APOSTICHON 1

Byzantine Tone 5

O Christ, Saviour, who didst become incarnate without leaving heaven, thee do we magnify with the voices of song, for thou didst accept the cross and death for the sake of our human race, for thou art the Lord, the Lover of mankind. Thou didst demolish the gates of hades, rising on the third day, and saving our souls. The Lord is King and hath put on glorious apparel. The Lord hath put on his apparel, and hath girded himself with strength. Thy
side being stabbed, O Giver of life, didst nevertheless
overflow for all with springs of forgiveness,
life, and salvation, and accepting death in the flesh,
thou didst bestow on us deathlessness, and dwelling in a
tomb, thou didst free us and raise us in glory with thee,
since thou art God Wherefore, do we exclaim to thee, O Lord,
Lover of mankind: Glory to thee.

VERSE 2
For he hath made the round world so sure that

APOSTICHON 3
it shall not be moved. Wonderful is thy crucifixion and
thy descent to hades, O Lord, Lover of mankind, for thou led it captive, since thou art God, raising with thee in glory those who of old had been chained. Thou didst open to them paradise, and didst make them worthy to enjoy it. Grant us, therefore, forgiveness of sins, who glorify thy third-day resurrection, and prepare us for dwellings in paradise, since thou art compassionate. Holiness becometh thy house, O Lord, forever.

Apostichon 4

VERSE 3

Apostichon & Verses
Tone 5
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thou, who for our sake didst submit to sufferings in the flesh, and who didst rise from the dead in three days, heal the sufferings of our bodies, and lift us up from our heavy sins, O Lover of mankind, and save us.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. O most reverend Virgin, O thou through whom my Saviour,