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# Orthros (Service of Matins)

## Akolouth (Fixed portion)

### ROYAL BEGINNING

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

Reader: *(intoned)* Amen.

### TROPARION

*Mode pl. 1.*

Priest: Christ is risen from the dead, \* by death, trampling down upon death, \* and to those in the tombs \* He has granted life.

Choir: Christ is risen from the dead, \* by death, trampling down upon death, \* and to those in the tombs \* He has granted life. (2)

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.*

All-holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our iniquities. Holy God, visit and heal our infirmities for Thy Name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.*

Our Father, Who art in the heavens, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, *(intoned)* but deliver us from the evil one.

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

Reader: Amen.

**THE ROYAL TROPARIA****Troparion of the Cross**

Reader: O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance; grant victory to the rulers against the adversaries of the faith, and protect Your commonwealth through Your holy Cross.

**Kontakion of the Cross**

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

Reader: You, O Christ our God, Who chose of Your own will to be lifted up on the Cross, grant Your mercies to Your new commonwealth which is called by Your name. In Your power, gladden the hearts of our faithful rulers against those who war against them, having Your alliance as their weapon of peace, an invincible standard.

**Theotokion**

*Now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.*

Reader: Awesome and blameless protection, do not overlook our petitions, O pure and praiseworthy Theotokos; make firm the community of the Orthodox; save those whom you have called to rule; and grant them victory from heaven, *(intoned) for you bore God, only blessed one.*

**LITANY**

Priest: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your great mercy; we beseech You, hear us and have mercy.

Chanter: *(intoned)* Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Again we pray for pious and Orthodox Christians.

Chanter: *(intoned)* Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Again we pray for our Archbishop (Name), and for all our brotherhood in Christ.

Chanter: *(intoned)* Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Truly You are a merciful God Who loves mankind, and to You we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

Chanter: (*intoned*) Amen. In the name of the Lord, Father, bless.

Priest: Glory to the holy, consubstantial, life-creating and undivided Trinity, always; now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

Reader: Amen.

### HEXAPSALM (SIX PSALMS)

Reader: Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth, good will to men.

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O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

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### Psalm 3

Reader: O Lord, why are those who afflict me multiplied?

Many rise up against me. Many say to my soul: there is no salvation for him in his God.

But You, O Lord, are my Helper, my Glory, and the One who lifts up my head.

I cried to the Lord with my voice, and He heard me out of His holy mountain.

I laid down and slept; I awoke, for the Lord will help me.

I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people that set themselves round about against me.

Rise, O Lord; save me, my God; for You have struck down all who without cause are my enemies; You have broken the teeth of sinners.

Salvation is of the Lord, and Your blessing is on Your people.

(And Again) I laid down and slept; I awoke, for the Lord will help me.

### Psalm 37

Reader: O Lord, do not rebuke me in Your anger, nor chasten me in Your wrath!

For Your arrows are fastened in me, and You have laid Your hand heavily upon me.

There is no healing in my flesh in the face of Your wrath; and there is no peace in my bones in the face of my sins.

For my iniquities have risen higher than my head; they have pressed heavily on me as a heavy burden.

My wounds have become foul and festering in the face of my foolishness.

I have been wretched and utterly bowed down until the end; I went all the day long with downcast face.

For my loins are filled with inflammation, and there is no healing in my flesh.

I am afflicted and exceedingly humbled, I have groaned from the turmoil of my heart.

O Lord, all my desire is before You, and my groaning is not hidden from You.

My heart is troubled, my strength has failed me; and the light of my eyes, even this is not with me.

My friends and my neighbors drew near over against me and stood, and my nearest of kin stood afar off.

And those who sought after my soul used violence; and those who sought evils for me spoke vain things, and they meditated deception all the day long.

But as for me, like a deaf man I did not hear them, and I was as a speechless man who does not open his mouth.

And I became as a man that does not hear, and that has no reproofs in his mouth.

For I have hoped in You, O Lord; You will hear me, Lord my God.

For I said: Let my enemies never rejoice over me; indeed, when my feet were shaken, those men spoke boastful words against me.

For I am ready for scourges, and my sorrow is continually before me.

For I will declare my iniquity, and I will anguish concerning my sin.

But my enemies live and are made stronger than I, and those who hated me unjustly are multiplied.

Those who render me evil for good slandered me, because I pursued goodness.

Do not forsake me, O Lord my God, do not depart from me.

Be attentive to my help, O Lord of my salvation.

(And Again) Do not forsake me, O Lord my God, do not depart from me.

Be attentive to my help, O Lord of my salvation.

### Psalm 62

Reader: O God, my God, to You I rise early at dawn.

My soul has thirsted for You; how often has my flesh longed after You in a land barren and untrodden and unwatered.

So I have appeared before You in the sanctuary to see Your power and Your glory.

For Your mercy is better than lives; my lips shall praise You.

So shall I bless You in my life, and I will lift up my hands in Your name.

Let my soul be filled as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth shall praise You with lips of rejoicing.

If I remembered You on my bed, I meditated on You at the dawn.

For You have become my Helper; I will rejoice in the shelter of Your wings.

My soul has cleaved after You, Your right hand has been quick to help me.

But as for those who in vain have sought after my soul, they shall go into the lowest parts of the earth, they shall be surrendered to the edge of the sword, they shall be portions for foxes.

But the king shall be glad in God; everyone shall be praised that swears by Him; for the mouth of those who speak unjust things is stopped.

(And Again) At the dawn I meditated on You; For You have become my Helper; in the shelter of Your wings I will rejoice.

My soul has cleaved after You, Your right hand has been quick to help me.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory to You, O God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory to You, O God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory to You, O God.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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

### **Psalm 87**

*Now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.*

Reader: O Lord, God of my salvation, I have cried by day and by night before You.

Let my prayer come before You, bow down Your ear to my supplication.

For my soul is filled with evils, and my life has drawn near to Hades.

I am counted with those who go down into the pit; I have become as a man without help, free among the dead.

I am like the bodies of the slain that sleep in the grave, Whom You remember no more, and who are cut off from Your hand.

They laid me in the lowest pit, in darkness and the shadow of death.

Your anger lies heavily on me, and You have afflicted me with all Your waves.

You have removed my friends far from me; they have made me an abomination to themselves.

I have been delivered up, and have not come forth; my eyes have grown weak from poverty.

I have cried to You, O Lord, the whole day long; I have stretched out my hands to You.

No, will You work wonders for the dead? Or shall physicians raise them up that they may give thanks to You?

No, shall any in the grave tell of Your mercy, and of Your truth in that destruction?

No, shall Your wonders be known in that darkness, and Your righteousness in that land that is forgotten?

But as for me, I have cried to You, O Lord; and in the morning my prayer shall come before You.

O Lord, why do You therefore cast off my soul and turn Your face away from me?

I am as a poor man, and in troubles from my youth; indeed, having been exalted, I was humbled and brought to distress.

Your fierce wrath has gone over me, and Your terrors have sorely troubled me.

They came around me all day long like water, they engulfed me altogether.

Because of my misery You have removed friend and neighbor and my acquaintances far from me.

(And Again) O Lord God of my salvation, I have cried by day and by night before You.

Let my prayer come before You, bow down Your ear to my supplication!

### **Psalm 102**

Reader: Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all that He has done for you.

Who is gracious to all your iniquities, Who heals all your infirmities.

Who redeems your life from corruption, Who crowns you with mercy and compassion.

Who fulfills your desire with good things; your youth shall be renewed as the eagle's.

The Lord does deeds of mercy, and executes judgment for all those who are wronged.

He has made His ways known to Moses, the things that He has willed to the sons of Israel.

The Lord is compassionate and merciful, long-suffering and plenteous in mercy; He will not be angered to the end, neither will He be angry to eternity.

He has not dealt with us according to our iniquities, neither has He rewarded us according to our sins.

For according to the height of heaven from the earth, so has the Lord made His mercy to prevail over those who fear Him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our iniquities from us.

Like a father has compassion on his sons, so has the Lord had compassion on those who fear Him; for He knows of what we are made, He has remembered that we are dust.

As for man, his days are as the grass; as a flower of the field, so shall he blossom forth.

For when the wind passes over it, then it shall be gone, and its place will no longer remember it.

But the mercy of the Lord is from eternity, even to eternity, on those who fear Him.

And His righteousness is on sons of sons, on those who keep His testament and remember to do His commandments.

The Lord in heaven has prepared His throne, and His kingdom rules over all.

Bless the Lord, O all you His Angels, mighty in strength, that perform His word, to hear the voice of His words.

Bless the Lord, O all you His hosts, His ministers that do His will.

Bless the Lord, O all you His works, in every place of His dominion; bless the Lord, my soul.

(And Again) Bless the Lord, O all you His works, in every place of His dominion; bless the Lord, my soul.

### Psalm 142

Reader: O Lord, hear my prayer, in Your truth give ear to my supplications; hear me in Your righteousness.

And do not enter into judgment with Your servant, for in Your sight no man living shall be justified.

For the enemy has persecuted my soul; he has humbled my life down to the earth.

He has sat me in darkness as those who have been long dead, and my spirit within me has become despondent; my heart within me is troubled.

I remembered days of old, I meditated on all Your works, I pondered on the creations of Your hands.

I stretched forth my hands to You; my soul thirsts after You like a waterless land.

Quickly hear me, O Lord; my spirit has fainted away.

Do not turn Your face from me, lest I be like those who go down into the pit.

*LITANY OF THE PEACE (THE GREAT LITANY)*

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Cause me to hear Your mercy in the morning; for I have put my hope in You.

Cause me to know, O Lord, the way in which I should walk; for I have lifted up my soul to You.

Rescue me from my enemies, O Lord; I have fled to You for refuge.

Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God.

Your good Spirit shall lead me in the land of uprightness; You shall quicken me for Your name's sake, O Lord.

In Your righteousness You shall bring my soul out of affliction, and in Your mercy You shall utterly destroy my enemies.

And You shall cut off all those who afflict my soul, for I am Your servant.

(Repeat) Hear me in Your righteousness, O Lord, and do not enter into judgment with Your servant.

(And Again) Hear me in Your righteousness, O Lord, and do not enter into judgment with Your servant.

(And Again) Let Your good spirit lead me on a level path!

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia; Glory to You, O God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia; Glory to You, O God.

Reader: (*intoned*) Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia; Glory to You, O God. Lord, my Hope, glory to You.

**LITANY OF THE PEACE (THE GREAT LITANY)**

Deacon: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Chanter: (*sung*) Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For the peace from above and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Chanter: (*sung*) Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For the peace in the whole world, for the stability of the holy churches of God, and for the union of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Chanter: (*sung*) Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For this holy house and for those who enter with faith, reverence, and the fear of God, let us pray to the Lord.

Chanter: (*sung*) Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For pious and Orthodox Christians, let us pray to the Lord.

Chanter: (*sung*) Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For our Archbishop (Name), the honorable presbytery, the diaconate in Christ, and for all the clergy and the laity, let us pray to the Lord.

Chanter: (*sung*) Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For the president of our country, for all civil authorities, and for our armed forces on land, at sea, and in the air, let us pray to the Lord.

Chanter: (*sung*) Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For this city, for every city and land, and for the faithful who dwell in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Chanter: (*sung*) Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For favorable weather, an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

Chanter: (*sung*) Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For travelers by sea, land and air; the sick, the suffering, the captives and their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Chanter: (*sung*) Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For our deliverance from all tribulation, wrath, danger, and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.

Chanter: (*sung*) Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

Chanter: (*sung*) Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Commemorating our all-holy, pure, most-blessed, and glorious \* Lady, the Theotokos and ever-Virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commit ourselves and one another and all our life to Christ our God.

Chanter: (*sung*) To You, O Lord.

Priest: For to You belong all glory, honor, and worship: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

Chanter: (*sung*) Amen.

# Sequences (Variable portion)

## THEOS KYRIOS (GOD IS LORD)

*Mode 1.*

God is the Lord, and He appeared to us. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

*Verse:* O give thanks unto the Lord and call upon His holy name.

*Verse:* All the nations circled me, and I warded them off with the name of the Lord.

*Verse:* This is the Lord's doing, and it is wonderful in our eyes.

## APOLYTIKION AND THEOTOKION

### Apolytikion

*Saint Symeon of the Wondrous Mountain*

*May 24. Mode 1.*

Thou becamest a pillar of patience and didst emulate the Forefathers, O righteous one: Job in his sufferings, Joseph in temptations, and the life of the bodiless while in the body. O Symeon, our righteous Father, intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

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

*Saint Symeon of the Wondrous Mountain*

*May 24. Mode 1.*

Thou becamest a pillar of patience and didst emulate the Forefathers, O righteous one: Job in his sufferings, Joseph in temptations, and the life of the bodiless while in the body. O Symeon, our righteous Father, intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

### Theotokion

*Mode 1. The stone had been secured.*

*Both now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.*

When Gabriel had uttered rejoice to you, O Virgin, \* then with the voice was the Lord of all becoming incarnate \* in you whom the holy Ark of old \* prefigured, as righteous David said. \* You carried your Creator and proved to be more spacious than the heavens. \* Glory to Him who dwelt inside of you; \* glory to Him who came forth from You; \* glory be to Him who through your childbirth has set us free.

**THE PSALTER**

**THE LITTLE LITANY**

Priest/Deacon: In peace let us again pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest/Deacon: Help us, save us, have mercy upon us and protect us, O God, by your grace.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest/Deacon: Remembering our most holy, pure, blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commit ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

Choir: To You, O Lord.

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

Reader: Amen.

**SESSIONAL HYMNS (KATHISMATA)**

**Kathisma I**

**Resurrectional**

*Mode 4.*

Looking up at the entrance to the sepulcher, and unable to endure the Angel's radiance, the myrrh-bearing women were trembling, and said in astonishment, "Has He been stolen, who to the Robber opened up Paradise? Has He arisen, who spoke of rising before even suffering? He is truly risen, as Christ our God, granting those in Hades life and resurrection."

*Be quick to anticipate.*

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

O Savior, immortal as You are, from Hades You rose, by virtue of Your own resurrection raising Your world together, O Christ our God. Mightily You have broken death's dominion, O Master. You as the Lord of mercy showed to all the resurrection. We therefore glorify You, who alone love humanity.

**Theotokion**

*Both now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.*

O Theotokos, through you became manifest to us on earth the mystery, which was hid from eternity, and which the Angels themselves knew not: that God, uniting natures without confusion, becomes a man and accepts crucifixion for our salvation voluntarily. By virtue of this, resurrecting man whom He had first created, He saved our souls from death.

**Kathisma II**

*Mode 4. Thou Who wast raised up.*

Let Heaven joyfully resound and make merry; \* let things on earth dance in exceeding great gladness; \* for from a Virgin, Christ hath now appeared as man, \* by His own death rescuing \* all mankind from corruption, \* and with wonders shining on \* the Samaritan woman; \* for asking water, He bestowed on her \* the spring of cures, as the only immortal God.

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

Let Heaven joyfully resound and make merry; \* let things on earth dance in exceeding great gladness; \* for from a Virgin, Christ hath now appeared as man, \* by His own death rescuing \* all mankind from corruption, \* and with wonders shining on \* the Samaritan woman; \* for asking water, He bestowed on her \* the spring of cures, as the only immortal God.

*Both now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.*

**THE LITTLE LITANY**

Priest/Deacon: In peace let us again pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest/Deacon: Help us, save us, have mercy upon us, and protect us, O God, by your grace.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest/Deacon: Remembering our most holy, pure, blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commit ourselves and one another, and our whole life to Christ our God.

Choir: To You, O Lord.

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

Reader: Amen.

**ANAVATHMOI (SONGS OF ASCENT)**

**Antiphon I**

*Mode 4e.*

Choir: Since my youth have many passions waged war against me. O my Savior, nonetheless help me and save me. (2)

You, the haters of Zion, be put to shame by the Lord, for like thatch in fire you will be completely dried up. (2)

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

*Both now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.*

From the Holy Spirit every soul receives life and through cleansing is lifted and brightened in a hidden sacred manner by the trinal Monad.

**Antiphon II**

*Mode 4e.*

Choir: I cried to You, O Lord, from the depth of my soul with fervor, let Your divine ears be responsive to me. (2)

Whosoever has acquired hope in the Lord is superior to all whatsoever might grieve him. (2)

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

*Both now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.*

From the Holy Spirit do the streams of grace well forth; they irrigate everything created, so that life be engendered.

**Antiphon III**

*Mode 4e.*

Choir: Let my heart be lifted up unto You, O Logos; and none of the world's delights will entice me to be earthly-minded. (2)

Whereas one has filial affection for his mother, for the Lord we ought to have a love even more fervent. (2)

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

*Both now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.*

In the Holy Spirit is the wealth of knowledge of God, contemplation and wisdom. For in Him the Logos discloses all the dogmas of the Father.

**RESURRECTION ODE**

Reader: Having beheld the resurrection of Christ, let us worship the holy Lord Jesus, the only Sinless One. We venerate Your Cross, O Christ, and Your holy resurrection we hymn and glorify; for You are our God, and aside from You we know no other, we call upon Your name. Come, all you faithful, let us venerate the holy resurrection of Christ for, behold, through the Cross joy has come to all the world; ever blessing the Lord, we hymn His resurrection; for, having endured the Cross for us, (*intoned*) *He has destroyed death by death.*

**PSALM 50**

Reader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your great mercy; and according to the multitude of Your compassions, blot out my transgression.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my iniquity, and my sin is continually before me.

Against You only have I sinned and done this evil before You; that You may be justified in Your words, and prevail when You are judged.

For behold, I was conceived in iniquities, and in sins did my mother bear me.

For behold, You have loved truth; the hidden and secret things of Your wisdom You have made clear to me.

You will sprinkle me with hyssop, and I will be made clean; You will wash me, and I will be made whiter than snow.

You will make me hear joy and gladness; the bones that have been humbled will rejoice.

Turn Your face away from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and with Your governing Spirit establish me.

I will teach transgressors Your ways, and the ungodly will turn back to You.

Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, the God of my salvation, my tongue will rejoice in Your righteousness.

O Lord, You will open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise.

For if You had desired sacrifice, I would have given it; with whole burnt offerings You will not be pleased.

A sacrifice to God is a broken spirit, a heart that is broken and humbled God will not despise.

Do good, O Lord, in Your good pleasure to Zion, and let the walls of Jerusalem be built;

Then you will be pleased with a sacrifice of righteousness, with oblation and whole burnt offerings;

Then shall they offer young bulls on Your altar. And have mercy on me, O God.

**INTERCESSORY TROPARIA**

*Mode 2g.*

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

At the intercession of the Apostles, O Lord of mercy, blot out my many offenses.

*Both now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.*

At the intercession of the Theotokos, O Lord of mercy, blot out my many offenses.

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

*(intoned)* Jesus, having risen from the grave as He foretold, \* has granted us eternal life, and great mercy.

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER**

Priest/Deacon: O God, save your people and bless your inheritance. Look upon your world with mercy and compassion. Raise the Orthodox Christians in glory, and send down upon us your rich mercies, through the intercessions of our most pure Lady the Theotokos and ever-Virgin Mary; the power of the precious and life-giving Cross; the protection of the honorable, bodiless Powers of heaven; the supplications of the honorable and 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, Athanasios, Cyril, and John the Merciful, patriarchs of Alexandria; Nicholas, bishop of Myra, Spyridon, bishop of Trimythous, Nektarios of Pentapolis, the wonder workers; the holy, glorious great Martyrs George the Victorious, Demetrios the Myrobletes, Theodore the Teron, and Theodore the General, Menas the Wonderworker and Charalambos the Hieromartyr; the holy, glorious, and victorious martyrs; the glorious great Martyr and all-laudable Euphemia; [the holy and glorious Martyrs Thecla, Barbara, Anastasia, Katherine, Kyriakè, Fotenè, Marina, Paraskevè and Irene;] of our holy God-bearing Fathers; (the patron saint of the church); the holy and righteous ancestors of righteous ancestors of God Joachim and Anna; our righteous Father Symeon of the Wondrous Mountain, whose memory we celebrate; and of all your Saints; we beseech you, only merciful Lord, hear us sinners who pray to you and have mercy on us.

Choir: Lord have mercy. (12)

Priest: Through the mercy, compassion, and love of mankind of your only begotten Son, with whom you are blessed, together with your all holy, good and life-giving Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

Reader: Amen.

**KONTAKION OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN**

*Mode pl. 4.*

Reader: Having come to the well in faith, the Samaritan woman beheld You, the Water of Wisdom; and having drunk abundantly, she, the renowned one, (*intoned*) *inherited the Kingdom on high forever.*

**OIKOS OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN**

*Mode pl. 4.*

Reader: Let us hear of the august mysteries, as John teaches us what came to pass in Samaria, how the Lord speaks to a woman, asking water of her, even though He was the One Who gathered the waters into the places where they are gathered, and Who is of one throne with the Father and the Spirit; for He, the renowned One, came, (*intoned*) *seeking out His image forever.*

## SYNTAXARION

Reader: On the twenty-fourth of this month we commemorate our righteous Father Symeon of the Wondrous Mountain.

*Verses*

Symeon once lived upon earth's Wondrous Mountain,  
But now dwelleth in Heaven's All-wondrous Mountain.

On the twenty-fourth Symeon went where the Angels are.

On this day we commemorate the holy Martyrs Meletius the Commander and those with him: John, Stephen, Serapion the Egyptian, Callinicus the Magus, and twelve Counts and Tribunes: Faustus, Festus, Marcellus, Theodore, Meletius, Sergius, Marcellinus, Felix, Photinus, Theodoriscus, Mercurius, and Didymus; three women: Marciana, Palladia, and Susanna; two infants: Cyriacus and Christian; and another 11,208 who were martyred with them in the reign of Antoninus Pius. Their Synaxis is celebrated in the Temple of the holy Martyr Plato, found in the vestibule called Dominus, in Constantinople.

*Verses*

Fir-trees they call bitter, but upon one suspended,  
Meletius found it sweet as Hymettus' honey.

In his longing for the pure and comely garlands,  
Stephen with John his head before the sword boweth.

An idolator cutteth the neck of the Martyr,  
Serapion, who will not sacrifice to idols.

Beheaded, thou changest the magician to an athlete,  
Being named Callinicus—right-victorious—rightly.

Tribunes of corruptible rank and condition  
Found through fire an incorruptible condition.

Marciana, Palladia, and Susanna  
Spurn Pallas Athena and are killed with cudgels.

The sword slew Cyriacus and Christian,  
The Lord and Redeemer's Christian servants.

Upon thousands ye abounded, O ye mighty,  
As said in the psalm by the Prophet-King David.

The swords having slain twenty decades of persons,  
They slay eight more, coming two short of another.

On this day we commemorate the holy Martyrs and brethren Donatianus and Rogatianus of Nantes in Brittany.

On this day we commemorate Saint Vincent of Lerins.

*Verses*

Vincent, with his famous writings, vanquished error,  
And is honoured by all men, everywhere, always.

On this day we commemorate our righteous Father Nicetas the Stylite of Pereyaslavl-Zalessky, the Wonderworker.

On this day we commemorate our Father among the Saints Gregory, Archbishop of Novgorod.

*(intoned) By their holy intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy on us. Amen.*

**KATAVASIAI OF PASCHA**

**by Saint John of Damascus**

*Mode 1.*

**Ode 1**

Resurrection day! O peoples, let us brilliantly shine. Pascha, the Lord's Pascha! For Christ our God has out of death passed us over into life, and likewise from earth to heaven, as we now sing unto Him a triumphal hymn.

**Ode 3**

Come and let us drink a new drink, not one marvelously issuing from a barren rock, but one that Christ from the tomb pours out, incorruption's very source. For we are established in Him.

**Ode 4**

Now let Habakkuk, as a God-inspired prophet, stand with us, keeping his divine watch and show us the angelic messenger who, shining, utters glowingly, "Today, for the world is salvation, because arisen is Christ, being omnipotent."

**Ode 5**

Arising at dawn very early, instead of ointment a hymn let us offer unto the Master; and then we shall clearly see Christ, the Sun of Righteousness, causing true life to arise for all.

**Ode 6**

You went down to the nether regions of earth, and You broke apart the bars, that for ever were closed on those who were held there, O Christ. From the sepulcher, as did Jonah from the whale, You arose on the third day.

**Ode 7**

The same One who delivered the Lads from fire, becoming a mortal man, suffers in the flesh; and by His Passion, He arrays mortal nature with majesty, free of all corruption, the only God of the fathers, blessed and supremely glorious.

**Ode 8**

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

This is it, the day which is chosen and holy; day one of the Sabbaths. It is the queen-day, the Lord's Day, and the Feast of all feasts, and the Festival above every festival, on which we extol Christ and bless Him to the ages.

## KANON

## Ode 9. The Heirmos

Priest/Deacon: Honoring the Theotokos and Mother of the Light, let us magnify her in songs of praise.

*Mode 1.*

*O my soul magnify Him who willingly suffered, was buried, and arose from the grave on the third day.*

Be illumined, illumined, O New Jerusalem; for the glory of the Lord has arisen over you. Dance now for joy, O Zion, and exult! And you, be merry, O pure Theotokos, at the arising of the One you bore.

*O my soul magnify Christ who is the Giver of life and who rose from the grave on the third day.*

Be illumined, illumined, O New Jerusalem; for the glory of the Lord has arisen over you. Dance now for joy, O Zion, and exult! And you, be merry, O pure Theotokos, at the arising of the One you bore.

## Troparia

*Christ is the new Pascha, the sacrificial Victim, the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world.*

Divine and beloved and sweetest utterance of Yours. For You really and truly pledged that You will be with us unto the end of the age, O Christ. And we the faithful clinging to Your promise, our anchor of hope, rejoice.

*Today creation all is exultant and rejoices for Christ has arisen and Hades was despoiled.*

Divine and beloved and sweetest utterance of Yours. For You really and truly pledged that You will be with us unto the end of the age, O Christ. And we the faithful clinging to Your promise, our anchor of hope, rejoice.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. \* O my soul magnify the power of the Godhead that is three hypostases and also undivided.*

O Pascha, the great and most sacred Passover, O Christ, You the wisdom and Logos and the power of God. Grant that we may more distinctly partake of You on that day that has no evening in Your kingly rule.

*Now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen. \* Rejoice, O blessed Virgin! Rejoice, O glorified one! Rejoice, your Son has risen from the grave on the third day.*

O Pascha, the great and most sacred Passover, O Christ, You the wisdom and Logos and the power of God. Grant that we may more distinctly partake of You on that day that has no evening in Your kingly rule.

### **Katavasia**

*The Angel cried aloud to the Lady full of grace, "Rejoice, O pure Virgin, and again I say, Rejoice! Your son has resurrected from the grave on the third day."*

Be illumined, illumined, O New Jerusalem; for the glory of the Lord has arisen over you. Dance, now, for joy, Zion, and exult! And you, be merry, O pure Theotokos, at the arising of the One you bore.

### **THE LITTLE LITANY**

Priest/Deacon: In peace let us again pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest/Deacon: Help us, save us, have mercy upon us, and protect us, O God, by your grace.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest/Deacon: Remembering our most holy, pure, blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commit ourselves and one another, and our whole life to Christ our God.

Choir: To You, O Lord.

Priest: For all the powers of heaven praise you and give you glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

Reader: Amen.

### **EXAPOSTEILARION OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN**

*Mode 3. O women listen.*

My Savior and almighty God, who from a rock made water gush in the wilderness for the Hebrews, You traveled to Samaria; and with a woman You conversed and asked for a drink of water. Thus You drew her to faith in You; and now in heaven forever she enjoys life eternal.

**EXAPOSTEILARION OF THE SAINT***Mode 3. O Changeless Light.*

Thou didst flash forth from the desert \* and didst enlighten the whole world; \* and multitudes of monastics \* greatly rejoice on thy mem'ry. \* God-bearing Symeon, cease not \* from interceding \* with Christ our God for the whole world.

**LAUDS (PRAISES)***Mode 4.*

Let every breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. To You, O God, is due our song.

Praise Him, all you His angels; praise Him, all you His hosts. To You, O God, is due our song.

**Prosomoia Stichera***Mode 4.***First Hymn of Praise**

*To do among them the judgment that is written; this glory shall be to all His saints.*

O Thou Who didst endure the Cross and death, and didst arise from the dead, O Almighty Lord, we glorify Thy Resurrection.

**Second Hymn of Praise**

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

By Thy Cross, O Christ, Thou hast freed us from the ancient curse; and by Thy death, Thou hast destroyed the devil, who tyrannized our nature; and by Thine Arising, Thou hast filled all things with joy. Wherefore, we cry to Thee: Thou Who didst arise from the dead, Lord, glory be to Thee.

**Third Hymn of Praise**

*Praise Him for His mighty acts; praise Him according to the multitude of His greatness.*

By Thy Cross, O Christ Saviour, guide us unto Thy truth, and deliver us from the snares of the enemy. Thou Who didst arise from the dead, raise us up who have fallen in sin, stretching out Thy hand to us, O man-befriending Lord, through the intercession of Thy Saints.

**Fourth Hymn of Praise**

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

Without parting from the bosom of Thy Father, O only-begotten Word of God, Thou camest upon the earth, changelessly becoming man, out of love for man. And Thou didst endure the Cross and death in the flesh, Thou Who art impassible in Thy Godhead. And having risen from the dead, Thou didst grant immortality unto the race of man, since Thou along art omnipotent.

**Aposticha of the Praises**

*Mode 4. As one valiant.*

**Fifth Hymn of Praise**

*Praise Him with timbrel and dance; praise Him with strings and flute.*

When she saw seated on the well \* the eternally flowing Fount, \* that impassioned woman aflame with many lusts \* sought to lay hold on relief, the living water that flowed from Him, \* shed abroad in gushing floods, \* which she freely received from Him, \* Christ the Word of God. \* And she no longer goeth to draw water from the well that is but earthly, \* whose water faileth and perisheth.

**Sixth Hymn of Praise**

*Bend Thy bow, and proceed prosperously, and be king, because of truth and meekness and righteousness.*

While the woman was occupied \* with the Jews' customs, setting forth \* that they have no dealings with the Samaritans, \* then through partaking of water, Christ the most wise Artificer \* by His sweet and pleasant words \* changed the course of her thoughts to seek \* that life-streaming draught, \* living water; which drinking of, she then conveyed its streams unto the city, \* to make its course flow to all therein.

**Seventh Hymn of Praise**

*Thou hast loved righteousness and hated iniquity. Wherefore God, Thy God, hath anointed Thee with the oil of gladness more than Thy fellows.*

Thou hast nothing to draw up with, \* and the well is exceeding deep; \* whence then shalt Thou give me this water ever fresh? \* spake the Samaritan woman unto Thee as a man, O Christ, \* deeming not that Thou art God, \* in her wonder at what Thou saidst. \* But with Thy sweet words, \* Thou didst water her spirit and prepare her to acknowledge and confess Thee \* as God and Saviour of all that is.

*Mode pl. 2.*

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

*Both now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.*

Thus saith the Lord unto the woman of Samaria. If thou knewest the gift of God, and Who it is that saith to thee: Give Me water to drink, thou wouldst have asked of Him, and He would have given thee to drink, that thou mightest never thirst unto eternity, saith the Lord.

### **Idiomelon of the Samaritan**

*Mode pl. 2.*

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

The Well of life's source, Jesus our Savior, came to the well of Jacob the Patriarch, and He asked a Samaritan woman for a drink of water. When she objected that a Jew would have no dealings with her, the wise Creator diverts her with sweet words to ask instead for the eternal water. When she had received it, she proclaimed it to all, saying, "Come and see the Knower of things hidden; He is God, and He has come in the flesh to save humanity."

### **Doxastikon of Pascha**

*Mode pl. 1.*

*Both now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.*

It is the day of Resurrection. Let us shine brightly for the festival, and also embrace one another. Brethren, let us say, even to those who hate us, "Let us forgive everything for the Resurrection." And thus let us cry aloud, "Christ is risen from the dead, by death, trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs, He has granted life."

## THE GREAT DOXOLOGY

*Mode 1.*

1. Glo-ry be to You Who showed the light. Glo-ry in the high - est to God, and on earth peace, good will a - mong men.
2. We praise You; we bless You; we wor - ship You; we glo - ri - fy You; we give thanks to You for Your great glo - ry.
3. O Lord, King, heav - en - ly God, the Fa - ther Al-might - y, O Lord the on - ly-be-got-ten Son, Je-sus Christ, and the Ho-ly Spir - it.
4. O Lord, God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, Who take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us, You Who take a - way the sins of the world.
5. Re - ceive our prayer, You Who sit at the right hand of the Fa - ther; and have mer - cy on us.
6. For You a - lone are ho - ly; You a - lone are Lord, Je - sus Christ, to the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A-men.
7. Ev - 'ry day will I bless You, and I will praise Your name for - ev - er and un - to the a - ges of a - ges.
8. Vouch - safe, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out sin.
9. Bless - ed are You, O Lord, the God of our Fa - thers, and praised and glo - ri - fied is Your name un - to the a - ges. A - men.
10. Let Your mer - cy, O Lord, be up - on us, e - ven as we have hoped in You.
11. Bless - ed are You, O Lord, teach me Your stat - utes. (3x)
12. Lord, You have been our ref - uge from gen - er - a - tion to gen-er - a - tion. I said: O Lord, have mer - cy on me; heal my soul, for I have sinned a - gainst You.
13. O Lord, to You have I fled for ref - uge; teach me to do Your will, for You are my God.
14. For in You is the foun - tain of life; in Your light we shall see light.
15. Con - tin - ue Your mer - cy un - to those who know You.

Ho - ly God, ho - ly Might - y, ho - ly Im-mor - tal, have mer - cy on us. (3x)  
 Glo-ry to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir - it;  
 Both now and ev - er, and un - to the a - ges of a - ges. A-men.  
 Ho - ly Im-mor - tal, have mer - cy on us.

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**APOLYTIKION**

*Saint Symeon of the Wondrous Mountain*

*May 24. Mode 1.*

Thou becamest a pillar of patience and didst emulate the Forefathers, O righteous one: Job in his sufferings, Joseph in temptations, and the life of the bodiless while in the body. O Symeon, our righteous Father, intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.