

31st Sunday after Pentecost

Afterfeast of Theophany

Commemoration of our Father among the Saints Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa

VESPERS: Tone 6

P. Regular Beginning

C. Lord I have cried...

1. O Christ, triumphant **over** hell,/ Thou hast ascended **upon** the Cross,/ to raise up with Thyself those dwelling in the **darkness** of death./ Free **among** the dead,/ Thou pourest forth life from **Thine** own light:// O almighty Saviour, have mercy **upon** us.
2. Christ, having trampled upon **death** today,/ according to His word, rose up bestowing **joy** upon the world,/ that all of us shouting this **hymn** might say:/ O Fount of life, O Light that no **man** can approach,// O almighty Saviour, have mercy **upon** us.
3. Whither shall we sinners fly from **Thee**, O Lord,/ Who art everywhere in the **creation**?/ Into heaven? Thy **abode** is there./ Into hell? Thou hast trampled **upon** death./ Into the uttermost **parts** of the sea?/ Thy hand reaches thither, O **Master**./ We run to Thee and falling before **Thee** we pray:// O Thou, risen from the dead, have mercy **upon** us.
4. We exult in Thy **Cross**, O Christ,/ and we praise and glorify Thy Resurre**ction**./ For **Thou** art our God;// we know no other **Lord** but Thee.

Stichera for the Feast (Tone 4)

5. **Having** humbled Himself in manner past under**standing**,/ the Lord said: 'Thou hast seen how I have clad Myself in thine image, which I Myself have **created**./ What, **then**, is so strange, My friend, if I also bow beneath the hand of thee who art one of my **minions**;/ and if, naked, I clothe Myself in the **waters**?/ For, in that I am **compassionate**,// I wish to clothe the naked in everlasting **incorruption**.'
6. '**Thou** hast shown Thyself **incarnate**,/ yet the womb which received Thee remaineth **unconsumed**;/ for the **furnace** which did not consume the youths long ago serveth as an **image** thereof./ But how can I, who am grass touch Fire **with** my hand,/ O Jesus Almighty, Thou Saviour **of** our souls,// before Whom all in heaven and on earth do **tremble**?'
7. 'In the waters of the **Jordan** do thou wash Me, Who in nowise am defiled,' the **Lord** said;/ 'and human nature which hath been defiled by the transgression of Adam, will be washed **clean** as new./ For **when** I am **baptized**// all men will be renewed by water and the **Spirit**.'

Stichera for the Saint (Tone 5)

8. O venerable father, most sacred **Gregory**,/ thou reed full of the wind of the **Comforter**,/ most **manifest** tongue of **piety**,/ greatly luminous **beacon** of divine **radiance**,/ preacher of the Truth, foundation of **theology**,/ **well-spring** of exalted **dogmas**,/ **torrent** of teachings sweet as **honey**,/

harp played by God, sweetening the thoughts of the faithful with divinely composed hymns:/ Entreat Christ, pray thou to Christ Who hath restored the world/ in the streams of the Jordan, O most **wise** one,// that He **save** our race.

9. O venerable father, most honoured **Gregory**,/ thou axe felling the assaults of the **heretics**,/ two-edged **sword** of the **Comforter**,/ scythe cutting through the tares of **adultery**,/ fire burning up the dross of **heresy**,/ true winnowing-**fan** of the Husbandman, whereby the heavy seed of doctrine is separated **from** the chaff,/ compass Christ, pray thou **ever** to Christ/ Who hath restored the world in the streams of the Jordan, O most **wise** one,// that He **save** our race.
10. O venerable father, most blessed **Gregory**,/ thou mouth pouring forth **divine** sounds,/ drawing forth salvation from the inexhaustible **divine** springs,/ and showing forth discourses and prayers **unto** all,/ thou rule directing all to **virtue**,/ who art enlightened by divine visions and illumined with the radiance of the uncreated **Trinity**,/ whose invincible champion thou wast: Entreat Christ, O most **wise** one,/ pray thou to Christ Who hath restored the world in the streams of the Jordan, O most **wise** one,// that He **save** our race.

Glory... (Tone 4)

Having adorned thy discourse with wisdom and immaculate **virtue**,/ thou wast rendered comely in both, O Gregory of **Nyssa**,/ **adorning** and gladdening the people with thy God-proclaiming voice,/ and explaining reasonably the one Godhead of the Trinity, O all-**wise** one./ Wherefore, having overcome alien heresies by Orthodox **dogmas**,/ thou didst raise up the might of the Faith in the **ends** of the earth./ Standing before Christ with the immaterial **ministers**,// ask those peace and great **mercy** for our souls.

Both now & ever... Dogmatikon Tone 6

Who does not call thee **blessed**,/ O all-hallowed **Virgin**?/ Who does not sing the praises of thy **giving** birth,/ which was not according to the laws of **nature**;/ for the only-begotten **Son** Himself,/ timelessly having shone out of the **Father**,/ came forth from thee who **art** pure;/ and having been ineffably made flesh, He, Who by **nature** is God,/ for our sakes became also by **nature** man,/ not in two divided **persons**,/ but in two natures without **confusion** is He known./ O thou, honoured and greatly **blessed**,// beseech Him to have **mercy** on our souls.

- 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 6)

1. Angels in heaven sing the **praises**/ of Thy Resurrection, O Christ our **Saviour**./ Vouchsafe that we **too** on earth// may from pure hearts give Thee **glory**.

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

2. After breaking in pieces the **gates** of brass/ and crushing the bolts and **bars** of hell,/ Thou, being almighty God, didst raise **fallen** man./ Therefore, with one **accord**, we cry:// Glory unto Thee, O Lord, **risen** from the dead.

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

3. Wishing to lift us out of the ancient **corruption**,/ Christ was nailed upon the Cross and **laid** in the tomb./ As in tears the women bearing myrrh **searched** for Him,/ they said, lamenting: Woe are we, O **Saviour** of all:/ How comes it that Thou wast pleased to **dwell** in the tomb?/ How comes it, if that was Thy wish, that Thou hast now been **stolen**?/ How comes it that Thou hast been taken **elsewhere**?/ In what place have they laid Thy life-bearing **Body**?/ But, O Master, as Thou hast **promised**,/ appear to us and dry up the **fountain** of our tears./ Upon which, as they wept, an angel **came** to them and cried:/ Cease your weeping and tell the apostles that the Lord is **risen**// giving the world purification and great **mercy**.

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

4. Crucified according to Thy **Will**, O Christ,/ despoiling death by Thy **entombment**,/ Thou hast risen up on the third day as God in **glory**,// granting the world life without end and great **mercy**.

Glory... (Tone 4)

Setting thy godly life aright, O divinely manifest **Gregory**,/ thou didst illumine thine activity with divine **vision**;/ for, loving **wisdom** with godly desire, thou wast enriched by grace from the mouth of the **Spirit**,/ and causing the sweetness of thy discourse to drip forth like honey from the **honeycomb**,/ thou dost ever gladden the Church of God with divine **understanding**./ Wherefore, dwelling in the heavens as a holy **hierarch**,// pray thou unceasingly for us who celebrate thy **memory**.

Both... (Tone 4)

The **Baptist**, seeing Thee, Who in the Spirit and in fire dost take away the **sin** of the world,/ coming to him, cried out, **saying**:/ 'I am **afraid** and tremble! I dare not touch Thine all-**pure** head!// Do Thou sanctify me, O Master Who alone lovest mankind, by Thy divine **epiphany**!'

C. St. Symeon's Prayer

R. Trisagion

C. Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos x2

Troparion of the Feast (Tone 1)

O Lord, when Thou wast baptized in the River Jordan,/ worship of the Trinity was revealed./ For the voice of the Father did come forth to

testify/ and to name Thee His most beloved Son./ And the Spirit in the likeness of a dove,/ confirmed the Truth of the Word./ Thou hast appeared and hast given light to the world,// O Lord, Glory to Thee!

Blessed be the Name of the Lord... x3
Psalm 33:1-10

MATINS: Tone 6

P. Regular Beginning
P. Great Ectenia
C. God is the Lord...

C. Sunday Troparia (Tone 6) x2
The angelic powers were at thy tomb;/ the guards became as dead men./ Mary stood by Thy grave,/ seeking Thy most pure Body./ Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it./ Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life./ O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead:// Glory to Thee.

Glory... Troparion for the Saint (Tone 3)
Showing forth godly watchfulness,/ thou wast revealed as a stern mouth of piety, O hierarch Gregory; / for by the wisdom of thy divine doctrines/ thou dost gladden the fullness of the Church.// O venerable father, entreat Christ God, that He grant us great mercy.

Both... Troparion of the Feast (Tone 1)
O Lord, when Thou wast baptized in the River Jordan,/ worship of the Trinity was revealed./ For the voice of the Father did come forth to testify/ and to name Thee His most beloved Son./ And the Spirit in the likeness of a dove,/ confirmed the Truth of the Word./ Thou hast appeared and hast given light to the world,// O Lord, Glory to Thee!

Lord Have Mercy 3x
Glory...

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

R. Sessional Hymns:
When the tomb was opened and hades wept, Mary cried out to the apostles, who had hidden themselves: "Come forth, ye laborers of the vineyard! Proclaim the tidings of the resurrection! The Lord hath risen, granting the world great mercy."

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

O Lord, Mary Magdalene stood before Thy tomb and wept aloud; and supposing Thee to be the gardener, she said: "Where hast Thou hidden our eternal Life? Where hast Thou laid Him Who sitteth upon the throne of the cherubim? For those who guarded Him have become as dead through fear. Either give me my Lord, or cry out with me: O Thou Who wast among the dead and hast raised up the dead, glory to Thee!"

G/B... He Who called thee Mother and blessed went up of His own will to suffer, and wishing to search out Adam, He made light shine with the Cross, saying unto the angels: Rejoice with Me, for I have found the lost piece of silver. Glory unto Thee, O God, Who hast ordered all things wisely.

R. Kathisma III
P. Small Ectenia

R. Sessional Hymns:

Life lay in the tomb, and a seal was affixed to the stone. Soldiers guarded Christ as they would a sleeping king, and the Lord arose, invisibly smiting His enemies.

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

Jonah prefigured Thy tomb, and Symeon told of Thy divine resurrection, O immortal Lord; for Thou didst descend into the tomb as one dead, demolishing the gates of hades, and didst arise as Master, without corruption, for the salvation of the world, O Christ our God, Who hast enlightened those in darkness.

G/B... O Virgin Theotokos, entreat thy Son, Christ our God, Who of His own will was nailed to the Cross and arose from the dead, that our souls be saved.

R. Psalm 118
C. Evlogitaria (Blessed art Thou, O Lord...)
P. Small Ectenia

R. Ypakoe:

Having, as God broken down the gates of hades by Thy voluntary and life-creating death, O Christ, Thou didst open ancient paradise unto us; and rising from the dead, Thou hast delivered our life from corruption.

Hymn of Degrees: (Antiphon One)

I lift up mine eyes to heaven, to Thee, O Word. Have pity, that I may live in Thee.

Have mercy upon us who are downcast, O Word, making us vessels useful to Thee.

G/B... The Holy Spirit is the Cause of all salvation. And if He blow upon anyone as is meet, He quickly taketh him away from among the things of earth: He giveth him wings, maketh him grow and setteth him on high.

Hymn of Degrees: (Antiphon Two)

If the Lord were not among us, none of us would be able to combat the warfare of the enemy; for they who conquer are lifted upon from hence.

Let not my soul be seized like a bird by the teeth of the enemy, O Word. Woe is me! How shall I, who love sin, escape them?

G/B... From the Holy Spirit come deification, goodwill, understanding, peace and blessing for all; for He worketh equally with the Father and the Word.

Hymn of Degrees: (Antiphon Three)

They that hope in the Lord are fearsome to the enemy and wondrous to all; for they direct their gaze on high.

He who hath Thee, O Saviour, as his Helper, the Portion of the righteous, doth not stretch out his hands toward iniquities.

G/B... The dominion of the Holy Spirit is over all. Him do the armies on high worship, as doth every creature here below.

P. Prokimenon:

O Lord, stir up Thy might/ and come to save us.

V. O Shepherd of Israel, attend, Thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep.

C. Let every breath praise the Lord.

P. GOSPEL #9

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: Traversing the deep on foot/ as though it were dry land,/ and seeing the tyrant Pharaoh drowned,/ Israel cried aloud:// Let us chant unto God a hymn of victory.

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

Jesus the Good, by Thine arms outspread upon the Cross, Thou hast filled all things with the good pleasure of the Father. Therefore shall we all sing Thee a triumphal song.

For fear of Thee, the end that is death became like a servant and was ordered to approach the Master of Life, whereby He awarded us life without end and the Resurrection.

Theotokion

Having received thine own Creator incarnate of thy seedless womb in manner past understanding, O pure one, as He Himself desired, thou wast truly shown to be the Mistress of creation.

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

Eve partaking of the forbidden fruit of the garden brought in the curse. But thou, O Pure, hast loosed it by bearing Christ, first-fruit of blessing.

Jacob secretly foresaw with the eyes of the mind, God, the hope of the Gentiles, made flesh of thee and delivering us at thine intercession.

Glory to Thee, Our God, glory to Thee!

The Lord, the King of the ages, restoreth corrupted Adam with the streams of the Jordan and crusheth the heads of the serpents who make their nest therein, for He hath been glorified.

The Lord Who became incarnate of the Virgin, clothing material flesh in the immaterial fire of the Godhead, doth wrap Himself in the water of the Jordan, for He hath been glorified.

He Who washeth away the defilement of men, cleanseth Himself for them in the Jordan, desiring to make Himself like unto them, yet remaining as He was before, the Lord Who enlighteneth those in darkness, for He hath been glorified.

Holy Father Gregory, pray to God for us!

In that Thou art the Abyss of wisdom, the Treasury of understanding and Wellspring of goodness, O Christ, Thou dost enable me to hymn Gregory, the luminary of Thy glorious Church, with hymns.

O father Gregory, thou splendid adornment of holy hierarchs, accept this meager hymnody offered unto thee with love on the day of thy memorial, whereon do thou render Christ merciful unto us.

Glory... With rich and wise discourse, O Gregory, initiate of the sacred mysteries, thou didst teach the honoured Church to theologize the Trinity as a Unity of three members, equally enthroned and equal in honour.

Both... O Virgin Theotokos, let the Faith be reckoned as one, but not the demonstration of thy wonders which pass understanding; for thou gavest birth to the unapproachable Word of God, Who hath clothed Himself in humanity.

C. Katavasia (Tone 2)

The Lord mighty in battle/ uncovered the foundations of the deep/ and led His servants on dry ground:/ but He covered their adversaries with the waters,// for He has been glorified.

Canticle Three

Irmos: There is none as holy as Thee,/ O Lord my God,/ Who hast uplifted the horn of Thy faithful/ and established us// on the rock of the confession of Thee, O Good One.

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

The creation, looking upon God crucified in the flesh was dissolved by fear but was strongly held together by the firm hand of Him Who was crucified for us.

Death having been destroyed by death, the wretch lay lifeless; For, not able to bear the divine assault, he who was strong was put to death and the Resurrection was bestowed upon all.

Theotokion

The miracle of thy divine birthgiving transcendeth every order of nature, O pure one; for thou didst supernaturally conceive God in thy womb, and having given birth thou dost ever remain a virgin.

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

Looking at God, made flesh from thee, O Virgin, the choirs of angels were stricken with fear and wonder and they honour thee as Mother of God in hymns that are never still.

The prophet Daniel was stricken with amazement on beholding thee, thou living Mountain, from which a stone was cut without hand of man and broke with its might the altars of devils, O Mother of God.

Glory to Thee, Our God, glory to Thee!

O Church of Christ, who of old wast barren and grievously childless, be glad today; for by water and the Spirit children have been born unto thee, who cry out with faith: There is none as holy as our God!

In the wilderness the Forerunner crieth out with a loud voice: "Prepare ye the ways of Christ and make straight the paths of our God, crying out with faith: There is none as holy as our God!"

Holy Father Gregory, pray to God for us!

Thou didst subdue the uprisings of the flesh to thy mind as master, and didst subject thy mind to the King of all. Wherefore, having trodden the path of the commandments without stumbling, thou becamest a magnificent habitation of the Trinity, O Gregory.

Thou didst join vision to activity, O father; wherefore, Christ entrusted to thee the governance of the Church, which thou didst blamelessly administer as a most excellent initiate of the mysteries of heaven, O most blessed Gregory.

Glory... Passing beyond the boundaries of the virtues, O Gregory, and appointing ascents in thy heart, thou hast been taken up from the earth by thy constant yearning for a dwelling-place in heaven before thy departure from the flesh.

Both... O Mother of God, without enduring the pangs of maternity thou didst virginally give birth unto the Incorrupt One Who shone forth from the Father; wherefore, in Orthodox manner we proclaim as Theotokos thee who gavest birth to the incarnate Word.

C. Katavasia (Tone 2)

The Lord, Who givest strength to our kings/ and exalts the horn of His anointed,/ is born of a Virgin and comes to baptism./ Therefore let us, the faithful, cry aloud:// None is holy as our God and none is righteous save Thee, O Lord.

P. Small Ectenia

C. Kontakion of the Feast (Tone 4) (See the music)

Today hast Thou appeared to the world, O Lord,/ and Thy light hath been signed upon us/ who chant to Thee with understanding:/ Thou hast come and hast revealed Thyself,// O Light unapproachable!

R. Ikos of the Feast

Upon Galilee of the nations, upon the land of Zebulon and the land of Naphtali, as the prophet said, a great Light hath shone, even Christ. A radiant Beam hath dawned upon those who sat in darkness, shining forth from Bethlehem. The Lord born of Mary, the Sun of righteousness, shineth forth with splendor upon the whole world. Come, therefore, all ye naked children of Adam, and let us clothe ourselves in Him, that we may be warmed; for He Who covereth the naked and enlighteneth those in darkness, hath come. He hath appeared, the Light unapproachable!

C. Kontakion for St. Gregory (Tone 1)

Keeping watch with the eye of thy soul,/ O holy hierarch,/ thou didst show thyself to be a vigilant pastor for the world;/ and with the staff of thy wisdom and thy fervent intercession/ thou didst drive away all the heretics like wolves,// preserving the flock unharmed, O most wise Gregory.

R. Ikos for St. Gregory

Through slothfulness have I, the wretched one, fallen asleep unto death; but as a most vigilant shepherd raise me up, O father, and lull to sleep the passions which cruelly torment me, that, rising up, in purity I may hymn thy splendid repose, which the Master of the universe hath glorified as is meet, as that of a most faithful servant, a most wise teacher, a friend and initiate of the mysteries, as guardian of His Traditions, the anointing whereof thou didst well preserve, O most wise Gregory.

R. Sessional Hymns

Thou hast inherited divine effulgence, having lived an immaterial life, and hast shone forth in the priesthood for which thou wast named; for, supernaturally explaining the doctrines of the Faith, thou didst make the world steadfast in Orthodoxy. O venerable father, entreat Christ God, that He grant us great mercy.

G/B... When Jesus had been born of the Virgin Mary and was baptized by John in the Jordan, the Spirit, seen in the form of a dove, descended upon Him. Wherefore, the prophet said with the angels: "Glory to Thy coming, O Christ! Glory to Thy kingdom! Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who alone lovest mankind!"

Canticle Four

Irmos: Christ is my power, my God and my Lord,/ the honoured Church doth sing,/ crying out in godly manner/ with a pure mind,// keeping festival in the Lord.

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

The Wood made life truly flower, O Christ. For the Cross set up and watered by the Blood and Water from Thy spotless side, put forth life for us.

The serpent no more whispers falsely to me that I should be God; for Christ, the divine Maker of the nature of man hath now unfolded unto me, without hindrance, the path of life.

Theotokion

Truly ineffable and unapproachable to those on earth and in heaven are the mysteries of thy divine birthgiving, O Ever-virgin.

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

We praise thee, undefiled and without blemish, through whom we have been saved and singing with reverence we cry: Blessed art thou, O ever-Virgin, who hast given birth to God.

Thou, O most blessed Virgin, hast borne the Light that never sets, Who shone through the flesh unto those in the darkness of life and thou hast poured forth joy unto those who sing thy praises, O ever-Virgin.

Glory to Thee, Our God, glory to Thee!

"Who hath ever seen the sun cleansed, which is dazzling by nature?" the herald crieth out. "Am I then to wash with water Thee, the Effulgence of glory, the Image of the eternal Father? Am I, who am grass, to touch Thy divinity? For Thou art Christ, the Wisdom and Power of God!"

"When he happened upon Thee, Moses showed divine reverence he felt, for he understood that it was Thee Who spake out of the bush; and he straightway averted his face. How, then, can I gaze directly at Thee? How can I touch Thee with my hand? For Thou art Christ, the Wisdom and Power of God!"

"Wisely doing what is spiritual, and being honoured with speech, yet stand I in awe before inanimate things. For if I baptize Thee, the mountain which smoked with fire, the sea which parted in twain and this Jordan which turned back will be mine accusers. For Thou art Christ, the Wisdom and Power of God!"

Holy Father Gregory, pray to God for us!

Thou wast seen to be a pillar most radiant in word and deed, O Gregory, burning with ardent zeal for Orthodoxy, leading forth the new Israel.

Receiving the grace of the Spirit, thou didst pull aside the veil of the Scriptures of the Old Testament and didst reveal to us the hidden beauty of understanding.

Glory... Showing forth the blessed aspects of all the virtues, Christ entrusted to thee, O Gregory, as to a minister of the word, the task of proclaiming them abroad to the ends of the world.

Both... Without becoming subject to corruption thou didst conceive in thy womb without confusion and gavest birth without pain; and in giving birth to God in the flesh thou wast preserved a virgin even after birthgiving.

C. Katavasia (Tone 2)

He whom Thou hast called, O Lord,/ 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness,'/ heard Thy voice when Thou hast thundered upon many waters,/ bearing witness to Thy Son./ Wholly filled with the Spirit that had come he cried aloud:// 'Thou art Christ, the wisdom and the power of God.'

Canticle Five

Irmos: With Thy divine light/ illumine the souls of those who with love/ rise at dawn unto Thee, I pray Thee, O Good One,/ that they may know Thee, O Word of God, to be the true God// Who calleth all forth from the darkness of sin.

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

The cherubim now withdraws from me and the flaming sword turns its back on me, O Master, after beholding Thee, O Word of God Who art God indeed, making for the thief a way in Paradise.

I shall no more fear my return to the earth, O Master Christ, for through much compassion hast Thou by Thy Resurrection led me, forgotten, from the earth to the height of immortality.

Theotokion

Save those who with all their soul confess thee to be the Theotokos, O good Mistress of the world, for we have thee, the true Theotokos, as an invincible intercession.

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

Shining radiantly with purity, thou, whom all men sing, hast become the divine dwelling-place of the Master. For only thou hast been shown forth as Mother indeed of God, and hast carried Him as a babe in thine arms.

Let the congregation of the ungodly who proclaim thee not expressly Mother of God lament; for thou hast been shown forth to us as the gateway of God, Who hath dispersed the deep gloom of sin.

Glory to Thee, Our God, glory to Thee!

When countless people went down to be baptized of John, Thou Thyself didst stand in their midst. And he announced to those present: "Who hath told you, O rebellious ones, to avoid the impending wrath? Bring forth fruits worthy of Christ; for He standeth before you, granting peace."

Standing in their midst, the Creator and Fashioner alone trieth the hearts of all; and taking his winnowing-fan in His hand, He most wisely doth separate the harvest of the whole world, letting the chaff fall away; and He granteth eternal life to the fruitful.

Holy Father Gregory, pray to God for us!

Like fire thou hast burned up the thorny and tangled words of heresies, and hast illumined the minds of the faithful, O blessed Gregory, initiate of the mysteries.

Thou didst denounce the iniquity of Eunomius and his words which were difficult to escape; and thou didst destroy the evil snares of his wiles like a spider's web.

Glory... Thou didst denounce the most ungodly Macedonius who shamelessly reviled the divine Spirit as unrelated to Him Who Is, O most excellent Gregory.

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

C. Katavasia (Tone 2)

Jesus, the Prince of Life,/ has come to set loose from condemnation Adam the first-formed man;/ and though as God He needs no cleansing,/ yet for the sake of fallen man He is cleansed in the Jordan./ In its streams He slew the enmity// and grants the peace that passes all understanding.

Canticle Six

Irmos: Beholding the sea of life/ surging with the tempest of temptations,/ fleeing to Thy calm haven I cry unto Thee:/ Lead up my life from corruption,// O greatly Merciful One.

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

O Master, crucified with nails, Thou hast wiped out the curse against us while pierced in Thy side by the lance, Thou hast torn up the handwriting against Adam and set the world free.

Tripped up by the heel through beguilement, Adam hath been led down towards the pit of hell. But God Who is compassionate by nature, descended to seek him and carrying him on His shoulders, He raised him up with Himself.

Theotokion

O all-pure Mistress who for men gavest birth to Christ, the Helmsman, allay the inconstant and grievous tumult of my passions, and grant serenity to my heart.

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

Death is put to death and the corruption from the condemnation of Adam is abolished by its coming into conflict with thy Fruit, O Lady, for thou hast given birth to the Life Who delivers from corruption all those who sing thy praises, O Mother Virgin.

The law failed and the shadow passed away when the grace past thought and understanding of the birth of our God and Saviour from thee, O far-famed Virgin, was revealed to me.

Glory to Thee, Our God, glory to Thee!

Christ, Who was begotten incorruptibly of God the Father, is incarnate of the Virgin without defilement. The Forerunner teacheth that it is not possible to loose the sandals, the bond between the Word and us, of Him Who delivereth mortals from deception.

With the uttermost fire shall Christ baptize His enemies, who do not acknowledge Him as God; but He shall restore with the water of grace those who accept His divinity, delivering them from their transgressions.

Holy Father Gregory, pray to God for us!

Having acquired humility of mind, thou wast shown to all as a meek soldier waging war against those who seek to diminish the glory of Christ, O Gregory.

O Gregory, with thy rich discourse thou didst utterly refute the reasonings of Arius, the arrogant division and alienation which he believed to exist within the Trinity.

Glory... Sabellius, who wagemeth war on God, stupidly reasoning that there is a mingling and confusion within the Trinity, was denounced by thee, O most blessed Gregory.

Both... O Virgin Mother, thou gavest birth, and giving birth remained pure, truly bearing Him Who holdeth all things in His hands.

C. Katavasia (Tone 2)

The Voice of the Word, the Candlestick of the Light, / the Morning Star and Forerunner of the Sun, / cried in the wilderness to all the peoples: / 'Repent and be cleansed while there is yet time. // For lo, Christ is at hand, Who delivers the world from corruption.

P. Small Ectenia

C. Kontakion (Tone 6)

When Christ God the Giver of Life, / raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with his mighty hand, / He bestowed resurrection on the human race. // He is the Saviour of all, The Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

R. Ikos

We, the faithful, hymn and bow down before the Cross and Thy burial, O Bestower of life, O Immortal One. Thou didst raise the dead with Thyself, didst break down the gates of death, and didst destroy the dominion of hell, in that Thou art God. Wherefore, with love we mortals glorify Thee Who hast arisen and cast down the most destructive might of the enemy, and hast raised up all who have believed Thee to have risen and delivered the world from the arrows of the serpent and the deception of the enemy, in that Thou art the God of all.

Canticle Seven

Irmos: An angel caused the furnace to pour forth dew/ upon the pious youths,/ and the command of God, which consumed the Chaldeans,/ prevailed upon the tyrant to cry out:// Blessed art Thou, O God of our fathers!

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

The sun, lamenting at Thy Passion, was wrapped in gloom, and on that day, O Master, the light was darkened over the whole earth, that cried aloud: Blessed art Thou, the God of our fathers.

At Thy descent, O Christ, the lowest parts of the earth put on light: while our forefather appeared singing full of joy and he danced crying aloud: Blessed art Thou, O God of our fathers.

Theotokion

Through thee, O Virgin Mother, radiant Light hath shone forth upon the whole world; for thou gavest birth unto God, the Creator of all. Him do thou entreat, O most pure one, that He send down great mercy upon us, the faithful.

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

The furnace that burnt not the three Children was the prefigure of thy giving birth. For the divine fire went to dwell in thee without consuming thee and taught all to cry aloud: Blessed art Thou, O God of our fathers.

The ends of the earth enlightened by the beams of thy brightness call thee blessed as thou hast foretold, O pure Mother, and filled with grace they sing aloud crying: Blessed art Thou, O God of our fathers.

Glory to Thee, Our God, glory to Thee!

As in heaven, with trembling and wonder the angelic hosts stood before Thee in the Jordan, witnessing the breadth of God's condescension; for the God of our fathers, Who holdeth the firmament of the waters above, stood, incarnate as man, in the waters.

The cloud and the sea of old prefigured the wonder of divine baptism, for the ancient people of the law were baptized therein when they fled Egypt. The sea was an image of the water, and the cloud was an image of the Spirit, whereby we are made perfect. And we cry out: Blessed art Thou, O Lord God, forever!

O all ye faithful, in Him have we received perfection; and, theologizing continually with the angels we glorify the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. For, lo! the consubstantial Trinity of Hypostases is the One God. To Him do we chant: Blessed art Thou, O Lord God, forever!

Holy Father Gregory, pray to God for us!

Having united thyself by desire to the effulgence of the threefold Sun of the Godhead, O Gregory, shining upon all like a mirror, thou emittest rays of light.

As a father thou hast left thy discourses, the purity of the ways of thy soul, and the fullness of understanding, as a treasure for those who chant with faith: Blessed art Thou, O God!

Glory... Thou didst declare the Father to be the primal Mind and Cause, the Begetter of the Word, the Emitter of the Spirit, hymning the Trinity, saying: Blessed art Thou, O God!

Both... O most immaculate one, thou gavest birth to the incarnate God, a single Hypostasis in two natures; and to Him do we all chant: Blessed art Thou, O God!

C. Katavasia (Tone 2)

The breath of the wind heavy with dew/ and the descent of the angel of God/ preserved the Holy Children from all harm,/ as they walked in the fiery furnace./ Refreshed with dew in the flames, they sang in thanksgiving:// 'Blessed art Thou and praised above all, O Lord God of our fathers.'

Canticle Eight

Irmos: From the flame didst Thou pour forth dew upon the venerable ones,/ and didst consume the sacrifice of the righteous one with water;/ for Thou, O Christ, dost do all things soever Thou desirest.// Thee do we exalt supremely for all ages!

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

Envy hath now made the people of the Jews who killed the Prophets in past times into killers of God, since they hung Thee upon the Cross, O Word of God Whom we exalt above all forever.

Without forsaking the vaults of Heaven, Thou hast gone down into hell, and hast raised up with Thyself, O Christ, man entire who lay in decay and who exalts Thee above all forever.

Theotokion

From Light thou didst conceive the Word, the Bestower of light; and having ineffably given birth unto Him, thou hast been glorified. For the Spirit of God dwelt within thee, O Maiden. Wherefore, we hymn thee for all ages.

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

He Who by His will alone set up the world was lent flesh of thy pure womb, wishing to form it anew from above. We exalt Him above all forever.

From the Union of the Word with me that is man, thou, O Most Pure, hast appeared as a divine dwelling-place, making the brightness of virginity plainly shine. We therefore praise thee forever.

Glory to Thee, Our God, glory to Thee!

"Put aside all fear," the Deliverer said to the Forerunner; "Obey Me, in that I am good, and touch Me, for tangible have I become by nature.

Submit to My commands and baptize Me Who am come down." Him do the people bless and exalt supremely for all ages.

When the Baptist heard the words of the Master, he stretched forth his hand with trembling, and as he touched the head of his Creator he cried out to Him Who was being baptized: "Sanctify me, for Thou art my God, Whom the people bless and exalt supremely for all ages!"

The Trinity was revealed in the Jordan, for the Father, the divine Essence Himself, announced: "This One Who is baptized is My beloved Son!" And the Spirit came upon Him Who was like unto Him, Whom the people bless and exalt supremely for all ages.

Holy Father Gregory, pray to God for us!

Thou didst receive all the radiance of the Comforter which descended, O blessed and venerable one, crying: Hymn the Lord, all ye works and exalt Him supremely for all ages!

O the two wondrous brethren, akin in the flesh and divine in understanding! Honouring them, let us reverence Basil and Gregory together forever, as is meet.

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

When the noetic Light made His abode within thee, O father, He set thee forth as an ever-burning lamp for the world, hymning the one divine Light of the threefold Sun, Whom we exalt supremely for all ages.

Both... O all ye works, as is meet let us bless her who, in manner past understanding, gave birth to the Lord, the God-man, yet remained a virgin, and let us exalt her supremely for all ages.

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

C. Katavasia (Tone 2)

The Babylonian furnace,/ as it poured forth dew,/ foreshadowed a marvelous mystery;/ how the Jordan should receive in its streams the immaterial fire,/ and should encompass the Creator, when He was baptized in the flesh.// Him do ye peoples bless and exalt above all for ever.

P. Magnificat

C. Song of the Most Holy Theotokos.

Canticle Nine

Irmos: It is not possible for men/ to behold God,/ upon Whom the ranks of angels dare not gaze;/ but through thee, O most pure one,/ hath the Word appeared incarnate unto men;// and magnifying Him with the armies of heaven, we call thee blessed.

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

Having associated in the flesh with passion, Thou hast remained without participation in passion. And Thou, O our Saviour, dost set man loose from passion by having made the passions suffer. For Thou only art impassible and almighty.

Having accepted the corruption of death, Thou hast kept Thy body from tasting corruption: While Thy life-giving and divine soul, O Master, hath not been left in hell, but Thou, risen as from sleep, hast made us rise with Thyself.

Triadicon

O all ye men, with pure lips let us glorify God the Father and the Son Who is equally without beginning, and let us honour the ineffable and all-glorious power of the most Holy Spirit; for Thou alone art the almighty and indivisible Trinity.

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

The Star which shineth forth out of Jacob with the rays of divinity shone forth upon those held fast in darkness; for through thee, O most pure one, did Christ God the Word become incarnate. And illumined by Him, with the armies of heaven we call thee blessed.

Resurrection hath now been given to the dead through thine ineffable and unutterable birthgiving, O most pure Theotokos; for Life, clothing Himself in flesh through thee, shone forth upon all, and hath manifestly lifted the gloom of death.

Glory to Thee, Our God, glory to Thee!

O David, come thou in spirit to the enlightened and chant, saying: "Approach God now with faith and be illumined! Lowly Adam cried out in his fall, and the Lord heard him, and, coming to the streams of the Jordan, He restored the corrupted one."

Isaiah saith: "Change your ways and cleanse yourselves; leave off your wickedness in the face of the Lord! Ye who thirst, go to the living Water; for Christ sprinkleth with water those who have recourse to Him with faith, renewing them, and He baptizeth with the Spirit unto life which ageth not."

By grace and the seal are we preserved, O ye faithful; for as of old the blood-smear'd lintels allowed the Hebrews to escape the destroyer, so shall the layer of regeneration be for us a divine exodus. And henceforth we shall see the never-waning light of the Trinity.

Holy Father Gregory, pray to God for us!

Manifestly unable to praise the brilliance of thy corrections and discourses, O Gregory, our mind confesseth thy right laudable triumph and mightily giveth utterance to thy praise.

O most excellent initiation of the mysteries, standing now before the Trinity with the choirs of the angels, the prophets, the martyrs, the righteous and the patriarchs, be thou mindful of us who hymn thy memory, O Gregory.

Glory... Thou lookest down now from on high, O holy hierarch, defending the Church of Christ, granting victory to Orthodox Christians, and thou hast broken the yoke of slavery, saving those who sing thy praises by thy supplications, O Gregory.

Both... As thou gavest birth to the Author of creation, O most pure one, thou bearest Him Who generated the beginning of all things, possessing supernatural and incomparable greatness. Wherefore, worshipping thine Offspring, we glorify thee.

C. Katavasia (Tone 2)

Every tongue is at a loss to praise thee as is due:/ even a spirit from the World above is filled with dizziness,/ when it seeks to sing thy praises, O Theotokos./ But since Thou art good, accept our faith:/ Thou knowest well our love inspired by God,// for thou art the Protector of Christians and we magnify thee.

P. Small Ectenia

C. Holy is the Lord our God...

R. Exapostilarion Nine, (John 20:19-31)

The doors were shut as Thou didst enter, O Master, and hast filled the Apostles with the Holy Spirit by peacefully breathing upon them; and Thou hast said to them that they would bind and set loose sins; and after eight days Thou hast shown Thomas Thy side and Thy hands. With him we cry: Thou art Lord and God.

Glory... Exapostilarion for the Saint

With festive hymns let us all glorify the most wise Gregory, the good shepherd, the bishop of Nyssa, the brother in the flesh of the all-wise Basil.

Both... Exapostilarion for the Feast

The Saviour appeared, grace and truth, in the streams of the Jordan, and He illumined those sleeping in darkness and shadow, for He, the immutable Light, hath come and appeared.

C. Lauds: Tone 6 Stichera

Let every breath **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. Thy **Cross**, O Lord,/ is the life and resurrection of Thy **people**/ and
 assured of this, we sing unto Thee our **risen** God:// Have mercy upon
 us.

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

2. Thy burial, O **Master**,/ opened Paradise for **mankind**,/ and we, delivered
 from **corruption**,/ sing unto Thee our **risen** God:// Have mercy upon us.

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

3. Let us praise Christ with the Father and the **Spirit**:/ Let us cry aloud
 unto Him **risen** from the dead:/ Thou art our life and **resurrection**://
 Have **mercy** on us.

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

4. O Christ, on the **third** day,/ Thou hast risen from the tomb according to
 the **Scriptures**,/ having raised our **forefather** with Thyself://
 therefore, mankind glorifies Thee and praises Thy **Resurrection**.

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

Stichera for the Feast (Tone 2)

5. Now the Saviour giveth to men a strange purification,/ kindling them but **not** with fire,// and building up souls without **breaking** them down.

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

6. O ye people, with gladness zealously draw forth the water of **divine** life/ from the well-springs of salvation// unto the deliverance **of** your souls.

V. The sea beheld and fled, Jordan turned back.

7. Enlightenment hath come! **Grace** hath appeared!// Deliverance hath dawned! The world hath been illumined!// O ye people, be **full** with joy!

V. What aileth thee, O sea, that thou fleddest? And thou, Jordan, that thou didst turn back?

(Tone 8)

8. **Desiring** to fulfill that which Thou has established from before **time**, O Lord,/ Thou didst accept ministers of Thy mystery from among all **creatures**:/ Gabriel from among the **angels**,/ the Virgin from **among** men,/ the star from among the heavens and the Jordan from among the **waters**/ wherein Thou didst destroy the iniquity of the world.// O our Saviour, **glory** be to Thee!

Glory... Gospel Sticheron (Tone 5)

As in the **latter** times/ it being late on the evening of the **Sabbath**,/ Thou hast come and stood with Thy **friends**, O Christ,/ and by a wonder, the entrance do-ors **being** closed,/ Thou hast confirmed a miracle that is Thy Resurrection from the dead./ And joy filled the disciples/ and Thou hast given to them the Holy **Spirit**,/ and hast dispensed to them the power of **remitting** sins,/ and Thou hast not left Thomas, to be overwhelmed by the rough waters of **disbelief**./ Therefore, O **compassionate** Lord,// grant us also true knowledge and **remission of** our faults.

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:

Having risen from the tomb, and having burst the bonds of hades, Thou hast destroyed the sentence of death, O Lord, delivering all from the snares of the enemy. Manifesting Thyself to Thine apostles, Thou didst send them forth to preach; and through them hast granted Thy peace to the world, O Thou Who alone art plenteous in mercy.

P. Litanies
Dismissal

R. Hours
Tropar: Resurrection & Feast/Saint alternating
Kontak: Feast/Resurrection alternating

At Liturgy

Order of Troparia & Kontakia as follows (temple of a saint):

Tropar Sunday
Tropar Feast
Tropar St. Gregory
Tropar Saint of the Temple
Kontak Sunday
Kontak Saint of the Temple
Glory... Kontak St. Gregory
Both... Kontak Feast

Prokimenon for the Afterfeast of Theophany (Tone 1)
Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we have hoped in Thee.
V. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; praise is meet for the upright.

Prokimenon for St. Gregory (Tone 4)
Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

Epistle(s): Eph 4:7-13 & Col 3:12-16 & I Cor 12:7-11

Alleluia for the Afterfeast of Theophany (Tone 5)
V. Of Thy mercies, O Lord, will I sing forever. Unto generation and generation will I declare Thy truth with my mouth.
V. For Thou hast said: Mercy shall be built up forever. In the heavens shall Thy truth be established.

Alleluia for the Saint (Tone 2)
V. Thy priests shall be clothed with righteousness, and Thy righteous shall rejoice.

Gospels: Matt 4:12-17 & Matt 25:14-30 & Matt 10:1, 5-8

Instead of "It is truly meet," do Ode 9 w/refrain

Communion Hymn: Praise ye & In everlasting remembrance...