

ABBREVIATED RUBRICS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2017
SUNDAY OF FOREFATHERS (ANCESTORS) OF CHRIST

PROPHET DANIEL AND THE THREE HOLY YOUTHS ANANIAS, AZARIAS AND MISHAEL;
DIONYSIOS OF ZAKYNTHOS, THE WONDERWORKER; NEW MARTYRS PAISIOS THE HIEROMONK
AND HIS DISCIPLE HABAKKUK THE DEACON OF BELGRADE

NOTE TO CLERGY: Remember to include this special petition in the Great Litany in all services before the one for the head of state, as directed by the Antiochian Archdiocese.

Deacon: For Metropolitan Paul, Archbishop John, and for their quick release from captivity and safe return, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

GREAT VESPERS ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16; TONE 3

1.) *Great Vespers begins as usual:*

Priest: Blessed is our God, always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Come, let us worship and fall down before God our King.

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King and our God.

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, our King and our God.

2.) *The reader then says Psalm 103, and then the deacon offers the Great Litany.*

3.) *We chant "O Lord, I Have Cried" in Tone 3 with ten troparia:*

(Nassar 152-153; Kazan Vesp. 32-42)

For the Resurrection from the Octoechos in Tone Three

Verse 10. Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise Thy Name.

O Christ Savior, the might of death hath verily broken down under Thy Cross; and the deceit of Diabolus hath ceased; and the race of man hath by faith escaped and been saved. Wherefore, praise is offered Thee perpetually.

Verse 9. The righteous shall wait for me until Thou recompense me.

The whole creation, O Lord God, hath been lighted by Thy glorified Resurrection; and paradise hath been opened withal. Wherefore, all creatures laud Thee and offer Thee praise perpetually.

Verse 8. Out of the depths have I cried to Thee, O Lord, Lord hear my voice.

I glorify the power of the Father, magnify the power of the Son, and praise the might of the Holy Spirit, one Godhead, indivisible, uncreated, consubstantial Trinity, reigning through all eternity.

Verse 7. Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

Thy glorified Cross, O Christ, do we worship, and Thy Resurrection do we praise and glorify; for by Thy wounds we are all healed.

Verse 6. If Thou, O Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? For with Thee there is forgiveness.

Let us praise the Savior Who was incarnate of the Virgin; for He was crucified for our sake, and arose on the third day, granting us Great Mercy.

Verse 5. Because of Thy name have I waited for Thee, O Lord; my soul hath waited upon Thy word, my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

Verily, Christ did descend to Hades to bring good tidings to those therein, saying, Have faith now; for I have conquered; for I am the Resurrection, Who, unlocking the gates of death, shall set ye free.

(HTM December Menaion 76-77)

For the Forefathers in Tone Eight (The Paradise of Eden**)**

Verse 4. From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch let Israel trust in the Lord. As we the faithful celebrate today * the Forefathers' memory, * let us praise Christ the Redeemer and our King, * Who magnified them in the midst * of all nations upon the earth * and through faith accomplished strange and wondrous signs, * performing marvels and miracles, * since He is powerful and strong, * and Who from them hath shown unto us * that rod of power prophesied: * Mary, the Child of God, * who alone had no experience of man * and from whom came the Flower, * the promised Christ, Who sprouted life for all, * inexhaustible delight, * and our salvation to eternity.

Verse 3. For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is abundant redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.

O Master, Who didst rescue from the fire * the Children in Babylon * and wise Daniel from the lions' gaping mouths; * Thou Who didst bless great Abraham, * holy Isaac, Thy servant, and * his son Jacob, the beloved Israel; * Thou Who wast pleased to become like us * from their descendants and their seed, * to save our first parents, who of old * had slipped and fallen into death: * Thou, Lord, wast crucified, * and wast buried, and didst burst the bonds of death, * with Thyself resurrecting * all that since time began lay 'midst the dead, * who then worshipped Thee, O Christ, * and Thine eternal Kingdom over all.

Verse 2. Praise the Lord, all ye nations; praise Him, all ye people.

As in a gentle shower 'midst the flame, * the Children of God rejoiced * as they walked about amidst the Spirit's dew; * and in the flame they mystically * did prefigure the Trinity * and the wondrous Incarnation of Christ God; * since they were wise, by their faith in God * they quenched the power of the fire; * and righteous Daniel was also seen * to muzzle lions in the den. * Since Thou, O Friend of man, * art entreated by their prayers in our behalf, * rescue us all, O Savior, * from the eternal fire that nought can quench, * and vouchsafe that we attain * unto Thy Kingdom in the Heavens, O Lord.

Verse 1. For His mercy is great toward us, and the truth of the Lord endureth forever.

When in the furnace of the blazing flame, * Thy holy and faithful Youths * proved to be as in a cool, refreshing dew; * then did they mystically portray * from before that Thou wast to come * from a Virgin whom Thy brightness would not burn. * As for Thy coming the second time * in Thy dread glory as our God, * the wondrous Prophet and righteous man, * great Daniel, clearly hath foretold, * when he cried out and said: * I beheld until the thrones were set in place * and the Judge sat for judgment; * and then rushed forth the river of that fire, * from the which may we be saved, * by their entreaties, O our Master Christ.

(Nassar 363)

DOXASTICON FOR THE FOREFATHERS IN TONE SIX

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Let us, O believers, extol today all the Forefathers before the law, Abraham the friend of God, Isaac born after the promise, Jacob with the twelve heads of the tribes, David the most meek, and Daniel the Prophet of desires, honoring with them the three youths who changed the furnace to a dewy place, asking forgiveness of Christ God, glorified in His saints.

(Nassar 153; Kazan Vesp. 42-44)

THEOTOKION FOR THE RESURRECTION IN TONE THREE

Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O Lady of exceeding honor, how can we but wonder at thee giving birth to incarnate God? For thou, O all-blameless, not knowing a man, didst give birth in the flesh to a Son without father, who before eternity was begotten of the Father without mother, the property and essence of each substance remaining intact. Wherefore, O virgin Mother, beseech Him to save the souls of those who assent and confess, with true belief, that thou art the Theotokos.

- 4.) *The Entrance is made with the censer, and we chant “O Gladsome Light ...” (Chant) (Choral) followed by the Prokeimenon “The Lord is King ...” in Tone 6 with its stichoi.*

SATURDAY PROKEIMENON IN TONE SIX

Deacon: The Evening Prokeimenon!

Choir: The Lord is King, and hath clothed Himself with majesty. (ONCE)

Verse 1. *The Lord is robed; He is girded with strength. (Refrain)*

Verse 2. *For He has established the world so that it shall never be moved. (Refrain)*

- 5.) *The deacon offers the Litany of Fervent Supplication, and the people then say the Evening Prayer “Vouchsafe, O Lord.” The deacon offers the Litany of Supplication, and the priest offers “The Peace” and the Prayer of the Bowing of Heads.*

- 6.) *At the Aposticha, we chant the following:*

(Nassar 153; Kazan Vesp. 128-131)

APOSTICHA FOR THE RESURRECTION IN TONE THREE

O Christ, Who didst darken the sun with Thy Passion, and didst light all created things with the light of Thy Resurrection, and didst make them to rejoice, accept our evening praise, O Lover of mankind.

Verse 1. *The Lord is King, and hath clothed Himself with majesty. The Lord is robed; He is girded with strength.*

Verily, Thy life-giving Resurrection hath lighted the whole universe, renewing Thy corrupt creation. Wherefore, in that Thou hast delivered us from the curse of Adam, we shout to Thee, O Lord Almighty, glory to Thee.

Verse 2. For He has established the world so that it shall never be moved.

O changeless God, Thou didst suffer in the changing body, and when creation could not bear to behold Thee suspended on the Cross, it trembled with fear, and sighed, praising Thy long-suffering. Then, descending to Hades, Thou didst arise on the third day, granting life to the world and Great Mercy.

Verse 3. Holiness befits Thy house, O Lord, forevermore.

Thou didst suffer death, O Christ, that Thou mightest deliver our race from death. Thou didst rise from the dead on the third day, and didst arouse with Thee those who know that Thou art true God, verily illuminating the world, O Lord. Wherefore, glory to Thee.

(Nassar 363)

DOXASTICON FOR THE FOREFATHERS IN TONE THREE

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Come ye feast-lovers, let us extol with hymns the assembly of the Forefathers, Adam the first father, Enoch, Noah and Melchizedek; Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; and those after the law—Moses, Aaron, Joshua and Samuel; and with them Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel and the twelve prophets, with Elijah and Elisha, and all the rest; and Zachariah, the Baptist, and those who preached Christ, the Life and Resurrection of our race.

(Nassar 154; Kazan Vesp. 131-132)

THEOTOKION FOR THE RESURRECTION IN TONE THREE

Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Thou didst verily conceive by the Holy Spirit, without human seed, at the pleasure of the Father, the Son of God, begotten of the Father before eternity without mother. Thou didst give birth to Him in the flesh coming of thee, for our sake, without father. Wherefore, cease not to intercede that He may deliver our souls from affliction.

7.) *We then say the Prayer of St. Simeon (Chant) (Choral) and the Trisagion Prayers. Then, we chant the apolytikia of the day.*

(Nassar 154; Kazan Vesp. 165)

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE THREE

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

(Nassar 363-364)

APOLYTIKION OF THE FOREFATHERS IN TONE TWO

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Thou hast justified by faith the ancient Forefathers, and through them Thou hast gone before and betrothed unto Thyself the Church of the Gentiles. Let the saints, therefore, take pride in glory; for from their seed sprouted forth a noble fruit, and it was she who gave birth to Thee without seed. Wherefore, by their pleadings, O Christ God, save our souls.

8.) *The Priest then offers the Dismissal.*

THE DISMISSAL

Priest: May He Who rose from the dead, Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-immaculate and all-blameless holy Mother; by the might of the Precious and Life-giving Cross; by the protection of the honorable Bodiless Powers of Heaven; at the supplication of the honorable, glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John; of the holy, glorious and all-laudable apostles; of the holy, glorious and right-victorious Martyrs; of our venerable and God-bearing Fathers; *of Saint N., the patron and protector of this holy community*; of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; of the Holy Forefathers of our Lord Jesus Christ; of the holy Prophet Daniel and the Three Holy Youths Ananias, Azarias and Mishael; Dionysios of Zakynthos, the wonderworker; and the New Martyrs Paisios the hieromonk and his disciple Habakkuk the deacon of Belgrade, whose memory we celebrate, and of all the saints: have mercy on us and save us, forasmuch as He is good and loveth mankind.

Priest: Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us.

Choir: Amen.

ORTHROS ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2017
TONE 3 / EOTHINON 6

1.) *Orthros begins as usual:*

Priest: Blessed is our God, always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

2.) *The people then say the Trisagion Prayers.*

3.) *The three troparia starting with “O Lord, save Thy people” are always read plainly or simply intoned but NEVER chanted in an assigned tone.*

4.) *All six of the Orthros Psalms must be read plainly, without intonation, in their entirety. Please note:*

***In the Kazan Byzantine Music volume for Orthros (Page 2), there is an omission in the first introductory stichos. It should read, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.” Please make this correction in your books.*

5.) *After the Great Litany and the priest’s exclamation “For unto Thee are due...” we chant “God is the Lord” with its stichoi and the apolytikia of the day.*

“GOD IS THE LORD” IN TONE THREE

Choir: God is the Lord and hath appeared unto us. Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

Verse 1. O give thanks unto the Lord and call upon His Holy Name. (*Refrain*)

Verse 2. All nations compassed me about: but in the Name of the Lord will I destroy them. (*Refrain*)

Verse 3. This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. (*Refrain*)

(Nassar 154; Kazan Orth. 15)

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE THREE

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE THREE

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

(Nassar 363-364)

APOLYTIKION OF THE FOREFATHERS IN TONE TWO

Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Thou hast justified by faith the ancient Forefathers, and through them Thou hast gone before and betrothed unto Thyself the Church of the Gentiles. Let the saints, therefore, take pride in glory; for from their seed sprouted forth a noble fruit, and it was she who gave birth to Thee without seed. Wherefore, by their pleadings, O Christ God, save our souls.

- 6.) *The Little Litany and the priest's exclamation "For Thine is the might..."*
- 7.) *The Poetic Kathismata are from the Octoechos for Tone 3 (Nassar 154-155; Kazan Orthros 35). The Theotokion is that for the Resurrectional apolytikion (Nassar, 154).*

THIRD TONE RESURRECTIONAL KATHISMATA (Plain Reading)

First Kathisma

Christ is risen from the dead, He Who is the first-fruits of those that slept: the First-born of creation and the Creator of all things created! He hath renewed by Himself the nature of our corrupt race. Wherefore, Thou shalt reign no more, O Death; for the Lord of all hath nullified thy power and dissolved it.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

When Thou didst taste death in the flesh, O Lord, Thou didst check bitter Death by the Resurrection, and didst make man to prevail over it, restoring victory over the old curse. Wherefore, O Supporter and Champion of our life, glory to Thee.

(Theotokion at the Resurrectional apolytikion) *Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*
Thee, who art the mediatrix for the salvation of our race, we praise, O Virgin Theotokos; for in the flesh assumed from thee, after that He had suffered the passion of the Cross, thy Son and our God delivered us from corruption, because He is the Lover of mankind.

Second Kathisma

Because of Thine immutable Divinity, O Lord, and Thy voluntary sufferings, Hades was overwhelmed, and moaned within itself, saying, Verily, I am in dread fear of the Person of this incorruptible body; for I see the unseen fighting me secretly, and behold those whom I have held shouting, Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Let us believers speak of divine things, of the secret of Thine inscrutable Crucifixion, of Thine ineffable Resurrection; for today have Death and Hades been led captive, and the race of man hath been invested with incorruption. Therefore, do we cry in gratitude, Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ.

Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Verily, O Theotokos, the incomprehensible and boundless, consubstantial with the Father and the Spirit, hast thou held secretly in thy womb. And by thy birth-giving we have learned to glorify in the world the act of the one immiscible Trinity. Therefore, with gratitude we cry to thee, Rejoice, O thou that art full of grace.

- 8.) [Benedictions \(Evlogetaria\) in Tone 5.](#) (*Red Service Book 62-63; Kazan Orthros 41-44*)
- 9.) *The Little Litany and the priest's exclamation "For blessed is Thy Name..."*
- 10.) *The Hypakoë, Anabathmoi and the [Prokeimenon](#) with its accompanying stichos are all from the Octoechos for Tone 3. (Nassar 155-157; Kazan Orth. 50-51)*
- 11.) *The priest's exclamation "For Holy art Thou, O our God, Who restest in the Holy Place," and the choir sings in Tone 2:*

[LET EVERYTHING THAT HATH BREATH](#)

Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. (TWICE)

Stichos: Praise ye God in His saints; praise Him in the firm foundation of His power.

Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.

- 12.) *The sixth Eothinon Gospel (Luke 24:36-53) is chanted from the Holy Table.*
- 13.) *We read "In that we have beheld the Resurrection of Christ ..." (Kazan Orthros, 66)
**In the last line of this prayer in several Archdiocesan publications, there is an erroneous omission. It should read: "for in that He endured the Cross for us, He hath destroyed death by death." Please make this correction in your books.*
- 14.) *We read Psalm 50. (Nassar, 82; Serv. Bk., 66; Kazan Orthros, 66)*
- 15.) [Troparia following Psalm 50](#) as usual. (*Serv. Bk., 67; Kazan Sun. Mat., 67-68*)
- 16.) *Next follows the Intercession for Orthros.*

[THE INTERCESSION¹](#)

Deacon: O God, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance. Visit Thy world with mercy and compassions. Exalt the horn of Orthodox Christians, and send down upon us Thy rich mercies. Through the intercessions of our all-immaculate Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary; by the might of the precious and life-giving Cross; by the protection of the honorable bodiless Powers of heaven; at the supplication of the honorable, glorious prophet, forerunner and Baptist John; of the holy, glorious, all-laudable apostles Peter and Paul, and of all the holy apostles; of our fathers among the saints, great hierarchs and ecumenical teachers Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom; Athanasius, Cyril and John the Merciful, patriarchs of Alexandria; Nicholas of Myra, Spyridon of Trimythous and Nektarios of Pentapolis the Wonderworkers; of our fathers among the saints Tikhon, patriarch of Moscow and Raphael, bishop of Brooklyn; of the holy, glorious, great-martyrs, George the Trophy-bearer, Demetrios the Myrrh-streamer, Theodore the Soldier, Theodore the General, and Menas the Wonderworker; of the hieromartyrs Ignatius the God-bearer of Antioch, Charalampos and Eleutherios; of the holy, glorious great women martyrs, Thekla, Barbara, Anastasia, Katherine, Kyriaki, Photeini, Marina, Paraskeva and Irene; of the holy, glorious, right-victorious martyrs; of our venerable and God-bearing fathers who shone in the ascetic life; *of Saint N., the patron and protector of this holy community*; of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; of the Holy Forefathers of our Lord Jesus Christ; of the holy

¹ Saints of particular local veneration may be included among the Saints of their same classification at the discretion of the pastor.

Prophet Daniel and the Three Holy Youths Ananias, Azarias and Mishael; Dionysios of Zakynthos, the wonderworker; and the New Martyrs Paisios the hieromonk and his disciple Habakkuk the deacon of Belgrade, whose memory we celebrate today, and of all the saints: we beseech Thee, O most merciful Lord, hearken unto the petitions of us sinners who make our supplications unto Thee, and have mercy upon us.

*The choir sings “Lord, have mercy” **twelve times**, and the priest exclaims “Through the mercies and compassions...”*

17.) *Next follows the Kontakion, Oikos and Synaxarion.*

KONTAKION AND OIKOS FOR THE FOREFATHERS (Plain Reading)

A hand-wrought image ye would not worship, O thrice-blessed ones; but armed by the Undepictable Essence, ye were glorified in your ordeal by fire. Standing in the midst of the irresistible flame, ye called upon God: Speed Thou, O Compassionate One, and hasten, since Thou are merciful, to come unto our aid; for Thou art able, if it be Thy will.

Stretch forth Thy hand, which in ancient times both the Egyptians experienced when they waged war, and the Hebrews when warred against. Do not abandon us, lest Satan, who hateth us, and Death, which thirsteth for us, swallow us up; but draw nigh unto us, and spare our souls, as once Thou didst spare Thy Children in Babylon, who unceasingly praised Thee, and for Thy sake were cast into the furnace, and cried out therefrom unto Thee: Speed Thou, O Compassionate One, and hasten, since Thou are merciful, to come unto our aid; for Thou art able, if it be Thy will.

THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On December 17 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the holy Prophet Daniel and the Three Holy Youths Ananias, Azarias and Mishael; Dionysios of Zakynthos, the wonderworker; and the New Martyrs Paisios the hieromonk and his disciple Habakkuk the deacon of Belgrade.

On this day we celebrate the Sunday of the Holy Forefathers (Ancestors) of our Lord Jesus.

Verses

Receive joy, O Forefathers which lived aforetime,
As now ye behold at hand Christ the Messiah.

Be glad, O Abraham, for thou art shown to be the forefather of Christ.

We remember all the holy Patriarchs of the Old Testament who prefigured or foretold Christ: Adam the first Father, Enoch, Melchizedek, Abraham, the friend of God, Isaac, the fruit of the Promise, Jacob and the twelve patriarchs. We then commemorate those who lived under the Law: Moses, Aaron, Joshua, Samuel, David, and the Prophets: Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel; the twelve minor prophets; Elijah, Elisha, Zachariah, and John the Baptist; and finally the Virgin Mary, the intermediary between mankind and her divine Son. Indeed, the Lord Jesus did not come to abolish the Law and the Prophets, but to redeem humanity which bemoaned the weight of evil since Adam; to realize the promise made to Abraham; to change the Law of Fear into the Law of Love; and to give Resurrection and Life to mankind. This feast prepares us for the Nativity of Jesus Christ, placing before us the anticipation and hope for His coming among us.

By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

18.) *We chant the katavasia of the First Canon of the Nativity of Christ (Nassar 404-406), followed by the magnificat "More honorable" (Red Service Book 70) and then the ninth katavasia of the Canon.*

KATAVASIAS OF THE FIRST CANON OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY IN TONE ONE

Ode 1. Christ is born, glorify Him. Christ is come from heaven, receive Him. Christ is on earth, be ye elevated. Sing to the Lord, all the earth; and ye nations, praise Him with joy; for He hath been glorified.

Ode 3. Let us cry unto the Son, born of the Father before the ages without transubstantiation, Christ God Who hath been incarnate in these last days of the Virgin, without seed, shouting, O Thou Who hath elevated our state, Thou art holy, O Lord.

Ode 4. O praised Christ, a stem hath come out of Jesse, and from it hast sprouted a Flower from a dense and shadowed mountain, O immaterial God, coming incarnate from the Virgin that hath not known man. Glory, therefore, to Thy might, O Lord.

Ode 5. Since Thou art the God of peace and the Father of mercies, O Lover of mankind, Thou didst send to us the great Messenger of Thy mind, granting us Thy peace. Therefore, have we been led aright to the light of divine knowledge, glorifying Thee as we come out of darkness.

Ode 6. The sea-monster did disgorge Jonah from its belly, as it received him safely like a fetus. As for the Word, when He dwelt in the Virgin, taking from her a body, He was born, preserving her without corruption, and without transubstantiation, preserving His Mother without harm.

Ode 7. The youths having grown together in true worship, despising the command of the infidel, were not dismayed by the threat of fire; but were singing as they stood in the midst of the flames: Blessed art Thou, God of our fathers.

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

Ode 8. Verily, the dewy furnace did shadow the sign of the supernatural wonder; for it burned not the youths whom it received, as the fire of divinity also burned not the womb of the Virgin in which it dwelt. Wherefore, let us offer praise with song, saying: Let all creation praise the Lord, exalting Him evermore, to the end of ages.

Deacon: The Theotokos and Mother of the Light let us honor and magnify in song.

MAGNIFICATIONS IN TONE ONE

Choir: My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

Refrain: More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim, thou who without corruption barest God the Word, and art truly Theotokos, we magnify thee. *(Repeat after each Verse.)*

+ For He hath regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden; for behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. *(Refrain)*

+ For He that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is His Name; and His mercy is on them that fear Him, throughout all generations. *(Refrain)*

+ He hath showed strength with His arm; He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. *(Refrain)*

- + He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the empty with good things, and the rich hath He sent empty away. (*Refrain*)
- + He remembering His mercy hath helped His servant Israel, as He promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed forever. (*Refrain*)

Ode 9. *Magnify, O my soul, her who is more honorable and more exalted in glory than the heavenly hosts.*

I behold a strange and wonderful mystery: the cave a heaven, the Virgin a cherubic throne, and the manger a noble place in which hath laid Christ the uncontained God. Let us, therefore, praise and magnify Him.

19.) *The Little Litany and the priest's exclamation "For all the powers of Heaven..."*

20.) *Exaposteilaria: we chant "Holy is the Lord our God" (thrice) and "Exalt ye the Lord..." (Kazan Orthros 81). Then we chant the following:*

(Nassar 209; Kazan Orthros 92)

THE SIXTH EOTHINON EXAPOSTEILARION IN TONE TWO

When Thou didst rise from the grave, O Savior, Thou didst reveal Thyself a Man by nature, as Thou stood in the midst of the Disciples and ate with them and taught them the baptism of repentance. Then at once Thou didst ascend to Thy heavenly Father and promised to send them the Comforter. Wherefore, O most divine and incarnate God, glory to Thy Resurrection.

(HTM December Menaion 82-83)

EXAPOSTEILARIA & THEOTOKION FOR THE FOREFATHERS IN TONE TWO

(***Hearken, ye women***)

O ye who love the Fathers' choirs, * let us all leap for joy today; * with songs and hymns let us honor * Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; * and having gathered, as is due, * let us all praise the memory * of them from whom came Christ the Lord * when we beheld Him incarnate * in His exceeding compassion.

Let us laud Adam, Abel, Seth, * with Enos, Enoch, Noah, and * Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, * and Job and Moses and Aaron; * with Barak, Jesus of Navi, * and Eleazar, Aaron's son; * and Jephthae, Samson, Solomon, * let us all honor together * with the great Prophet-King David.

O Virgin all-immaculate, * pure Mary, blameless Bride of God, * come in that terrible hour * and stand beside me to help me; * then do thou show thyself to be * my mediatrix with thy Son, * and rescue me, the lowly one, * out of that dread condemnation * and every suff'ring and torment.

21.) *We chant "The Praises" in Tone 3 with eight troparia:*

(Nassar 157-158; Kazan Orth. 119-126)

For the Resurrection in Tone Three

Verse 1. *This glory shall be to all His saints.*

Come together, all ye people, and know the power of the dreadful secret; for Christ our Savior, the eternal Word, hath been crucified for our sake, and was buried willingly, and hath risen from the dead to save all. To Him let us bow down in worship.

Verse 2. Praise God in His sanctuary: praise Him in the firmament of His power.

The guards have published it abroad, O Lord, telling of all Thy wonders. But the assembly of falsehood filled their right hands with bribes, thinking that thereby they might conceal Thy Resurrection which the world doth glorify. Wherefore, have mercy upon us.

Verse 3. Praise Him for His mighty acts: praise Him according to His excellent greatness.

Verily, all creatures were filled with joy when they received the glad tidings of Thy Resurrection; for Mary Magdalene, coming to Thy grave, met an angel in a brilliant robe sitting on the stone, who said, Why seekest thou the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen. As He said, He will go before you into Galilee.

Verse 4. Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet: praise Him with the psaltery and harp.

O Master, Lover of mankind, with Thy light do we behold light; for Thou art risen from the dead, granting salvation to the race of man, that the whole creation may glorify Thee alone, Who art without sin. Have mercy upon us.

(HTM December Menaion 83)

For the Forefathers in Tone Two (O house of Ephratha**)**

Verse 5. Praise Him with the timbrel and dance; praise Him with stringed instruments and organs.

Let us all celebrate * this day's commemoration * of the august Forefathers, * and praise their way of life, through which they were greatly magnified.

Verse 6. Praise Him upon the loud cymbals: praise Him upon the high-sounding cymbals. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.

Let us all celebrate * this day's commemoration * of the august Forefathers, * and praise their way of life, through which they were greatly magnified.

Verse 7. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy Name, forever.

All the might of the fire * the Children quenched, while dancing * amidst the blazing furnace * and singing hymns of praise to their Master, the Almighty God.

Verse 8. For Thou art justified in all that Thou hast done for us and for Jerusalem, the holy city of our Forefathers.

Shut up within a den, * the holy Prophet Daniel * was made to dwell with lions, * yet proved to be unharmed by their terrible ferocity.

(Nassar 365)

DOXASTICON FOR THE FOREFATHERS IN TONE SEVEN

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Come, let us all celebrate the anniversary of their memory, the anniversary of the Fathers before the law—Abraham and those with him. Let us honor meetly the tribe of Judah, and praise the youths who were in Babylon, who put down the flames of the furnace; for they foreshadowed the Trinity, and with them Daniel. And holding steadfastly the foresayings of the Prophet, let us shout with a loud voice with Isaiah, saying, Behold the Virgin shall conceive in the womb and give birth to a Son, Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Most blessed art thou, O Virgin Theotokos, for through Him that was incarnate of thee is Hades despoiled, Adam is recalled from the dead, the curse is made void, Eve is set free, death is slain, and we are endowed with life. Wherefore, in hymns of praise, we cry aloud: Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, Who is thus well pleased, glory to Thee.

22.) *We chant the [Great Doxology in Tone 7](#) (Red Service Book 75-76, Kazan 230-233), followed by:*

(Red Service Book 76; Kazan Orthros 219)

TROPARION IN TONE FOUR

Today is Salvation come into the world. Let us sing praises to Him Who arose from the grave, the Author of our life; for having by Death destroyed death, He hath given us victory and Great Mercy.

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