

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## Commemoration of our Father among the Saints, Paul the Confessor, Archbishop of Constantinople

VESPERS: Tone 7

P. Regular Beginning

C. Lord I have cried...

1. O **come** let us rejoice in the **Lo-ord**/ Who **destroyed** the power of death and **enlightened** mankind,/ and **let** us cry aloud with the **angels**::// Glory to Thee, our Creator and our **Saviour**.
2. **On** our account Thou hast endured the **Cross** and the tomb:/ and as **God** Thou hast by death also put **death** to death:/ **Therefore**, we worship Thy Resurrection on the **third** day:// Glory to **Thee**, O Lord.
3. On **beholding** the Resurrection of the Creator,/ the **Apostles**, marveling, sang an angelic **song** of praise:/ **Here** is the glory **of** the Church,/ **here** the richness of the **Kingdom**:/ **Glory** be to **Thee**, O Lord,// Who hast suffered **death** for us.
4. O **Christ**, though Thou hast been taken captive by **wicked** men,/ Thou **art** my God and I am **not** shamed;/ I deny not that Thy **back** was scourged;/ I keep not **hid** that Thou wast **nailed** to the Cross./ I **boast** of Thy Resurrection, for Thy **death** is my life;// O almighty Lord, Who lovest mankind, to Thee be **glory**.
5. **Christ**, fulfilling the prophecy of **David**,/ **revealed** to His disciples the majesty of His habitation in **Zion**;/ and **showed** Himself forth as ever praised and **glorified**/ with the **Father** and the Holy **Spirit**,/ being **first** the Word without flesh that is without **beginning**/ and **then** incarnate for our sakes and slain as man and risen in **power**,// as He **loves** mankind.
6. As **God** and Lord, O Christ, of Thine **own** Will,/ Thou hast **descended** into hell despoiling death;/ **and** the third day Thou hast risen again, raising with Thee **Adam**,/ held **captive** by the chains of hell and of **corruption**,/ who **cried** and said: Glory be to Thy Resurrection,// O Thou, Who alone **lovest** mankind.

Stichera for the Saint (Tone 4)

7. The **divinely** eloquent Paul,/ ordaineth thee, O most blessed one, as his namesake and **emulator**,/ **adorned** with his character and **piety**/ and his endurance of evil **circumstances**,/ and aflame with his zeal, O champion of **Orthodoxy**.// With him thou art now glorified in the mansions of **heaven**.
8. With the **CORDS** of thy dogmas thou didst strangle the ungodly **Arius**/ and the impious **Macedonius**;/ and **with** thy right discourse on doctrine thou didst make multitudes of the Orthodox **steadfast**,/ O hieromartyr and **father**./ Wherefore, accepting thine all-radiant **confession**,// He Who loveth mankind hath shown thee to share in His **kingdom**.

9. **With** a splendid wreath of **righteousness**/ hath Christ crowned thee, O blessed **hierarch**/ who **finished** thy race and **kept** the Faith;/ and He hath adorned thy confession, O right **wondrous** one./ Wherefore, having received a heavenly **inheritance**,// pray thou to the Saviour in behalf of those who **hymn** thee.
10. O most blessed Paul, namesake of **confession**,/ as intercessor for those who fervently **praise** thee,/ deliver us from all misfortune and **every** sin,/ from the tempest of the passions and **tyranny**,/ in that thou art an invincible martyr and a right acceptable hierarch, O **father**;// for thou hast acquired boldness before **Christ** our God.

Glory... (Tone 1)

Arrayed in hierarchal vestments, O venerable **father**,/ thou didst emulate thy **namesake** Paul:/ having **endured** persecution and tribulations,/ in thy constant pangs thou didst put to shame the pernicious opinions of **Arius**;/ and having **suffered** for the unoriginate and Consubstantial **Trinity**,/ thou didst cast down the impious Macedonius, the opponent of the **Spirit**,/ and, **having** made the Orthodox Fa-ith **clear** to all,/ thou dwellest with the immaterial **angels**.// With them pray now, that our **souls** be saved.

Both now & ever... Dogmatikon (Tone 7)

**Thou**, O Theotokos, hast been acknowledged to be a **Mother**/ **above** and beyond nature, yet withal remaining a **Virgin**./ **This** is past words and understanding,/ and the **wonder** of thy giving birth no **tongue** can tell./ Most **glorious**, O pure Virgin, was thy **conceiving**:/ and **beyond** the grasp of mind, the manner of thy **bearing** child./ **For** when God so wills, the order of nature is **overthrown**./ **Therefore**, we all acknowledging thee as the Mother of God, fervently **beseech** thee:// Make supplication for our **souls** to be saved.

- P. Wisdom. Aright!  
 C. O Joyful Light...  
 P. Prokimenon. The Lord is King...  
 P. Wisdom! (And readings, if any)  
 P. Augmented Litany  
 R. Vouchsafe...  
 P. Litany of Fervent Supplication

APOSTICHA: (Tone 7)

1. **Rising** from the tomb, O **Saviour** of the world,/ Thou **hast**, together with Thy flesh, **raised** up man:// To Thee, O Lord, be **glory**.
- V. The Lord is King,/ and hath put on glorious apparel.
2. **Come**, let us **worship** Him,/ Who **rose** from the tomb and gave **light** to all./ For **by** His resurrection on the **third** day/ He **set** us free from the **tyranny** of hell,// granting us life and great **mercy**.
- V. He hath made the world so sure/ that it cannot be moved.

3. O **Christ**, the Lord, Who alone **lovest** mankind,/ **Thou** hast descended **into** hell,/ **despoiling** death and rising upon the **third** day;/ Thou hast **raised** us up with Thee glorifying Thine all-powerful Resurrection,// O Thou Who **lovest** mankind.

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

4. O **Lord**, what an awful sight it was to see Thee lying as if **asleep** in the tomb;/ yet **Thou** didst rise on the third **day** in might,/ **raising** up with Thee **Adam**, who cried:// Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Thou, Who alone **lovest** mankind.

Glory... (Tone 2)

Sailing the deep of fasting with the sail of **abstinence**,/ thou didst escape the storm of the passions, O **venerable** one./ **Wherefore**, being the namesake of the **divine** Paul,/ thou didst endure persecution and tribulations,/ mal-treated amid the blasphemies of the **heretics**./ Wherefore, thou didst cast down the opinions of **Arius**,/ and, vanquishing the heresy of **Nestorius**,/ thou hast been shown to be a zealot of the **Church** of Christ.// Him do thou entreat, o blessed hierarch, that our **souls** be saved.

Both now and ever... (Tone 2)

Here is a new wonder greater than all the **miracles** of old,/ for who has ever known a mother bear a child without the **help** of man?/ and **hold** in her arms Him Who encompasseth the whole creation?/ It was the will of God to be **born** and thou,/ O all-pure Virgin, hast carried Him, an **infant** in thine arms./ The boldness of a mother is **therefore** thine./ Do thou then pray to Him without ceasing for us who **honour** thee,// and entreat Him to save our souls and have mercy upon us.

C. St. Symeon's Prayer

R. Trisagion

C. Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos x3

Blessed be the Name of the Lord... x3

Psalm 33:1-10

MATINS: Tone 7

P. Regular Beginning

P. Great Ectenia

C. God is the Lord...

Sunday Troparia (Tone 7) x2

By Thy Cross, Thou didst destroy death./ To the thief, Thou didst open paradise./ For the myrrh-bearers, thou didst change weeping into joy/ and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God,/ to proclaim that Thou art risen// granting the world great mercy.

Glory... Troparion for the Saint (Tone 3)

Through thy confession of the divine Faith/ the Church hath shown thee to be another Paul,/ a zealot among her priests;/ and Abel crieth out to the Lord with thee,/ as doth the righteous blood of Zachariah./ O venerable father, entreat Christ God,// that we be given great mercy.

Both... Theotokion (Tone 3) (see Vigil Book)

We sing thy praises, O Virgin Theotokos, / who dost intercede for the salvation of our kind; / for thy Son and our God by taking flesh of thee / and accepting to suffer through the Cross / has delivered us from corruption / because He loveth mankind.

Lord Have Mercy 3x  
Glory...

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

R. Sessional Hymns:

Life lay in the tomb, and the seal lay upon the stone. The soldiers guarded Christ as they would a sleeping king, and the angels glorified Him as immortal God. And the women cried aloud: The Lord hath risen, granting great mercy to the world!

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

O Christ God, Who by Thy burial madest death captive, and Who by Thine arising raised up man who had become corrupt: Glory to Thee, in that Thou loveth mankind!

G/B... As thou, who art sung by all the world, art the treasure house of our Resurrection, lead out of the pit and abyss of their offences, those who have put their faith in thee. For thou who before bearing child wast Virgin, and in childbirth and after childbirth hast remained Virgin, hast saved us by giving birth to our salvation.

R. Kathisma III  
P. Small Ectenia

R. Sessional Hymns:

While the tomb was sealed, Thou didst shine forth life from the grave, O Christ God; and while the doors were shut, Thou, the Resurrection of all, didst stand before the disciples, through them renewing an upright spirit for us, according to Thy great mercy.

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

The women ran to Thy tomb, bearing myrrh and tears; and while the soldiers were keeping watch over Thee, the King of all, they said to themselves: "Who will roll away the stone for us?" But the Angel of great Counsel had arisen, trampling down death. O Lord almighty, glory be to Thee!

G/B... Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos full of grace, haven and intercession for the human race, for of thee did the Deliverer of the world become incarnate, for thou alone art both Mother and Virgin, ever-blessed and all-glorious. Entreat Christ God, that He grant peace to all the world.

- C. Polyeleos  
 C. Evlogitaria (Blessed art Thou, O Lord...)  
 P. Small Ectenia

R. Ypakoe:

O Christ God, Who assumed our form and endured the Cross in the flesh, save me by Thy resurrection, in that Thou lovest mankind.

Hymn of Degrees: (Antiphon One)

O Saviour Who turned the captivity of Sion away from falsehood, grant life unto me, rescuing me from enslaving passions.

He who with tears soweth the afflictions of fasting in the south shall reap sheaves of joy and everlasting life.

G/B... Through the Holy Spirit cometh the well-spring of divine treasures: from Him are wisdom, understanding and fear, and to Him are due praise and glory, honour and dominion.

Hymn of Degrees: (Antiphon Two)

If the Lord buildeth not the house of the soul, in vain do we labor; For without Him is no work or word made perfect.

Moved by the Spirit, the saints, made true children through adoption by the Son, have transmitted the teachings of the Father.

G/B... Through the Holy Spirit doth everything come into being; for, from before the beginning of time, He hath been the God of all, the Lord of all, the unapproachable Light, and the Life of all.

Hymn of Degrees: (Antiphon Three)

Having found the paths of life, they who fear the Lord are blessed, now and forever, with incorruptible glory.

Seeing thine offspring like the trunks of trees round about thy table, rejoice and be glad, leading them to Christ, the Chief Shepherd.

G/B... From the Holy Spirit come an abyss of gifts, a wealth of glory and great depths of judgment; for, equal in glory with the Father and the Son, He is worshipped with Them.

P. Prokimenon: (Tone 7)

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

V. I will confess Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart.

Let every breath praise the Lord.

GOSPEL #2

- 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: By Thy hand was the nature of water,/ which before was fluid,/ transformed into solid form, O Lord./ Wherefore,

having passed through it dryshod, // Israel chanteth to Thee a hymn of victory.

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

By the Tree was the tyranny of death overthrown, when Thou was condemned to an unjust death, O Lord; thus, utterly unable to vanquish Thee, the prince of darkness was rightly banished.

Hades drew nigh to Thee, but his fangs were unable to rend Thy body, and his jaws were broken; wherefore, having destroyed the pangs of death, O Saviour, Thou didst arise on the third day.

Theotokion

The pangs of our first mother Eve have been eased, for, eluding pain, thou gavest birth without knowing man. Wherefore, clearly knowing thee to be the Theotokos, O all-pure one, we all glorify thee.

Glory to Thy Precious Cross and Resurrection, O Lord.

On the Cross the Saviour poured forth two life-bearing streams for us from His pierced side. Let us chant unto Him, for He hath been glorified.

Having dwelt in the tomb and arisen on the third day, Christ, the Expectation of the nations, granted incorruption unto mortals. Let us chant unto Him, for He hath been glorified.

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

O Virgin who gavest birth to the Abyss of loving-kindness, illumine my soul with thy luminous effulgence, that I may hymn the abyss of thy wonders as is meet.

Seeing us wounded by the dart of sin, the Word took pity on us, as our Benefactor; wherefore, the All-divine One ineffably united Himself to flesh He had received from thee, O most pure one.

Holy hierarch father Paul, pray to God for us!

We proclaim thee, O Paul, to be the confirmation of the Faith, a teacher of the Church, an unshaken pillar of confession, a greatly luminous lamp of grace and the mouth of the fiery Spirit.

Paul the most great, the sun of the whole world, setteth thee, a second Paul, forth as a fire mightily consuming heresies and as a scythe which moweth down ungodliness.

Glory... Thou didst contend lawfully, O divinely eloquent one, bearing the brunt of the divine battle of preaching; and as a faithful hierarch thou didst strangle with the cords of thy dogmas the vain-minded Arius like a wild beast.

Both... Come, let us hymn the all-pure Mary, who alone hath adorned the human race, gave birth to God incarnate, and hath remained a virgin intact.

C. Katavasia (Tone 4)

I shall open my mouth/ and the Spirit will inspire it,/ and I shall utter the words of my song to the Queen and Mother:/ I shall be seen radiantly keeping feast// and joyfully praising her wonders.

Canticle Three

Irmos: O Lord and Saviour/ Who in the beginning established the heavens by Thine omnipotent Word/ and confirmed all their power by the all-accomplishing and divine Spirit:// establish me upon the immovable rock of the confession of Thee!

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

Having ascended the Tree, O compassionate Saviour, of Thine own will Thou didst experience pain for our sake and didst endure the wounding which won reconciliation and salvation for the faithful. And thereby have we all been reconciled with Thy Father, O Merciful One.

Having cleansed of sores me who was wounded by the sting of the serpent, O Christ, Thou didst show forth light unto me who from of old have lain in darkness and corruption; for having descended into hades through the Cross, Thou didst raise me up with Thyself.

Theotokion

Through the entreaties of Thy Mother who knew not man, O Saviour, grant peace to the world, and vouchsafe Thine ineffable glory unto those who glorify Thee.

Glory to Thy Precious Cross and Resurrection, O Lord.

O Thou Who alone lovest mankind, Who endured sufferings upon the Cross and, as God and Benefactor, opened paradise to the thief, make my mind firm in Thy will.

O Thou Who alone lovest mankind, Who arose from the grave on the third day and, as the Bestower of life and God, shone forth life upon the world, establish my mind in Thy will.

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

Blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, O Virgin Theotokos, thou joy of all; for, for the whole world thou gavest birth unto the Joy and Gladness which truly dispelleth the grief of sin, O Bride of God.

O Virgin Theotokos, thou didst truly give birth for us to eternal Life and Peace, causing men's ancient battle against God the Father to cease, through thy faith and confession of grace.

Holy hierarch father Paul, pray to God for us!

Adopted through grace divine, O Paul, following the dogmas of the God-bearing Paul thou didst not presume the nature of the only-begotten Son to be a created being.

With mouth, heart and tongue thou didst preach the wisdom and power of God, the hypostatic Word, O divinely wise and venerable Paul, denouncing the ungodly Arius.

Glory... O most wise one, thou didst preach God Who in essence is all-creating and omnipotent, through the righteous judgment of the transcendent authority of the Holy Spirit of God, whereby we are deified.

Both... The Word of the unoriginate Father Who is beyond any beginning, hath now received a beginning, incarnate, from thee, O pure one; and He Who transcendeth all time hath come under time.

C. Katavasia (Tone 4)

O **M**other of God,/ thou living and **p**lentiful fount,/ give **s**trength to those united in spiritual **f**ellowship,/ who sing hymns of **p**raise to thee:/ And in thy divine **g**lory// vouchsafe unto them crowns of **g**lory.

P. Small Ectenia

C. Kontakion for St. Paul the Confessor (Tone 2)

O Paul, who shone forth upon the earth like a star of heavenly splendor,/ thou dost now enlighten the universal Church for which thou didst suffer, laying down thy life./ And like that of Zachariah and Abel// thy blood crieth out to the Lord.

R. Ikos

Thou didst receive thy name from on high, and thy birth from the earth below, O Paul; and ripe as a comely garden, thou didst blossom forth like a garden in fasting, perfuming all with the sweet scent of the labor of thy manifold struggles, thy sweat, imprisonment, starvation, thirst and all thy tribulations. Therein thou didst successfully pass on, adorned with a wreath of victory, for thy blood crieth out to the Lord.

R. Sessional Hymns

Holding fast to the dogma, thou didst reject ungodly words, O divinely wise Paul, putting Arius to shame; for, making the faithful steadfast, thou didst preach the Son as of one essence with the Father. O venerable Father, entreat Christ God, that we be granted great mercy.

Glory... As the namesake and emulator of the chosen vessel, O father, thou didst endure tribulations and persecution for the Faith; and like him, thou didst also go to Rome, everywhere preaching that all the Persons of the Trinity must receive equal adoration. Wherefore, having reached the end of thy course in Armenia, thou didst receive from the Lord a crown, as is meet, putting to shame Macedonius and the ungodly Arius. Therefore, entreat Christ God, that He grant remission of sins unto those who with love celebrate thy holy memory.

Both... All of us, the generation of men and angels, bless thee as the Virgin who, alone among women, gavest birth without seed to God in the flesh; for the Fire of the Godhead dwelt within thee, and thou didst nourish the Creator and Lord with milk as a babe. Wherefore, we, the generation of angels and men, glorify thine all-holy birthgiving as is meet, and together cry out to thee: Entreat Christ God, that He grant

remission of offenses unto those who with faith worship thine all-holy birthgiving.

#### Canticle Four

Irmos: O Christ God Who, without leaving the bosom of the Father, didst descend to earth; I have heard the mystery of Thy dispensation, and have glorified Thee, Who alone lovest mankind.

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

Giving His shoulders over to stripes, the innocent Master, Who was incarnate of the Virgin, was beaten by a most sinful servant, loosing mine offenses.

Standing before the tribunal of iniquitous judges, the Judge is examined as one indicted; and He Who judgeth the earth with righteousness and as God formed man is smitten by a hand of clay.

#### Theotokion

In that thou art truly the Mother of God, entreat thy Creator and Son, O most immaculate one, that He guide me to the saving haven of His glorious will.

Glory to Thy Precious Cross and Resurrection, O Lord.

O Lord Who knowest not sin, yet because of it didst become that which Thou wast not; Thou takest form, receiving that which is alien to Thee, that Thou mightest save the world and slay the deceiving tyrant.

Thou wast uplifted upon the Cross and didst release our forefather Adam from his sin, for which cause I have heard of Thy power; for Thou didst come to save all Thine anointed ones.

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

For man, O pure one, thou gavest birth unto God, Who became incarnate of thy pure blood, and delivereth from many offenses those who with love glorify and honour thee, O Mother and Virgin.

Reason-endowed nature, having now learned the ineffable mystery of thy birthgiving, O most hymned and all-blessed one, offereth priestly ministry unto Him Who shone forth from thee.

Holy hierarch father Paul, pray to God for us!

With His life-bearing right hand the Creator hath set upon thy head the crown of confession as a most precious honour, in that thou wast victorious, O divinely manifest and blessed Paul.

In that thou didst struggle beforehand for the sake of the dogmas of piety, O most wise one, thou hast received rewards, having now attained unto the Tree of life, O divinely manifest, blessed and wondrous Paul.

Glory... As a splendid struggler and champion of the truth, O most honoured Paul, thou hast been vouchsafed to join chorus in the land of heaven, where the feet of the meek dance in chorus.

Both... Desiring to save humanity, O Saviour, as the Son, visibly consubstantial with the Father, thou wast incarnate of the Virgin in a form consubstantial with us.

C. Katavasia (Tone 4)

He Who sits in glory upon the throne of the **Godhead**,/ Jesus the **true** God,/ is **come** in a **swift** cloud,/ and with His pure hand He has saved **those** who cry:// Glory to Thy **power**, O Lord.

### Canticle Five

Irmos: Night is bereft of light for those without faith, O Christ,/ but for the faithful there is enlightenment in the sweetness of Thy words;/ wherefore, I rise early unto Thee// and hymn Thy divinity.

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

For Thy servants art Thou betrayed, and Thou endurest blows to Thy cheeks, which win freedom for those who chant: I rise early unto Thee and hymn Thy divinity!

By Thy divine power, O Christ, Thou didst cast down the mighty one with Thy weak human flesh, and by Thy resurrection Thou hast shown me to be a victor over death, O Saviour.

### Theotokion

O pure Mother, thou gavest birth unto God, Who as God became incarnate of thee, O most hymned one; and though thou hadst no concourse with the male gender, yet dost thou give birth through the Holy Spirit.

Glory to Thy Precious Cross and Resurrection, O Lord.

When Thou wast numbered with the outlaws, Thou didst ascend Golgotha. And the lights of heaven hid themselves, the earth quaked, and the veil of the temple was rent in twain, making manifest the apostasy of the Jews.

With hymns we glorify Thee, Who destroyed all the power of the tyrant with the might of Thine unapproachable divinity, and raised up the dead by Thy resurrection.

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

Beholding the ladder set firmly in the highest, Jacob understood it to be an image of thee, O thou who knewest not wedlock; for through thee hath God come into fellowship with men, O most pure Mistress.

The Bridegroom found thee alone like a lily among thorns, shining with the radiance of purity and the light of virginity, O Virgin, and He took thee to be His Bride, O most immaculate one.

Holy hierarch father Paul, pray to God for us!

Thou didst bring the pasturage and corruption of heresy to an end, O divinely wise father, applying a most excellent remedy: thy splendid confession of thy dogmas, which is pure beyond understanding, and thy divine zeal.

The grace of the Holy Spirit was poured forth in abundance in thy lips, O most blessed one, truly finding thee to be a mighty and all-excellent champion of Orthodoxy for the faithful. Wherefore, thou hast illumined the councils of the godly.

Glory... Thou didst fell the blasphemy of Arius and Macedonius with the sling of thy divinely inspired dogmas and doctrines, O Paul, as David did the Philistine, and, having first strangled them, thou didst cast them down utterly.

Both... The timeless and unoriginate Word hath now come under time, receiving animate and noetic flesh from thee, O pure Virgin who knewest not wedlock, granting peace to all who hymn thee.

C. Katavasia (Tone 4)

The whole **world** was amazed at thy divine **glory**,/ for **thou**, O Virgin who hast not known **wedlock**,/ hast **held** in thy womb the **God** of all,/ and hast given birth to an **eternal** Son,// Who rewards with salvation all who sing thy **praises**.

### Canticle Six

Irmos: Sailing amid the tumult of the cares of life,/ I founder with the ship of sin and am cast to the soul-destroying beast;/ yet like Jonah I cry to Thee, O Christ;/// Lead me up from the deadly abyss!

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

The souls of the righteous imprisoned in hell and left there, remembered Thee and besought salvation of Thee, which through the Cross Thou didst grant to the nether regions, O Christ, having come there full of loving-kindness.

The choir of the apostles despaired of ever seeing again Thine animate temple not made by man, which was destroyed by Thy sufferings; yet, beyond hope, they worshipped Thee and everywhere proclaimed Thee risen.

### Theotokion

Who among men can explain the manner of thine ineffable birthgiving which took place for our sake, O Virgin Bride of God? For God the Word, Who is uncircumscribable, uniting Himself to thee, became flesh through thee.

Glory to Thy Precious Cross and Resurrection, O Lord.

Lifted up upon the Cross of Thine own will, O Saviour, Thou didst make captive the dominion of the enemy, nailing the record of our sins to it, O Good One.

Rising from the dead with power, O Saviour, Thou didst raise up the human race with Thee, granting us life and incorruption, in that Thou lovest mankind.

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

The first-created Adam, who of old was banished from the divine delight of Eden through the treachery of the slayer of man, didst thou restore when thou gavest birth unto Him Who hath delivered us from his transgression, O thou who knewest not wedlock.

He Who by His divine will and creative power brought all things into being out of nothingness, issued forth from thy womb, O pure one, and with divine lightning flashes He hath illumined those who are in the darkness of death.

Holy hierarch father Paul, pray to God for us!

Arius, who uttered blasphemy against the highest and belittled the Son and Word of God as a creature, hath been damned, anathematized by thee, O divinely wise one.

The mindless, foolish and ungodly Macedonius, who rejected the Spirit of God, O father, hath been cast down by thy mighty opposition, O divinely manifest one.

Glory... The creeping serpent who spawned a horde of heresies is slain by thy vivifying words, O most blessed hierarch of God, most sacred and divinely eloquent one.

Both... O Virgin Mother of God, we hymn thy birthgiving and undefiled purity, which transcend nature; for in thee did virginity and an incorrupt birthgiving wondrously meet.

C. Katavasia (Tone 4)

**As** we **celebrate**/ this sacred and solemn feast of the **Mother** of God,/ **let** us come, **clapping** our hands,/ O people **of** the Lord,/ and give **glory** to God// Who was **born** of her.

P. Small Ectenia

C. Kontakion, Tone 7

The dominion of death/ can no longer hold men captive/ for Christ descended shattering and destroying its powers!/ Hell is bound, while the prophets rejoice and cry:/ The Saviour has come to those in faith,// Enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection.

R. Ikos

Below, the uttermost depths, hades and death trembled today before One of the Trinity; the earth quaked, and the gatekeepers of hades, beholding Thee, were horrified. And all creation, rejoicing with the prophets, singeth a hymn of victory to Thee, our Deliverer and God, Who hast now destroyed the power of death. Let us exult and cry out unto Adam and his

descendents, in that the tree of the Cross hath restored him to paradise:  
Come forth, ye faithful, unto the resurrection.

### Canticle Seven

Irmos: Of old, the children showed the fiery furnace to pour forth  
dew,/ hymning the one God and saying:/ Supremely exalted and  
all-glorious// is the God of our fathers!

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

Through a tree death came to Adam, who of his own will committed  
disobedience; but through the obedience of Christ is he restored. For my  
sake is the all-glorious Son of God crucified.

All creation hath hymned Thee, O Christ, Who rose from the tomb; for  
Thou didst cause life to blossom forth for those in hades, and resurrection  
for the dead, and light for those in darkness, O All-glorious One.

### Theotokion

Rejoice, daughter of corrupt Adam! Rejoice, only Bride of God!  
Rejoice, O thou who gavest birth to God, and through whom corruption was  
driven off! Him do thou beseech, O pure one, that we all be saved.

Glory to Thy Precious Cross and Resurrection, O Lord.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, God of our fathers, Who didst break the sting  
of sin on the tree of the Cross, and with the spear which pierced Thy side  
didst tear asunder the record of Adam's crime!

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, God of our fathers, Who was pierced in the  
side and with the sprinkling of Thy divine blood didst cleanse the earth,  
which had been defiled by the blood of idolatrous sacrifices!

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

Thy Lord and Creator, O Virgin, loved thee, who art possessed of  
raiment embroidered with gold, wrought of many colors. Supremely exalted  
and all-glorious is the God of our fathers!

Receiving the burning coal of old, Isaiah was purified, O Maiden; and  
in signs he beheld thy giving birth to the supremely exalted and all-  
glorious God of our fathers.

Holy hierarch father Paul, pray to God for us!

Thou hast passed over to the tabernacles of heaven, O divinely wise  
and venerable one, and, drawing nigh unto God, deified by communing with  
Him, thou hast become divine, chanting: O all-hymned Lord and God of our  
fathers, blessed art Thou!

Made wise by thy words, O most lauded Paul, we learn to worship the  
indivisible and inseparable Godhead in three Suns, and to the Trinity do we  
chant: O all-hymned Lord and God of our fathers, blessed art Thou!

Glory... Having purified thy most sacred, divine and God-pleasing confession like gold, with gladness thou didst offer thyself to God as a right acceptable sacrifice, O venerable one, emulating the suffering of our Saviour.

Both... Thou hast been shown to be the only mediatrix of divine deliverance for all men, having given birth to the Deliverer of all, O most immaculate one. To Him do we all chant: O all-hymned Lord and God of our fathers, blessed art Thou!

C. Katavasia (Tone 4)

The **Holy** Children bravely trampled upon the **threatening** fire, / preferring not to worship created things rather than the Creator, / and they **sang** in joy: / 'Blessed art Thou and **praised** above all, // O Lord God of our fathers.'

Canticle Eight

Irmos: The bush on Sinai, which partook of fire without being consumed, / revealed God unto Moses, / who was slow of speech and spake with difficulty; / and the zeal of God showed forth the three children in the fire as invincible, who chanted: / Hymn the Lord, all ye works of the Lord, // and exalt Him supremely forever!

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

Slaughtered for the world, the all-pure Lamb brought an end to the sacrifices offered in accordance with the law, in that He is God, purifying it of transgressions, that it may ever cry: Hymn the Lord, all ye works of the Lord, and exalt Him supremely for all ages!

Our flesh, which was assumed by the Creator, was not incorrupt before His suffering; but after His suffering and resurrection it was rendered untouchable by corruption, and restoreth mortals, who cry: Hymn the Lord, all ye works of the Lord, and exalt Him supremely for all ages!

Theotokion

Thy pure and most unblemished state hath purified the vile and abominable state of the whole world, O Virgin; and thou becamest the cause of our reconciliation with God. Wherefore, O all-pure Virgin, all of us, His works, bless and exalt thee supremely for all ages.

Glory to Thy Precious Cross and Resurrection, O Lord.

Him Who of His own will endured sufferings, Who was nailed to the Cross at His own desire, and destroyed the power of hades, do ye hymn, O priests! Ye people, exalt Him supremely for all ages!

Him Who abolished the dominion of death, Who arose from the tomb in glory, and saved the human race, do ye hymn, O priests! Ye people, exalt Him supremely for all ages!

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

With the light of thy birthgiving thou didst strangely enlighten the whole world, O Theotokos; for in thine arms thou dost bear Him Who is truly God, Who enlighteneth the faithful, who ever cry: O ye works of the Lord, hymn the Lord and exalt Him supremely for all ages!

With the splendors of thy light thou hast rendered those who hymn thee luminous, O pure Theotokos, bearer of the Light; for thou wast shown to be the habitation of the Light, illumining with light those who cry: O ye works of the Lord, hymn the Lord and exalt Him supremely for all ages!

Holy hierarch father Paul, pray to God for us!

Springs of thy dogmas gush forth and water the whole Church, O father; and with thy precious blood thou hast hallowed all who follow thee in the Orthodox Faith and cry out: Hymn the Lord and exalt Him supremely for all ages!

Having thrust aside the threefold waves of life thou hast now anchored in the calm harbor; for thou didst have the Lord, Who createth all things by His hand, as thy helmsman, steering thy passage, O most lauded Paul. Him do we exalt supremely for all ages.

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

Dwelling within thee, the thrice radiant light of the all-divine Trinity hath shown thee to be a secondary luminary which enlighteneth the council of the Orthodox and darkeneth the horde of the heretics, O father, who dost chant: Hymn the Lord and exalt Him supremely for all ages!

Both... Following the words of the prophets, O Virgin, we proclaim thee to be the Theotokos; for thou gavest birth to the Child named Emmanuel, Who is more ancient than all things. To Him do we now cry out: Hymn the Lord, ye works, and exalt Him supremely for all ages!

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

C. Katavasia (Tone 4)

The **Off**spring of the Theotokos/ saved the holy Children in the **furnace**./ **He** Who was then prefigured has since been **born** on earth,/ and He gathers together all the **creation** to sing:/ O all ye **works** of the Lord,// bless ye the Lord and exalt Him above all **forever**.

P. Magnificat

C. Song of the Most Holy Theotokos.

Canticle Nine

Irmos: O Mother who knewest not man,/ who gavest birth without experiencing corruption,/ and lent flesh to the Word Who hath fashioned all things,/ O Virgin Theotokos, thou receptacle of Him Whom nought can resist/ and dwelling-place of the Infinite:// thee do we magnify.

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

O all ye of alien mind, who assume that the Divinity suffered, stop your mouths; for we magnify the Lord of glory crucified in the flesh, but not crucified in His divine essence, for His is One in two natures.

O ye who believe not in the resurrection of the body, come ye to the tomb of Christ and learn; for the flesh of the Bestower of life was dead and rose again, to assure us of the final resurrection, wherein we hope.

Triadicon

Worshipping a Trinity of Hypostases, not of Godheads, a Oneness of divinity, not of Persons, we cut off those who divide It; moreover, we confound those who dare to confuse that which we magnify.

Glory to Thy Precious Cross and Resurrection, O Lord.

Beholding in Christ sufferings of the flesh and the might of divinity, let those who reason that He is a single, commingled Being be put to shame; for as man He dieth, but as the Creator of all He riseth again.

"Myrrh is suitable for the dead, while hymnody is fitting for one who is alive. Tears are proper for the dying, but offer hymns O ye women, to the Life of all!", the herald of the resurrection cried out, announcing the glad tidings of Christ's arising.

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

Thou hast been the Mediatress of everlasting joy and gladness for us, O Ever-virgin Maiden, having given birth to the Deliverer Who delivereth those who worship Him as God in truth and by the divine Spirit.

Thou art truly more exalted than all creation, O Maiden, for thou didst give birth bodily to the Creator of all for us; wherefore, as the Mother of the one Master, with authority thou dost carry the victory against all enemies.

Holy hierarch father Paul, pray to God for us!

My whole self do I offer to thy godly protection, O divinely eloquent one, for, having received from Christ, as a hieromartyr, the authority to loose transgressions, save me by thy supplications and illumine me with divine light, cutting away the bonds of mine offenses.

Thou hast been shown to be a new Paul aflame with zeal, in that thou hast now heard ineffable words in paradise; for thou sharest his character, having shared also his name, O most excellent father Paul, and receivest a most magnificent crown in the kingdom of Christ.

Glory... Thou hast been shown to be a temple, a denouncer of every heresy and a godly champion of Orthodoxy, O most glorious hieromartyr Paul, manifestly illumined with rays of grace and filled with the light of the uncreated Trinity.

Both... Clad in flesh He received from thee, O most immaculate one, the Word dwelt, incarnate, in the world, in that He is compassionate; and

suffering no diminution, in that before He was incorporeal, with His divine power He cast down the one who from of old hath tormented all.

C. Katavasia (Tone 4)

**Let** every mortal **born** on earth,/ radiant with light, in spirit **leap** for joy;/ and **let** the hosts of the angelic powers **celebrate**/ and honour the holy feast of the **Mother** of God,/ and **let** them cry:// Hail! Pure and blessed ever-Virgin, who gavest **birth** to God.

P. Small Ectenia

C. Holy is the Lord our God...

R. Exapostilarion Two (Mark 16:1-8)

The women bearing myrrh rejoiced at beholding the stone rolled away, for they saw a young man seated upon the tomb and he said to them: 'Lo, tell the disciples with Peter that Christ has risen. Press forward into the mountain of Galilee; there He will appear to you as He said to His friends.'

Glory... Exapostilarion of the Saint

Set afire with zeal by thine ardent heart, thou wast shown to be a spiritual champion of grace and didst cut down the assembly of the heretics with the sword of thy words, O holy hierarch; and, having finished thy race, thou hast earned a place with the multitude of the martyrs.

Both... Theotokion

An angel brought the Virgin the salutation before her conception of Christ. And an angel rolled away the stone of Thy tomb. For the one, instead of sorrow, brought tokens of ineffable joy, and the other instead of death proclaimed and magnified Thee, the Bestower of Life, declaring the Resurrection to the women and those knowing the mysteries.

C. Lauds: Tone 7 Stichera

**Le-et** every breath **praise** the Lord/  
**Praise** the Lord from the **Heavens**/  
 Pra-**aise** Him in the **highest**/  
 To **Thee** is due a **hymn**, O God/  
**Praise** Him, all ye His **Angels**;/  
 Pra-**aise** 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. **Christ** is risen **from** the dead,/ bursting **asunder** the **chains** of death:/ **Proclaim**, O ye earth, tidings of **great** joy:// Sing, O ye heaven, of the **glory** of God.

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

2. Having **beheld** the **Resurrection** of Christ,/ let us **worship** the Holy Lord **Jesus**,// Who alone is **without** sin.

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

3. **Let** us never cease to hail the **Resurrection** of Christ/ Who has **saved** us from our **transgressions**./ **Holy** is the Lord **Jesus**// Who showed forth the **Resurrection**.

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

4. **Wha**-at shall we **give** Thee, O Lord,/ for **all** that Thou hast **given** us?/  
**For** our sakes Thou, O God, hast lived **among** men;/ on **account** of our corrupt nature the Word became flesh and **dwelt** in us./ He **became** the Benefactor of the **thankless**,/ the **Liberator** of those in **captivity**;/ **He** is the Sun of Righteousness for those sitting in **darkness**;/ **He** Who is impassible, **endured** the Cross;/ **He** is the light in hell; He is **Life** in death;/ **He** is the Resurrection of the fallen, and we **cry** unto Him://  
Glory unto **Thee**, our God.

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

5. O **Lord**, by thy mighty **power**,/ Thou hast **broken** in pieces the gates of hell and brought down the **dominion** of death,/ **and** as Master of the inhabited earth and **almighty** God,/ **Thou**, by Thy divine and glorious Resurrection// hast raised up the dead lying from eternity in **darkness**.

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

6. **Come**, let us rejoice in the **Lo-ord**,/ and make **glad** in His Resurrection,/ **for** with Himself He raised up the dead from the enduring **bonds** of hell,/ granting the **world**, **because** He is God,// eternal life and great **mercy**.

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

7. An **angel**, shining like **lightning**,/ sat **upon** the stone of the tomb, that had **held** life,/ and he **announced** the good tidings to the women, **saying**:/ 'As He **said** unto you, the Lord is **risen**./ **Announce** to His disciples that He goeth before you into **Galilee**,// and that He granteth the world eternal life and great **mercy**.

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

8. O iniquitous Jews! Why did ye reject the **Cornerstone**?/ **He** is the stone that God laid in **Zion**:/ **He** it is Who made water gush out of the rock in the **wilderness**,/ and Who pours **forth** from His side immortality **unto** us./ **He** is the Stone that was cut from the Virgin Mountain without the **will** of man./ **He**, as Daniel said, is the **Son** of Man/ coming **upon** the clouds of heaven going towards the **Ancient** of days// and His Kingdom is ever**lasting**.

Glory... Gospel Sticheron (Tone 2)

To the women with Mary who came carrying sweet **spices**/ and were at a loss how to **obtain** their desire,/ the **stone** appeared lifted and a divine young man calmed the tumult **of** their souls,/ for he said: 'The Lord Jesus is **risen**./ Therefore proclaim this to His heralds and disciples, for them to hasten to **Galilee**// and ye shall see Him risen from the dead as Giver of **life** and Lord.'

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.

P. The Great Doxology

R. 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 & Saint  
Kontak: Resurrection

At Liturgy:

Order of Troparia & Kontakia as per Six Stichera service

Prokimenon for Tone 7

The Lord will give strength unto His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.

V. Bring unto the Lord, ye sons of God, bring unto the Lord the sons of rams.

Prokimenon for the St. Paul (Tone 4)

The saints shall boast in glory...

Epistle(s): Eph 2:14-22 & Heb 8:3-6

Alleluia for Tone 7

V. It is good to give praise unto the Lord, and to chant unto Thy name, O Most High.

V. To proclaim in the morning Thy mercy, and Thy truth by night.

Alleluia for St. Paul (Tone 2)

Gospel(s): Luke 8:41-56 & Luke 12:8-12

Communion Verse: Praise Ye & In everlasting remembrance