

# THE STRUCTURE OF THE ORTHROS SERVICE

*(When followed by the Divine Liturgy)*

*Priest:* "Blessed is our God. . ."

"Glory to thee. . ."

"O heavenly King. . ." *(Not said from Easter to Pentecost)*

*Chanter:* "Amen," **Trisagion Prayers** ("Holy God. . ." through **Lord's Prayer**)

*Priest:* **Exclamation:** "For thine is the Kingdom. . ."

*Chanter:* "Amen."

"O Lord save thy people. . ."

Glory. . . "Do thou, who of thine own. . ."

Now. . . "O Champion dread, who cannot. . ."

*Priest:* **Ektenia:** "Have mercy on us. . ."

"Again we pray for pious. . ."

"Again we pray for our father and Metropolitan **PHILIP**. . ."

*Chanter:* "Amen."

"Glory to God in the highest. . ." (3 times)

*Between Pascha and Ascension this should be replaced by, "Christ is risen from the dead."*

"O Lord open thou my lips. . ." (2 times)<sup>1</sup>

## **Six Psalms**

*Priest:* **Great Ektenia**

*Chanter:* **God is the Lord**. . . preceded by the verses, "O give thanks unto the Lord. . ."

Proper **Apolytikion (Troparion and Theotokion)**

*Priest:* **Little Ektenia**

*Chanter:* Proper Kathismata

**Evlogetaria** *(not sung on certain Sundays)*

*Priest:* **Little Ektenia**

*Chanter:* Proper **Hypakoe, Anabathmoi, and Prokeimenon**

*Priest:* "Let us pray to the Lord."

*Chanter:* "Lord, have mercy."

*Priest:* "For Holy art thou. . ."

*Chanter:* "Amen." "Let everything. . ."

*Priest:* **READ THE MATINS GOSPEL**

*Chanter:* "In that we have beheld the Resurrection. . ." *(not said on certain Sundays)*

## **Psalm 50**

### **Troparia**

*Priest:* **Intercession:** "O God save thy people. . ."

*Chanter:* "Lord, have mercy." (12 times)

*Priest:* Exclamation: "Through the mercies. . ."

*Chanter:* "Amen." The Kontakion and the Ikos for the Tone or for the day and the Synaxarion are read and then the proper **Katabasia**.

*Priest:* **Little Ektenia**

*Chanter:* "Holy is the Lord. . ." (3 times)

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<sup>1</sup>Note: Substitute "Christ is risen" (three times) for these from Easter to Ascension eve.

"Exalt ye the Lord. . ." (*except from Good Friday until Pentecost*)

Proper **Exaposteilarion and Theotokion**

Proper **Praises** (*Ainoi*), preceded by the verses.

Proper **Doxastikon and Theotokion**

**Great Doxology**, in proper Tone

Proper **Troparion**