O glorious Apostle, Paul, who can describe thy bondage and tribulations in the cities; or expatiate on the struggles and hardships which thou didst encounter in the preaching of Christ, that thou mightest win all and present the Church to Christ?

Wherefore, O Apostle Paul, teacher of the churches, plead thou that she may preserve thy good confession unto her last breath.

Their sound hath gone forth unto all the earth.
O glorious Apostle,
who can describe thy bondage and sorrow in the cities; the tribulations, hardships, watchings, and painful misfortunes, through hunger and thirst, through cold, nakedness, barrel, beatings with rods, stoning, crossing of wilderness, and drowning in the bottom of the sea? Thou hast become a spectacle to angels and men, bearing all with the help of Christ who established thee.

Wherefore, we who celebrate thy memorial in
faith, be-seech thee to intercede for the salvation of our souls.

Stichos 2

The heavens show forth the glory of God.

Idiomelon 3

Let us extol Peter and Paul, the two great luminaries of the Church; for they did shine forth in the firmament of faith, transcending the sun in brilliance; by the rays of whose preaching they led forth the Gentiles from ignorance into divine knowledge. Wherefore, one of them was nailed upon the Cross, making his
way un-to heaven where he received the keys of the kingdom from Christ himself; and the other was beheaded with the sword, and was carried to the Savior, being blessed as is meet; both declaring that Israel laid hand against the Lord unjustly. By their petitions, therefore, O Christ our God, demolish our enemies and establish the Orthodox Faith; for thou art the Lover of mankind.
Glory - Tone 6

Glo - ry - Tone 6

To - day hath shone forth to the ends of the earth

a de - light - ful feast by the all - sol - emn me - mo - rial,

the mem - o - rial of the all - wise A - pos - tles,

the heads of the A - pos - tles, Pe - ter and Paul.

Where - fore, let Rome re - ceive the glad tid - ings re - joic - ing,

and let us, breth - ren, feast this all - sol - emn day, crying un - to

them, Re - joice, O Pe - ter the A - pos - tle

and the spe - cial friend of the Teach - er
Then sing "Both now . . ." to our Lady, in heirmologic Tone 6.

Both now and ev - er, and un - to a - ges of a - ges. A - men.

Thou art the true vine, O The - o - to - kos
bear - ing the Fruit of life. Thee do we im - plore.

Where - fore, O La - dy, in - ter - cede
thou to - geth - er with thē A - pos - tles and with all the saints,
for the sal - va - tion of our souls.