrected from the dead. Do therefore now bring peace into our life, O Lord, as the only Almighty One. [SD]

For the Forefathers.

From Menaion - - -

Mode 2. O House of Ephratha.

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

Let all of us observe * now the august Forefathers' * memorial, extolling * their way of life, by virtue of which they have been magnified. [SD]

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

Praising almighty God, * the Servants sang in chorus * while standing in the furnace, * and thereby they extinguished the force of the engulfing fire. [SD]

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

Shut up inside the den, * the holy Prophet Daniel * was dwelling with the lions, * and he was manifestly preserved from any injury. [SD]

For the Hieromartyr.

From Menaion - - -

Mode pl. 2. *O Christ, as it is written.*

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

O Hierarchy, when you received * the grace of the Disciples most wise * from the Master * Christ our God, you eagerly finished the same race as they did. * And so in fitting manner we now extol you, Eleftherios. [SD]

Verse: *O Lord, Your priests shall clothe themselves in righteousness; Your saints shall greatly rejoice. [SAAS]*

O wise St. Eleftherios, * the lie you did rebuke by your words; * by your contest * you have trampled underfoot and put to death the inventor * of lies, that is the devil, who had been full of mighty insolence. [SD]

Verse: *The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree; he shall be multiplied like the cedar in Lebanon. [SAAS]*

O Hierarchy, noetically * with showers of your all-holy blood * irrigate us * who with faith and love observe the solemn

commemoration * in honor of your contest, and thereby magnify the Savior Christ. [SD]

From Menaion - - -

Glory. **For the Forefathers.**
Grave Mode.

Come now, one and all, in faith let us celebrate the annual memorial of the Fathers before the Law, Abraham and those with him. Let us honor as is right the tribe of Judah, and let us extol the Servants in Babylon, the Trinity's image, who extinguished the furnace fire, and also Daniel. As we unerringly cling to the predictions of the Prophets, together with Isaiah we cry out in a loud voice, Behold the Virgin will conceive in the womb, and she will bear a Son, Emmanuel, which means God is with us. [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.

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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]