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Octoechos - Mode pl. 1. on Sunday Morning

**Eothinon 11** 

Menaion - November 17 Memory of St. Gregory Bishop of Neocaesarea

Katavasias of Theotokos - Entry

**Text in English** 

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On Sunday Morning

#### Menaion - November 17

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#### **MATINS**

#### **CHOIR**

## Mode pl. 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 pl. 1. Automelon.

Let us worship the Word who is unoriginate \* with the Father and the Spirit, and from a Virgin was born \* for our salvation, O believers, and let us sing His praise. \* For in His goodness He was pleased \* to ascend the Cross in the flesh, and to undergo death, \* and to raise up those who had died, \* by His glorious Resurrection.

Glory. For the Hierarch.

From Menaion - - -

## Mode pl. 4.

By your accomplishments, you earned the name that you bore, for you were vigilant in prayer and diligent in working miracles. Therefore, holy father Gregory, intercede with

Christ our God, that He illumine our souls, lest we fall asleep in sin unto death. [SD]

From Octoechos - - -

Both now. **Theotokion.** 

## Mode pl. 4.

Born of a Virgin, O Good One who also endured crucifixion for our sake, who by death took the spoils of death as plunder and showed resurrection, being God, O despise not the ones that You formed with Your own hand. Demonstrate Your love for man, O Lord of mercy, and accept Your Mother, the Theotokos, who intercedes on our behalf, O Savior, and save us a despairing people.

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

Let us honor the Cross of the Lord with solemn praise, \* and His holy entombment

extol with sacred hymns, \* and His Rising from the dead supremely glorify; \* for He despoiled the realm of death and the devil's might, for He is God; \* then He resurrected \* the dead from the graves together, \* and made the light to dawn on those in hell. [5D]

### Glory.

Whereas You, O Lord, were labeled dead, yet in fact You put death to death. And You, the very emptier of graves, were yourself interred. Soldiers overhead were guarding the sepulcher, even as You below resurrected the dead of all ages. Lord almighty and incomprehensible, glory to You. [5D]

# Both now. **Theotokion.** *Let us worship the Word.*

O impassable gateway of God the Lord, rejoice. \* Wall and shelter of those who in you take refuge, rejoice. \* Stormless haven, rejoice, O Maid who knew not man \* and yet physically gave birth to your Creator and God. \* Never cease interceding \* on behalf of those extolling and worshiping the Son you bore.

From Octoechos - - -

# Kathisma II. Mode pl. 1.

After You had risen on the third day, O Lord, and after the Apostles had worshiped You, Peter cried out to You, "Women stood courageously, but I acted cowardly. The Robber stated Your divinity, but I disavowed You. Will You ever call me Your disciple anymore, or will You again appoint me as a fisher of the deep? I pray You to receive me in repentance, O God, and save me." [5D]

### Glory.

The violators of the Law had You crucified amid the convicts. Furthermore, they pierced Your side with a lance, O Lord of mercy. You accepted burial, You destroyed the gates of Hades, and on the third day You resurrected. The Women ran to see You, and they announced the resurrection to the Apostles. Supremely exalted Savior, whom the Angels extol, O blessed Lord, glory to You.

# Both now. **Theotokion**. *Let us worship the Word*.

Bride unwedded, who nevertheless engendered God, \* changing Eve's pain and sorrow into exultant joy, \* we the faithful now extol you and we honor you; \* for you have lifted us up from the primal curse. \* And now entreat importunely \* and unceasingly, O all-lauded \* and all-holy one, that we be saved.

# 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.

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."

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

Very early in the morning, the myrrhbearing 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." [50]

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."

## 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. [5D]

#### 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. [5D]

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 pl. 1.

Mentally amazed by the angelic apparition, inwardly illumined by the divine resurrection, the ointment-bearing women brought good tidings to the Apostles. "Proclaim the resurrection of the Lord among the Gentiles, as He works with you by means of miracles, granting us His great mercy." [SD]

#### **CHOIR**

# Anavathmoi. Antiphon I. Mode pl. 1.

When I am afflicted, I sing to You, like David, O my Savior. Deliver my soul from a crafty tongue.

Blessed is the life of those who dwell in the desert, winged as they are by divine eros.

Glory. Both now.

By the Holy Spirit are all things maintained, both seen and unseen; for, being autocratic, He is one of the Trinity, truly.

## Antiphon II.

O my soul, let us rise into the mountains; come, let us go there whence help comes.

Let Your soaring right hand protect me, O Christ, from treachery on every side. [50]

Glory. Both now.

To the Holy Spirit we say, theologizing, "You are God, life, eros, light, nous; You are goodness; You reign to the ages." [5D]

## **Antiphon III.**

Because they said to me, "Let us go to the courts of the Lord," I am filled with great joy, and I send up my petitions. [SD]

On the house of David are the fearsome things to be fully accomplished; for therein will be fire, burning every shameful thought.

Glory. Both now.

In the Holy Spirit, as in the Father and the Logos, is the principle of life; from Him is every living being endowed with a soul.

#### Prokeimenon.

Arise, O Lord my God, for You reign unto the ages. (2)

**Verse:** *I will give thanks to You, O Lord, with my whole heart.* 

Arise, O Lord my God, for You reign unto the ages. [SAAS]

From Octoechos - - -

#### **READER**

#### Resurrectional Kontakion.

You descended to Hades, my Savior, and shattered its gates, as the Almighty. As Creator, You raised the dead with yourself, and smashed the sting of death, O Christ. You freed Adam from the curse, O Lover of humanity. Therefore we all cry out to You, Save us, O Lord.

#### Oikos.

The women heard the Angel's words, and put off their lament, becoming joyful. With trembling they looked upon the Resurrection. And behold, Christ came to them, saying, "Rejoice; take courage. I have overcome the world and have freed the prisoners. Go quickly to the Disciples and inform them, that I go before you to preach in the city of Galilee." Therefore we all cry out to You, Save us, O Lord. [GKD]

## Synaxarion.

#### From the Menaion.

On November 17, we commemorate our father among the saints Gregory the Wonderworker, Bishop of Neocaesarea.

On this day we also commemorate devout Saint Lazarus the Confessor, the Iconographer.

On this day we also commemorate devout Saints Zacharias the Leather-worker and John. We also relate an edifying story.

On this day devout Saint Longinus died in peace.

On this day Saint Gennadios, Patriarch of Constantinople, died in peace.

On this day Saint Maximos, Patriarch of Constantinople, died in peace.

On this day devout Saint Justin died in peace.

Devout Saint Gennadios, who lived as a monk in the Monastery of Vatopedi and served as its cellarer, and who was counted worthy to see an empty container overflowing with oil by a miracle of the Theotokos, died in peace.

By their holy intercessions, O God, have mercy on us. Amen.

#### **CHOIR**

# Katavasias of Theotokos - Entry Ode i. Mode 4.

I open my mouth and pray the Spirit fill it, like David said, \* to pour out a good word to the Queen and Mother of God. \* I will celebrate \* her feast with joy and gladness \* and sing to her merrily, lauding her Entry. [5D]

#### Ode iii.

\* O Mother of God, for they have formed a spiritual choir for you the living and abundant fount; and graciously in your divine Entry give glorious crowns to them.

#### Ode iv.

When the Prophet Habakkuk heard the divine \* and incomprehensible counsel of Your Incarnation \* from the Virgin, O Most High, \* considering, he cried aloud: \* Glory to Your power, O Lord my God. [SD]

#### Ode v.

Amazed was the universe, \* O Maiden, by your most august \* Entry. For, O neverwedded Virgin, \* you who appeared as a most pure temple yourself \* did enter the Temple of God, \* now awarding peace to all who extol you with hymns of praise. [5D]

#### Ode vi.

O godly-minded believers, come \* and celebrate this sacred and venerable feast and thus extol \* the Theotokos, and clap our hands, \* and glorify our God who was truly born of her.

### Ode vii.

Godly-minded three \* did not adore created things in the Creator's stead; \* rather, disdaining the threat \* of fire, they trampled it, and joyfully they sang: \* "O supremely praised \* and most exalted Lord and God \* of the fathers, You are blessed." [5D]

#### Ode viii.

We praise and we bless and we worship the Lord.

Guiltless were those Servants in the furnace. \* The Son of the Theotokos went and rescued them. \* He who was prefigured then, \* having been incarnate now, \* is gathering the whole wide world into His Church to sing: \* "O all you works of the Lord, to all ages \* sing praises to the Lord and exalt Him beyond measure."

#### **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 John.

#### **DEACON**

Let us be attentive.

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

**PRIEST** (from the altar table)

Eothinon 11 John. 21:14-25

At that time, Jesus revealed himself to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. And he said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love

me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you girded yourself and walked where you would; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish to go." (This he said to show by what death he was to glorify God.) And after this he said to him, "Follow me." Peter turned and saw following them the disciple whom Jesus loved, who had lain close to his breast at the supper and had said, "Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?" When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, "Lord, what about this man?" Jesus said to him, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!" The saying spread abroad among the brethren that this disciple was not to die; yet Jesus did not say to him that he was not to die, but, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?" This is the disciple who is bearing witness to these things, and who has written these things; and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things which Jesus did; were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen. [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.

#### **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.

**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 our Father among the Saints Gregory the Wonderworker, Bishop of Neocaesarea, whose memory we celebrate; 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 4.

**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. [5D]

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

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. [5D]

**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. [5D]

**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. [5D]

**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.

**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. INKIVI

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. [5D]

#### Ode ix. Katavasia. Mode 4.

All you born on earth, \* with festival lamps in hand, in spirit leap for joy; \* and all you the heavenly angelic orders, join in and celebrate; \* and honoring the sacred Entry of the Mother of God, \* sing the joyful salutation, "O rejoice, \* Theotokos, all-blest, ever-virgin pure!" [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 Eleventh Eothinon.

**Mode 2.** On the mountain.

"Do you love me?" the Lord inquired \* three times of Peter after \* the divine rising from the dead. \* Whereupon He appoints him \* to be the chief shepherd of His sheep. \* And, seeing the disciple \* whom Jesus loved following them, \* he asked the Master, "Lord, what about him?" \* And He said, "If it is my will that this one \* remain until I come again, \* what is that to you, friend Peter?" [5D]

#### For the Hierarch.

From Menaion - -

### **Mode 2.** With the disciples.

Unto the hierarch, manifest to the whole world \* as one approved for working all kinds of wonders, \* let us send up praises singing divine songs, \* O feast-lovers, to Gregory, \* so that by his intercessions \* we be absolved of offences. [SD]

#### Theotokion.

### **Mode 2.** With the disciples.

The ancient enemy, cunning and most deceptive, \* was envious of me and made me an exile \* from divine and blessed life in Paradise \* and from the bliss of Eden. \* Now he is mortified, O Virgin, \* by means of your holy childbirth. [SD]

## Lauds. Mode pl. 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.

From Octoechos - - -

# Resurrectional Stichera. Sticheron 1. Mode pl. 1.

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

Lord, although the tomb had been sealed by the transgressors of the law, You came forth from the sepulcher, just as You were born from the Theotokos. Your bodiless Angels did not know how You became incarnate; nor did the soldiers who guarded You perceive when You resurrected. For both have been sealed to those who would inquire, but the miracles have been revealed to those who faithfully worship the mystery. As we extol it, restore to us exultant joy and Your great mercy. [SD]

# Sticheron 2. Mode pl. 1.

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

Lord, after You smashed the eternal bars and broke the bonds, You rose from the tomb and left the grave clothes behind as evidence that truly You had been buried for three days. And You proceeded to Galilee, You who were in custody in a rock-hewn tomb. Great is Your mercy, incomprehensible Savior! Have mercy on us. [5D]

# Sticheron 3. Mode pl. 1.

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

Lord, the women ran to the sepulcher to see You, the Christ, who had suffered for

us. When they came, they found an Angel sitting on the stone that from fear had rolled away. The Angel called out to them, saying, "The Lord has risen. Tell the Disciples that resurrected from the dead is He who saves our souls." [5D]

# Sticheron 4. Mode pl. 1.

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

Lord, even as You came out of the sepulcher, though it was sealed shut, likewise You entered where Your Disciples were, the doors being also shut. You showed them the injuries sustained by Your body, which with long-suffering You accepted, Savior. As the progeny of David, You endured the wounds; as the Son of God, You freed the world. Great is Your mercy, incomprehensible Savior! Have mercy on us. [5D]

### For the Hierarch.

From Menaion - - -

# Mode pl. 1. Rejoice.

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

Rejoice, for you were clearly adorned \*
in sacred manner with most sacred theology.
\* The Church's unshaken pillar, \* and the
dogmatical base, \* and the divine organ of the
Paraclete; \* the mind that is heavenly, \* the
divine Spirit's cithara, \* primatial shepherd,
\* gentle lamb and a genuine \* member of the
flock of the Chief Shepherd Christ our God.
\* Fountain that gushes forth the draught \*
of dogmas abundantly, \* and an effusion of
healings, \* divine initiate Gregory: \* to Christ
pray intently \* and petition Him to send down
great mercy on our souls.

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

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pray intently \* and petition Him to send down
great mercy on our souls. [SD]

**Verse:** My mouth shall speak wisdom, and the meditation of my heart, understanding. [SAAS]

Rejoice, the brightly shining abode \* of every virtue, the refinement of hierarchs, \* the rule of the holy priesthood, \* the Church's standard and gauge, \* river overflowing streams of godliness, \* by which irrigated is every nation beneath the sun \* for the salvifical and spiritual fruitfulness, \* and by which is purged all pollution of heresy. \* Heavenly man of God are you, \* an Angel upon the earth; \* you are the mouth that is trained in the divine precepts, O Gregory, \* and heir of the Lord God, \* who at your entreaty sends down great mercy on the world. [SD]

**Verse:** The mouth of the righteous shall meditate on wisdom, and his tongue shall speak of judgment. [SAAS]

Torrents of your divine prayers, O Saint,
\* dried up the lakelet that had formerly

caused a row. \* O wise one, you stopped the wayward stream \* from overflowing its banks \* with your staff that sprouted and became a tree. \* You leveled the altar stones of the demons, O Gregory. \* By your most ardent supplications to God on high, \* you have brought an end to the winter of unbelief. \* You gave assurance unto souls \* by miracles, leading them \* unto the great Benefactor, \* who has rewarded you worthily. \* To Him pray intently \* and petition Him to send down great mercy on our souls.

From Octoechos - - -

# Glory. **Mode pl. 4. The Eleventh Eothinon.**

When You showed yourself to Your Disciples, O Savior, after the Resurrection, in return for his love, You gave Simon the feeding of the sheep and asked him to take care to tend them. That is why You said: "If you love me, Peter, tend my lambs, tend my sheep." Then, he at once displayed his affection and inquired about the other Disciple. By their entreaties, O Christ, protect Your flock from wolves that would injure it.

#### 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. [50]

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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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 pl. 4.** (or the Mode of the week)

When You rose from the sepulcher and broke the bonds of Hades, You repealed the sentence of death, O Lord, and delivered all from the snares of the enemy. And when You showed yourself to Your Apostles, You sent them out to preach, and through them You granted peace to the whole world, O only very merciful One.

*Or, according to common practice:* 

# **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]