

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost (July 5/18)*  
*Commemoration of the Uncovering of the Relics of St. Sergius of Radonezh*

VESPERS: Tone 3

- P. Regular Beginning  
C. Lord I have cried... (Tone 3)
1. The **power** of death has been **destroyed** by Thy Cross/ and the **wiles** of the devil have been set to naught, O Christ our **Saviour**,/ **while** mankind, **saved** by faith,/**//** offers Thee hymns of praise **forever**.
  2. The **whole** inhabited earth has been enlightened by Thy **Resurrection**, O Lord,/ **and** the paradise of old has been **reopened**;/ **while** it extols Thee,/**//** all creation offers Thee hymns of praise **forever**.
  3. I **glorify** the might of the **Father**/ **and** of the Son and the power of the Holy **Spirit**;/ **and** I praise the dominion of the undivided, uncreated **Godhead**/--the consubstantial Trinity that reigns unto the **ages** of ages.
  4. We **worship** Thy precious **Cross**, O Christ,/ and **praise** and glorify Thy **Resurrection**:/**//** For by Thy wounds have we **all** been healed.

Stichera for the Saint (Tone 4)

- 5/6. **When**, before thy birth, she who had conceived thee went to the **church** of God,/ thou didst cry out thrice within her womb, glorifying the Trinity, O divinely wise father **Sergius**./ And **before** thou didst come to know the world, thou didst **know** God,/ and wast known of God, O all-**blessed** one,/ making manifest unto all the radiance of the grace of God which would descend **upon** thee,/ and showing forth the purity of thy soul and body through the splendors of thy **coun**tenance,/**//** for which thou becamest a chosen vessel of **Christ** our God.// Him do thou entreat, that He save and **enlighten** our souls.
- 7/8. **When** the zeal of God came **upon** thee,/ O divinely wise and most blessed father **Sergius**,/ thou didst **overcome** all things **in** the world,/ and, loving Christ alone with all thy soul, and following His lifebearing **footsteps**,/**//** thou didst attain unto the **wilderness**;/ and having planted it with the seed of thy labors and watered it with showers **of** thy tears,/ thou didst multiply the fruits of the **virtues**;/ and, having fed thy children therewith, thou didst lead them unto **Christ** God.// Him do thou entreat, that He save and **enlighten** our souls.
9. **When** thou, O divinely wise one, didst hear the divine voice **saying** to thee:/ "Lo! the all-pure one **cometh!**",/**//** **then**, in great ascetic struggle, thou didst earnestly pray that thou be vouchsafed her awesome **visitation**;/ and straightway a light outshining the sun in brightness illumined thee, O **venerable** one,/ and thou wast vouchsafed to behold the Mistress Mother of God with both spiritual and **bodily** eyes,/ and with thine ears thou didst hear her sweet voice **saying**:/ "I shall ever be in this place, and thy monastery shall lack for

nothing!"// Her do thou beseech, that she save and enlighten our souls.

10. When the time arrived for thy departure unto God,/ then thou didst hasten, like an all-radiant star, to the mansions of heaven,/ and there thou standest with the choirs of the saints before the throne of the consubstantial Trinity;/ and thy blessed and precious body, which for many years was covered by the earth,/ hath now been surrendered by the ground and emitteh the splendor of miracles/ upon those who honour thine uncovering, O divinely wise Sergius./ Grant victories over all heresies to our Christ-loving hierarchs,/ and ask of Christ our God forgiveness of sins for all the faithful./ Him do thou entreat, that He save and enlighten our souls.

Glory... (Tone 8)

Come, all ye faithful, ye assemblies of the Church of Russia,/ and let us delight in the present splendid festival!/ Come, ye fullness of the priesthood, ye company of monks, and see how the Church of God is adorned,/ filled with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs;/ and the honoured and glorious monastery of the divinely blessed father Sergius/ is filled with gladness and joy at the uncovering of his precious relics./ And giving voice to praise, it calleth the whole world joyfully to cry out to the Lord:/ O Christ Our Master, Thou hast given to Thy holy Orthodox Church a mighty warrior,/ an invincible weapon against our enemies, visible and invisible,/ and an infinite treasury of inexhaustible gifts for the Christian people./ Through his supplications grant great mercy to our souls.

Both now & ever... Dogmatikon (Tone 3)

How can we refrain from wonder, O all-hallowed Virgin,/ at thy bearing God and man in One?/ For thou, without blemish and who hast never known a man,/ hast brought forth without father a Son in the flesh,/ begotten of the Father without mother before all ages,/ Who suffered no change, confusion nor division,/ but kept in full what is proper to each nature;/ our Lady, thou Virgin and Mother,/ entreat Him to save the souls// of those who in the true faith confess thee to be the Theotokos.

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

R. The reading is from the Book of Proverbs

The memory of the just is praised, and the blessing of the Lord is upon his head. Blessed is the man who hath found wisdom, and the mortal who knoweth prudence. For it is better to traffic for her, than for treasures of gold and silver. And she is more valuable than precious stones: no precious thing is equal to her in value. For length of existence and years of life are in her right hand; and in her left hand are wealth and glory: out of her mouth righteousness proceedeth, and she carrieth law and mercy upon her tongue. Hearken to me, O children, for I will speak solemn truths. Blessed is the man who shall keep my ways; for my outgoings are the outgoings of life, and in them is prepared favor from

the Lord. Ye, O men, do I exhort; and utter my voice to the sons of men. I, wisdom, have built up; upon counsel, knowledge and understanding have I called. Counsel and safety are mine; prudence is mine, and strength is mine. I love those that love me; they that seek me shall find grace. O ye simple, understand subtlety, and ye that are untaught, imbibe knowledge. Hearken unto me again; for I will speak solemn truths. For my throat shall meditate truth; and false lips are an abomination before me. All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing in them wrong or perverse. They are all evident to those that understand, and right to those that find knowledge. For I will instruct you in truth, that your hope may be in the Lord, and ye may be filled with the Spirit.

R. The reading is from the Book of Proverbs:

The mouth of the righteous droppeth wisdom: but the tongue of the unjust shall perish. The lips of men drop grace: but the mouth of the ungodly is perverse. False balances are an abomination before the Lord: but a just weight is acceptable unto Him. Wherever pride entereth, there will also disgrace: but the mouth of the humble doth meditate wisdom. The integrity of the upright shall guide them, but the overthrow of the rebellious shall spoil them. Possessions shall not profit in the day of wrath, but righteousness will deliver from death. When a just man dieth, he leaveth regret: but the destruction of the ungodly is speedy and causeth joy. Righteousness traceth out blameless paths: but ungodliness encounterereth unjust dealing. The righteousness of upright men delivereth them: but transgressors are caught in their own destruction. At the death of a just man his hope doth not perish: but the boast of the ungodly perisheth. A righteous man escapeth from a snare, and the ungodly man is delivered up in his place. In the mouth of ungodly men is a snare for citizens: but the understanding of righteous men is prosperous. In the prosperity of righteous men a city prospereth, but at the destruction of the wicked there is exultation. At the blessing of the upright a city shall be exalted, but by the mouths of ungodly men it is overthrown. A man void of understanding sneereth at his fellow citizens: but a sensible man is quiet.

R. The reading is from the Wisdom of Solomon: (Wis 3:1-9)

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and there shall no torment touch them. In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die: and their departure is taken for misery, and their going from us to be utter destruction: but they are in peace. For though they be punished in the sight of men, yet is their hope full of immortality. And having been a little chastised, they shall be greatly rewarded: for God proved them, and found them worthy for Himself. As gold in the furnace hath He tried them and received them as a burnt offering. And in the time of their visitation they shall shine, and run to and fro like sparks among the stubble. They shall judge the nations, and have dominion over the people, and their Lord shall reign forever. They that put their trust in Him shall understand the truth: and such as be faithful in love shall abide with Him: for grace and mercy is to His saints, and He hath care for His elect.

P. Augmented Litany

R. Vouchsafe...

P. Litany of Fervent Supplication

Litya

*First Sticheron is of the Temple followed by:*

Stichera for St. Sergius (Tone 6)

Come, ye who love the feasts of the Church, ye company of fasters;/ and, assembling with faith today,/ let us honour Sergius the true faster,/ who gladly following in his Master's footsteps,/ trod the narrow path and the life of dispassion;/ and let us cry out with faith:/ O most blessed one, companion of the venerable and boast of fasters,// entreat the Lord in our behalf, that our souls find mercy.

O venerable and God-bearing Sergius,/ thou didst forsake all for the sake of Christ's love,/ and, having entered the wilderness,/ wast in nowise affrighted by the machinations of the invisible foe;/ for even though they descended upon thee many times,/ gnashing their teeth and displaying their rage,/ by thy supplications thou didst cause them to vanish like smoke without a trace./ O thine immaculate soul and mighty endurance!// Unceasingly beseech Christ, that our souls be saved.

O most sacred and great Church of Russia,/ having drunk of the streams of the wellspring of the Gospel/ with the Orthodox princes, monks and layfolk,/ let us be glad in the Spirit on this appointed feast/ of the good shepherd and teacher;/ and, surrounding his healing relics, let us lovingly venerate them/ and crown them with hymns and praises as with flowers,/ saying: Rejoice, O blessed Sergius,/ thou heavenly man and earthly angel,/ dwelling-place of the Holy Spirit!/ Rejoice, for thou hast guided man to the path of salvation!/ Rejoice, thou boast and confirmation of our Orthodox hierarchs,/ O venerable and God-pleasing Sergius,/ all-radiant lamp unto thy native land,// and intercessor for our souls!

(Tone 8)

Today heaven is glad on high, and the earth rejoiceth with men./ Let the newly-elect assemblies of Russia join chorus,/ and let the companies of monastics hold splendid festival!/ And the Holy Church of God, wondrous in righteousness,/ illumined as with all-radiant beams,/ filled with the manifold miracles which flow forth/ from the precious and healing relics of the venerable father Sergius,/ calleth the whole world to praise his struggles./ Wherefore, assembling all together, we who with gladness celebrate/ his uncovering in hymns and songs do hymn Christ our God,// that through his supplications He grant us peace and great mercy.

Today the festival of the translation of the relics of our divinely blessed father Sergius hath dawned!/ Come, all ye faithful, let us crown the Church of God with hymns,/ and therein let us glorify Christ our God, Who is hymned in Trinity,/ crying out and saying:/ O Christ our Master, Thou hast given Thy favorite unto the city of Moscow as a steadfast rampart;/ to all the parts of Russia Thou hast shown him to be a mighty intercessor,/ and to the Christian people Thou hast revealed him as a bestower of miracles,/ a healer of incurable infirmities,// an expeller of demons, and an intercessor for our souls.

Glory... (Tone 6)

Come, ye multitude of monastics,/ and with songs and hymns let us praise Sergius today,/ the emulator of piety;/ and, surrounding his precious and healing shrine,/ let us lovingly venerate it, saying:/ Rejoice, O all-glorious Sergius,/ all-radiant beacon for thy native land!/ Rejoice, for in

purity thou hast united thyself to the most pure Light! / Rejoice, for thou standest with the angels before the Trinity, / to Whom do thou unceasingly pray, // that great mercy be granted to our souls.

Both... Theotokion (Tone 6)

O Theotokos, thou art the true vine which hath budded forth for us the Fruit of life. / We beseech thee, O Mistress: / Pray thou with the holy royal passion-bearers and all the new martyrs, // that the Lord have mercy upon our souls.

P. *Litya prayers in back of Church*

APOSTICHA: (Tone 3)

1. **Thou** hast darkened the sun by Thy **Passion**, O Christ; / **by** Thy Resurrection hast Thou given **all** things light. // Accept our evening hymn, O Thou Who **lovest** mankind.

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

2. **Thy** life-giving Resurrection, O Lord, / has brought **light** to all the **inhabited** earth/ and **called** up Thy creation that lay in **corruption**, / so that **we**, released from the curse of Adam, **cry** aloud: // Glory unto Thee, O **Almighty** Lord.

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

3. **Suffering** in the fl-esh, **Thou**, O God/ Who by **nature** cannot be changed, hast **changed** Thyself, / and the **creation** unable to bear the sight of Thee hanging was bowed **down** by fear/ and it **groaned** as it sang the praises of Thy long-**suffering**. / And **Thou**, descending into hell, hast risen on the **third** day, // giving the world life and great **mercy**.

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

4. **Thou** hast suffered **death**, O Christ, / **to** deliver our **kind** from death: / **And**, risen the third day **from** the dead, / **Thou** hast raised up with Thyself those who **acknowledge** Thee to be God/ and **Thou** hast **enlightened** the world. // O Lord, **glory** to Thee.

Glory... (Tone 8)

We **honour** thee as the instructor of a **multitude** of monks, / O Sergius our **father**; / for by thy steps have we learned how to **walk** aright. / Blessed art thou who, having **labored** for Christ, / hast denounced the power of the **enemy**, / O converser with the angels and companion of the righteous and the **venerable**. // With them do thou entreat the Lord, that our souls find **mercy**.

Both... (Tone 8)

O **Virgin** unwedded, O Mother of **God** on high, / thou hast ineffably conceived **God** in the flesh; / and being beyond reproach, thou hast granted us all purification of our **transgressions**. / Accept the supplications of thy **servants**, / and do thou, who now receivest our **entreaties**, // pray for us **all** to be saved.

- C. St. Symeon's Prayer  
 R. Trisagion  
 C. Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos x2

Troparion for the Saint (Tone 4)

From thy youth thou didst receive Christ within thy soul, O venerable one,/ and didst desire more than all to withdraw from the tumult of the world./ Thou didst manfully dwell in the wilderness,/ and therein didst produce the fruit of humility, the children of obedience./ Wherefore, as thou becamest the abode of the Trinity,/ thou hast illumined with thy miracles all who have recourse to thee with faith,/ granting healing in abundance unto all./ O Sergius our father,// entreat Christ God, that He save our souls.

- P. Blessing of loaves.  
 C. Amen. Blessed be the Name of the Lord... x3  
 Psalm 33:1-10

MATINS: Tone 3

- P. Regular Beginning  
 P. Great Ectenia  
 C. God is the Lord... (Tone 3)

C. Sunday Troparia (Tone 3) x2

Let the heavens rejoice!/ Let the earth be glad!/ For the Lord has shown strength with His arm!/ He has trampled down death by death!/ He has become the firstborn of the dead!/ He has delivered us from the depths of hell,// and has granted to the world great mercy.

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

From thy youth thou didst receive Christ within thy soul, O venerable one,/ and didst desire more than all to withdraw from the tumult of the world./ Thou didst manfully dwell in the wilderness,/ and therein didst produce the fruit of humility, the children of obedience./ Wherefore, as thou becamest the abode of the Trinity,/ thou hast illumined with thy miracles all who have recourse to thee with faith,/ granting healing in abundance unto all./ O Sergius our father,// entreat Christ God, that He save our souls.

Both... Theotokion (Tone 4)

The mystery hidden from all **ages**/ and unknown to the **angels**/ was made manifest to those on earth through Thee, O Theotokos:/ God took flesh in a union without **confusion**/ and for our sakes willingly **accepted** the Cross;/ and thereby He raised the **first** formed man// and saved our **souls** from death.

Lord Have Mercy 3x  
 Glory...

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

R. Sessional Hymns:

Christ hath arisen from the dead, the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep, the firstborn of creation, the Creator of all that existeth; and in Himself He hath restored the nature of our race which had become corrupt. No longer dost thou have dominion, O death, for the Master of all hath destroyed thy realm!

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

Having tasted the fruit of death, O Lord, Thou didst cut off the bitterness of death by Thine arising, and hast strengthened man against it, revoking the defeat of the primal curse. O Lord, Defender of our life, glory be to Thee!

G/B... 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.

R. Kathisma III

P. Small Ectenia

R. Sessional Hymns:

Terrified of Thine immutable divinity and voluntary suffering, O Lord, hell lamented to itself, saying: "I tremble before a Being of incorrupt flesh; I behold One invisible, Who mystically contendeth against me. Wherefore, I hold fast to those who cry: Glory to Thy resurrection, O Christ!"

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

O ye faithful, let us theologize concerning the incomprehensibility of the crucifixion, the ineffability of the resurrection, the unspeakable mystery; for today death and hell have been made captive, and the human race hath been clothed in incorruption. Wherefore, giving thanks, we cry unto Thee: Glory to Thine arising, O Christ!

G/B... O Theotokos, thou didst mystically contain in thy womb the Unapproachable and Uncircumscribable One, Who is consubstantial with the Father and the Spirit, and through thy birthgiving we have learned to glorify in the world the one and unconfused power of the Trinity. Wherefore, with thanksgiving we cry out to thee: Rejoice, O thou who art full of grace!

C. Polyeleos

P. Magnification (once only by clergy)

We bless thee,/ O venerable father Sergius,/ and we honour thy holy memory,// O instructor of monks and conversor with the angels.

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

P. Small Ectenia

R. Ypakoe:

Amazing the myrrh-bearing women by the sight of Him, and refreshing them by his words, the radiant angel said to them: "Why seek ye the Living in the tomb? He Who hath emptied the graves hath arisen! Understand the Changer of corruption to be immutable! Say ye unto God: How awesome are Thy works, for Thou hast saved the human race!"

R. Sessional Hymns for the Saint

The day of thy memorial hath arrived, O all-praised father Sergius, gladdening thy chosen flock; and thereon we celebrate with honour the uncovering of thy holy relics and magnify with joy the Lord Who hath given thee the grace of miracles, crying aloud: Glory to Him Who hath given thee strength! Glory to Him Who hath crowned thee! Glory to Him Who hath given healing to all through thee!

Let our great pastor now be praised! And with hymns let the godly Sergius be praised: the all-radiant pillar of monasticism who sheddeth upon us the radiance of miracles, which proceed from his all-precious relics, and who like a dew-bearing cloud extinguisheth the flame of our passions, bedewing the minds of the faithful!

Glory... We all earnestly beseech thee, the merciful favorite of Christ, our pastor and teacher, and we lovingly kiss thy precious relics, and joyfully cry out with all our soul: Destroy the incursions of the heathen and bring them under Christian authority, dispel the phantasms of the demons from the flock of thy disciples, and deliver from all temptations those who hymn thee with love, O venerable Sergius.

Both... Theotokion

Incomprehensible and unattainable by the mind is the awesome divine mystery wrought in thee, O divinely joyous Mistress; for, having conceived the Infinite One, thou gavest birth to Him, Who clothed Himself in flesh through thine all-pure blood. Him do thou ever entreat as thy Son, O pure one, that our souls be saved.

Hymn of Degrees: (Antiphon One)

Thou didst move the captivity of Sion away from Babylon, O Word. Draw me also forth from the passions unto life.

They who sow in the south with tears divine shall joyfully reap the grain of life everlasting.

G/B... Unto the Holy Spirit, as to the Father and the Son, shineth all thanksgiving, wherein all things live and move.

Hymn of Degrees: (Antiphon Two)

If the Lord buildeth not the house of the virtues, in vain do we labor; and when the Spirit protecteth it, no one will destroy our city.

Through the Spirit are the saints ever adopted by Thee, O Christ, as the fruit of Thee and the Father.

G/B... Through the Holy Spirit are all holiness and wisdom perceived. For He bringeth every created thing into existence. Him do we worship, for He is God, like the Father and the Word.

Hymn of Degrees: (Antiphon Three)

Blessed are they who fear the Lord, who walk the path of the commandments; for they shall eat of all the fruits of life.

Be Thou glad, O Chief Shepherd, beholding Thine offspring round about Thy table, bearing the branches of goodly works.

G/B... From the Holy Spirit are all the riches of glory; from Him are grace and life for every creation: for He is hymned with the Father and the Word.

P. Prokimenon: (Tone 3)

Say among the nations that the Lord is king;/ for He hath established the world, which shall not be shaken.

V. O sing unto the Lord a new song, sing unto the Lord all the earth.

C. Let every breath praise the Lord.

P. GOSPEL #4

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: He Who of old gathered the waters into one at His divine behest/ and parted the sea for the people of Israel,/ is our God and is most glorious.// To Him let us chant, for He hath been glorified.

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

Our God is He Who cursed the earth to bring forth as fruit thorns through the sweat of the transgressor, and in the flesh receiveth a crown of thorns from the hands of the transgressors of the law. He hath abolished the curse, in that He hath been glorified.

He of Whom death was afraid hath appeared as the vanquisher and victor over death; for having assumed animate flesh subject to sufferings, and contended against the tyrant, He hath raised all up with Himself. He is our God, for He hath been glorified.

### Theotokion

All nations glorify thee as the true Theotokos who gave birth without seed; for He is our God Who, having descended into thy sanctified womb, became of our essence. God and Man was born of thee.

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

Every heavenly being fittingly bendeth its knee, with those of earth and those in the nethermost parts, before Him Who became incarnate of thee, O Virgin; He hath been glorified.

O the reconciliation which took place within thee! For He Who abundantly bestoweth gifts hath as God given us the divine Spirit, having received flesh of thee, O Maiden, in that He hath been glorified.

Holy father Sergius, pray to God for us!

With the light of Thee, the three-Sunned Godhead, O my Creator, illumine the darkened eyes of my soul, I beseech Thee, and cleanse Thou my heart, that I may hymn the uncovering of the precious relics of the venerable Sergius, who loved Thee.

Grant me words for the opening of my mouth, O Word of God, make my tongue brilliant, O Merciful One, and be Thou not mindful of the multitude of my sins, that, guided by Thy grace, I may hymn Thy venerable saint, Sergius.

Glory... As thou didst preach the Trinity by crying out within thy mother's womb, so did the Trinity glorify thee. Lo! thy precious relics, hidden for so many years beneath the ground, were found to be incorrupt, filling the faithful with sweet fragrance and miracles.

Both... O all-pure Mistress who art more exalted than the hosts of heaven, and gavest birth to the Saviour and Creator of all, Who is consubstantial with the Father and the Spirit: grant us discourse, O all-hymned one, that we may hymn thee who art the helper of our race.

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 Most High, Thou Ruler of all,/ Who out of non-existence/ hast brought all things, which are fashioned by Thy Word/ and made perfect by the Spirit;// Confirm me in Thy love!

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

The ungodly one was confounded by Thy Cross, for he fell into the pit which he dug; but in Thy resurrection, O Christ, Thou didst raise up the lowly.

The preaching of piety to the nations covered them like the water of the sea, O Thou Who lovest mankind; for having risen from the tomb, Thou didst reveal the light of the Trinity.

Theotokion

All-glorious things have been said of thee, O animate city of Him Who reigneth forever; for through thee, O Mistress, did God come to dwell with those on earth.

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

The Virgin, having sprung forth as the rod of the root of Jesse, as said the prophets, put Thee forth as a flower for us, O Christ. Holy art Thou, O Lord!

That Thou mightest cause mortals to partake of the divine, Thou didst abase Thyself, receiving our flesh from the Virgin. Holy art Thou, O Lord!

Holy father Sergius, pray to God for us!

Strengthened by the power of the Cross of the Lord, thou didst make the spiritual passions and reasoning of the flesh subject to thy spirit; wherefore, thou becamest an all-comely habitation of the all-holy Spirit and the chosen resting-place of the indivisible Trinity.

By thy life in this world having become a model for all who have labored for Christ with all their soul, thou didst shine forth in purity like the sun; wherefore, thou hast received recompense an hundredfold from the hand of the Almighty, O divinely wise Sergius, for which cause we joyfully call thee blessed.

Glory... Come, let us now come together on this present feast, and let us behold and be filled with joy, that we may glorify Christ Who hath so glorified those who glorify Him, and hath given us the divinely blessed Sergius as an invincible rampart and bestower of miracles.

Both... Rejoicing, we offer thee thanks together with hymnody, O Mother of God, for in the flesh thou gavest birth to Almighty God, Who hath given thee to Christians as a steadfast intercessor.

C. Katavasia (Tone 4)

O Mother of God,/ thou living and plentiful fount,/ give strength to those united in spiritual fellowship,/ who sing hymns of praise to thee:/ And in thy divine glory// vouchsafe unto them crowns of glory.

P. Small Ectenia

C. Kontakion for Saint (Tone 8)

Thy precious relics, shining forth from the ground today like the all-radiant sun,/ have been found to be incorrupt, resplendent with a multitude of miracles like a fragrant flower,/ pouring forth diverse healings upon all the faithful,/ and gladdening thy chosen flock, which, having wisely assembled, thou didst shepherd well./ In their behalf thou now standest in supplication before the Trinity,/ praying that victory be granted to our Orthodox hierarchs over all heresies,// that we may all cry out to thee: Rejoice, O divinely wise Sergius!

R. Ikos

Having disdained that which is in the world, O divinely wise father, thou didst acquire incorrupt habitations which are above the world, and having been enriched with abundant gifts by the right hand of the Almighty, in accordance with the number of thy virtues, and been crowned with the wreath of honour as a victory, thou dost enrich with miracles all who hymn thee thus: Rejoice, O thou who, before thy nativity, didst glorify the Holy Trinity by a threefold exclamation; rejoice, thou who didst consider the beauty and glory of the world to be as dung! Rejoice, for thou didst make thine abode in the wilderness; rejoice, for thou didst make of it a city! Rejoice, for therein thou didst erect an all-honoured temple for the praise of the Holy Trinity; rejoice, for, having assembled therein multitudes of monastics, thou didst lead them to the Lord! Rejoice, for thou wast

vouchsafed the merciful visitation of the Mother of God; rejoice, for thou didst serve her in the flesh like an angel! Rejoice, for thou prayest to the Lord in behalf of those who honour the uncovering of thy precious relics; rejoice, for thou art a weapon of salvation for our Orthodox hierarchs and a vanquisher of all heresies! Preserve them ever in health and gladness, that we may all celebrate thine uncovering with splendor, joyously crying: Rejoice, O divinely wise Sergius!

R. Sessional Hymns

With great abstinence thou didst sail across the sea of life, and thou hast put in at the calm harbor, the mansions of heaven. Thou shinest like a radiant star, and like a never-setting Sun dost illumine the whole world with the lightning-flashes of thy miracles, and enlightenest the flock of thy disciples. To our pious Orthodox hierarchs and all the faithful thou grantest forgiveness of sins, correction of life, and victory over the adversary, that, standing joyfully round about thine honored and much-healing shrine, we may lovingly venerate thy holy relics and cry aloud to thee, as to a solicitous father: O divinely wise and all-blessed father Sergius, entreat the Holy Trinity, for Whom thou didst labor in this life, that we who honor the uncovering of thy precious relics with love may be granted remission of sins. Twice

G/B... All of us, the generations of men, bless thee who gavest birth to God in the flesh, without seed, as the only Virgin among mothers; for the Fire of the Godhead made His abode within thee, and with milk thou didst feed the Creator and Lord as a babe. Wherefore, we, the generation of angels and men, glorify throe all-holy birthgiving as is meet, and cry out to thee together: Entreat Christ God, that He grant remission of offenses unto those who with faith worship throe all-holy Offspring.

Canticle Four

Irmos: Thou hast shown us constant love, O Lord,/ for Thou didst give Thine only-begotten Son over to death for us./ Wherefore, in thanksgiving we cry to Thee:// Glory to Thy power, O Lord.

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

In Thy mercy, Thou didst withstand wounds and stripes, O Christ, enduring the malice of blows to Thy cheeks; and with long-suffering deigning to be spit upon, Thou didst thereby accomplish salvation for me. Glory to Thy power, O Lord.

Thou didst partake of death in a mortal body, O Life, for the sake of the suffering of the poor and the groans of Thy paupers; and having brought corruption upon the corrupter, O All-glorious One, Thou didst resurrect all with Thyself, in that Thou hast been glorified.

Theotokion

Remember, O Christ, the flock which Thou hast acquired by Thy suffering; and accepting the merciful entreaties of Thine all-glorious Mother, deliver it by Thy power, O Lord, visiting it in its affliction.

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

O Master, Who set the mountains in the scales of divine understanding,  
Thou wast cut from the stone of the Virgin without the aid of men's hands.  
Glory to Thy power, O Thou Who lovest mankind.

Thou art my portion and desired inheritance, O Lord, Who, having become  
a hypostasis in flesh from the Virgin, hast united me to Thy Hypostasis, O  
Word.

Holy father Sergius, pray to God for us!

Thou didst cleave unto God from thy mother's womb, O blessed father  
Sergius, and loving poverty of spirit didst have in thy heart the fear of  
God as the beginning of wisdom, the root and foundation of all good things.  
Wherefore, Christ the Master hath enriched thee with miracles.

Like a fragrant lily thy precious relics have emerged from the bosom  
of the earth, O all-blessed Sergius, and like a treasure they emit the  
radiance of miracles, gladdening thy spiritual children.

Glory... Today the royal city of Moscow rejoiceth, and the whole  
world is filled with gladness; and thy monastery, O divinely blessed  
Sergius, boasting, is adorned, having thy precious relics within it as an  
inexhaustible and all-wondrous treasure.

Both... O Virgin Lady, Queen of all creation, who wast foretold by  
many prophets and gavest birth to the King of the hosts of heaven: Grant  
victory to thy servants, our pious Orthodox hierarchs, over all heresies, O  
Lady, and by thy supplications vouchsafe unto us all the kingdom of heaven.

#### 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: I rise at dawn unto Thee, the Creator of all,/ Who passest  
all worldly understanding;/ for Thy commandments are light,//  
wherein do Thou direct me.

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

Through the envy of the Jews Thou wast given over to an unjust judge, O  
Beholder of all. And Thou Who judgest the whole earth with justice hast  
delivered ancient Adam from condemnation.

O Christ Who hast risen from the dead, grant Thy peace unto Thy  
Churches through the invincible power of Thy Cross, and save Thou our souls.

#### Theotokion

O only Ever-virgin, thou hast been shown to be the holy tabernacle and  
more spacious than the heavens, in that thou didst receive the Word of God,  
Whom all creation cannot contain.

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

Thy Son, the Word of God, O Virgin, the Creator of Adam the first-formed, is not a created being, even though He fashioned animate flesh for Himself out of thee.

Thy Son, the Lord Jesus, the Word of God, O Virgin, a Hypostasis perfect in two natures, is perfect God and perfect man.

Holy father Sergius, pray to God for us!

The Holy Church, wondrous in righteousness in the Trinity Our God, is splendidly adorned, O divinely wise Sergius, and a multitude of the people spiritually rejoice, beholding thee carried with honour in the arms of the hierarch of God, upborne upon the shoulders of the priests.

Filled with joy at the visitation of the Mother of God, thou becamest a light for thy flock and a guide for the new Israel, O father, leading us from earth to the mansions of heaven, where thou now enjoyest ineffable effulgence.

Glory... Thy mother's womb was sanctified by thine honoured conception, and the glorious city of Rostov was rendered splendid by thy nativity; thy great and most glorious monastery hath been glorified by thy struggles, and the whole world hath been filled with thy miracles, O venerable father Sergius.

Both... O all-pure Mother of God, thou steadfast helper of those who set their hope on thee, O protection and guardian of our city, invincible bulwark of this holy community, and weapon of salvation for our devout hierarchs: Save all who piously venerate thy holy image.

#### 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: The uttermost abyss of sins hath engulfed me,/ and my spirit doth perish./ But, stretching forth Thine upraised arm, O Master,// save me as Thou didst Peter, O Helmsman!

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

An abyss of mercy and compassion hath surrounded me through Thy compassionate descent; for having become incarnate and taken on the form of a servant, O Master, Thou didst deify me, glorifying me with Thyself.

The slayer underwent death, beholding Him Who was dead alive again. These were images of Thy resurrection, O Christ, and of Thine all-pure, vanquishing sufferings.

#### Theotokion

O all-pure one who alone dost mediate before the Creator and men, in manner past understanding: entreat thy merciful Son, and be thou a champion for thine all-sinful servants.

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

He Who shareth no form receiveth our form from the incorrupt Virgin, becoming man in form and matter without changing in His divinity.

O all-pure one, deliver me from the abyss of sins and the tempest of the passions, for thou art a haven and an abyss of miracles for those who have recourse unto thee with faith.

Holy father Sergius, pray to God for us!

Having loved Christ from childhood, O father Sergius, following His life-bearing footsteps thou didst flee this world, and didst attain unto the neverwaning light of understanding, where thou now standest with boldness before the Holy Trinity, Whom do thou beseech in behalf of us all.

The ranks of the incorporeal ones marveled at thy life in the flesh, and the hordes of the demons were affrighted by the victory which God gave thee over them; and we glorify thee, O venerable Sergius, standing round about the shrine of thy precious relics, and we magnify Christ who hath glorified thee with miracles.

Glory... By thy supplications, O all-blessed father Sergius, ask what is beneficial for all who venerate the honored and glorious uncovering of thy holy relics with love and pure faith, and who celebrate thy sacred memory with splendor.

Both... Having conceived the Creator and Saviour of all without seed in thy womb, O Mistress Mother of God, and given birth to Christ God in the flesh, by thy supplications render Him merciful unto us, that we all may be counted worthy of His revelation and kingdom.

C. Katavasia (Tone 4)

**As we celebrate/** this sacred and solemn feast of the **M**other 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 3

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb/ O Merciful One/ leading us from the gates of death./ On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices;/ with the Prophets and Patriarchs they unceasingly praise// the divine majesty of Thy power.

R. Ikos

Let heaven and earth join chorus today and with one mind hymn Christ God, for He hath raised the prisoners up from the graves. All creation rejoiceth, offering worthy hymns to our Deliverer, the Creator of all; for having led men up from hell today, in that He is the Bestower of life, He exalteth them to the heavens with Him, doth cast down the arrogance of the

enemy, and breaketh down the gates of hell by the divine might of His authority.

### Canticle Seven

Irmos: As of old Thou didst bedew the three pious children/ in the Chaldaean flame,/ with the radiant fire of Thy divinity/ illumine us who cry:// Blessed is the God of our fathers.

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

The splendid veil of the temple was rent in twain at the crucifixion of the Creator, revealing the truth hidden in the Scripture unto the faithful who cry: O God of our fathers, blessed art Thou!

When Thy side was pierced, O Christ, with the drops of Thy divinely flowing and life-creating blood, which fell upon the ground according to Thy design, Thou didst restore those on earth, who cry: O God of our fathers, blessed art Thou!

### Triadicon

Let us glorify the good Spirit with the Father and the only-begotten Son, O ye faithful, worshipping the one Godhead and Sovereignty in three, crying: O God of our fathers, blessed art Thou!

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

O Thou Who art the Lord of glory, Who ruleth the heavenly hosts, Who sittest with the Father, and art borne in the Virgin's arms: O Lord God of our fathers, blessed art Thou!

We have all come to know thee as the Theotokos who gave birth unto God; for thou didst bear one of the Trinity, Who had become incarnate of thee. Blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, O all-pure one!

Holy father Sergius, pray to God for us!

By divine preservation was thy precious body kept intact, O divinely wise Sergius, which was covered wholly by the earth for many years, and it emerged, untouched by any harm. And we, thy children, beholding it, cry out with joy: Blessed is the God of our fathers!

Thou wast clothed in the raiment of gladness, and thy precious head was crowned with a wreath of joy; and thou hast entered in splendor into the heavenly bridal-chamber of Christ the King, receiving honour for thy labors, and chanting to the Lord: Blessed is the God of our fathers!

Glory... Resplendent in thy radiant life, O wondrous Sergius, in this life thou didst attain unto the ranks of the incorporeal ones; and thou now joinest chorus with them before the throne of the God of all, Whom do thou beg, that He grant remission of sins unto those who with love celebrate the memory of the uncovering of thy precious reliques.

Both... Offer supplication, O all-pure Virgin Mistress, unto our God Who was born of thee, and Who through thee hath restored Adam and renewed

our nature, that we may all cry out to thee: O all-pure one, blessed is the Fruit of thy womb!

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: United in the unbearable fire, / yet unharmed by its flame, / the pious youths chanted a divine hymn in intercession: / Bless the Lord, all ye works of the Lord, // and exalt Him supremely for all ages!

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

The splendor of the temple was rent in twain when Thy Cross was planted on Golgotha, and creation fell down in fear, singing: Bless the Lord, all ye works of the Lord! Hymn and exalt Him supremely forever!

Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Christ, and by Thy divine power didst set aright him who fell, deceived into eating of the tree; and he crieth and saith: Bless the Lord, all ye works of the Lord! Hymn and exalt Him supremely forever!

Theotokion

Thou hast been shown to be the temple of God, an animate habitation, and the ark; for thou, O all-pure Theotokos, hast reconciled the Creator with men, and all of us, His works, hymn thee fittingly and exalt Him supremely for all ages.

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

As the Mother of God and one close to Him, thou didst surpass the noetic ranks. We bless thine Offspring, O blessed Virgin, and exalt Him supremely for all ages.

Thou didst show forth a natural beauty, most comely, which illumineth the flesh of the Divinity. We bless thine Offspring, O blessed Virgin, and exalt Him supremely for all ages.

Holy father Sergius, pray to God for us!

The Church of God is glad today, arrayed as in a robe of royal purple; and thy holy monastery, O divinely blessed Sergius, doth possess as a treasure beyond price thy precious body which imparteth diverse healings unto all who chant with faith: Bless the Lord unceasingly, O ye works of the Lord!

The temple of God is illumined with heavenly light, and therein the assemblies of the pious rejoice, beholding thee, O divinely blessed Sergius, borne in the hands of the hierarchs and venerated with mouth and

soul by all the faithful who cry out to Christ: Bless the Lord unceasingly,  
O ye works of the Lord!

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

Standing now with the armies of heaven before the Trinity, and dwelling with the choirs of all the saints, ask thou for forgiveness of sins to be given to those who honour thy memory with faith; and to us who celebrate with splendor the uncovering of thy precious relics grant salvation, that, rejoicing, we may chant: Bless the Lord unceasingly, O ye works of the Lord!

Both... The Pre-eternal One is conceived in thy womb, O pure Virgin, and the perfect God, Who is born an Infant in the flesh, of thee, the Maiden who knew not wedlock, is seen by men to be perfect God and man, equally enthroned with the Father and the Spirit. Him do we exalt supremely forever.

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

C. Katavasia (Tone 4)

The Offspring 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: A wonder new and divine:/ the Lord manifestly passeth through the closed door of the Virgin,/ naked at His entry;/ and God doth reveal Himself as corporeal as He issueth forth;/ and yet the gate remaineth shut.// Ineffably let us magnify her as the Mother of God.

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

Awesome is it to behold Thee, the Creator, O Word of God, uplifted upon the Tree: God suffering in the flesh for His servants, and lying in the tomb, bereft of breath, and releasing the dead from hell. Wherefore, O Christ, we magnify Thee as omnipotent.

Placed dead in the tomb, Thou didst save the forefathers from the corruption of death; and, raising up the dead, Thou didst cause life to blossom forth, guiding human nature to the light and clothing it in divine incorruption. Wherefore, we ever magnify Thee as the Light of life.

Theotokion

Thou hast been shown to be the temple and throne of God, wherein He Who is in the highest dwelt, born of thee who knewest not man, O most pure one, without in any wise opening the gates of thy flesh. Wherefore, O pure one, by thine unceasing supplications quickly and utterly subdue the barbaric nations.

Most Holy Theotokos, Save us.

The pious and faithful can never have enough of thy praises, O Virgin; for, ever receiving divine and spiritual desire through desire, we magnify thee as the Mother of God.

Thou hast appointed for us an unashamed advocate, her who gave Thee birth, O Christ. Through her entreaties Thou givest us the merciful Spirit, the Bestower of goodness, Who through Thee proceedeth from the Father.

Holy father Sergius, pray to God for us!

Thou wast taken up to the heights of heaven by the virtues, O divinely wise Sergius, and in gladness of heart thou standest before the throne of the Holy Trinity. Forget not thy servants, but grant perfect health and wondrous victory over all heresies to our pious Orthodox hierarchs, that we may all magnify thee unceasingly with hymns.

More brightly than the rays of the sun, O Godbearer, doth thine all-glorious memory illumine the faithful who piously honour thee, who venerate the shrine of thy precious relics with faith and love, and praise thee in hymns, O divinely wise Sergius.

Glory... O divinely blessed father Sergius, accept thou this small supplication, offered to thee by mine unworthy hand and with heartfelt love, and by thy supplications grant salvation for our souls, health for our bodies and peace for the world, that we may magnify thee all the more in hymnody.

Both... O most hymned Virgin Mistress, Mother of Christ our God, save all who set their hope on thee, who have recourse to thine aid, and in hymns piously magnify thee, who art the Theotokos.

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 Four, (Luke 24:1-12)

Lightning-bright with the virtues, we see standing upon the life-bearing tomb a man in shining garments while the women bearing myrrh bowed down their faces to the earth. Let us learn of the rising of Him Who reigns over heaven and let us hasten with Peter to Life in the tomb and wondering at that which has happened let us stay to behold Christ.

Glory... Exapostilarion for the Saint

Assembling today, those of heaven rejoice with those on earth, and the companies of the faithful, together with the priests and monks, are filled with spiritual gladness and the gifts of thy miracles, O venerable Sergius, glorifying the Lord on the day of thine uncovering.

Both... Theotokion

Uttering loud and clear the sound: Hail! Thou, O Lord, hast changed the sorrow of the forefathers, bringing to the world in its stead the joy of Thy Resurrection. Then, O Giver of life, through her who brought Thee forth, Light that has enlightened hearts, do Thou send down the light of Thy mercies that we may cry aloud to Thee: Glory to Thy Resurrection, O God and Man Who lovest mankind.

C. Lauds: Tone 3 Stichera

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

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

Praise Him, O sun and moon; praise Him, all ye stars and light.

Praise Him, ye heavens of heavens, and thou water that art above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the Lord; For He spake, and they came to be; He commanded, and they were created.

He established them forever, yea, forever and ever; He hath set an ordinance, and it shall not pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons and all ye abysses, Fire, hail, snow, ice, blast of tempest, which perform His word, The mountains and all the hills, fruitful trees, and all cedars, The beasts and all the cattle, creeping things and winged birds, Kings of the earth, and all peoples, princes and all judges of the earth, Young men and virgins, elders with the younger; let them praise the name of the Lord, for exalted is the name of Him alone.

His praise is above the earth and heaven, and He shall exalt the horn of His people.

This is the hymn for all His saints, for the sons of Israel, and for the people that draw nigh unto Him.

Sing unto the Lord a new song; His praise is in the church of the saints.

Let Israel be glad in Him that made him, let the sons of Sion rejoice in their king.

Let them praise His name in the dance; with the timbrel and the psaltery let them chant unto Him.

For the Lord taketh pleasure in His people, and He shall exalt the meek with salvation.

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

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

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

1. O come all ye nations,/ perceive the might of this awful mystery./ Our Saviour Who in the beginning was the Word,/ has been crucified for us and of His own Will suffered burial,/ on the third day He rose again that He might save us all.// Therefore let us worship Him.

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

2. The watch that guarded Thee, O Lord,/ related all the wonders that had come to pass,/ but the vain assembly of the Sanhedrin filled their hands with gifts,/ thus thinking to hide Thy Resurrection that the whole world glorifies.// Have mercy upon us.

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

3. All things were filled with joy at receiving the tidings of Thy Resurrection,/ for Mary Magdalene, when she went to Thy tomb,/ found an angel in shining raiment seated upon the stone who said:/ 'Why do ye seek the living among the dead?/ He is not here, but risen, as He said,// and He goes before you into Galilee.'

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

4. O Master Who lovest mankind,/ in Thy light do we see light./ For Thou art risen from the dead/ and hast bestowed salvation on mankind./ Let all the creation give glory to Thee Who alone art without sin// and do Thou have mercy upon us.

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

#### Stichera for the Saint (Tone 4)

5/6. As a greatly radiant star of Christ, the never-setting Sun,/ thou dost enlighten all with the beams of thy virtues, O divinely wise father Sergius, blessed of God,/ and with the radiance of miracles thou dost illumine all the ends of the earth/ and those who with faith cherish thy holy memory// and splendidly honour in hymns the venerable uncovering of thy relics.

V. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

7. Thou hast been shown to be a beacon of great radiance,/ a most excellent physician of the sick, and a right prudent shepherd of monastics,/ a weapon of salvation for our pious Orthodox hierarchs,/ victory over the enemy, the adornment of all the land of Russia,/ a constant advocate for all who invoke thy name with faith, O Sergius,// and celebrate the uncovering of thy precious relics with love.

V. Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord; in His commandments shall he greatly delight.

8. Like a fragrant flower, incense of sweet savor, a divine phial of myrrh,/ thou dost emit the scent of thy sweet perfume upon all nations,/ and with the lightning-flashes of thy miracles thou dost illumine the Christian people,/ who celebrate thy sacred memory with faith,// O venerable and divinely blessed Sergius.

Glory... Gospel Sticheron, (Tone 4)

It is very early in the morning/ and the women went to Thy tomb, O Christ,/ but the Body desired by them was not to be found./ Therefore two men stood by them in shining garments/ and said to them as they were much perplexed:/ "Why seek ye the living among the dead?/ He is risen as He beforehand said./ Why remember ye not His words?"/ And believing the things they had seen they proclaimed them/ but it was thought that the good tidings were idle tales./ So dull still were the disciples// But Peter ran and beholding, gave Thee glory in himself for the wonders.

Both now and ever... (Tone 2)

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

The Great Doxology

Dismissal Tropar:

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

P. Litanies

Dismissal

R. Hours

Tropar: Resurrection and Saint

Kontak: Saint/Resurrection alternating

At Liturgy:

Order of Troparia & Kontakia as per Polyeleos service

Prokimenon for Tone 3

O chant unto our God, chant ye; chant unto our King, chant ye!

V. Clap your hands, all ye nations; shout unto God with a voice of rejoicing.

Prokimenon for the Saint (Tone 7)

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

Epistle(s): Rom 6:18-23 & Gal 5:22-6:2

Alleluia for Tone 3

V. In Thee, O Lord, have I hoped; let me not be put to shame in the age to come.

V. Be Thou unto me a God to defend me and a house of refuge to save me.

Alleluia for the Saint (Tone 6)

V. Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord; in His commandments shall he greatly delight.

Gospel(s): Matt 8:5-13 & Luke 6:17-23a

Communion Verse: Praise Ye & In everlasting remembrance...