



Great Vespers

Community of Saints Etheldreda and Sophrony East London

- PSALM OF INTRODUCTION - PSALM 103
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- LORD I HAVE CRIED (in the s-tone of the week)
- PSALMS 141 + 142
- STICHERA (in the s-tone of the week)
- DOXASTICON FOR THE FEAST
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- LITANY OF SUPPLICATION
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- FESTAL APOLYTIKION/TROPARION (in the t-tone of the feast)
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- DISMISSAL

*Green = fixed; red = variable; *sometimes omitted; s-tone = stichera melody; t-tone = troparion melody*

Introductory prayers

[Priest] Blessed is our God, always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

[Choir] Amen.

[Priest] Come, let us worship and fall down before God our King.

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King and our God.

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, our King and our God.

Vesperal Psalm (103)

Ble - ss the Lo rd O my soul. O Lo - rd my God,
thou art e-xceeding great. Thou hast clothed thyself with praise and ho-nour.
Bles - sed art tho - u O Lo - rd

1. Bless the Lord, O my soul; O Lord my God, Thou art exceeding great. Thou hast clothed Thyself with praise and honour. Thou coverest thyself with light as with a garment: and spreadest out the heavens like a curtain. Who sets the beams of his chambers above the waters: who makes the clouds his chariot and walks upon the wings of the wind. He makes his angels spirits: and his ministers a flame of fire. He laid firm the foundations of the earth: it shall never be moved at any time.

The deep like a cloak is its garment: the waters stand upon the hills. At thy rebuke they flee: at the voice of thy thunder they are afraid.

[repeat : Blessed art thou]

2. The mountains rise up and the valleys go down: to the place which thou hast established for them. Thou hast set them their bounds which they shall not pass: neither turn again to cover the earth. He sends forth springs in deep gullies: the waters run among the hills. They give drink to all the beasts of the field: the wild asses await them to quench their thirst. Beside them shall the fowls of the air have their habitation: from among the rocks they shall sing.

[repeat :  Blessed art thou]

3. He waters the hills from his chambers: the earth is filled with the fruit of thy works. He makes grass spring up for the cattle: and green herb for the service of men; That he may bring forth bread from the earth: and wine that makes glad the heart of man; Oil to make him a cheerful countenance: and bread to strengthen man's heart. The trees of the plain shall drink their fill: even the cedars of Lebanon, which thou hast planted; wherein the birds make their nests: highest among them is the dwelling of the stork.



4. The high hills are a refuge for deer: and so is the stony rock for the hare. He made the moon to mark the seasons: the sun knows the hour of its setting. Thou didst make darkness, and there was night: through which all the beasts of the forest prowl, young lions roaring after their prey: seeking their food from God. The sun arises, and they gather together: and lie down to sleep in their dens. Man goes forth to his work: and to his labour until the evening.

[repeat :  How thy works]

5. How thy works have been magnified, O Lord! in wisdom hast thou made them all; the earth is filled with thy creation. There is the sea great and wide, wherein are creeping things innumerable: living things both great and small. There go the ships; there is that dragon: whom thou hast made to make sport of him. All these wait upon thee: that thou mayest give them their food in due season. When thou givest it them they gather: when thou openest thy hand, all things are filled with good.



6. When thou turnest away thy face they are troubled: when thou takest away their breath they die, and are turned again to their dust. Thou shalt send forth thy Breath, and they shall be made: and thou shalt renew the face of the earth. May the glory of the Lord endure forever: the Lord shall rejoice in his works. Who looks on the earth and makes it tremble: who touches the mountains and they smoke. I will sing to the Lord as long as I live: I will praise my God while I have my being. May my words please him: my joy shall be in the Lord. May sinners vanish from the earth: and the wicked, that they be no more. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The sun knows his going down. Thou appointed the darkness, and there was the night. How magnified are Thy works, O Lord! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.



7. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia: Glory to thee, O God (thrice).

O our God and our Hope, glory to Thee!

The Great Litany

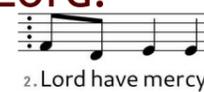
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

L1 \#Lord /have /Mercy



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

L2 /Lord \have /Mercy



For the peace of the whole world, the good estate of the holy churches of God and the union of all, let us pray to the Lord.

L1 \#Lord /have /Mercy

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

L3 \Lord //have \Mercy



For our father and metropolitan Silvan, the honorable presbytery, the diaconate in Christ, all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.

L1 \#Lord /have /Mercy

For our Sovereign Lord King Charles, the Royal Family, for the Government and all civil authorities, let us pray to the Lord.

L2 /Lord \have /Mercy

For this city and every city and countryside and the faithful who dwell therein, let us pray to the Lord.

L1 \#Lord /have /Mercy

For healthful seasons, abundance of the fruits of the earth and peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

L3 \Lord //have \Mercy

For travelers by sea, by land and by air, the sick, the suffering, the captive, and for their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

L1 \#Lord /have /Mercy

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

L2 /Lord \have /Mercy

Help us; save us; have mercy on us; and keep us, O God, by thy grace.

L1 \#Lord /have /Mercy

Calling to remembrance our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints,

(Most holy Theo\kos /save us)



let us commend ourselves and each other and all our life unto Christ our God.

To//~ \Thee\\~, \#O/~ /Lord.



For unto thee are due all glory, honor and worship, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.



A //~ \~ \\~ \#~/ ~/men

Lord I Have Cried

Tone 2

1. Lord, I have cried unto thee, hear_me, 2. hear me, O Lord. 3. Lord, I have cried unto thee, hear me.

2. Give ear to the voice of my prayer, 3. when I cry un-to thee. 4. Hear_me, O Lord.

1. Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight, 2. as in - cense be - fore Thee,

3. and let the lif-ting up of my hands 2. be an evening sac - ri - fice. 4. Hear me, O Lord.

1. /Lo/~rd, \I have cried unto \Thee, /he/ar \me!

2. \Hear me, /O Lord!

3. //Lord, I \have \cried unto Thee, hear \me!

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2. //When I /cry unto \Thee!

+ //He/ar \me, \O \Lo/~\~\~rd!

1. //Let /my \prayer be set fo~rth in /thy si~ght

2. \As incense befo/~re Thee

3. /And /let \the \lifting up of my \hands

1. Be an evening sa/crifice!

+ //He/ar \me, \O \Lo/~\~\~rd!

Psalm 141

8. Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth, and a protecting door round about my lips. Incline not my heart to evil words, to make excuses in sins. With men that work iniquity; and I will not communicate with the choicest of them. The just man shall correct me in mercy and shall reprove me; but let not the oil of the sinner anoint my head.

For my prayer also shall still be against the things with which they are well pleased; their judges falling upon the rock have been swallowed up.

They shall hear my words, for they are sweet; as when the thickness of the earth is broken upon the ground, their bones are scattered by the side of hell.

But to Thee, O Lord, Lord, are mine eyes; in Thee have I put my trust, take not away my soul.

Keep me from the snare which they have laid for me, and the traps of the workers of iniquity.

Let the wicked fall into their own nets, whilst I alone escape.

Psalm 142

9. I cried unto the Lord with my voice, with my voice unto the Lord, did I make my supplication.

I poured out my supplication before Him; I showed before Him my trouble.

When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then Thou knewest my path.

In the way wherein I walked have they secretly laid a snare for me.

I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me.

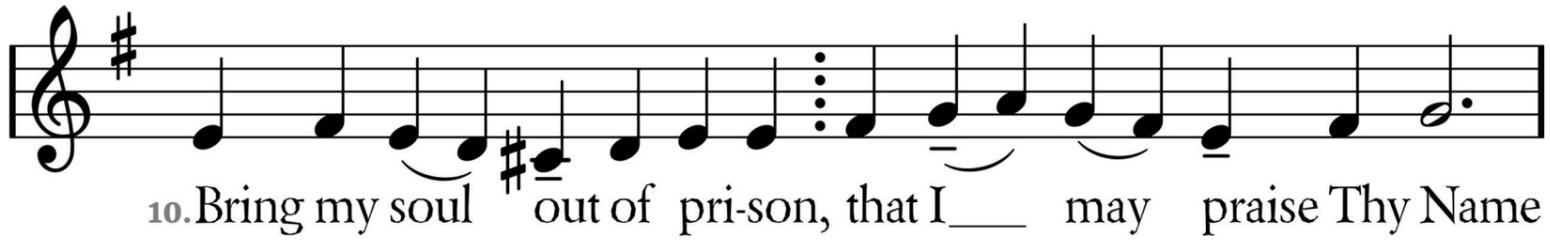
Refuge failed me; no one cared for my soul.

I cried unto Thee, O Lord; I said: Thou art my refuge and my portion in the land of the living.

Attend unto my cry, for I am brought very low.

Deliver me from my persecutors, for they are stronger than I.

Stichera



10. Bring my soul out of pri-son, that I may praise Thy Name
(For the Resurrection)

10. Come, let us worship the Word of God, begotten of the Father before all ages, and incarnate of the Virgin Mary! Having endured the Cross, He was buried as He Himself desired. And having risen from the dead, He saved me, an erring man.



9. The righteous shall wait for me un - til Thou re - compensate me.

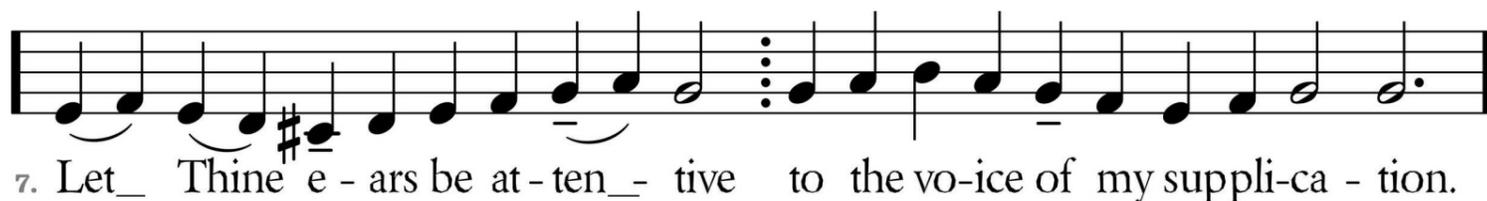
11. Christ our Savior nailed to the Cross the bond against us, He voided it and destroyed the dominion of death. We fall down before His Resurrection on the third day.



8. O - ut of the depths have I cried to Thee, O Lord, Lord hear my voice.

12. With the Archangels let us praise the Resurrection of Christ!

He is our Savior, our Redeemer. He is coming with awesome glory and mighty power to judge the world which He made.



7. Let Thine e - ars be at - ten - tive to the vo - ice of my sup - pli - ca - tion.

(Resurrection stichera by Anatolius)

1. The Angel proclaimed Thee, the crucified and buried Master. He told the women: "Come, see the place where He lay! He is risen as He said, for He is almighty."

We worship Thee, O only immortal One. Have mercy on us, O Christ, the Giver of life!



6. If Thou, O Lord, shouldest mark i - ni - quities,



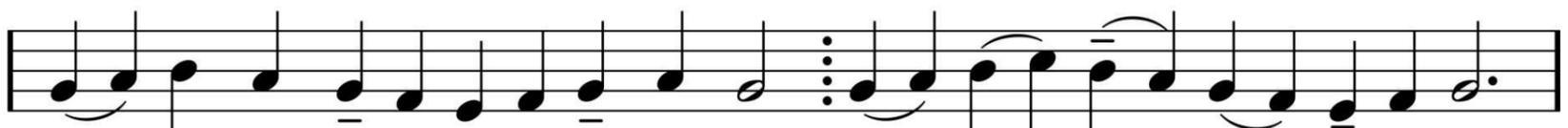
O Lord, who shall stand? For with Thee there is for-give - ness

(for the Martyrs)

2. Oh, most glorious wonder! The noble Aképsimas, who ministered to the martyrs, today is crowned with a wreath of hymns. He puts before us the suffering he endured for his worship of God and wounds the bodiless Enemy. What great gifts of grace he received! Through his prayers, save our souls, O Christ, since Thou art compassionate!



5. Be-cause of Thy Name have I wa-i - ted for Thee, O Lord;



my_ soul hath wa-i - ted u - pon Thy word, my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

3. Oh, most glorious wonder! Joseph shines forth as a star from Persia. Through the Spirit he destroyed the outrage of sorcery; with the streams of his blood he extinguished the impious worship of fire. How great is the strength by which he cast down the demons! Through his prayers, save our souls, O Christ, since Thou art compassionate!



4. From the morning watch un-til__ night, from the morning watch let__ Is__ - ra-el trust in the Lord

4. Oh, most glorious wonder! The steadfast Aethalas (Ee-tha-las), a champion of suffering, is revealed as an ever-blossoming garden. Cut down, it brings forth the flower of wounds; slain, it then begins to live. How great the strength of his nature, through which he endured! Through his prayers, save our souls, O Christ, since Thou art compassionate!

3. For_ with the Lord there is mer - cy and with Him is a - bun - dant re - demption,

and He_ will de-li - ver Is -ra-el from all_ his_ i - ni - quities.

For St George

5. O passion-bearer George, converser with the Angels, dweller with the martyrs, thou art the refuge of the sorrowful. Be a haven of tranquility for me who dost sail through life, and pilot my life, I implore thee, that with unwavering faith I may bless thy supernatural struggles.

2. Praise the Lord, all ye na - tions; praise Him, all ye peo - ple.

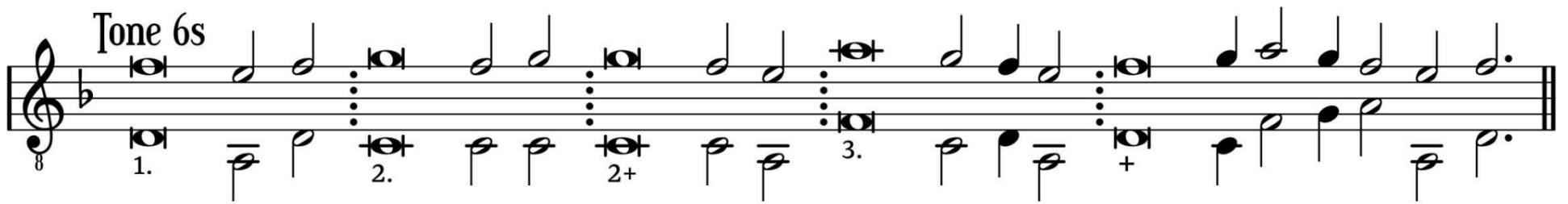
6. Protect me as I sail upon the sea, as I set out upon the way, and as I sleep at night. When I am awake, illumine my mind, O George, and instruct me to do the will of God, that on the day of Judgment I may find remission of the sins that I have committed in my life, by fleeing to thy protection, O glorious one!

1. For His mer - cy is great to - ward us, and the truth of the Lord en - du - reth for - e - ver.

7. Clothed in the breastplate of faith, armed with the shield of grace and the spear of the Cross, thou, O George, wast invincible to the adversary. As a divine warrior thou didst conquer legions of demons. Now thou holdest chorus with the Angels, and, entreated by the faithful, thou dost sanctify and save them.

7. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Doxasticon for St George



1. As a tiller of the earth thou didst deserve thy name O \warrior /George.
2. /By carrying on thy shoulders the Cross \of /Christ,
3. /Thou hast plowed the earth, barren through \Sa\tan's \snares.
1. /The thorns of idolatry \held it /fast,
2. /But thou didst plant it with the vine of \true faith in /Christ.
3. /Thou hast brought healing for the faithful in \e\very \land,
1. /And hast tended well the garden of the \Trini/ty.
2. /Pray for the well-being of \the \world
- + /And the /sal/va\tion \of \our /souls!

8. Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

(When "both now" is chanted, the clergy make the entrance with the censer.)

Theotokion Doxasticon/Dogmatikon



(for the Resurrection)

1. /The shadow of /the \Law passed \when gra/~ce \came;
2. \As the Bush burned, yet was not /consumed,
3. So /the /Virgin \gave \birth, yet remained a Vir\gin.
2. The Righteous Sun has risen instead of a pillar /of flame.
- + /Instead /of \Mo\ses, \Christ, the Sal/va\tion of \our \souls.

[Priest] Wisdom! Stand upright!

Evening Hymn Of Light

O Je - sus Christ, thou gen-tle Light of the ho - ly Glo - ry of the i - mmortal, heavenly,
ho-ly, ble-ssed Fa - ther. Now that we have come to the se-tting of the sun and behold the e - vening light,
we sing in praise to God, Fa - ther, Son and Ho-ly Spi - rit. Thou art worthy at all times to be praised
by ho - ly vo - i - ces, O Son of God, Gi-ver of life, therefore the world gives thee glo - ry.

[Priest] The evening prokeimenon!

Saturday Prokeimenon

The Lord is King, and hath clothed Himself with maje - sty.

[all sing] ♪ The Lord is King, and hath clothed Himself with majesty

8. V: The Lord is robed; He is girded with strength

♪ The Lord is King, and hath clothed Himself with majesty

8. V: For He has established the world so that it shall never be moved.

♪ The Lord is King, and hath clothed Himself with majesty

8. V: The Lord is King ♪ and hath clothed Himself with majesty

The Litany of Fervent Supplication

Let us all say with our whole soul and with our whole mind, let us say:

L1 \#\#Lord /have /Mercy



O Lord Almighty, the God of our fathers, we pray thee hearken and have mercy

L2 /Lord \#have /Mercy



Have mercy on us, O God, according to thy great mercy, we pray thee, hearken and have mercy.

L1 \#\#Lord /have /Mercy

Again we pray for all pious and Orthodox Christians.



3L1 \#\#Lord /have /Mercy, Lord have Mercy, Lord have /Me\~r/cy

Again we pray for our father and metropolitan Siluan, the honorable presbytery, the diaconate in Christ, all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.

3L2 \#\#Lord /have /Mercy, Lord have Mercy, Lord have \Me\~r\cy



Again we pray for our brethren: the priests, hieromonks, Priests, hieroPriests and monastics and all our brotherhood in Christ.

3L1 \#\#Lord /have /Mercy, Lord have Mercy, Lord have /Me\~r/cy

Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, visitation, pardon and remission of sins for (the servants of God, NN., and) all Orthodox Christians of true worship, who live and dwell in this community.

3L2 \#\#Lord /have /Mercy, Lord have Mercy, Lord have \Me\~r\cy

Again we pray for the blessed and ever-memorable founders of this holy church (and for the servants of God, NN.,) and all of our fathers and brethren, the Orthodox departed this life before us, who here and in all the world lie asleep in the Lord.

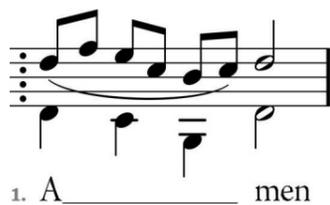
3L1 \#\#Lord /have /Mercy, Lord have Mercy, Lord have /Me\~r/cy

Again we pray for those who bear fruit and do good works in this holy and all-venerable temple, those who serve and those who sing and all the people here present, who await thy great and rich mercy.

3L2 \#\#Lord /have /Mercy, Lord have Mercy, Lord have \Me\~r\cy

For thou art a merciful God and lovest mankind, and unto thee we ascribe glory, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

A\~ \~ \#\~/ \~/men



Evening Prayer

9. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this evening without sin. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever. Amen.

Let Thy mercy be upon us, O Lord, even as we have set our hope on Thee. Blessed art Thou, O Lord; teach me Thy statutes. Blessed art Thou, O Master; make me to understand Thy statutes.

Blessed art Thou, O Holy One; enlighten me with Thy statutes.

Thy mercy, O Lord, endureth forever. O despise not the works of Thy hands. To Thee belongeth worship, to Thee belongeth praise, to Thee belongeth glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

The Litany Of Supplication

Let us complete our evening prayer unto the Lord.

L1 \#Lord /have /Mercy



Help us; save us; have mercy on us; and keep us, O God, by thy grace.

L2 /Lord \have /Mercy



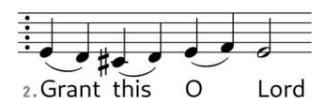
That the whole evening may be perfect, holy, peaceful and sinless, let us ask of the Lord.

G1 Gra//~nt \thi\\~s \#O/~ /Lord



An angel of peace, a faithful guide, a guardian of our souls and bodies, let us ask of the Lord.

G2 Gra\~nt \#thi/~s /O/~ \Lord



Pardon and remission of our sins and transgressions, let us ask of the Lord.

G1 Gra//~nt \thi\\~s \#O/~ /Lord

All things good and profitable for our souls and peace for the world, let us ask of the Lord.

G2 Gra\~nt \#thi/~s /O/~ \Lord

That we may complete the remaining time of our life in peace and repentance, let us ask of the Lord.

G1 Gra//~nt \thi\\~s \#O/~ /Lord

A Christian ending to our life, painless, blameless, peaceful, and a good defense before the fearful judgment seat of Christ, let us ask.

G2 Gra\~nt \#thi/~s /O/~ \Lord

Calling to remembrance our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed and glorious Lady,
the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints,

(Most holy Theo\kos /save us)



let us commend ourselves and each other and all our life unto Christ our God.

To//~ \Thee\\~, \#O/~ /Lord.



For thou art a good God and lovest mankind, and unto thee we ascribe glory, to the
Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages..

A //~ \~ \\~ \#~/ ~/men



The Peace

Peace be to all.

And to thy spirit.

Let us bow our heads unto the Lord.

To//~ \Thee\\~, \#O/~ /Lord.

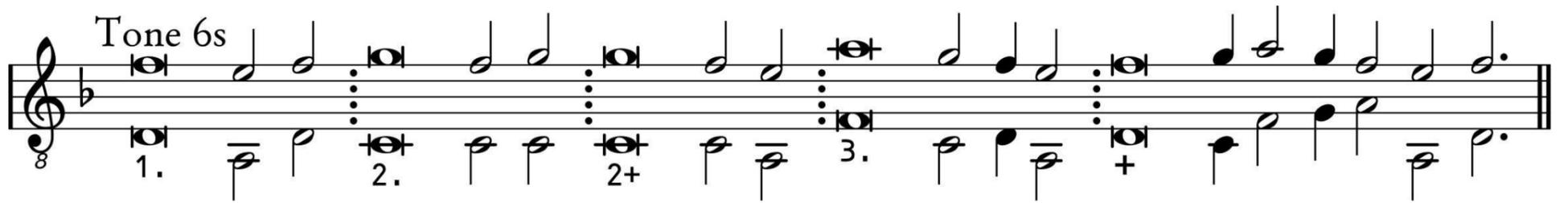
(All bow their heads as the priest says the following prayer:)

O Lord our God, who didst bow the heavens and come down for the salvation of mankind: Look upon thy servants and thine inheritance; for unto thee, the fearful Judge who yet lovest mankind, have thy servants bowed their heads and submissively inclined their necks, awaiting not help from men but entreating thy mercy and looking confidently for thy salvation. Guard them at all times, both during this present evening and in the approaching night, from every foe, from all adverse powers of the devil and from vain thoughts and from evil imaginations. Blessed and glorified be the might of Thy kingdom, of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

A //~ \~ \\~ \#~/ ~/men

10. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Doxasticon For the Persian Martyrs



by Ephraim of Karyes

1. The three children, preserved unharmed by the \Persian /fire,
 2. /Mystically foreshadowed your thrice-radiant unity of mind
and your \martyrdom in /Christ.
 3. /O athletes of the ineffable Trinity and supernatural \U\ni\ty,
 1. /As they stood in the midst of the flames
and did not cry out a\gainst /God,
 2. /So also you did not refuse to die
when your lives were not spared by the \love of /Christ.
 3. /As in their midst, a fourth appeared who \sprinkled them \with \dew,
 1. /So also Christ, one of the \Trini/ty,
 2. /Received you into a place of refre\~sh/ment.
 2. /O Aképsimas, Joseph and Aethalas*, \chosen \by \God,
 - + /E/ver /pray \for \o\ur /souls!
- (*EE—tha—las)

10. Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Theotokion for the Resurrection

Tone 6s

1. My Maker and Redeemer, \Christ the /Lord,
2. /Was born of thee, O most pure Vi\~r/gin.
3. /By accepting my nature, He freed Adam from his \an\cient \curse.
1. /Unceasingly we magnify thee as the \Mother of /God!
2. /Rejoice, O celesti\al /Joy!
3. /Rejoice, O \La\~\dy:
- + /the Protection, Intercession and /Sal/va\tion \of \our /souls!

Song of Simeon & Trisagion prayers

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, a - ccor - ding to thy word;
 for mine eyes have seen thy salva - tion; which thou hast prepared before the face of all peo - ple,
 a Light to lighten the Gen - tiles and the Glory of thy peo - ple Is - ra - el.

11. Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us. (THRICE)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Amen.

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

Lord, have mercy. (THRICE)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

[all] Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil one.

[priest] For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory: of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

[all] Amen.

Resurrection Troparion

Tone 2t

1. When Thou, the Deathless Life, didst go down to death,

2. Thou didst slay Hades by the lightening flash of Thy Divinity.

3. And when Thou didst raise the dead from the lower world;

2. All the powers of Heaven cried aloud: Christ our God, Giver of Life, Glory unto Thee

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- + /Christ our God, Giver /of \Li~fe, \Glory /un\to \Thee

12. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Troparion for the Persian Martyrs

Tone 3t

Tone 3t 1.2. 1.3.2. 1.4.2. +

1. (\\)You /were /pillars of the Church, O \ser/vants of /god/liness,
2. And you humbled the proud \worshi\ppers \of \fire.
1. Much /aff/licted hierarch Aképsimas, Joseph the presbyter and Aethalas the /de/acon,
2. \Pray /to /Christ our \God
- + To gra\~nt \us /Hi/~s /gre\~\~\at /mer\cy!

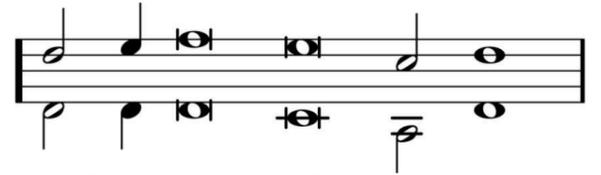
12. both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Resurrectional Theotokion

Tone 3t

1. (\\)We/~ /praise thee as the mediatrix of \our /salv/a/~tion,
2. O Virgin Theo\tu\~\~\kos.
1. For /thy /Son, our God, \who /took /fle/~sh from thee,
3. Acce\pted /the /Passion on the \Cross,
- + Delivering us \from \co/rru/~/~\ption \as \the /Lover of \Man

The Dismissal



Wisdom!

[all] Father, bless.

Christ our God, the Existing One, is blessed, always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Amen. Preserve, /O /God, the holy Orthodox faith and all Orthodox \Christians, unto the ages of \\ages. A/men.

Most-holy Theotokos, save us.

More honorable than /the //Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the \Seraphim, thou who without corruption bearest God the \\Word and art truly Theotokos: we /magnify thee.

Glory to Thee, O Christ our God and our Hope, glory to thee.

Glory to /the //Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy \Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of \\ages. A/men.

Lord /have /mercy, Lord have \mercy, Lord have \\mercy, Father, /bless

May He Who rose from the dead, Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-immaculate and all-blameless holy Mother; by the might of the Precious and Life-giving Cross; by the protection of the honorable Bodiless Powers of Heaven; at the supplication of the honorable, glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John; of the holy, glorious and all-laudable apostles; of the holy, glorious and right-victorious Martyrs; of our venerable and God-bearing Fathers; of Saints Etheldride and Sophrony, the patrons and protectors of this holy community; of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; **of the Martyrs Akepsimas the bishop, Joseph the priest and Aeithalas the deacon of Persia; and Great-martyr George the trophy-bearer, whose memory we celebrate today,** and of all the saints: have mercy on us and save us, forasmuch as He is good and loveth mankind.

Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us.

A //~ \~ \\~ \#~/ ~/men