

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (September 13/26)  
 Forefeast of the Elevation of the Precious & Life-creating Cross  
 Commemoration of the Dedication of the Church of the Holy Resurrection of Christ our God

VESPERS: Tone 5

P. Regular Beginning

C. Lord I have cried... (Tone 5)

1. Thou hast **shamed** the devil with Thy precious **Cross**, O Christ,/ and hast blunted the sting of sin by Thy Resurre**ction**./ Thou hast saved us from the **gates** of death.// Thou, O only-begotten Son, we **glorify** Thee.
2. He Who granted mankind the Resurre**ction**/ was led like a lamb to the **slaughter**;/ the princes of hell trembled **before** Him,/ the gates of tears were **lifted** up:/ for Christ the King of glory **entered** in,/ declaring to those in **bonds**: "Go forth"// and to those in darkness: "**Show** yourselves."
3. **What** a mighty **wonder**;/ in His **love** for mankind,/ the Maker of things invisible suffered in the flesh and He Who was **immortal** rose./ Come and worship Him, ye kindreds of the **nations**;/ let us, delivered indeed from beguilement by His **compassion**,// learn to sing the praises of the only **God** in three **Persons**.
4. We **offer** up to Thee our evening **worship**,/ O uncreated light, who art to all **eternity**./ For through the flesh as **in** a glass,/ Thou hast shone upon the world, descending even **unto** hell,/ setting free those in **darkness** there/ and showing forth to the nations the light of the Resurre**ction**:// Glory unto Thee, O **Lord**, Giver of light.

Stichera for the Dedication (Tone 6)

5. In goodly fashion doth the old law mandate that dedications be **honoured**,/ and all the more should the new law also be honoured with **dedications**;/ for the islands are made new for God, as saith **Isaiah**,/ by which we should understand the Churches now built by the **nations**,/ which receive a firm **foundation** from God.// Wherefore, let us spiritually celebrate these present **festivities**.
6. Be ye made new, O **brethren**,/ and, having put away the **old** man,/ live ye in newness of life, bridling all things from whence death **cometh**;/ let us chastise all our **members**,/ hating every evil **fruit** of the tree,/ and keeping them carefully in mind, let us avoid our ancient **errors**,/ that man may **thus** be restored.// Therefore, the day of dedication is **honoured**.
7. Thou didst set up Thy Church as a tower of strength, O Christ, Thou pre-**eternal** Word,/ for Thou didst found it upon the **rock** of the Faith./ Wherefore, it abideth unshakable **forever**,/ having Thee Who, for its sake, immutably became man in **latter** times./ Wherefore, giving thanks, we hymn Thee, **saying**:/ Thou art our King from before time began, and forever, and **still** yet.// Glory **be** to Thee!

Stichera for the Forefeast (Tone 5)

8. **Rejoice**, O life-bearing Cross, invincible victory of **piety**,/ gate of paradise, confirmation of the **faithful**,/ rampart of the Church, whereby corruption hath been destroyed and **abolished**,/ and the power of death hath been **trampled** down,/ and we have been raised up from earth to the **heavens**,/ O invincible weapon, opponent of the **demons**,/ glory of the martyrs, true adornment of the **venerable**,/ haven of salvation,// grant the **world** great mercy.
9. **Rejoice**, O-o **Cross** of the Lord,/ whereby mankind hath been **released** from the curse,/ thou ensign of joy, who in thine exaltation/ drivest away the enemy, O most **honoured** one,/ our helper, dominion of kings, might of the **righteous**,/ splendor of priests, who, when traced, dost deliver from **evils**,/ staff of power, whereby we are **shepherded**,/ weapon of peace around whom the angels **stand** in fear,// divine glory of Christ, Who granteth the **world** great mercy.
10. **Rejoice**, O guide of the blind, physician of the **ailing**,/ resurrection of **all** the dead,/ who hast lifted us up who have fallen into **corruption**,/ O precious Cross, whereby the curse that been annulled and incorruption hath **blossomed** forth,/ and we mortals have been deified, and the devil hath been utterly **cast** down!/ Beholding thee today uplifted in the arms of the **hierarch**,/ we exalt Him Who was lifted up upon thee, and we bow down **before** thee,// richly drawing **forth** great mercy.

Glory... (Tone 6)

Celebrating the memory of the **dedication**, O Lord,/ and glorifying thee, the Bestower of **holiness**,/ we pray: Let the senses of our souls be hallowed through the supplications of the glorious passion-**bearers**,// O Good and **Almighty** One.

Both... Dogmatikon (Tone 5)

In **times** past,/ the image of the unwedded Bride was inscribed in the **Red** Sea:/ There **Moses** parted the **waters**;/ here, **Gabriel** was the servant of the **wonder**./ Then, Israel rode dry-shod **through** the deep;/ **while**, now, the Virgin hath without seed given **birth** to Christ./ After the **passing** of **Israel**,/ the sea was as ever **impassable**./ After the **birth** of **Emmanuel**,/ the **Virgin** without reproach, **remains** uncorrupt./ Thou, O God, Who art now, hast forever been and hast **appeared** as man,// have **mercy** upon us.

- P. Wisdom. Aright!  
 C. O Joyful Light...  
 P. Prokimenon. The Lord is King...  
 P. Wisdom!

R. The reading from the third Book of Kings (1:22-23, 27-30)  
 Solomon stood up on front of the altar before all the congregation of Israel; and he spread out his hands toward heaven: and he said: 'O Lord God of Israel, there is no God like Thee in heaven and the heaven of heavens will not suffice Thee, how much less even this house which I have built to Thy name? Yet, O Lord God of Israel, Thou shalt look upon my petition, to

hear the prayer which Thy servant doth pray to Thee in Thy presence this day, that Thine eyes may be open to this house day and night, even toward the place of which Thou didst say: 'My name shall be there, to hear the prayer which My servant prayeth at this place day and night.' And Thou shalt hearken unto the prayer of Thy servant, and of Thy people Israel, which they shall pray toward this place; and Thou shalt hear in Thy dwelling-place in heaven, and Thou shalt do and be gracious.'

R. The reading from the Book of Proverbs (3:19-34)

The Lord by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath He established the heavens. By His knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew. My son, let not them depart from thine eyes: keep sound wisdom and discretion: So shall they be life unto thy soul, and grace to thy neck. Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not stumble. When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid: yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet. Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh. For the Lord shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken. Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it. Say not unto thy neighbor, Go, and come again, and tomorrow I will give; when thou hast it by thee. Devise not evil against thy neighbor, seeing he dwelleth securely by thee. Strive not with a man without cause, if he have done thee no harm. Envy thou not the oppressor, and choose none of his ways. For the froward is abomination to the Lord: but His secret is with the righteous. The curse of the Lord is in the house of the wicked: but He blesseth the habitation of the just. Surely He scorneth the scorers: but He giveth grace unto the lowly.

R. The reading from the Proverbs (9:1-11)

Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars: she hath killed her beasts; she hath mingled her wine; she hath also furnished her table. She hath sent forth her maidens: she crieth upon the highest places of the city, Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither: as for him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him, Come, eat of my bread, and drink of the wine which I have mingled. Forsake the foolish, and live; and go in the way of understanding. He that reproveth a scorner getteth to himself shame: and he that rebuketh a wicked man getteth himself a blot. Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee. Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just man, and he will increase in learning. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the Holy is understanding. For by me thy days shall be multiplied, and the years of thy life shall be increased.

P. Augmented Litany

R. Vouchsafe...

P. Litany of Fervent Supplication

C. Litya

(The first sticheron is of the temple, then in Tone 1...)

Be thou renewed, be thou restored, O new Jerusalem! For thy light hath come, and the glory of the Lord hath shone upon thee! This house hath the Father built! This house hath the Son established! This house hath the

Holy Spirit restored, // Who illumineth, maketh firm and doth sanctify our souls!

(Tone 4)

The Church of the nations is renewed today through the precious and life-bearing blood/ which flowed from the all-pure and incorrupt side of Christ our God,/ Who was incarnate of the holy Virgin./ Wherefore, assembling, ye choirs of the faithful,/ let us glorify the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, // the one Godhead Who sustaineth all things.

Desiring to see beforehand the holy scepter of the Cross borne aloft in the midst of the earth,/ let us purify our souls in advance,/ and being illumined with light, let us render our thoughts radiant,/ and, shining with divine power let us hymn Christ/ Who imparteth His holiness through the precious Tree// unto those who cry out with faith and fervently hymn Him.

Glory... (Tone 5)

O Word Who restest in the bosom of the Father,/ by Thy Holy Spirit// renew the temple raised up in Thy name.

Both... (Tone 6)

Today hath the Tree appeared!// Today hath the Jewish race perished!// Today is the Faith made manifest by faithful sovereigns!// Adam hath recovered from his fall because of the Tree,/ and again, through the Tree, have the demons come to tremble.// O Lord Almighty, glory be to Thee!

P. *Litya prayers in back of Church*

APOSTICHA: (Tone 5)

1. We **lift** up our **voices** in song/ to magnify Thee, O **Saviour**,/ Christ incarnate yet never parted from **heaven**,/ for **Thou** Lord Who **lovest** mankind,/ hast suffered the Cross and death for the **sake** of our kind/ and casting down the **gates** of hell, // Thou hast risen on the third day and thereby **saved** our souls.

V. The Lord is King,/ and hath put on glorious apparel.

2. O **Giver** of Life,/ Thy pierced side poured streams of **remission**,/ life and salvation upon us all./ By taking upon Thyself **death** in the flesh,/ Thou hast granted us **immortality**,/ and taking up Thy **abode** in the tomb,/ Thou hast set us **all** free,/ and as God Thou hast raised us up with Thee in **glory**./ Therefore, we **cry** aloud:// Glory unto Thee, O **Lord**, Who lovest mankind.

V. He hath made the world so sure/ that it cannot be moved.

3. O **Thou** Wh-o **lovest** mankind/ strange are Thy crucifixion and Thy **descent** into hell./ For after despoiling it, and raising up with Thyself as God in **glory**,/ those who were in times of old held **captive** there,/ Thou hast opened Paradise and vouchsafed that it let man **enter**./ Cleanse us, **therefore**, from sin,/ who glorify Thy Resurrection on the **third**

day/ and vouchsafe that we too may dwell in **Eden**::// For Thou alone art **merciful**.

V. Holiness becometh Thine house/ O Lord, forever.

4. O **Thou**, Who for our sakes hast accepted suffering **in** the flesh/ and hast risen on the third day **from** the dead,/ heal the passions **of** our flesh/ and raise us from our grievous iniquities and **save** us::// For Thou **alo-ne** lovest mankind.

Glory... (Tone 2)

Celebrating the dedication of the most sacred temple of Thy Resurrection,/ we glorify **Thee**, O Lord,/ Who hast sanctified it and perfected it with Thine all-**perfect** grace,/ Who art adorned therein by the faithful with sanctifying, mystic and sacred **sacrifices**,/ receivest unbloody and all-pure sacrifices from the hands of Thy **servants**,/ and bestowest great mercy and cleansing from sins **upon** those// who rightly make **offering**.

Both... (Tone 2)

The Cross of the **Bestower** of life,/ a divine treasure **hidden** in the ground,/ was shown in the heavens to the pious emperor and noetically revealeth an inscription of victory of the **enemy**./ And joyfully hastening in godly manner with **faith** and love/ to see it on high, he zealously lifted it from the bosom **of** the earth,// for the deliverance of the world and the **salvation** of our souls.

C. St. Symeon's Prayer

R. Trisagion

C. Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos 2x

Troparion for the Dedication (Tone 4) x1

Thou didst show forth the beauty of the holy dwelling-place/ of Thy glory here below, O Lord, like the splendor of the firmament on high./ Establish it for all ages,/ and through the Theotokos accept the supplications we unceasingly offer unto Thee therein,// O Thou life and resurrection of all.

P. Blessing of loaves.

C. Amen. Blessed be the Name of the Lord... x3

Psalm 33:1-10

MATINS: Tone 5

P. Regular Beginning

P. Great Ectenia

C. God is the Lord...

C. Sunday Troparia (Tone 5) x2

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word/ co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit/ Born for our salvation from the Virgin,/ for He willed to be lifted upon the Cross in the flesh/ to endure death and to raise the dead/ by His glorious Resurrection.

Glory... Troparion for the Dedication (Tone 4)

Thou didst show forth the beauty of the holy dwelling-place/ of Thy glory here below, O Lord, like the splendor of the firmament on high./ Establish it for all ages,/ and through the Theotokos accept the supplications we unceasingly offer unto Thee therein,// O Thou life and resurrection of all.

Both... Troparion for the Forefeast (Tone 4)

O Lord, we offer unto Thee in supplication the life-creating Cross of Thy goodness,/ which Thou hast bestowed upon us, unworthy though we are./ Save Thou all Orthodox Christians,/ and this Thy city, which entreateth Thee through the Theotokos,// O Thou Who alone lovest mankind.

Lord Have Mercy 3x  
Glory...

R. Now...  
R. Kathisma II  
P. Small Ectenia

R. Sessional Hymns:

We praise the Cross of the Lord, we honour His holy burial with hymns, and we greatly glorify His resurrection, for as God with Himself He raised the dead up from the graves, having captured the dominion of death and the might of the devil; and He shone light upon those in hades.

V. Arise, O Lord my God, let Thy hand be lifted high; forget not Thy paupers to the end.

Declared to be dead, O Lord Who didst slay death, Thou wast laid in a tomb, O Thou Who emptied the graves. Above, soldiers kept guard over Thy sepulcher, while below Thou didst raise up the dead from ages past. O almighty and unapproachable Lord, glory be to Thee!

G/B... Rejoice! Thou impassable gateway of the Lord; Rejoice! Thou wall and protection of those who take refuge in Thee; Rejoice! Thou haven untroubled by storms; Rejoice! Thou who hast not known wedlock and who hast borne Thy Son and Maker and God in the flesh. Fail not in thy intercession on behalf of those who sing the praises of and worship thy Son.

R. Kathisma III  
P. Small Ectenia

R. Sessional Hymns:

O Lord, after Thy resurrection on the third day and the worship of the apostles, Peter cried out to Thee: "The women showed courage, but I was afraid. The thief uttered theology, but I denied Thee. And dost Thou now call upon me to be Thine apostle still? Or wilt Thou show me again to be a fisher of the deep? Yet do Thou accept me, who repent, O God, and save me!"

V. I will confess Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart, I will tell of all Thy wonders.

O Lord, the iniquitous nailed Thee in the midst of condemned criminals, and pierced Thy side with a spear, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept

burial, Who broke down the gates of hades, and didst rise again on the third day. The women hastened to behold Thee, and announced Thine arising to the apostles. O supremely exalted Saviour, Whom the angels hymn, O blessed Lord, glory be to Thee!

G/B... O Theotokos, unwedded Bride, who hast transformed the grief of Eve into joy, we, the faithful, hymn and bow down before thee, for thou hast led us out of the ancient curse. And now, pray thou unceasingly, O most hymned and all-holy one, that we be saved.

R. Psalm 118

C. Evlogitaria (Blessed art Thou, O Lord...)

P. Small Ectenia

R. Ypakoe:

The myrrh-bearing women, their minds dazzled by the sight of the angel and their souls enlightened by Thy divine Resurrection, preached the good tidings to the Apostles: "O spread among the nations the news of the Resurrection of the Lord, He, Who works wonders and grants us His great mercy."

Hymn of Degrees: (Antiphon One)

When I am filled with sorrow, I sing unto Thee like David, O my Saviour: Deliver my soul from a lying tongue.

Blessed is the life of those in the wilderness, who soar aloft on wings of love divine.

G/B... By the Holy Spirit are sustained all things, visible and invisible; for, Himself possessed of dominion, He is truly One of the Trinity.

Hymn of Degrees: (Antiphon Two)

Ascend into the mountain, O my soul and go thither from whence cometh our help.

Let Thy right hand, which toucheth me, O Christ, preserve me from all deception.

G/B... Theologizing concerning the Holy Spirit, let us say: Thou art God, Life, Love, Light and understanding! Thou art Goodness and Thou reignest forever!

Hymn of Degrees: (Antiphon Three)

Full of great Joy, I send up supplications for those who have said to me: Let us enter into the courts of the Lord.

Awesome things are wrought in the house of David; for there is found the fire which burneth up every shameful thought.

G/B... To the Holy Spirit, by Whom every living thing is made animate, is due the dignity of the Bestower of life, as to the Father and the Word.

P. Prokimenon: (Tone 5)

Arise, O Lord, my God, let Thy hand be lifted high; for Thou shalt be King forever.

V. I will confess to Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart, I will tell of all Thy wonders.

C. Let every breath praise the Lord.

- P. GOSPEL #3
- C. Having Beheld the Resurrection of Christ...
- R. Psalm 50
- C. Glory... Now... Have mercy on me... Jesus having risen...
- P. Save, O God, Thy People...  
Anointing.

### Canticle One

Irmos: Bringing battles to naught with His upraised arm,/ Christ hath overthrown horse and rider/ in the Red Sea,/ and hath saved Israel,// who chanteth a hymn of victory.

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

The thorny assembly of the Jews, devoid of maternal love for Thee, their Benefactor, O Christ, crowned Thee with thorns, Who lifted the thorny sentence of our first father.

Bending down, O Bestower of life, Thou raised me up who had fallen into the pit; and having endured my fetid corruption without partaking thereof, O Christ, Thou hast made me fragrant with the myrrh of the divine Essence.

### Theotokion

The curse hath been annulled; grief hath ceased! For she who is blessed and full of grace hath shone joy forth upon the faithful, causing Christ to blossom forth as a blessing upon all the ends of the earth.

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

O all-pure one, entreat Christ, the Light Who abode within thee and illumineth the world with the rays of His divinity, that He enlighten all who hymn thee, O Virgin Mother.

As one adorned with the beauty of the virtues, O most pure one who art full of grace, through the effulgence of the Spirit thou didst receive the majesty of Him Who adorneth all things, and which createth beauty.

Glory to Thee, Our God, glory to Thee!

O Christ Who of old guided Israel the chosen by a pillar, Thou didst plant the Church in Sion through the laver of baptism; and it crieth aloud: Let us chant a hymn to our God!

Today the coming of Thine unapproachable glory hath fashioned a heaven, the temple planted for Thee on earth; and therein we chant together a hymn to our God.

The Church is not adorned with the law, O Lord, nor by the outstretched hands of servants, but, boasting in the grace of the Cross, it singeth to Thee: Let us chant a hymn to our God!

### Theotokion

At the will of the Father thou didst conceive without seed the Son of God through the divine Spirit, and gavest birth in the flesh to Him Who was begotten of the Father without mother and came forth from thee without father for our sake.

Glory to Thy Precious Cross, O Lord.

Be glad, O heaven, and rejoice, O earth! for the all-holy Cross cometh forth, sanctifying with grace us who venerate it as a wellspring of holiness and the cause of all deification.

O all-holy Cross, strengthen us who bow down before thee with faith, that we may piously tread the path of heaven, that, avoiding the pitfalls of the adversary, we may come to share in divine glory.

Glory... O most precious Cross, as we are acknowledged by the Creator through thee, we ever embrace thee with heart and soul, gazing upon thee as thou liest before us; and we are enlightened in mind, glorifying the Word, Who accomplisheth all things.

Both... O most immaculate Theotokos, preserve thou the city of God the King of all, the God-pleasing and precious treasure, thy portion, which ever praiseth thee and honoureth thy birthgiving with faith.

#### C. Katavasia (Tone 8)

Inscribing the invincible weapon of the Cross upon the waters,/ Moses marked a straight line before him with his staff/ and divided the Red Sea,/ opening a path for Israel who went over dry-shod./ Then he marked a second line across the waters and united them in one,/ overwhelming the chariots of Pharaoh.// Therefore let us sing to Christ our God, for He has been glorified.

#### Canticle Three

Irmos: O Christ Who by Thy command fixed the earth upon naught/ and suspended its weight unsupported;/ establish Thou Thy Church/ upon the immovable rock of Thy commandments,// O Thou Who alone art good and lovest mankind.

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

They who sucked honey from a rock when Thou didst work a miracle in the desert, O Christ, gave Thee gall to eat; the ungrateful children of Israel gave Thee vinegar in return for manna, repaying thus Thy benefactions.

They who of old were covered by the cloud of light placed Christ, our Life, in the tomb; yet He hath arisen through His own power and from on high hath given to all the faithful the effulgence of the Spirit, which mystically overshadoweth them.

#### Theotokion

Thou, O Mother of God, gavest birth without knowing union, and without the pangs of motherhood, unto Him Who shone forth from the incorrupt Father; wherefore, in Orthodox manner we proclaim thee the Theotokos, for thou gavest birth unto the incarnate Word.

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

The mystery which was ordained of old and foreseen before time began by God Who knoweth all things, hath now, in the latter days been made manifest, fulfilled in thy womb, O most immaculate one.

The condemnation incurred by the ancient curse was annulled at thy mediation, O all-pure Virgin; for having manifested Himself through thee, the Lord hath poured forth blessing upon all, in that He is all-good, O only adornment of men.

Glory to Thee, Our God, glory to Thee!

O Christ, by the Spirit Thou hast sanctified Thy Church on earth, anointing it today with the oil of Thy gladness.

O Good One, Thou hast revealed today the tabernacle, made of men's hands, of Thy glory, which passeth understanding, a well-built dwelling-place.

Having Thee as an immovable foundation, O Christ, the Church is crowned with Thy Cross as with a royal diadem.

Theotokion

Thou alone on earth, O Mother of God, art the mediatrix of good things which transcend nature; wherefore, we offer to thee the cry: Rejoice!

Glory to Thy Precious Cross, O Lord.

Glorified and enlightened by thy precious embrace, O all-glorious Cross of the Lord, with faith we glorify thee, who art the glory of Christ.

Arriving in gladness, O ye faithful, let us draw forth the ever-living waters of the Cross as from a pure wellspring; and, saved, let us praise God.

Glory... In that He is life, Jesus died, hanging upon the Tree of the Cross; and embracing it now with faith, we drive away the passions, the mediators of death.

Both... Having manifested thyself, O pure Virgin, dispel the darkness of my soul, crush thou the members of sin, and save me, O thou who gavest birth to the most Compassionate One.

C. Katavasia (Tone 8)

The **rod** of Aaron is an image of this **mystery**,/ for when it budded it **showed** who should be priest./ So in the Church that once was **barren**,/ the wood of the Cross has now put forth **flower**,// filling her with strength and **steadfastness**.

P. Small Ectenia

C. Kontakion for the Dedication (Tone 2)

Grant inner enlightenment and spiritual renewal of heart/ unto those who with faith celebrate the sacred dedication of the temple of Thy house,/ which it was Thy good pleasure to have built unto Thy divine name,// O Thou Who art glorious in the saints.

R. Ikos

The most wise Solomon of old, celebrating the memorial of the dedication, brought dumb beasts as whole-burnt offerings and sacrifices to God; and now, when truth and grace have come to earth, He Who offered Himself as sacrifice for our salvation hath abolished the sacrifices, in that He loveth mankind. He Who alone is glorious in the saints hath sanctified the church and shown it to be unshakable.

R. Sessional Hymns

Christ showed forth the tabernacle of witness; the godly Moses set it up on earth; and Solomon dedicated the temple with sacrifices; and we, hastening to the new Jerusalem with faith, like David utter divine hymnody unto Him Who was crucified for our sake, asking forgiveness for all things wherein we have sinned.

G/B... Moses stretched out his arms to heaven on high, prefiguring the Cross, the divine weapon of the faithful, to which Christ nailed our sins. Wherefore, the enemy wept, his senses wounded painfully, and said: "This spear of wood hath pierced my heart! Christ releaseth all from the bonds of hell!"

Canticle Four

Irmos: Perceiving Thy divine condescension prophetically, O Christ,/ Habakkuk cried out to Thee with trembling:/ Thou art come for the salvation of Thy people,// to save thine anointed ones!

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

O Good One, with a tree Thou didst sweeten the bitter waters of Marah, prefiguring Thine all-precious Cross, which doeth away with the taste of sin.

O my Saviour, Thou didst receive a Cross in exchange for the tree of knowledge and gall for sweet food, and thou didst pour forth Thy divine blood for the corruption of death.

Theotokion

Without physical joining thou didst incorruptibly conceive within thy womb, and gavest birth without pain; and having given birth unto God in the flesh, thou wast preserved a virgin even after birthgiving.

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

With heart and mind, with soul and mouth I most piously confess thee to be the true Theotokos, O pure one; and laying hold of the fruit of salvation, I am saved by thy supplications, O Virgin.

Isaiah called thee the staff from whence Christ God, the beautiful Flower, budded forth for us, unto the salvation of those who with faith and love have recourse to thy protection.

Glory to Thee, Our God, glory to Thee!

The Church is sprinkled not with the sacrifices of dumb beasts, but with the precious and life-bearing blood which flowed from Thy side; and it crieth out in splendor: Glory to Thy power, O Lord!

The beloved habitations of the Lord cry out together to those who desire plainly to see the glory of His countenance: Glory to Thy power, O Lord!

Portraying the anointing of Thy chosen people, the Church is anointed today with costly ointments, invisibly receiving the divine grace of the Spirit.

#### Theotokion

Thou gavest birth without knowing wedlock, O Virgin, and even after giving birth thou wast shown to be virginal still; wherefore, with never-ceasing voices and unwavering love we cry out to thee: Rejoice, O Mistress!

Glory to Thy Precious Cross, O Lord.

The Cross of the Lord, which is worshipped by the faithful, is seen to be as bright as the sun; and as we kiss it our souls are enlightened.

God the Lord hath appeared incarnate, uplifted upon the Tree; and He enlighteneth those who bow down before it, ever delivering them from evils.

Glory... Grant cleansing from offenses, O Word of God, unto those who today bow down with faith before Thy precious Cross, which lieth before us.

Both... Without abandoning the bosom of the Father, the Word descended into thy womb as a babe, O Maiden, desiring to restore me who lie subject to corruption.

#### C. Katavasia (Tone 8)

O Lord, I have heard the mystery of Thy dispensation;/ I have considered Thy works,// and I have glorified Thy Godhead.

#### Canticle Five

Irmos: O Thou Who art clothed in light as with a garment:/ I rise at dawn unto Thee, and to Thee do I cry:/ Enlighten Thou my gloom-enshrouded soul, O Christ,// in that Thou alone art compassionate!

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

Of His own will the Lord of glory hangeth ignominiously upon the Tree in inglorious form, ineffably taking thought of divine glory for me.

Having tasted of the corruption of death in the flesh without suffering corruption, O Christ, Thou didst clothe me in incorruption, having shone forth from the tomb on the third day.

Theotokion

Having seedlessly given birth for us to Christ, our righteousness and deliverance, O Theotokos, thou didst rid the nature of our first father of the curse.

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

O pure one, we recognize thee as the radiant cloud of the Water of life, which raineth Christ, the Torrent of incorruption, upon us, the despairing.

God Who dwelt within thee, in that He alone is compassionate, loved thee with a pure love, as the one who, good, immaculate and sealed with virginity, was close to Him.

Glory to Thee, Our God, glory to Thee!

On Sinai of old Thou didst show to Moses the God-seer a tabernacle not made by men's hands, O Christ, prefiguring Thy Church.

O Lord, thou didst build a tabernacle on the earth, and by Thy power Thou dost join the ranks of heaven to the choirs of men.

O Lord, we know Thee to be the Source of life. And arriving, O holy Christ, Thou didst proclaim peace to Thy Church.

Theotokion

We wield thee against the enemy as a mighty weapon, O Bride of God, for we have acquired thee as our dominion and the hope of our salvation.

Glory to Thy Precious Cross, O Lord.

Against the corrupting passions strengthen us who honour and venerate thee, O precious Cross, most holy ensign of the holy Passion.

O ye faithful, illumined today in heart and soul with goodly sights, let us approach and bow down before the sacred and divine Tree.

Glory... Moses of old, in sweetening the waters of Marah, prefigured thee with a tree, O precious Cross, for thou hast exuded the sweetness of salvation for men.

Both... O all-pure Maiden, pray thou for us to Christ Who was clad in material flesh through thy precious blood and hath renewed mortals.

C. Katavasia (Tone 8)

O thrice-blessed Tree, on which Christ the King and Lord was stretched!/ Through thee the beguiler fell, who tempted mankind with the tree./ He was caught in the trap set by God,/ Who was crucified upon thee in the flesh,// granting peace unto our souls.

Canticle Six

Irmos: O Christ Master,/ still Thou the sea of the passions/ which  
rageth with a soul-destroying tempest,/ and lead me up from  
corruption,// in that Thou art compassionate.

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

The progenitor of our race stumbled headlong into corruption, having  
tasted of the forbidden food, O Christ our Master; but he hath been led up  
to life, through Thy suffering.

Thou, O our Life, didst go down into hades, and having become  
corruption for the corrupter, O Christ our Master, Thou didst pour forth  
resurrection through corruption.

Theotokion

The Virgin gave birth, and having given birth hath remained pure. The  
Virgin Mother hath truly borne in her arms Him Who holdeth all things.

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

When He Who is the cause of all, and Who hath brought all into being,  
became incarnate, He had thee as His human cause, O most immaculate Mother  
of God.

O most immaculate Mistress, we know thee to be a soul-nurturing  
wellspring pouring forth healings upon those who with faith have recourse  
unto thy right glorious protection.

Glory to Thee, Our God, glory to Thee!

Christ the King desired the beauty of the Church He now hath chosen,  
and hath shown her to be the mother of the gentiles, who out of slaves have  
been made sons by the Spirit.

The hordes of the malicious demons tremble before the Church of Christ  
which is marked with the sign of the image of the Cross and covered with  
the overshadowing of the Spirit.

Having Christ, and not sand, as its foundation, the Church of the  
nations is crowned with unapproachable beauty and adorned with a royal  
diadem.

Theotokion

O wonder more recent than all other wonders! The Virgin hath without  
knowing man conceived in her womb Him Who sustaineth all things, yet hath  
not confined Him.

Glory to Thy Precious Cross, O Lord.

The Creator, His side pierced while He hung suspended upon thee of His  
own will, O Cross, poured forth blood and water, whereby we who kiss thee  
with faith have been edified.

O life-giving Tree of the Lord, thou wellspring of immortality and deliverance of the whole world, save us who venerate thee as our saving protector.

Glory... Thou hast been shown to us as a mighty weapon, whereby in sacred manner we kiss thee with uprightness of soul and overpower all the assaults of the adversary, O divine Cross.

Both... O Theotokos, thou wast the holy temple of Him Who resteth in the saints; wherefore, illumine us who hymn thee with faith, O Virgin Mother.

C. Katavasia (Tone 8)

**Jonah** stretched out his hands in the form of a Cross in the belly of the sea **monster**,/ plainly prefiguring the redeeming **Passion**./ Cast out from hence after **three** days,/ he foreshadowed the marvelous Resurrection of **Christ** our God,/ Who was crucified in the flesh and **enlightened** the world// by His Rising on the **third** day.

P. Small Ectenia

C. Kontakion (Tone 5)

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Saviour,/ shattering its gates as Almighty;/ resurrecting the dead as Creator/ and destroying the sting of death,/ Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Man,// and we all cry to Thee, O Lord, save us.

R. Ikos

When the women heard the words of the angel, they put aside their lamentation, and full of joy and trembling they gazed in awe. And, lo! Christ drew nigh to them, saying: "Rejoice! Be of good cheer! I have vanquished the world and freed the captives! Make haste, therefore, to My disciples, telling them that I go before you to preach in the city of Galilee." Wherefore, we all cry out to Thee: Save us, O Lord!

R. Reading from the Prologue or Synaxarion

### Canticle Seven

Irmos: The supremely exalted Lord of our fathers/ quenched the flame and bedewed the children,/ who sang together:// Blessed art Thou, O God.

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

Clad in flesh like bait on a hook, by Thy divine power thou didst draw the serpent down, leading up those who cry: Blessed art Thou, O God!

The Infinite One, Who brought the immense structure of the earth into being, in the flesh is covered in the tomb. Unto Him do we all sing: Blessed art Thou, O God!

Theotokion

O most immaculate one, thou gavest birth to the incarnate God, one Hypostasis in two natures, unto Him do we all sing: Blessed art Thou, O God!

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

Having been purified by the Spirit, O Virgin, thou becamest the Mother of the King of all, Who had created thee. Unto Him do we all sing: Blessed art Thou, O God!

Having clothed Himself in flesh through thee, O all-pure Mother of God, the Lord saved me. Unto Him do we all sing: Blessed art Thou, O God!

Glory to Thee, Our God, glory to Thee!

Of old the flame of the furnace was shown to be dew-bearing; and now spiritual anointing with oil doth sanctify those who cry out: Blessed art Thou in the temple of Thy glory, O Lord!

In this new tabernacle, as in the God-receiving furnace, all of us who are of the spiritual Israel cry out, bedewed: Blessed art Thou in the temple of Thy glory, O Lord!

O ye who are wounded with most sweet divine desire, come ye, let us join ourselves to Christ the Bridegroom in this bridal-chamber, crying: Blessed art Thou in the temple of Thy glory, O Lord!

#### Theotokion

Rejoice, O divine and hallowed abode of the Most High! For through thee, O Theotokos, hath joy been given to those who cry: Blessed art thou among women, O most immaculate Mistress!

Glory to Thy Precious Cross, O Lord.

Of old, O precious Cross, Jacob prefigured thee in blessing the children of Joseph; but we, bowing down now, honour thee, drawing forth enlightenment.

The sayings of the divine prophets have received their fulfillment, O most sacred Cross; for the Lord of all hath been lifted up upon thee, delivering all from corruption.

Glory... Embracing thee now with heart and mouth, O most precious Cross, we ever draw forth sanctity, health and salvation of soul and body.

Both... O blessed Virgin, pray thou for us who entreat thee, for we all place our hope in thee and cry out to thee: O Mistress, disdain not thy flock!

#### C. Katavasia (Tone 8)

The senseless decree of the wicked tyrant, / breathing forth threats and blasphemy hateful to God, confused the people. / Yet neither the fury of wild beasts nor the roaring of the fire could frighten the three Children, / but standing together in the flame, / fanned by the wind that brought

refreshment as the dew, they sang:/ 'Blessed art Thou and praised above all,// O our God and the God of our fathers.'

### Canticle Eight

Irmos: The children, forming a universal chorus in the furnace,/ chanted to Thee, the Creator of all:/ Hymn the Lord, all ye works,// and exalt Him supremely for all ages!

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

Thou didst pray concerning Thy voluntary and saving passion as though it were a cup which Thou didst not desire; for Thou bearest two wills, according to each of Thy two natures, O Christ, forever.

At Thine all-accomplishing descent, O Christ, hades, mocked, spewed forth all whom it had lured by deceit into death from of old, and they exalt Thee supremely for all ages.

### Theotokion

All of us, the works of the Lord, bless and supremely exalt thee for all ages, as her who, in manner past understanding, gave birth to the Lord as God and man at the word of the archangel, and doth remain a virgin.

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

With us the assembly of the incorporeal beings, forming a single choir with love, hymneth thine unapproachable Offspring, exalting Him supremely for all ages.

O Virgin, we confess thee to be the truly divine and Light-bearing throne and the tablets of grace, in that thou didst receive within thee the Word of the Father; and we exalt Him supremely for all ages.

Glory to Thee, Our God, glory to Thee!

Today Thy Church hath been adorned like a bride with a noetic robe woven on high of divine grace, O Lord, and she summoneth her people to chant in gladness: Bless the Lord, all ye works of the Lord!

Today Christ, the second Adam, hath shown forth a noetic garden of paradise, this new tabernacle which, instead of the tree of knowledge, offereth the life-bearing weapon of the Cross unto those who chant: Bless the Lord, all ye works of the Lord!

Worshipping Thee, the unoriginate Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, the one Godhead, perfect, unoriginate, indivisible, consubstantial, unconfused, in three Hypostases, we chant: Bless the Lord, all ye works of the Lord!

### Theotokion

Thou, O all-pure Virgin, alone among all generations hast been shown to be the Mother of God; thou wast the dwelling-place of the Godhead, O most immaculate one, who wast not consumed by the fire of Light unapproachable. Wherefore, we all bless thee, O Mary Bride of God.

Glory to Thy Precious Cross, O Lord.

Let us bow down before the Cross of the Lord, the unbroken weapon of salvation, the ready help of the faithful, our mighty defense, which now lieth before us all.

Prefiguring thee, the most precious Cross, Moses lifted a brazen serpent up high on a pole to oppose the serpents, as it is written, and by thee we are delivered from the deception of the noetic serpents.

Let us bless Father, Son, Holy Spirit, the Lord!

Thou art the enlightenment of our souls, O light-giving and most precious Cross; for, embracing thee, with thy divine power we cut down the princes and powers of darkness.

Both... We honour the pure Virgin who, for our salvation, gave birth supernaturally to the unoriginate and uncreated Word, crying out in hymn-ody: We bless thy birthgiving, O Virgin!

We praise, we bless, we worship the Lord, praising and supremely exalting Him unto all ages.

C. Katavasia (Tone 8)

O ye children, equal in number to the **Trinity**,/ bless ye God the Father and Creator;/ Sing ye the praises of the Word Who descended and changed the **fire** to dew;/ and exalt ye above all forever the Most Holy **Spirit**,// Who gives **life** to all.

P. Magnificat

C. Song of the Most Holy Theotokos.

Canticle Nine

Irmos: Rejoice, O Isaiah!/ The Virgin hath conceived in her womb/ and borne a Son, Immanuel,/ both God and man./ Orient is His name;// and magnifying Him, we call the Virgin blessed.

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

Thou didst take up fallen man, O Christ, through the Virgin's womb uniting Thyself wholly unto him without partaking of the least sin; and by Thine all-pure sufferings Thou didst free him wholly from corruption.

By the divinely flowing blood poured forth from Thine all-pure and life-creating side, O Christ our Master, the sacrifices of the idols were brought to an end, and the whole earth offereth Thee the sacrifice of praise.

Theotokion

It is not the incorporeal God nor a simple man whom the pure and undefiled Maiden brought forth, but a perfect Man and the truly perfect God. Him do we magnify with the Father and the Spirit.

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

In giving birth in the flesh truly unto Life eternal, in manner past understanding, thou didst cause the encircling and unrestrained siege of death to cease. And hades, striking against Him with its bitter maw, was abolished, O all-holy Virgin Mother

Seating thee upon a royal throne, who art resplendent in the golden robes of divine virtues, O pure one, thy Son hath set thee at His right hand, rendering honour unto thee as His Mother, O most immaculate one.

Glory to Thee, Our God, glory to Thee!

Come ye with a pure heart and, gazing with wakeful spiritual eyes upon the beauty of the Church, the daughter of the King, which outshineth gold in luster, let us magnify her.

Rejoice and be glad, O bride of the great King, radiantly beholding the beauty of thy Bridegroom, crying out with thy people: We magnify Thee, O Bestower of life!

O Saviour, grant Thy Church excellence from on high, for she acknowledgeth none other than Thee Who of old laid down Thy life for her; and she is great in this knowledge.

#### Theotokion

Rejoice, O joyous Bride of the great King; for through thee, O pure one, have we been delivered from the curse of Eve, and we have found life in thy birthgiving, O unwedded one.

Glory to Thy Precious Cross, O Lord.

Suspended upon thee, Christ truly raised up that which had fallen into the depths of perdition, O Cross of the Lord; wherefore, we now bow down before thee with love, and honour and glorify thee.

Let us purify our souls and hearts with good works alone, and, beholding the saving Tree which lieth in our midst, with divine wisdom let us bow down before it with faith and love.

Glory... Like the great sun thou dost illumine those in darkness with thy brilliance, and drivest away the demons, O most beautiful Cross; wherefore, we cry out: Illumine all who bow down before thee with faith!

Both... Illumine me with divine light, O Virgin, thou receptacle of the Light, truly dispelling the darkness of my passions and the most profound night of pleasures, O most holy Theotokos.

#### C. Katavasia (Tone 8)

O Theotokos, thou art a mystical **paradise**,/ who untilled hast **brought** forth Christ./ He has planted upon earth the life-giving **tree** of the Cross:/ Therefore at its exaltation on this day,// we worship Him and thee do we **magnify**.

P. Small Ectenia

C. Holy is the Lord our God...

R. Exapostilarion Three (Mark 16:12-20)

Let no man not believe that Christ has risen. For He appeared to Mary and afterwards was seen by those walking in the country, and He again appeared as they lay, to the eleven who knew the mysteries, and having sent them out to baptize, He was received up into heaven from whence He came down confirming their preaching with a multitude of signs.

Glory... Exapostilarion for the Dedication

The most wondrous and most precious and holy Church, which Thou didst redeem by Thine all-pure blood, O good Word, renew by the Spirit, and adorn it with most divine rays, glorifying it with glory by those who celebrate the dedication of thy temple as is meet.

Both... Exapostilarion for the Forefeast

With light-giving splendors the Cross of the Lord summoneth to its elevation all who with divine love stand before it. Come ye all, and with joy, love, fear and faith let us kiss it and glorify the one Creator and Master!

C. Lauds: Tone 5 Stichera

Let every bre-ath **praise** the Lord/  
 Praise the Lord from the **Heavens**/  
**Praise** Him in the **highest**/  
 To **Thee** is due a **hymn**, O God/  
 Praise Him, all ye His **Angels**://  
**Praise** Him, all **ye** His hosts.//  
 To Thee is due a **hymn**, O God.

R. (The following may be read or sung antiphonally)

Praise Him, O sun and moon; praise Him, all ye stars and light.  
 Praise Him, ye heavens of heavens, and thou water that art above the heavens.  
 Let them praise the name of the Lord; For He spake, and they came to be; He commanded, and they were created.  
 He established them forever, yea, forever and ever; He hath set an ordinance, and it shall not pass away.  
 Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons and all ye abysses,  
 Fire, hail, snow, ice, blast of tempest, which perform His word,  
 The mountains and all the hills, fruitful trees, and all cedars,  
 The beasts and all the cattle, creeping things and winged birds,  
 Kings of the earth, and all peoples, princes and all judges of the earth,  
 Young men and virgins, elders with the younger; let them praise the name of the Lord, for exalted is the name of Him alone.  
 His praise is above the earth and heaven, and He shall exalt the horn of His people.  
 This is the hymn for all His saints, for the sons of Israel, and for the people that draw nigh unto Him.  
 Sing unto the Lord a new song; His praise is in the church of the saints.  
 Let Israel be glad in Him that made him, let the sons of Sion rejoice in their king.  
 Let them praise His name in the dance; with the timbrel and the psaltery let them chant unto Him.  
 For the Lord taketh pleasure in His people, and He shall exalt the meek with salvation.

The saints shall boast in glory, and they shall rejoice upon their beds.  
The high praise of God shall be in their throat, and two-edged swords shall  
be in their hands.

To do vengeance among the heathen, punishments among the peoples,  
To bind their kings with fetters, and their nobles with manacles of iron,

V. To do among them the judgment that is written/ This glory shall be  
to all His saints.

1. After the tomb was sealed by the evildoers,/ Thou, Lord, didst proceed  
from it,/ just as Thou didst come forth from the **Virgin**./ Thy bodiless  
angels had no knowledge of the manner of Thine Incarnation:/ Neither  
were the watch who guarded Thee aware of the moment of Thy  
Resurrection./ For both the one and the other were concealed from  
those who **questioned** these things,/ but were made manifest as miracles  
to those who acclaimed with faith the **Mystery**./ Grant us, who praise  
it, **joy** and great **mercy**.

V. Praise ye God in His saints,/ praise Him in the firmament of His  
power.

2. After **breaking** the **eternal** chains/ and bursting the bonds **asunder**,/  
Thou didst rise, O **Lord**, from the tomb,/ leaving Thy grave clothes  
behind Thee as **witness**/ to Thy having been truly buried for **three**  
days;/ and Thou, Who wast in the cave with a guard watching **over** Thee/  
didst go forward into **Galilee**./ Great is Thy mercy, O incomprehensible  
**Saviour**:// Have **mercy** upon us.

V. Praise Him for His mighty acts,/ praise Him according to the  
multitude of His greatness.

3. The **women**, O Lord, hastened **to** the tomb,/ so as to see Thee, O Christ,  
Who **suffered** for us,/ and when they reached it they found an angel  
seated **upon** the stone,/ who cried out to them, as they started **back**  
with dread:/ The Lord is risen, tell the **disciples**// that He is risen  
from the dead, **saving** our souls.

V. Praise Him with the sound of trumpet,/ praise Him with psaltery  
and harp.

4. As **Thou** didst go forth from the **sealed** tomb,/ so didst Thou, O Lord,  
enter when the **doors** were closed/ and stand in the midst of Thy  
disciples/ showing them the marks of Thy Passion, O long-suffering  
**Saviour**./ Born of the seed of David, having **endured** the stripes,/ Thou  
as Son of God hast set the **world** free./ Great is Thy mercy, O  
**ineffable** Lord:// Have **mercy** upon us.

V. Praise Him with timbrel and dance,/ praise **Him** with strings and  
flute.

Stichera for the Dedication (Tone 4)

5. **Today** the divine, sacred, honoured and light-bearing house of the  
resurrection of Christ/ is splendidly consecrated,/ and His **sepulcher**

giveth divine life unto the world;/ a well-spring of immortality **gusheth** forth,/ pouring forth streams of miracles, and, overflowing with the **waters** of grace,// it granteth healings unto those who **hymn** it with faith.

V. Praise Him with tuneful cymbals, praise Him with cymbals of jubilation./ Let every breath praise the Lord.

6. Shining **forth** from on high, a radiant beam hath shone forth, **illuminating** all;/ wherefore, with faith let us all honour the resurrection of Christ the Creator/ and in **hymns** let us celebrate the life-bearing and divine festival of the **dedication**,/ and let us be jubilant **in** psalms,/ that we may find the **Saviour** and Lord// to be **merciful** to us.

V. Holiness becometh Thy house, O Lord, unto length of days.

(Tone 3)

7. **Arise** unto thyself, O man! Be thou new **instead** of old!// And **celebrate** the restoration of the soul while yet thou **hast** life,/ that the path of all life may be **restored** to thee;/ for the **old** hath passed away, and, lo! all **things** are new!// **Transformed** by a change for the good, offer this to the **feast** as fruit./ **Thus** is **man** made new,// and thus is the day of the dedication **honoured**.

V. The Lord is King, He is clothed with majesty.

8. O Christ our **God**, Who for the common resurrection of the **human** race/ didst **accept** voluntary crucifixion,/ and by the **pen** of the Cross didst stain Thy fingers with blood as with ink of royal **purple**,/ and in Thy **love** for mankind didst as King affix Thy signature to the document of our **remission**:/ **Disdain** us not who are in distress and again are **far** from Thee,/ but have **pity** upon Thy people who find themselves in evil circumstances, O Long-**suffering** One./ **Arise** Thou, and do battle with those who fight **against** us,// in that **Thou** art almighty.

Glory... Gospel Sticheron (Tone 3)

**When** Mary Magdalene announced the good **tidings**/ **of** the Saviour's Resurrection from the dead and His **appearing**,/ the **disciples**, not believing, were reproached for their **hardness** of heart./ **But** they were sent to preach, armed with signs and **wonders**./ And **Thou**, O Lord, hast been lifted up to the Father, the **Arch-Light**,/ **while** they preached the Word in all places, made secure by **miracles**./ Therefore **we**, enlightened by them, glorify Thy **Resurrection** from the dead,// O Lord Who **lovest** mankind.

Both now and ever... (Tone 2)

Most Blessed art Thou, O Virgin Theotokos,/ for through Him Who became incarnate of thee is hades led **captive**,/ **Adam** recalled, the curse annulled, Eve set free, **death** slain,/ and we are given life. Wherefore, we cry **aloud** in praise:/ Blessed art Thou, O **Christ** God,// Who hast been thus well-pleased, **glory** to Thee.

The Great Doxology  
Dismissal Tropar:

Today is salvation come unto the world; let us sing to Him Who arose from the tomb, and is the Author of our life. For having destroyed death by death, He hath given us the victory and great mercy.

P. Litanies  
Dismissal

R. Hours  
Tropar: Resurrection & Dedication  
Kontak: Dedication/Resurrection alternating

At Liturgy:

Order of Troparia & Kontakia as follows:

Tropar Resurrection  
Tropar Dedication  
Tropar Forefeast  
Kontak Resurrection  
G/B... Kontak Dedication

Prokimenon for the Forefeast (Tone 6)  
O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance.  
V. Unto Thee, O Lord, will I cry; O my God, be not silent unto me.

Prokimenon for the Dedication (Tone 4)  
Holiness becometh Thy house, O Lord, unto length of days.

Epistle(s): Gal 6:11-18 & Heb 3:1-4

Alleluia for the Forefeast (Tone 1)  
V. I have raised up one chosen out of My people.  
V. For My hand shall be unto Him salvation.

Alleluia for the Dedication (Tone 2)  
V. His foundations are in the holy mountains.

Gospel(s): John 3:13-17, Matt 22:2-14 & Matt 16:13-18

Communion Verse: Praise Ye & "O Lord, I have loved the beauty of Thy house, and the place where Thy glory dwelleth"