

ΟΡΘΡΟΣ

Χορός:

Ἦχος α'.

Θεὸς Κύριος καὶ ἐπέφανεν ἡμῖν. Εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου.

Στίχ. α'. Ἐξομολογεῖσθε τῷ Κυρίῳ καὶ ἐπικαλεῖσθε τὸ ὄνομα τὸ ἅγιον αὐτοῦ.

Στίχ. β'. Πάντα τὰ ἔθνη ἐκύκλωσάν με, καὶ τῷ ὀνόματι Κυρίου ἠμυνάμην αὐτούς.

Στίχ. γ'. Παρὰ Κυρίου ἐγένετο αὕτη καὶ ἔστι θαυμαστὴ ἐν ὀφθαλμοῖς ἡμῶν.

ΑΠΟΛΥΤΙΚΙΟΝ. ΤΟΥ ΣΤΑΥΡΟΥ. Ἦχος α'.

Σῶσον, Κύριε, τὸν λαόν σου, καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς βασιλεῦσι κατὰ βαρβάρων δωρούμενος, καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων, διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα. (3)

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Χορός: Σοί, Κύριε.

Ἱερεύς: Ὅτι σὸν τὸ κράτος καὶ σοῦ ἐστιν ἡ βασιλεία καὶ ἡ δύναμις καὶ ἡ δόξα, τοῦ Πατρὸς καὶ τοῦ Υἱοῦ καὶ τοῦ ἁγίου Πνεύματος, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

Χορός: Ἀμήν.

MATINS

Choir:

Mode 1.

God is the Lord, and hath revealed Himself to us. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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

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.

APOLYTIKION. FOR THE CROSS. Mode 1.

Save, O Lord, Thy people and bless Thine inheritance; grant Thou unto the faithful victory over adversaries. And by the power of Thy Cross do Thou preserve Thy commonwealth.

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

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Thy grace.

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Priest: 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.

Choir: To Thee, O Lord.

Priest: For Thine is the dominion, and Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

ΚΑΘΙΣΜΑ Α'.

Ἦχος α'. Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος.

Τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου τὸ ξύλον προσκυνοῦμεν Φιλάνθρωπε,
ὅτι ἐν αὐτῷ προσηλώθης ἡ Ζωὴ τῶν ἀπάντων.
Παράδεισον ἡνέφξας Σωτήρ, τῷ πίστει προσελθόντι σοι
ληστῇ· καὶ τρυφῆς κατηξιώθῃ, ὁμολογῶν σοι, Μνήσθητί μου
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Ἦχος πλ. β'.

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ΚΑΘΙΣΜΑ Ι.

Mode 1. The stone having been sealed/While Gabriel was saying.

O friend of man, we venerate the wood of Thy divine
Cross, * for Thou, Who art truly the Life of all things,
wast nailed upon it. * O Saviour, to Paradise didst Thou *
admit the thief that came to Thee in faith, * who
confessing Thee: Remember me, O my Lord, * was granted
delight eternal. * Like him, do Thou receive us who cry out:
* We all have sinned against Thy compassion; * yet do not
overlook us, O Merciful Friend of man.

Glory. Both now. REPEAT.

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ΚΑΘΙΣΜΑ ΙΙ.

Mode pl. 2.

No sooner had the wood of Thy Cross been set in place,
O Christ, than the foundations of death were
shaken, O Lord. For Him Whom Hades had swallowed
with longing, it vomited up with trembling. Thou hast
shown us Thy salvation, O Holy One, and we glorify Thee,
O Son of God; have mercy on us.

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ΚΑΘΙΣΜΑ Γ'.

Ἦχος πλ. δ'. Τὸ προσταχθέν.

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Ἱερεὺς: Ὅτι ἡυλόγηταί σου τὸ ὄνομα καὶ δεδόξασταί σου ἡ βασιλεία, τοῦ Πατρὸς καὶ τοῦ Υἱοῦ καὶ τοῦ ἁγίου Πνεύματος, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

Χορός: Ἀμήν.

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Ἀντίφωνον Α'. Ἦχος δ'.

Εκ νεότητός μου πολλὰ πολεμεῖ με πάθη· ἀλλ' αὐτὸς ἀντιλαβοῦ, καὶ σῶσον Σωτὴρ μου. (δὶς)

KATHISMA III.

Mode pl. 4. When he perceived.

Joshua the son of Nun unfair sketched out beforetime * the type and pattern of Thy Cross in mystic figure, * when his hands were extended like a cross, my Saviour. * The sun stood still in the heaven, till he destroyed * the enemies that withstood Thee, the Mighty God. * Now the sun is in darkness hid, * beholding Thee on the Cross, * where Thou dost end the reign of death * and dost strip Hades of his spoils.

Glory. Both now. REPEAT.

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

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Choir: To Thee, O Lord.

Priest: For blessed is Thy name, and glorified is Thy kingdom, of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

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Antiphon 1. Mode 4.

From my youth do many passions war against me; but do Thou Thyself defend and save me, O my Saviour. (2)

Οἱ μισοῦντες Σιών, αἰσχύνθητε ἀπὸ τοῦ Κυρίου· ὡς χόρτος γάρ, πυρὶ ἔσεσθε ἀπεξηραμμένοι. (δὶς)

Δόξα.

Ἀγίῳ Πνεύματι πᾶσα ψυχὴ ζωοῦται, καὶ καθάρσει ὑψοῦται, λαμπρύνεται, τῇ τριαδικῇ μονάδι ἱεροκρυφίως.

Καὶ νῦν.

Ἀγίῳ Πνεύματι, ἀναβλύζει τὰ τῆς χάριτος ρεῖθρα, ἀρδεύοντα, ἅπασαν τὴν κτίσιν πρὸς ζωογονίαν.

ΠΡΟΚΕΙΜΕΝΟΝ.

ΨΑΛΜΟΣ 97.

Εἶδον πάντα τὰ πέρατα τῆς γῆς τὸ σωτήριον τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡμῶν. (δὶς)

Στίχ. Ἄσατε τῷ Κυρίῳ ἕσμα καινόν, ὅτι θαυμαστὰ ἐποίησεν ὁ Κύριος.

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Ὁ λαὸς ἵσταται διὰ τὴν ἀνάγνωσιν τοῦ Εὐαγγελίου.

Διάκονος: Τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθώμεν.

Χορός: Κύριε, ἐλέησον.

Ἱερεύς: Ὅτι ἅγιος εἶ, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, καὶ ἐν ἁγίοις ἐπαναπαύῃ, καὶ σοὶ τὴν δόξαν ἀναπέμπομεν, τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ Υἱῷ καὶ τῷ ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

Χορός: Ἀμήν.

Ἦχος β'.

Πᾶσα πνοὴ αἰνεσάτω τὸν Κύριον. (δὶς) Αἰνεσάτω πνοὴ πᾶσα τὸν Κύριον.

Διάκονος: Καὶ ὑπὲρ τοῦ καταξιωθῆναι ἡμᾶς τῆς ἀκροάσεως τοῦ ἁγίου Εὐαγγελίου, Κύριον τὸν Θεὸν ἡμῶν ἱκετεύσωμεν.

Χορός: Κύριε, ἐλέησον. (3)

Διάκονος: Σοφία. Ὁρθοί. Ἀκούσωμεν τοῦ ἁγίου Εὐαγγελίου.

Ἱερεύς: Εἰρήνη πᾶσι.

Χορός: Καὶ τῷ πνεύματί σου.

Ye haters of Sion shall be shamed by the Lord; for, like grass, by the fire shall ye be withered.

Glory.

In the Holy Spirit every soul is quickened and through cleansing is exalted and made radiant by the Triple Unity, in a hidden, sacred manner.

Both now.

By the Holy Spirit, the streams of grace gush forth, watering all creation unto the begetting of life.

PROKEIMENON.

PSALM 97.

All the ends of the earth saw the salvation of our God. (2)

Verse: Sing a new song to the Lord, for He did wondrous things.

All the ends of the earth saw the salvation of our God.

Stand for the Gospel reading.

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For Thou, our God, are holy, and Thou rest among the Saints, and to Thee we offer up glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever 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.

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord our God that we may be found worthy to hear the holy Gospel.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (3)

Deacon: Wisdom. Arise. Let us hear the holy Gospel.

Priest: Peace be with all.

Choir: And with your spirit.

Ἱερεὺς: Ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Ἰωάννην ἁγίου Εὐαγγελίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

Διάκονος: Πρόσχωμεν.

Χορός: Δόξα σοι, Κύριε, δόξα σοι.

Ἱερεὺς (ἀπὸ τῆς Ὡραίας πύλης):

Ιωάν. 12:28 – 36

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· πάτερ, δόξασόν σου τὸ ὄνομα. ἤλθεν οὖν φωνὴ ἐκ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ· καὶ ἐδόξασα καὶ πάλιν δοξάσω. ὁ οὖν ὄχλος ὁ ἐστὼς καὶ ἀκούσας ἔλεγε βροντὴν γεγονέναι· ἄλλοι ἔλεγον· ἄγγελος αὐτῷ λελάληκεν. ἀπεκρίθη ὁ Ἰησοῦς καὶ εἶπεν· οὐ δι' ἐμέ αὕτη ἡ φωνὴ γέγονεν, ἀλλὰ δι' ὑμᾶς. νῦν κρίσις ἐστὶ τοῦ κόσμου τούτου, νῦν ὁ ἄρχων τοῦ κόσμου τούτου ἐκβληθήσεται ἔξω· καὶ ἐγὼ ἐὰν ὑψωθῶ ἐκ τῆς γῆς, πάντας ἐλκύσω πρὸς ἐμαυτόν. τοῦτο δὲ ἔλεγε σημαίνων ποίῳ θανάτῳ ἤμελλεν ἀποθνήσκειν. ἀπεκρίθη αὐτῷ ὁ ὄχλος· ἡμεῖς ἠκούσαμεν ἐκ τοῦ νόμου ὅτι ὁ Χριστὸς μένει εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα, καὶ πῶς σὺ λέγεις, δεῖ ὑψωθῆναι τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ ἀνθρώπου; τίς ἐστὶν οὗτος ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου; εἶπεν οὖν αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς· ἔτι μικρὸν χρόνον τὸ φῶς μεθ' ὑμῶν ἐστὶ· περιπατεῖτε ἕως τὸ φῶς ἔχετε, ἵνα μὴ σκοτία ὑμᾶς καταλάβῃ· καὶ ὁ περιπατῶν ἐν τῇ σκοτίᾳ οὐκ οἶδε ποῦ ὑπάγει. ἕως τὸ φῶς ἔχετε, πιστεύετε εἰς τὸ φῶς, ἵνα υἱοὶ φωτὸς γένησθε.

Χορός: Δόξα σοι, Κύριε, δόξα σοι.

Ἀναγνώστης: Ἀνάστασιν Χριστοῦ θεασάμενοι, προσκυνήσωμεν Ἅγιον Κύριον Ἰησοῦν, τὸν μόνον ἀναμάρτητον. Τὸν Σταυρόν σου, Χριστέ, προσκυνοῦμεν καὶ τὴν ἁγίαν σου ἀνάστασιν ὑμνοῦμεν καὶ δοξάζομεν· σὺ γὰρ εἶ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ἐκτός σου ἄλλον οὐκ οἶδαμεν, τὸ ὄνομά σου ὀνομάζομεν. Δεῦτε πάντες οἱ πιστοί, προσκυνήσωμεν τὴν τοῦ Χριστοῦ ἁγίαν ἀνάστασιν· ἰδοὺ γὰρ ἤλθε διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ χαρὰ ἐν ὅλῳ τῷ κόσμῳ. Διὰ παντὸς εὐλογοῦντες τὸν Κύριον, ὑμνοῦμεν τὴν ἀνάστασιν αὐτοῦ· Σταυρόν γὰρ ὑπομείνας δι' ἡμᾶς, θανάτῳ θάνατον ὤλεσεν.

Priest: The reading is from the holy Gospel according to John.

Deacon: Let us be attentive.

Choir: Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You.

Jn. 12:28 – 36

The Lord said, "Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing by heard it and said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world, now shall the ruler of this world be cast out; and I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." He said this to show by what death he was to die. The crowd answered him, "We have heard from the law that the Christ remains for ever. How can you say that the Son of man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of man?" Jesus said to them, "The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, lest the darkness overtake you; he who walks in the darkness does not know where he goes. While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."

Choir: 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. Thy Cross, O Christ, we venerate, and Thy holy Resurrection we praise and glorify. For Thou art our God; apart from Thee we know no other; we call upon Thy name. Come, all ye faithful, let us venerate the holy Resurrection of Christ; for behold, through the Cross, joy hath come to all the world. Ever blessing the Lord, let us praise His Resurrection; for having endured the Cross for us, He hath destroyed death by death.

ΨΑΛΜΟΣ Ν' (50).

Ελέησόν με, ὁ Θεός, κατὰ τὸ μέγα ἔλεός σου, καὶ κατὰ τὸ πλῆθος τῶν οἰκτιρισμῶν σου ἐξάλειψον τὸ ἀνόμημά μου. Ἐπὶ πλεῖον πλυνόν με ἀπὸ τῆς ἀνομίας μου, καὶ ἀπὸ τῆς ἁμαρτίας μου καθάρισόν με. Ὅτι τὴν ἀνομίαν μου ἐγὼ γινώσκω, καὶ ἡ ἁμαρτία μου ἐνώπιόν μου ἐστὶ διὰ παντός. Σοὶ μόνῳ ἥμαρτον, καὶ τὸ πονηρὸν ἐνώπιόν σου ἐποίησα· ὅπως ἂν δικαιωθῇς ἐν τοῖς λόγοις σου, καὶ νικήσης ἐν τῷ κρίνεσθαί σε. Ἰδοὺ γὰρ ἐν ἀνομίαις συνελήφθην, καὶ ἐν ἁμαρτίαις ἐκίσσησέ με ἡ μήτηρ μου. Ἰδοὺ γὰρ ἀλήθειαν ἠγάπησας· τὰ ἄδηλα καὶ τὰ κρύφια τῆς σοφίας σου ἐδήλωσάς μοι. Ῥαντιεῖς με ὕσσῳπῳ καὶ καθαρισθήσομαι· πλυνεῖς με καὶ ὑπὲρ χιόνα λευκανθήσομαι. Ἀκουτιεῖς μοι ἀγαλλίασιν καὶ εὐφροσύνην· ἀγαλλιάσονται ὅστέα τεταπεινωμένα. Ἀπόστρεψον τὸ πρόσωπόν σου ἀπὸ τῶν ἁμαρτιῶν μου καὶ πάσας τὰς ἀνομίας μου ἐξάλειψον. Καρδίαν καθαρὰν κτίσον ἐν ἐμοί, ὁ Θεός, καὶ πνεῦμα εὐθὲς ἐγκαίνισον ἐν τοῖς ἐγκάτοις μου. Μὴ ἀπορρίψῃς με ἀπὸ τοῦ προσώπου σου καὶ τὸ Πνεῦμά σου τὸ ἅγιον μὴ ἀντανέλῃς ἀπ' ἐμοῦ. Ἀπόδος μοι τὴν ἀγαλλίασιν τοῦ σωτηρίου σου καὶ πνεύματι ἡγεμονικῶ στήριζόν με. Διδάξω ἀνόμους τὰς ὁδοὺς σου καὶ ἀσεβεῖς ἐπὶ σὲ ἐπιστρέψουσι. Ῥῦσαί με ἐξ αἱμάτων, ὁ Θεός, ὁ Θεὸς τῆς σωτηρίας μου· ἀγαλλιᾶσεται ἡ γλῶσσά μου τὴν δικαιοσύνην σου. Κύριε, τὰ χεῖλη μου ἀνοίξεις καὶ τὸ στόμα μου ἀναγγελεῖ τὴν αἴνεσίν σου. Ὅτι εἰ ἠθέλησας θυσίαν, ἔδωκα ἂν· ὀλοκαυτώματα οὐκ εὐδοκήσεις. Θυσία τῷ Θεῷ πνεῦμα συντετριμμένον· καρδίαν συντετριμμένην καὶ τεταπεινωμένην ὁ Θεὸς οὐκ ἐξουδενώσει. Ἀγάθυνον, Κύριε, ἐν τῇ εὐδοκίᾳ σου τὴν Σιών καὶ οἰκοδομηθήτω τὰ τείχη Ἱερουσαλήμ. Τότε εὐδοκήσεις θυσίαν δικαιοσύνης, ἀναφορὰν καὶ ὀλοκαυτώματα. Τότε ἀνοίσουσιν ἐπὶ τὸ θυσιαστήριόν σου μόσχους.

Χορός:

Δόξα. Ὕψος β'.

Σὺ μου σκέπη κραταῖα ὑπάρχεις, ὁ τριμερὴς Σταυρὸς τοῦ Χριστοῦ· ἀγιάσόν με τῇ δυνάμει σου, ἵνα πιστεῖ καὶ πόθῳ προσκυνῶ καὶ δοξάζω σε.

PSALM 50 (51).

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgression. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me. Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and prevail when thou art judged. Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast humbled may rejoice. Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy governing spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness. O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise. For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem. Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering: then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar. And have mercy upon me, O God.

Glory. Mode 2.

You are my mighty shelter, O tripartite Cross of Christ. Sanctify me by your power, so that with faith and love I may venerate and glorify you.

Καὶ νῦν.

Σὺ μου σκέπη κραταῖα ὑπάρχεις, ὁ τριμερὴς Σταυρὸς τοῦ Χριστοῦ· ἀγιάσον με τῇ δυνάμει σου, ἵνα πίστει καὶ πόθῳ προσκυνῶ καὶ δοξάζω σε.

ΙΔΙΟΜΕΛΟΝ. Ἦχος πλ. β'.

Στίχ. Ἐλέησόν με, ὁ Θεός, κατὰ τὸ μέγα ἔλεός σου, καὶ κατὰ τὸ πλῆθος τῶν οἰκτιρμῶν σου ἐξάλειψον τὸ ἀνόμημά μου.

Σταυρὲ τοῦ Χριστοῦ, Χριστιανῶν ἡ ἐλπίς, πεπλανημένων ὁδηγέ, χειμαζομένων λιμὴν, ἐν πολέμοις νίκος, οἰκουμένης ἀσφάλεια, ἀσθενούντων ἰατρεῖ, νεκρῶν ἡ ἀνάστασις, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς.

Ἱερεύς: Σῶσον ὁ Θεὸς τὸν λαόν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου· ἐπίσκεψαι τὸν κόσμον σου ἐν ἐλέει καὶ οἰκτιρμοῖς· ὕψωσον κέρας χριστιανῶν ὀρθοδόξων καὶ κατὰπεμψον ἐφ' ἡμᾶς τὰ ἐλέη σου τὰ πλούσια·

πρεσβείαις τῆς παναχράντου δεσποίνης ἡμῶν Θεοτόκου καὶ ἀειπαρθένου Μαρίας, δυνάμει τοῦ τιμίου καὶ ζωοποιοῦ Σταυροῦ, οὗ καὶ τὴν παγκόσμιον ὕψωσιν ἐορτάζομεν· προστασίαις τῶν τιμίων ἐπουρανίων δυνάμεων ἀσωμάτων, ἱκεσίαις τοῦ τιμίου ἐνδόξου προφήτου προδρόμου καὶ βαπτιστοῦ Ἰωάννου, τῶν ἁγίων ἐνδόξων καὶ πανευφύμων ἀποστόλων, τῶν ἐν ἁγίοις πατέρων ἡμῶν μεγάλων ἱεραρχῶν καὶ οἰκουμενικῶν διδασκάλων Βασιλείου τοῦ Μεγάλου, Γρηγορίου τοῦ Θεολόγου καὶ Ἰωάννου τοῦ Χρυσοστόμου, Ἀθανασίου καὶ Κυρίλλου, Ἰωάννου τοῦ Ἐλεήμονος πατριαρχῶν Ἀλεξανδρείας· Νικολάου τοῦ ἐν Μύροις, Σπυρίδωνος ἐπισκόπου Τριφυθοῦντος, καὶ Νεκταρίου Πενταπόλεως τῶν θαυματουργῶν· τῶν ἁγίων ἐνδόξων μεγαλομαρτύρων Γεωργίου τοῦ τροπαιοφόρου, Δημητρίου τοῦ μυροβλήτου, Θεοδώρου τοῦ τήρωνος, Θεοδώρου τοῦ στρατηλάτου, Μηᾶ τοῦ θαυματουργοῦ· τῶν ἱερομαρτύρων Χαραλάμπους καὶ Ἐλευθερίου, τῆς ἁγίας ἐνδόξου μεγαλομάρτυρος καὶ πανευφύμου Εὐφημίας· τῶν ἁγίων ἐνδόξων μαρτύρων Θέκλας, Βαρβάρας, Ἀναστασίας, Αἰκατερίνης, Κυριακῆς, Φωτεινῆς, Μαρίνης, Παρασκευῆς καὶ Εἰρήνης· τῶν ὁσίων καὶ θεοφόρων πατέρων ἡμῶν· (τοῦ ἁγίου τοῦ ναοῦ)·

Both now.

You are my mighty shelter, O tripartite Cross of Christ. Sanctify me by your power, so that with faith and love I may venerate and glorify you.

IDIOMELON. *Mode pl. 2.*

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

O Cross of Christ, thou hope of Christians, guide of them that are gone astray, haven of the storm-tossed, victory in war, surety of the whole world, physician of the sick, and resurrection of the dead: Have mercy on us.

Priest: O God, save Your people and bless Your inheritance. Look upon Your world with mercy and compassion. Exalt the horn of Orthodox Christians, and send down upon us Your rich mercies:

through the intercessions of our all-immaculate Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, by the power of the precious and life-giving Cross, the universal Elevation of which we are celebrating; the protection of the honorable, heavenly, bodiless powers, the supplications of the honorable, 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; Athanasius, Cyril, and John the Merciful, patriarchs of Alexandria, Nicholas, bishop of Myra, Spyridon, bishop of Trimythous, Nektarios of Pentapolis, the wonderworkers; the holy, glorious, great martyrs George the triumphant, Demetrios the myrrh-streamer, Theodore the soldier, and Theodore the general; Menas the wonderworker; Charalampus and Eleutherius, the hieromartyrs; the holy, glorious, and victorious martyrs; the glorious great Martyr and all-laudable Euphemia; the holy and glorious Martyrs Thecla, Barbara, Anastasia, Catherine, Kyriaki, Photini, Marina, Paraskevi and Irene; our venerable and God-bearing fathers;

τῶν ἁγίων καὶ δικαίων θεοπατόρων Ἰωακεὶμ καὶ Ἄννης, καὶ πάντων σου τῶν ἁγίων·

ἱκετεύομέν σε, μόνε πολυέλεε Κύριε, ἐπάκουσον ἡμῶν τῶν ἁμαρτωλῶν δεομένων σου καὶ ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς.

Χορός: Κύριε, ἐλέησον. (ιβ')

Ἱερεὺς: Ἐλέει καὶ οἰκτιρμοῖς καὶ φιλανθρωπία τοῦ μονογενοῦς σου Υἱοῦ, μεθ' οὗ εὐλογητὸς εἶ, σὺν τῷ παναγίῳ καὶ ἀγαθῷ καὶ ζωοποιῷ σου Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ αἰεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

Χορός: Ἀμήν.

Ἀναγνώστης:

KONTAKION.

Ἦχος δ'. Αὐτόμελον.

Οὕψωθείς ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ ἐκουσίως, τῇ ἐπωνύμῳ σου καινῇ πολιτείᾳ, τοὺς οἰκτιρμούς σου δώρησαι, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός. Εὐφρανον ἐν τῇ δυνάμει σου, τοὺς πιστοὺς βασιλεῖς ἡμῶν, νίκας χορηγῶν αὐτοῖς, κατὰ τῶν πολεμίων· τὴν συμμαχίαν ἔχοιεν τὴν σὴν, ὅπλον εἰρήνης, ἀήττητον τρόπαιον.

Ο ΟΙΚΟΣ.

Ο μετὰ τρίτον οὐρανὸν ἀρθείς ἐν Παραδείσῳ, καὶ ῥήματα ἀκούσας τὰ ἄρρητα καὶ θεῖα, ἃ οὐκ ἐξὸν γλώσσαις λαλεῖν, τί τοῖς Γαλάταις γράφει, ὡς ἐρασταὶ τῶν Γραφῶν, ἀνέγνωτε καὶ ἔγνωτε· Ἐμοί, φησί, καυχᾶσθαι μὴ γένοιτο, πλὴν εἰ μὴ ἐν μόνῳ τῷ Σταυρῷ τῷ τοῦ Κυρίου, ἐν ᾧ παθὼν, ἔκτεινε τὰ πάθη. Αὐτὸν οὖν καὶ ἡμεῖς βεβαίως κρατῶμεν τοῦ Κυρίου τὸν Σταυρὸν καύχημα πάντες· ἔστι γὰρ σωτήριον ἡμῖν τοῦτο τὸ ξύλον, ὅπλον εἰρήνης, ἀήττητον τρόπαιον.

Ὁ λαὸς ἵσταται διὰ τὴν ἀνάγνωσιν τοῦ Συναξαρίου.

ΣΥΝΑΞΑΡΙΟΝ

ΤΟΥ ΜΗΝΑΙΟΥ.

Τῇ ΙΔ' τοῦ αὐτοῦ μηνὸς ἡ παγκόσμιος Ὑψωσις τοῦ τιμίου καὶ ζωοποιοῦ Σταυροῦ.

(local patron saint); the holy and righteous ancestors of God Joachim and Anna; and all Your saints:

We beseech Thee, only merciful Lord, hear us sinners who pray to Thee and have mercy on us.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (12)

Priest: Through the mercy, compassion, and love for mankind of Thine only-begotten Son, with whom Thou art blessed, and Thine all-holy, good and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Reader:

KONTAKION.

Mode 4. Automelon.

Thou Who wast raised up on the Cross of Thine own will, * O Christ our God, do Thou bestow Thy compassions * upon this, Thy new commonwealth named after Thee. * Gladden with Thy sov'reign, might * our most Orthodox hierarchs, * and vouchsafe them victory * over every false teaching; * and as Thy help in war may they possess * the weapon of peace, the trophy invincible.

OIKOS.

He that was caught up to the third Heaven into Paradise, and heard unspeakable and divine words, which it is not lawful for the tongue to utter—that which he wrote to the Galatians, ye, as lovers of the Scriptures, have read and know: Far be it, he saith, that I should glory save in the Cross of our Lord alone, on which He slew the passions by His Passion. Let us all, then, firmly hold fast to the Lord's Cross as our boast; for this Wood is our salvation, the weapon of peace, the trophy invincible.

Stand for the reading of the Synaxarion.

SYNAXARION

FROM THE MENAION.

On September 14 is the worldwide Exaltation (i.e. Elevation) of the precious and life-giving Cross.

Τῇ αὐτῇ ἡμέρᾳ, ἡ κοίμησις τοῦ ἐν ἁγίοις Πατρὸς ἡμῶν Ἰωάννου Ἀρχιεπισκόπου Κωνσταντινουπόλεως τοῦ Χρυσοστόμου· ἐν ταύτῃ γὰρ ἀνεπαύσατο, ἀλλὰ διὰ τὴν Ἑορτὴν τοῦ τιμίου Σταυροῦ μετετέθη ἡ τούτου Ἑορτὴ εἰς τὸν Νοέμβριον μῆνα.

Καὶ μνήμη τῆς εὐσεβεστάτης βασιλίσσης Πλακίλλης, συζύγου γενομένης τοῦ μεγάλου βασιλέως Θεοδοσίου.

Τῇ αὐτῇ ἡμέρᾳ μνήμη τῶν ἐν ἁγίοις Πατέρων ἡμῶν, τῶν συνελθόντων ἐν τῇ ἁγίᾳ καὶ Οἰκουμενικῇ Ἑκτῇ Συνόδῳ, ἐπὶ τῆς βασιλείας Κωνσταντίνου τοῦ Πωγωνάτου, υἱοῦ [ἢ μάλλον πατρὸς] Ἰουστινιανοῦ τοῦ δευτέρου, τοῦ καλουμένου Ρινοτμήτου, Σεργίου τὴν Ἐκκλησίαν Κωνσταντινουπόλεως ἰθύνοντος, καὶ Ἀγάθωνος τὴν Ῥωμαίων. Ἡθροίσθη δὲ ἐν τῷ Τρούλλῳ τοῦ Παλατίου, τῷ λεγομένῳ Ὡάτῳ, ἀναθέματι καθυποβαλοῦσα Σέργιον καὶ Πύρρον καὶ Πέτρον καὶ Παῦλον, Ἐπισκόπους γενομένους Κωνσταντινουπόλεως, Μακρόβιον τε τὸν Ἀντιοχείας, καὶ Κῦρον τὸν Ἀλεξανδρείας, καὶ Ὀνώριον τὸν Ῥώμης, Στέφανόν τε καὶ Παλυχρόνιον καὶ τοὺς σὺν αὐτοῖς. Ἦτις ἁγία Σύνοδος, ἐπὶ μὲν τοῦ δηλωθέντος Κωνσταντίνου τοῦ Πωγωνάτου συνηθροίσθη· ἡ δὲ τῶν Κανόνων ἔκδοσις ἐπὶ Ἰουστινιανοῦ τοῦ υἱοῦ αὐτοῦ γέγονε.

Τῇ αὐτῇ ἡμέρᾳ μνήμη τοῦ ἁγίου Μάρτυρος Πάπα.

Τῇ αὐτῇ ἡμέρᾳ ὁ ἅγιος Μάρτυς Θεοκλῆς ξίφει τελειοῦται.

Τῇ αὐτῇ ἡμέρᾳ ὁ ἅγιος Βαλεριανός, τὸ νήπιον, ξίφει τελειοῦται.

Ὁ ἅγιος νέος ὀσιομάρτυς Μακάριος, ὁ ἐν Θεσσαλονίκῃ μαρτυρήσας κατὰ τῷ ,αφκζ' (1527), ὁ καὶ μαθητὴς χρηματίσας τοῦ Πατριάρχου Κωνσταντινουπόλεως Νήφωνος, ξίφει τελειοῦται.

Ταῖς αὐτῶν ἁγίαις πρεσβείαις, ὁ Θεός, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς. Ἀμήν.

On this day was the repose of our father among the saints John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople. He reposed on this date, but because of the feast of the Holy Cross his feast was moved to November 13.

We also commemorate the most pious empress Placilla, the wife of emperor Theodosius the Great.

On this day we also commemorate our fathers among the saints who assembled at the holy Sixth Ecumenical Council, during the reign of Constantine IV Pogonatos, father of Justinian II Rhinotmetos, while Sergios led the Church of Constantinople and Agatho the Church of Rome. The Council convened in Trullo of the Palace called Ovatus, to anathematize Sergios, Pyrrhos and Peter and Paul, who had been Bishops of Constantinople, as well as Macrobios of Antioch, Cyrus of Alexandria, and Honorius of Rome, and Stephen and Polychronios and their followers. This Council convened during the reign of the above mentioned Constantine Pogonatos, but its canons were published during the reign of his son Justinian.

On this day we also commemorate the holy Martyr Papas.

On this day the holy Martyr Theocles died by the sword.

On this day Saint Valerian the infant died by the sword.

The holy new devout Martyr Macarius, who witnessed in Thessaloniki in the year 1527, and who had been a disciple of St. Niphon, Patriarch of Constantinople, died by the sword.

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

KATAVASIAS ODES 1-8

Χορός:

Ὡδὴ α'. Καταβασία. Ἦχος πλ. δ'.

Σταυρόν χαράξας Μωσῆς, ἐπ' εὐθείας ῥάβδῳ, τὴν Ἐρυθρὰν διέτεμε, τῷ Ἰσραὴλ πεζεύσαντι· τὴν δὲ ἐπιστρεπτικῶς, Φαραὼ τοῖς ἄρμασι, κροτήσας ἤνωσεν, ἐπ' εὖρους διαγράψας, τὸ ἀήττητον ὄπλον· διὸ Χριστῷ ἄσωμεν, τῷ Θεῷ ἡμῶν ὅτι δεδοξασται.

Ὡδὴ γ'. Καταβασία. Ἦχος πλ. δ'.

Πάβδος εἰς τύπον, τοῦ μυστηρίου παραλαμβάνεται· τῷ βλαστῷ γὰρ προκρίνει τὸν ἱερέα· τῇ στερινοῦσιν δὲ πρῶην, Ἐκκλησίαν νῦν ἐξήνευσε, ξύλον Σταυροῦ, εἰς κράτος καὶ στερέωμα.

Ὡδὴ δ'. Καταβασία. Ἦχος πλ. δ'.

Εἰσακήκοα Κύριε, τῆς οἰκονομίας σου τὸ μυστήριον, κατενόησα τὰ ἔργα σου, καὶ ἐδόξασά σου τὴν θεότητα.

Ὡδὴ ε'. Καταβασία. Ἦχος πλ. δ'.

Ὡτρισμακάριστον ξύλον! ἐν ᾧ ἐτάθη Χριστός, ὁ Βασιλεὺς καὶ Κύριος· δι' οὗ πέπτωκεν ὁ ξύλῳ ἀπατήσας, τῷ ἐν σοὶ δελεασθεὶς, Θεῷ τῷ προσπαγέντι σαρκί, τῷ παρέχοντι, τὴν εἰρήνην ταῖς ψυχαῖς ἡμῶν.

Ὡδὴ ζ'. Καταβασία. Ἦχος πλ. δ'.

Νοτίου θηρὸς ἐν σπλάγχνοις, παλάμας Ἰωνᾶς, σταυροειδῶς διεκπετάσας, τὸ σωτήριον πάθος, προδιετύπου σαφῶς· ὅθεν τριήμερος ἐκδύς, τὴν ὑπερκόσμιον ἀνάστασιν ὑπεζωγράφησε, τοῦ σαρκὶ προσπαγέντος Χριστοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ, καὶ τριημέρῳ ἐγέρσει, τὸν κόσμον φωτίσαντος.

KATAVASIAS ODES 1-8

Choir:

Ode i. Mode pl. 4.

A cross did Moses inscribe, when with an upright stroke of his rod he divided the Red Sea for Israel, who went on foot; then he turned and smote the sea, once again uniting it o'er Pharaoh's chariots, with transverse stroke portraying the invincible weapon. Wherefore, let us praise in song Christ our God; for He truly is glorified.

Ode iii. Mode pl. 4.

The staff clearly budded as a prefigurement of this mystery, for it showed forth the priest whom God had appointed. And from the Church, which of old used to be barren, there hath blossomed forth the wood of the Cross as power and a firm support.

Ode iv. Mode pl. 4.

I have hearkened and heard, O Lord, of Thy dispensation's most awesome mystery; and I came to knowledge of Thy works, and I sang the praise of Thy Divinity.

Ode v. Mode pl. 4.

O Tree divine and thrice blessed, whereon Christ God was outstretched, though He is King and Lord of all. He that once had used a tree for man's deception fell himself because of thee, ensnared when God was nailed unto thee in our mortal flesh, He Who granteth to our souls His peace.

Ode vi. Mode pl. 4.

While trapped in the sea beast's belly, the Prophet Jonah raised his hands while stretching arms out crosswise; hence, he clearly prefigured the saving Passion of Christ. As he emerged after three days, he thus portrayed Christ's most transcendent Resurrection from the dead, He our God, Who was nailed in the flesh for our sakes, and by His third day Arising illumined the universe.

Ὡδὴ ζ'. Καταβασία. Ἦχος πλ. δ'.

Ἐκνοον πρόσταγμα τυράννου δυσσεβοῦς, λαοὺς ἐκλόνησε, πνέον ἀπειλῆς καὶ δυσφημίας θεοστυγοῦς. Ὅμως τρεῖς Παῖδας οὐκ ἐδειμάτωσε, θυμὸς θηριώδης, οὐ πῦρ βρόμιον· ἀλλ' ἀντηχούντι δροσοβόλῳ πνεύματι, πυρὶ συνόντες ἔψαλλον· Ὁ ὑπερύμνητος, τῶν πατέρων καὶ ἡμῶν, Θεὸς εὐλογητὸς εἶ.

Ὡδὴ η'. Καταβασία. Ἦχος πλ. δ'.

Αἰνοῦμεν, εὐλογοῦμεν καὶ προσκυνοῦμεν τὸν Κύριον.

Εὐλογεῖτε Παῖδες, τῆς Τριάδος ἰσάριθμοι, δημιουργὸν Πατέρα Θεόν· ὑμνεῖτε τὸν συγκαταβάντα Λόγον, καὶ τὸ πῦρ εἰς δρόσον μεταποιήσαντα· καὶ ὑπερυψοῦτε, τὸ πᾶσι ζωὴν παρέχον, Πνεῦμα πανάγιον εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας.

Ὁ λαὸς ἴσταται διὰ τὴν Θ' Ὡδὴν.

Τὴν Θεοτόκον καὶ μητέρα τοῦ φωτὸς ἐν ὕμνοις τιμῶντες μεγαλύνωμεν.

Ὡδὴ θ'. Ἦχος πλ. δ'. Ὁ Εἰρμός.

Μυστικός εἶ Θεοτόκε Παράδεισος, ἀγεωργήτως βλαστήσασα Χριστόν, ὃς οὐ τὸ τοῦ Σταυροῦ, ζωηφόρον ἐν γῇ, πεφυτούργηται δένδρον· δι' οὗ νῦν ὑψουμένου, προσκυνοῦντες αὐτόν, σὲ μεγαλύνομεν. (δὶς)

ΤΡΟΠΑΡΙΑ.

Σταυρὲ [πανάγιε] τοῦ Χριστοῦ, σκέπε ἡμᾶς τῇ δυνάμει σου.

Αγαλλέσθω τὰ δρυμοῦ ξύλα σύμπαντα, ἀγιασθείσης τῆς φύσεως αὐτῶν, ὃς οὐ περ ἐξ ἀρχῆς, ἐφυτεύθη Χριστοῦ, ταυθέντος ἐν ξύλῳ· δι' οὗ νῦν ὑψουμένου, προσκυνοῦμεν αὐτόν καὶ μεγαλύνομεν.

Σταυρὲ [πανάγιε] τοῦ Χριστοῦ, σκέπε ἡμᾶς τῇ δυνάμει σου.

Τερὸν ἡγέρθη κέρας θεόφροσι, τῆς κεφαλῆς τῶν ἀπάντων ὁ Σταυρός, ἐν ᾧ ἀμαρτωλῶν νοουμένων, συνθλῶνται τὰ κέρατα πάντα, δι' οὗ νῦν ὑψουμένου, προσκυνοῦμεν αὐτόν καὶ μεγαλύνομεν.

Ode vii. Mode pl. 4.

The senseless decree of the ungodly tyrant caused the people fear and dread, for it issued threats hateful to God for their blasphemy. Yet, the three Children still were not struck with fear by bestial rage nor by the roaring fire; but as they stood amidst the flames, a breeze of dew refreshed them as they cried aloud: O highly praised God of our Fathers and our God, forever Thou art blessed.

Ode viii. Mode pl. 4.

We praise and we bless and we worship the Lord.

Being same in number as the Trinity, children three, bless ye the Father, Maker and God, and praise ye the Word Who of old descended in the furnace, changing the raging fire to dew; and do ye supremely exalt the All holy Spirit, the Giver of life to all unto the ages.

Stand for the singing of Ode ix.

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

Ode ix. Mode pl. 4. Heirmos.

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

TROPARIA.

Magnify, O my soul, the most venerable Cross of the Lord.

Let all the trees of the forest rejoice, for their nature hath been sanctified by Him Who planted them in the beginning, even Christ, Who was stretched out upon the Tree. Through its exaltation now, Him do we worship and magnify.

Magnify, O my soul, the most venerable Cross of the Lord.

ASacred horn is raised up for those of godly mind, even the Cross of Him that is the Head of all, wherewith all the horns of the spiritual powers of wickedness are broken. Through its exaltation now, Him do we worship and magnify.

ΕΙΡΜΟΣ ΕΤΕΡΟΣ. Ἦχος πλ. δ'. Ὁ Εἰρμός.

Ο διὰ βρώσεως τοῦ ξύλου, τῷ γένει προσγενόμενος θάνατος, διὰ Σταυροῦ κατήργηται σήμερον· τῆς γὰρ προμήτορος ἡ παγγενῆς, κατάρα διαλέλνται, τῷ βλαστῶ τῆς ἀγνῆς Θεομήτορος· ἦν πᾶσαι αἱ δυνάμεις, τῶν οὐρανῶν μεγαλύνουσι.

ΤΡΟΠΑΡΙΑ.

Σταυρὲ [πανάγιε] τοῦ Χριστοῦ, σκέπε ἡμᾶς τῇ δυνάμει σου.

Μ ἡ τὴν πικρίαν τὴν τοῦ ξύλου, ἐάσας ἀναιρέσιμον Κύριε, διὰ Σταυροῦ τελείως ἐξῆλειψας· ὅθεν καὶ ξύλον ἔλυσε ποτέ, πικρίαν ὑδάτων Μεβρᾶς, προτυποῦν τοῦ Σταυροῦ τὴν ἐνέργειαν· ἦν πᾶσαι αἱ Δυνάμεις, τῶν οὐρανῶν μεγαλύνουσιν.

Δόξα.

Α διαλείπτως βαπτομένους, τῷ ζόφῳ τοῦ προπάτορος Κύριε, διὰ Σταυροῦ ἀνύψωσας σήμερον· ὡς γὰρ τῇ πλάνῃ ἄγαν ἀκρατῶς, ἡ φύσις προκατηνέχθη, παγκλήρως ἡμᾶς πάλιν ἀνῶρθωσε, τὸ φῶς τὸ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου· ὃν οἱ πιστοὶ μεγαλύνομεν.

Καὶ νῦν.

Τ να τὸν τύπον ὑποδείξης, τῷ κόσμῳ προσκυνούμενον Κύριε, τὸν τοῦ Σταυροῦ ἐν πᾶσιν ὡς ἔνδοξον, ἐν οὐρανῷ ἐμόρφωσας, φωτὶ ἀπλέτῳ ἡγλαϊσμένον, Βασιλεῖ πανοπλίαν ἀήττητον· ἦν πᾶσαι αἱ Δυνάμεις, τῶν οὐρανῶν μεγαλύνουσιν.

ᾠδὴ 9'. Καταβασία. Ἦχος πλ. δ'.

Μυστικὸς εἶ Θεοτόκε Παράδεισος, ἀγεωργήτως βλαστήσασα Χριστόν, ὑφ' οὗ τὸ τοῦ Σταυροῦ, ζωηφόρον ἐν γῇ, πεφυτούργηται δένδρον· δι' οὗ νῦν ὑψουμένου, προσκυνοῦντες αὐτόν, σὲ μεγαλύνομεν.

ΚΑΤΑΒΑΣΙΑ ΕΤΕΡΑ. Ἦχος πλ. δ'.

Ο διὰ βρώσεως τοῦ ξύλου, τῷ γένει προσγενόμενος θάνατος, διὰ Σταυροῦ κατήργηται σήμερον· τῆς γὰρ προμήτορος ἡ παγγενῆς, κατάρα διαλέλνται, τῷ βλαστῶ τῆς ἀγνῆς Θεομήτορος· ἦν πᾶσαι αἱ δυνάμεις, τῶν οὐρανῶν μεγαλύνουσι.

Ἔτι καὶ ἔτι ἐν εἰρήνῃ τοῦ Κυρίου δεηθῶμεν.

ANOTHER HEIRMOS. Mode pl. 4. Heirmos.

Today the death that came to man through eating of the tree is abolished through the Cross. For the curse of our first mother Eve that fell on all mankind is destroyed by the Fruit of the pure Mother of God, whom all the powers of Heaven magnify.

TROPARIA.

Magnify, O my soul, the most venerable Cross of the Lord.

Not suffering the deadly bitterness of the tree to continue, O Lord, Thou hast utterly blotted it out through the Cross. Wherefore, wood also once destroyed the bitterness of the waters of Marah, prefiguring the working of the Cross, which all the powers of Heaven magnify.

Glory.

Though we were continually sunken in the gloom of our forefather, O Lord, this day Thou hast lifted us up again through the Cross. For as our nature before was pulled down into error through rank intemperance, we have been restored to our full inheritance by the light of Thy Cross, which we the faithful magnify.

Both now.

That Thou mightest show the world the figure of the Cross worshipped in all places as most glorious, O Lord, Thou hast formed it in the heaven, splendid with unapproachable light, an invincible panoply for the King, which all the powers of Heaven magnify.

Ode ix. Mode pl. 4.

OTheotokos, O thou Mystical Paradise, who without husbandry blossomed forth the Christ, by Whom the very life bearing Tree of the Cross in the earth hath been planted, now at its exaltation, Him we worship and thee do we magnify.

ANOTHER KATAVASIA. Mode pl. 4.

Today the death that came to man through eating of the tree is abolished through the Cross. For the curse of our first mother Eve that fell on all mankind is destroyed by the Fruit of the pure Mother of God, whom all the powers of Heaven magnify.

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

Χορός: Κύριε, ἐλέησον.

Ἀντιλαβοῦ, σῶσον, ἐλέησον καὶ διαφύλαξον ἡμᾶς, ὁ Θεός, τῇ σῇ χάριτι.

Χορός: Κύριε, ἐλέησον.

Τῆς παναγίας, ἀχράντου, ὑπερευλογημένης, ἐνδόξου, δεσποίνης ἡμῶν Θεοτόκου καὶ ἀειπαρθένου Μαρίας μετὰ πάντων τῶν ἁγίων μνημονεύσαντες, ἑαυτοὺς καὶ ἀλλήλους καὶ πᾶσαν τὴν ζωὴν ἡμῶν Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ παραθώμεθα.

Χορός: Σοί, Κύριε.

Ὅτι σὲ αἰνοῦσι πᾶσαι αἱ δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν καὶ σοὶ τὴν δόξαν ἀναπέμπουσι, τῷ Πατρὶ καὶ τῷ Υἱῷ καὶ τῷ ἁγίῳ Πνεύματι, νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.

Χορός: Ἀμήν.

ΕΞΑΠΟΣΤΕΙΛΑΡΙΑ.

Ἦχος β'. Τῶν Μαθητῶν ὁρώντων σε.

Σταυρὸς ὁ φύλαξ πάσης τῆς οἰκουμένης· Σταυρὸς ἡ ὡραιότης τῆς Ἐκκλησίας· Σταυρὸς βασιλέων τὸ κραταίωμα· Σταυρὸς πιστῶν τὸ στήριγμα· Σταυρὸς Ἀγγέλων ἡ δόξα, καὶ τῶν δαιμόνων τὸ τραῦμα.

ΕΤΕΡΟΝ. *Ἦχος β'. Γυναῖκες ἀκουτίσθητε.*

Σταυρὸς ὑψοῦται σήμερον, καὶ κόσμος ἀγιάζεται· ὁ γὰρ Πατὴρ συνεδρεύων, καὶ Πνεύματι τῷ Ἁγίῳ, ἐν τούτῳ χεῖρας ἀπλώσας, τὸν κόσμον ὅλον εἵλκυσας, πρὸς σὴν Χριστὲ ἐπίγνωσιν· τοὺς οὖν εἰς σὲ πεποιθότας, θείας ἀξίωσον δόξης.

Ψάλτης: Κέλευσον, δέσποτα ἅγιε. Ἦχος πλ. δ'.

Χορός:

ΟΙ ΑΙΝΟΙ.

Ἦχος πλ. δ'.

Πᾶσα πνοὴ αἰνεσάτω τὸν Κύριον. Αἰνεῖτε τὸν Κύριον ἐκ τῶν οὐρανῶν· αἰνεῖτε αὐτὸν ἐν τοῖς ὑψίστοις. Σοὶ πρέπει ὕμνος τῷ Θεῷ.

Αἰνεῖτε αὐτόν, πάντες οἱ ἄγγελοι αὐτοῦ· αἰνεῖτε αὐτόν, πᾶσαι αἱ δυνάμεις αὐτοῦ. Σοὶ πρέπει ὕμνος τῷ Θεῷ.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

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

Choir: 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.

Choir: To Thee, O Lord.

For all the powers of heaven praise Thee, and to Thee they offer up glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

EXAPOSTEILARIA.

Mode 2. With the disciples.

The Cross is the guardian of the whole world; * the Cross is the support and staff of the faithful; * the Cross is the beauty of the Church of Christ; * the Cross is the mighty strength of kings; * the Cross is the glory of Angels; * it is the wounding of demons.

ANOTHER. *Mode 2. O Women, hearken.*

Today the Cross is lifted up, * and all the world is sanctified. * For Thou, while throned with the Father * and with the All-holy Spirit, * by stretching out Thy hands thereon, * hast drawn the whole world to Thyself, * that it might know Thee, O my Christ. * Therefore, vouchsafe divine glory * to them that trust in Thy goodness.

Chanter: Omit

Choir:

LAUDS.

Mode pl. 4.

Let every breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the Heavens, praise Him in the highest. To Thee is due praise, O God.

Praise Him, all ye His angels; praise Him, all ye His hosts. To Thee is due praise, O God.

Αίνεῖτε αὐτὸν ἥλιος καὶ σελήνη, αἰνεῖτε αὐτὸν πάντα τὰ ἄστρα καὶ τὸ φῶς.

Αἰνεῖτε αὐτὸν οἱ οὐρανοὶ τῶν οὐρανῶν καὶ τὸ ὕδωρ τὸ ὑπεράνω τῶν οὐρανῶν. Αἰνεσάτωσαν τὸ ὄνομα Κυρίου.

Ὅτι αὐτὸς εἶπε, καὶ ἐγενήθησαν, αὐτὸς ἐνετείλατο, καὶ ἐκτίσθησαν.

Ἔστησεν αὐτὰ εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα καὶ εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα τοῦ αἰῶνος· πρόσταγμα ἔθετο, καὶ οὐ παρελεύσεται.

Αἰνεῖτε τὸν Κύριον ἐκ τῆς γῆς, δράκοντες καὶ πᾶσαι ἄβυσσοι.

Πῦρ, χάλαζα, χιών, κρύσταλλος, πνεῦμα καταιγίδος, τὰ ποιοῦντα τὸν λόγον αὐτοῦ.

Τὰ ὄρη καὶ πάντες οἱ βουνοί, ξύλα καρποφόρα καὶ πᾶσαι κέδροι.

Τὰ θηρία καὶ πάντα τὰ κτήνη, ἔρπετὰ καὶ πετεινὰ πτερωτά.

Βασιλεῖς τῆς γῆς καὶ πάντες λαοί, ἄρχοντες καὶ πάντες κριταὶ γῆς.

Νεανίσκοι καὶ παρθένοι, πρεσβύτεροι μετὰ νεωτέρων· αἰνεσάτωσαν τὸ ὄνομα Κυρίου, ὅτι ὑψώθη τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ μόνου.

Ἡ ἐξομολόγησις αὐτοῦ ἐπὶ γῆς καὶ οὐρανοῦ. καὶ ὑψώσει κέρασ λαοῦ αὐτοῦ.

Ὕμνος πᾶσι τοῖς ὁσίοις αὐτοῦ, τοῖς υἱοῖς Ἰσραὴλ, λαῷ ἐγγίζοντι αὐτῷ.

Ἄσατε τῷ Κυρίῳ ὄσμα καινόν, ἡ αἴνεσις αὐτοῦ ἐν ἐκκλησίᾳ ὁσίων.

Εὐφρανθήτω Ἰσραὴλ ἐπὶ τῷ ποιήσαντι αὐτόν, καὶ οἱ υἱοὶ Σιών ἀγαλλιᾶσθωσαν ἐπὶ τῷ βασιλεῖ αὐτῶν.

Αἰνεσάτωσαν τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ ἐν χορῷ, ἐν τυμπάνῳ καὶ ψαλτηρίῳ ψαλάτωσαν αὐτῷ.

Ὅτι εὐδοκεῖ Κύριος ἐν τῷ λαῷ αὐτοῦ καὶ ὑψώσει πραεῖς ἐν σωτηρίᾳ.

Καυχῆσονται ὅσοι ἐν δόξῃ καὶ ἀγαλλιάσονται ἐπὶ τῶν κοιτῶν αὐτῶν.

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

Praise Him, ye heavens of heavens, and thou water that art above the heavens. Let them praise the Name of the Lord;

For He spake, and they came to be; He commanded, and they were created.

He established them for ever, yea, for ever and ever; He hath set an ordinance, and it shall not pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons, and all ye abysses.

Fire, hail, snow, ice, blast of tempest, which perform His word,

The mountains and all the hills, fruitful trees, and all cedars,

The beasts and all the cattle, creeping things and winged birds.

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

Young men and virgins, elders with the younger; let them praise the Name of the Lord, for exalted is the Name of Him alone.

His praise is above the earth and heaven, and He shall exalt the horn of his people.

This is the hymn for all His saints, for the sons of Israel, and for the people that draw nigh unto Him.

Sing unto the Lord a new song; His praise is in the church of the saints.

Let Israel be glad in Him that made him, let the sons of Sion rejoice in their King.

Let them praise His Name in the dance; with the timbrel and psaltery let them chant unto Him.

For the Lord taketh pleasure in His people, and He shall exalt the meek with salvation.

The saints shall boast in glory, and they shall rejoice upon their beds.

Αἱ ὑψώσεις τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐν τῷ λάρυγγι αὐτῶν, καὶ ῥομφαῖαι δίστομοι ἐν ταῖς χερσὶν αὐτῶν.

Τοῦ ποιῆσαι ἐκδίκησιν ἐν τοῖς ἔθνεσιν, ἐλεγμούς ἐν τοῖς λαοῖς.

Τοῦ δῆσαι τοὺς βασιλεῖς αὐτῶν ἐν πέδαις καὶ τοὺς ἐνδόξους αὐτῶν ἐν χειροπέδαις σιδηραῖς.

Τοῦ ποιῆσαι ἐν αὐτοῖς κρίμα ἔγγραπτον· δόξα αὕτη ἔσται πᾶσι τοῖς ὁσίοις αὐτοῦ.

Αἰνεῖτε τὸν Θεὸν ἐν τοῖς ἁγίοις αὐτοῦ, αἰνεῖτε αὐτὸν ἐν στερεώματι τῆς δυνάμεως αὐτοῦ.

ΣΤΙΧΗΡΑ ΤΟΥ ΣΤΑΥΡΟΥ. Ἦχος πλ. δ'. Ὡ τοῦ παραδόξου.

Αἰνεῖτε αὐτὸν ἐπὶ ταῖς δυναστεαῖς αὐτοῦ, αἰνεῖτε αὐτὸν κατὰ τὸ πλήθος τῆς μεγαλωσύνης αὐτοῦ.

Ὡ τοῦ παραδόξου θαύματος! τὸ ζωηφόρον φυτόν, ὁ Σταυρὸς ὁ πανάγιος, εἰς ὕψος αἱρόμενος, ἐμφανίζεται σήμερον· δοξολογοῦσι, πάντα τὰ πέρατα· ἐκδειματοῦνται, δαίμονες ἅπαντες. Ὡ οἷον δώρημα, τοῖς βροτοῖς κεχάριστα! δι' οὗ Χριστέ, σώσον τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν, ὡς μόνος εὐσπλαγχνος.

Αἰνεῖτε αὐτὸν ἐν ἡχῷ σάλπιγγος, αἰνεῖτε αὐτὸν ἐν ψαλτηρίῳ καὶ κιθάρᾳ.

Ὡ τοῦ παραδόξου θαύματος! τὸ ζωηφόρον φυτόν, ὁ Σταυρὸς ὁ πανάγιος, εἰς ὕψος αἱρόμενος, ἐμφανίζεται σήμερον· δοξολογοῦσι, πάντα τὰ πέρατα· ἐκδειματοῦνται, δαίμονες ἅπαντες. Ὡ οἷον δώρημα, τοῖς βροτοῖς κεχάριστα! δι' οὗ Χριστέ, σώσον τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν, ὡς μόνος εὐσπλαγχνος.

Αἰνεῖτε αὐτὸν ἐν τυμπάνῳ καὶ χορῷ, αἰνεῖτε αὐτὸν ἐν χορδαῖς καὶ ὀργάνῳ.

Ὡ τοῦ παραδόξου θαύματος! ὡς βότρυν πλήρη ζωῆς, ὁ βαστάσας τὸν ὕψιστον, ἀπὸ γῆς ὑψούμενος, Σταυρὸς ὁράται σήμερον, δι' οὗ πρὸς Θεόν, πάντες εἰλκυσθημεν, καὶ κατεπόθη, εἰς τέλος θάνατος. Ὡ ξύλον ἄχραντον! ὕψ' οὗ ἀπολαύομεν τῆς ἐν Ἐδέμ, ἀθανάτου βρώσεως, Χριστὸν δοξάζοντες.

The high praise of God shall be in their throat, and two edged swords shall be in their hands.

To do vengeance among the heathen, punishments among the peoples.

To bind their kings with fetters, and their nobles with manacles of iron.

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

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

STICHERA FOR THE CROSS. Mode pl. 4. What a paradoxal.

Praise Him for His mighty acts; praise Him according to His excellent greatness.

O strange wonder, great and marvellous! * Today the life-bearing Tree, * the all-holy and precious Cross, * being lifted up on high, * is made manifest openly. * All of the ends of the earth give glory now, * and all the demons are sorely terrified. * O what a gift is this, * kindly granted to us mortal men, O Christ! * whereby save our souls, since Thou alone art merciful.

Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet; praise Him with the psaltery and harp.

O strange wonder, great and marvellous! * Today the life-bearing Tree, * the all-holy and precious Cross, * being lifted up on high, * is made manifest openly. * All of the ends of the earth give glory now, * and all the demons are sorely terrified. * O what a gift is this, * kindly granted to us mortal men, O Christ! * whereby save our souls, since Thou alone art merciful.

Praise Him with the timbrel and dance; praise Him with stringed instruments and organs.

O strange wonder, great and marvellous! * The Cross, which held the Most High * like a grape-cluster full of life, * clearly doth appear this day * lifted high up above the earth. * Through it, we all have been drawn nigh unto God, * and death is utterly swallowed up at last. * O thou unsullied Tree! * through which, as we send up glory unto Christ, * we partake of Eden's comely and immortal fruit.

Αἰνεῖτε αὐτὸν ἐν κυμβάλοις εὐήχοις, αἰνεῖτε αὐτὸν ἐν κυμβάλοις ἀλαλαγμοῦ. Πᾶσα πνοὴ αἰνεσάτω τὸν Κύριον.

Ω τοῦ παραδόξου θαύματος! εὖρος καὶ μήκος Σταυροῦ, οὐρανοῦ ἰσοστάσιον, ὅτι θεία χάριτι, ἀγιάζει τὰ σύμπαντα· ἐν τούτῳ ἔθνη βάρβαρα ἡττηγται· ἐν τούτῳ σκῆπτρα, ἀνάκτων ἡδραστὰι. Ὡ θείας κλίμακος! δι' ἧς ἀνατρέχομεν εἰς οὐρανοὺς, ὑψοῦντες ἐν ἄσμασι, Χριστὸν τὸν Κύριον.

Δόξα· καὶ νῦν. *Ἦχος πλ. β'.*

Σήμερον προέρχεται ὁ Σταυρὸς τοῦ Κυρίου, καὶ πιστοὶ εἰσδέχονται αὐτὸν ἐκ πόθου, καὶ λαμβάνουσιν ἰάματα ψυχῆς τε καὶ σώματος, καὶ πάσης μαλακίας. Αὐτὸν ἀσπασώμεθα τῇ χαρᾷ καὶ τῷ φόβῳ· φόβῳ διὰ τὴν ἁμαρτίαν, ὡς ἀνάξιοι ὄντες· χαρᾷ δὲ διὰ τὴν σωτηρίαν, ἣν παρέχει τῷ κόσμῳ, ὁ ἐν αὐτῷ προσπαγεὶς Χριστὸς ὁ Κύριος, ὁ ἔχων τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

The Doxology follows immediately.

(Mode 4 "Agia" is preferred for today.)

Ὁ λαὸς ἵσταται διὰ τὴν Μ. Δοξολογίαν.

Η ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΔΟΞΟΛΟΓΙΑ

Δόξα σοι τῷ δείξαντι τὸ φῶς. Δόξα ἐν ὑψίστοις Θεῷ καὶ ἐπὶ γῆς εἰρήνῃ, ἐν ἀνθρώποις εὐδοκία.

Ὑμνοῦμέν σε, εὐλογοῦμέν σε, προσκυνοῦμέν σε, δοξολογοῦμέν σε, εὐχαριστοῦμέν σοι, διὰ τὴν μεγάλην σου δόξαν.

Κύριε βασιλεῦ, ἐπουράνιε Θεέ, Πάτερ παντοκράτορ· Κύριε Υἱὲ μονογενές, Ἰησοῦ Χριστέ, καὶ Ἅγιον Πνεῦμα.

Κύριε ὁ Θεός, ὁ ἀμνὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Πατρός, ὁ αἵρων τὴν ἁμαρτίαν τοῦ κόσμου, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς, ὁ αἵρων τὰς ἁμαρτίας τοῦ κόσμου.

Πρόσδεξαι τὴν δέησιν ἡμῶν, ὁ καθήμενος ἐν δεξιᾷ τοῦ Πατρός, καὶ ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς.

Ὅτι σὺ εἶ μόνος Ἅγιος, σὺ εἶ μόνος Κύριος, Ἰησοῦς Χριστός, εἰς δόξαν Θεοῦ Πατρός. Ἀμήν.

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

O strange wonder, great and marvellous! * The length and breadth of the Cross * is the equal of Heaven's span, * for by means of grace divine, * it doth hallow the universe. * By this, barbarian nations are subdued; * by this, the sceptres of princes are made strong. * O ladder most divine! * whereby we ascend unto the Heavens' heights, * while exalting Christ the Lord with hymns and songs of praise.

Glory. Both now. *Mode pl. 2.*

Today the Cross of the Lord goeth forth, and the faithful welcome it with longing, and they receive healing of soul and body and of every malady. Let us kiss it with joy and fear: with fear, because of sin, for we are unworthy; with joy, because of the salvation granted to the world by Him Who was crucified thereon, Christ the Lord, Who hath great mercy.

The Doxology follows immediately.

(Mode 4 "Agia" is preferred for today.)

Stand for the Great Doxology.

GREAT DOXOLOGY

Glory be to Thee Who hast shown the light. Glory in the highest to God, and on earth peace, good will among men.

We praise Thee; we bless Thee; we worship Thee; we glorify Thee; we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory.

O Lord, King, heavenly God, the Father Almighty, O Lord the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

O Lord, God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, Who takest away the sin of the world: have mercy on us, Thou Who takest away the sins of the world.

Receive our prayer, Thou Who sittest at the right hand of the Father; and have mercy on us.

For Thou alone art holy; Thou alone art Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Καθ' ἐκάστην ἡμέραν εὐλογήσω σε καὶ αἰνέσω τὸ ὄνομά σου εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα καὶ εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα τοῦ αἰῶνος.

Καταξιώσον, Κύριε, ἐν τῇ ἡμέρᾳ ταύτῃ, ἀναμαρτήτους φυλαχθῆναι ἡμᾶς.

Εὐλογητὸς εἶ, Κύριε, ὁ Θεὸς τῶν Πατέρων ἡμῶν, καὶ αἰνετὸν καὶ δεδοξασμένον τὸ ὄνομά σου εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας. Ἀμήν.

Γένοιτο, Κύριε, τὸ ἔλεός σου ἐφ' ἡμᾶς, καθάπερ ἠλπίσαμεν ἐπὶ σέ.

Εὐλογητὸς εἶ Κύριε, δίδασόν με τὰ δικαιώματά σου.

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Κύριε, καταφυγὴ ἐγενήθης ἡμῖν ἐν γενεᾷ καὶ γενεᾷ. Ἐγὼ εἶπα· Κύριε, ἐλέησόν με, ἴσασαι τὴν ψυχὴν μου, ὅτι ἡμαρτόν σοι.

Κύριε, πρὸς σέ κατέφυγον. Δίδασόν με τοῦ ποιεῖν τὸ θέλημά σου, ὅτι σὺ εἶ ὁ Θεός μου.

Ὅτι παρὰ σοὶ πηγὴ ζωῆς, ἐν τῷ φωτί σου ὀψόμεθα φῶς.

Παράτεινον τὸ ἔλεός σου τοῖς γινώσκουσί σε.

Ἅγιος ὁ Θεός, Ἅγιος Ἰσχυρός, Ἅγιος Ἀθάνατος, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς. (3)

Δόξα Πατρὶ καὶ Υἱῷ καὶ Ἀγίῳ Πνεύματι.

Καὶ νῦν καὶ ἀεὶ, καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

Ἅγιος Ἀθάνατος, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς.

Ἅγιος ὁ Θεός, Ἅγιος Ἰσχυρός, Ἅγιος Ἀθάνατος, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς.

If the Service of the Elevation of the Cross will occur at the end of Liturgy then sing the following. Otherwise, see below.

ΑΠΟΛΥΤΙΚΙΟΝ. Ἦχος α'.

Σῶσον, Κύριε, τὸν λαόν σου, καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς βασιλεῦσι κατὰ βαρβάρων δωρούμενος, καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων, διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα.

Every day will I bless Thee, and I will praise Thy name forever and unto the ages of ages.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy name unto the ages. Amen.

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, even as we have hoped in Thee.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, teach me Thy statutes.

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Lord, Thou hast been our refuge from generation to generation. I said: O Lord, have mercy on me; heal my soul, for I have sinned against Thee.

O Lord, to Thee have I fled for refuge; teach me to do Thy will, for Thou art my God.

For in Thee is the fountain of life; in Thy light we shall see light.

Continue Thy mercy unto those who know Thee.

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.

If the Service of the Elevation of the Cross will occur at the end of Liturgy then sing the following. Otherwise, see below.

APOLYTIKION. Mode 1.

Save, O Lord, Thy people and bless Thine inheritance; grant Thou unto the faithful victory over adversaries. And by the power of Thy Cross do Thou preserve Thy commonwealth.

Special Service of the Elevation

(The procession with the cross takes place during singing of the Asmatic Holy God.)

Χορός: Ἅγιος ὁ Θεός, ἅγιος Ἰσχυρός, ἅγιος Ἀθάνατος, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς.

Ἱερεύς: Σοφία. Ὁρθοί.

ΑΠΟΛΥΤΙΚΙΟΝ. Ἦχος α'.

Σώσον, Κύριε, τὸν λαόν σου, καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς βασιλεῦσι κατὰ βαρβάρων δωρούμενος, καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων, διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα.

Χορός:

ΑΠΟΛΥΤΙΚΙΟΝ.**Ἦχος α'.**

Σώσον, Κύριε, τὸν λαόν σου, καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς βασιλεῦσι κατὰ βαρβάρων δωρούμενος, καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων, διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα. (δίς)

Ἱερεύς: Ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς, ὁ Θεός, κατὰ τὸ μέγα ἔλεός σου, δεόμεθά σου, ἐπάκουσον καὶ ἐλέησον.

Χορός:

Κύριε, ἐλέησον. (μ')

Ἱερεύς: Ἦτι δεόμεθα ὑπὲρ τῶν εὐσεβῶν καὶ ὀρθοδόξων χριστιανῶν.

Χορός:

Κύριε, ἐλέησον. (μ')

Ἱερεύς: Ἦτι δεόμεθα ὑπὲρ τοῦ Ἀρχιεπισκόπου ἡμῶν (δεῖνος).

Χορός:

Κύριε, ἐλέησον. (μ')

Ἱερεύς: Ἦτι δεόμεθα ὑπὲρ ἐλέους, ζωῆς, εἰρήνης, υὑγείας, σωτηρίας, ἐπισκέψεως, συγχωρήσεως καὶ ἀφέσεως τῶν ἁμαρτιῶν τῶν δούλων τοῦ Θεοῦ, πάντων τῶν εὐσεβῶν καὶ ὀρθοδόξων χριστιανῶν τῶν κατοικούντων καὶ παρεπιδημούντων ἐν τῇ πόλει ταύτῃ, τῶν ἐνοριτῶν, ἐπιτρόπων, συνδρομητῶν καὶ ἀφιερωτῶν τῆς ἁγίας Ἐκκλησίας ταύτης.

Special Service of the Elevation

(The procession with the cross takes place during singing of the Asmatic Holy God.)

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

Priest: Wisdom. Arise.

APOLYTIKION. Mode 1.

Save, O Lord, Thy people and bless Thine inheritance; grant Thou unto the faithful victory over adversaries. And by the power of Thy Cross do Thou preserve Thy commonwealth.

Choir: Apolytikion.

Mode 1.

Save, O Lord, Thy people and bless Thine inheritance; grant Thou unto the faithful victory over adversaries. And by the power of Thy Cross do Thou preserve Thy commonwealth. (2)

Priest: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Thy great mercy, we pray Thee, hear us and have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. (40)

Priest: Again we pray for pious and Orthodox Christians.

Lord, have mercy. (40)

Priest: Again we pray for our Archbishop (name).

Lord, have mercy. (40)

Priest: Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, protection, forgiveness, and remission of the sins of the servants of God, all pious Orthodox Christians residing and visiting in this city: the parishioners, the members of the parish council, the stewards, and benefactors of this holy church.

Χορός:

Κύριε, ἐλέησον. (μ')

Ἱερεὺς: Ἔτι δεόμεθα ὑπὲρ πάσης ψυχῆς χριστιανῶν ὀρθοδόξων, ὑγείας τε σωτηρίας καὶ ἀφέσεως τῶν ἁμαρτιῶν αὐτῶν.

Χορός:

Κύριε, ἐλέησον. (μ')

Ἱερεὺς:

KONTAKION.

Ἦχος δ'. Αὐτόμελον.

Ο ὑψωθείς ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ ἐκουσίως, τῇ ἐπωνύμῳ σου καινῇ πολιτείᾳ, τοὺς οἰκτιρμούς σου δώρησαι, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός. Εὐφρανὼν ἐν τῇ δυνάμει σου, τοὺς πιστοὺς βασιλεῖς ἡμῶν, νίκας χορηγῶν αὐτοῖς, κατὰ τῶν πολεμίων· τὴν συμμαχίαν ἔχοιεν τὴν σὴν, ὅπλον εἰρήνης, ἀήττητον τρόπαιον.

Ἦχος β'.

Τὸν Σταυρόν σου προσκυνοῦμεν, Δέσποτα, καὶ τὴν ἁγίαν σου ἀνάστασιν δοξάζομεν.

Χορός: Τὸν Σταυρόν σου προσκυνοῦμεν, Δέσποτα, καὶ τὴν ἁγίαν σου ἀνάστασιν δοξάζομεν. (δίς)

(As the people venerate the cross, sing the following hymn:)

Ἦχος β'.

Δεῦτε πιστοί, τὸ ζωοποιὸν ξύλον προσκυνήσωμεν, ἐν ᾧ Χριστὸς ὁ Βασιλεὺς τῆς δόξης ἐκουσίως χειρὰς ἐκτείνας, ὑψωσεν ἡμᾶς εἰς τὴν ἀρχαίαν μακαριότητα, οὓς πρὶν ὁ ἐχθρός, δι' ἡδονῆς συλήσας, ἐξορίστους Θεοῦ πεποίηκε. Δεῦτε πιστοὶ ξύλον προσκυνήσωμεν, δι' οὗ ἡξιώθημεν, τῶν ἀοράτων ἐχθρῶν συντρίβειν τὰς κάρας. Δεῦτε πᾶσαι αἱ πατριαὶ τῶν ἐθνῶν, τὸν Σταυρόν τοῦ Κυρίου ὕμνοις τιμήσωμεν. Χαίροις Σταυρὲ τοῦ πεσόντος Ἀδάμ ἢ τελεία λύτρωσις. Ἐν σοὶ οἱ πιστότατοι βασιλεῖς ἡμῶν καυχῶνται, ὡς τῇ σῇ δυνάμει, Ἰσμαηλίτην λαὸν κραταιῶς ὑποτάττοντες.

Lord, have mercy. (40)

Priest: Again we pray for the soul of every Orthodox Christian, for their health, salvation, and forgiveness of sins.

Lord, have mercy. (40)

Priest:

KONTAKION.

Mode 4. Automelon.

Thou Who wast raised up on the Cross of Thine own will, * O Christ our God, do Thou bestow Thy compassions * upon this, Thy new commonwealth named after Thee. * Gladden with Thy sov'reign, might * our most Orthodox hierarchs, * and vouchsafe them victory * over every false teaching; * and as Thy help in war may they possess * the weapon of peace, the trophy invincible.

Mode 2.

We venerate Your Cross, O Master, and we glorify Thy Holy Resurrection.

Choir: We venerate Your Cross, O Master, and we glorify Thy Holy Resurrection. (2)

(As the people venerate the cross, sing the following hymn:)

Mode 2.

Come, O believers, let us venerate the life-giving Cross. For Christ, the King of glory, voluntarily extended His hands on it and raised up to the original blessedness, after the enemy long ago had captured us with the bait of pleasure, and caused us to be exiled from God. Come, O believers, let us venerate the Cross, by which we have been granted to crush the skulls of our invisible enemies. Come, all you family of the Gentiles, let us sing hymns to honor the Cross of the Lord. "We salute you, O Cross, for you are the complete redemption of Adam who had fallen.

Σὲ νῦν μετὰ φόβου χριστιανοὶ ἀσπαζόμενοι, τὸν ἐν σοὶ προσπαγέοντα Θεὸν δοξάζομεν, λέγοντες· Κύριε, ὁ ἐν αὐτῷ σταυρωθεὶς, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς, ὡς ἀγαθὸς καὶ φιλόανθρωπος.

ΑΠΟΛΥΤΙΚΙΟΝ. Ἦχος α'.

Σῶσον, Κύριε, τὸν λαόν σου, καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς βασιλεῦσι κατὰ βαρβάρων δωρούμενος, καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων, διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα.

In you our most faithful leaders boast, for by your power they have mightily subdued the foreign enemy. Now we Christians with fear and awe salute you with a kiss, and we glorify God who was nailed to you, and we say, 'O Lord, who were nailed to the Cross, have mercy on us, for You are good and benevolent.'

APOLYTIKION. *Mode 1.*

Save, O Lord, Thy people and bless Thine inheritance; grant Thou unto the faithful victory over adversaries. And by the power of Thy Cross do Thou preserve Thy commonwealth.