



LITTLE COMPLINE

Begin by making three metanias, saying each time:

O God, be gracious unto me a sinner, and have mercy on me.
(Thrice)

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

Glory to thee, our God, glory to thee.

O Heavenly King, O Comforter, the Spirit of truth, who art in all places and fillest all things, Treasury of good things and Giver of life: Come, and dwell in us, and cleanse us from every stain, and save our souls, O gracious Lord.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.
(Thrice)

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

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 the evil one.



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

Lord, have mercy. (Twelve times)

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

Come, let us worship and fall down before God our King. (Metania)

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

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

PSALM 50

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy great mercy: according to the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out mine iniquity. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge mine iniquity, and my sin is ever before me. Against thee only have I sinned, and done evil in thy sight, that thou mightest be justified in thy words, and prevail when thou art judged. For behold, I was shapen in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. For behold, thou hast loved truth, the unclear and hidden things of thy wisdom thou hast made clear to me. Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be clean. Thou shalt wash me and I shall be whiter than snow. Thou shalt make me to hear joy and gladness, the bones which thou hast broken shall rejoice. Turn away thy face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and steady me



with a guiding spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways, and the impious shall be converted unto thee. Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation, and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness. O Lord, open thou my lips, and my mouth shall declare thy praise. For hadst thou desired sacrifice, I would have given it thee, thou delightest not in burnt offerings. Sacrifices to God are a contrite spirit, a contrite and humble heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. Do good, O Lord, in thy goodwill unto Zion, that the walls of Jerusalem may be built up. Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings, then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar.

PSALM 69

O God, attend to help me. Make haste to help me, O Lord. Let them be put to shame and confusion who seek after my soul. Let them be turned back and brought to shame who desire to hurt me. Let them be turned back in shame who say to me: Aha, aha. Let all those who seek after thee rejoice and be glad in thee, O God, and let those who love thy salvation say continually: Let the Lord be magnified. But I am poor and needy; O God make haste to me. Thou art my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, make no tarrying.

PSALM 142

Hear my prayer, O Lord, give ear to my supplications; in thy faithfulness answer me, and in thy righteousness. And enter not unto judgment with thy servant, for in thy sight shall no man living be justified. For the enemy hath persecuted my soul. He hath smitten my life down to the ground; he hath made me to dwell in darkness, as those that have been long dead. Therefore is my spirit overwhelmed within me; my heart within me is desolate. I remember the days of old; I meditate on all thy



works: I muse on the work of thy hands. I stretch forth my hands unto thee; my soul thirsteth after thee, as a thirsty land. Hear me speedily, O Lord, my spirit faileth. Hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit. Cause me to hear thy loving kindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust. Cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee. Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies; I flee unto thee to hide me. Teach me to do thy will, for thou art my God. Thy spirit is good; lead me to the land of uprightness. Quicken me, O Lord, for thy Name's sake, for thy righteousness' sake, bring my soul out of trouble. And of thy mercy, cut off mine enemies, and destroy all them that afflict my soul, for I am thy servant.

THE LITTLE DOXOLOGY

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will among men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee; we give thanks unto thee for thy great glory.

O Lord, Heavenly King, God the Father Almighty; O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; and the Holy Spirit.

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who takest away the sin of the world, have mercy on us; O thou who takest away the sins of the world.

Receive our prayer, O thou who sittest at the right hand of the Father, and have mercy on us.

For thou only art holy, thou only art the Lord, O Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Every day will I bless thee, and I will praise thy Name forever;



yea, forever and ever.

Lord, thou hast been our refuge in all generations. I said: Be merciful unto me; heal my soul, for I have sinned against thee.

Lord, I have fled unto thee; teach me to do thy will, for thou art my God.

For with thee is the fountain of life; in thy light shall we see light.

O continue thy loving-kindness unto them that know thee.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin.

Blessed art thou, O Lord, God of our fathers, and praised and glorified be thy name forever. Amen.

Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we do put our hope in 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, both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

THE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the only-begotten, begotten of the



Father before all worlds, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made; of one essence with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again, according to the scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the Prophets; And I believe in One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

If there is a canon or akathist to be said, it would be said here.

THEOTOKION

It is truly meet to bless thee, O Theotokos, who art ever-blessed and all-blameless, and the Mother of our God. More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim. Thou who without stain barest God the Word, and art truly Theotokos: we magnify thee.

THE TRISAGION PRAYERS

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.
(Thrice)

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

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 the evil one.

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

On Sunday through Thursday nights, the apolytikion and kontakion of each day are read (found on the next page), followed by the apolytikion "O God of our Fathers..." and the apolytikia that follow (see page 10).

On Friday nights, the apolytikion "O Apostles, Martyrs, and Prophets..." and the apolytikia that follow, are read (see page 10).

On Saturday nights, only the apolytikion of the Resurrection and the hypakoe of the tone of the week are read (found on page 15).

If it is a great feast (found on page 18) or saint (not presented in this book), only the apolytikion and kontakion of the feast are read in place of the above mentioned apolytikia and kontakia.



DAILY APOLYTIKIA AND KONTAKIA

ON SUNDAY NIGHT: THE BODILESS HOSTS

Apolytikion (Tone 4)

Supreme Commanders of the Hosts of the Heavens, we, the unworthy, importune and beseech you that by your supplications ye encircle us in the shelter of the wings of your immaterial glory; guarding us who now fall down and cry to you with fervor: Deliver us from dangers of all kinds, as the great marshals of the heavenly hosts on high!

Kontakion (Tone 2)

Supreme Commanders of God and Ministers of the Divine glory, guides of men and leaders of the bodiless hosts: Ask for what is to our profit and for great mercy, since ye are Supreme Commanders of the bodiless hosts.

ON MONDAY NIGHT: ST JOHN THE FORERUNNER

Apolytikion (Tone 2)

The memory of the just is celebrated with hymns of praise, but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for you, O Forerunner; for you have proved to be truly even more venerable than the Prophets, since you were granted to baptize in the running waters Him Whom they proclaimed. Wherefore, having contested for the truth, you rejoiced to announce the good tidings even to those in Hades: that God has appeared in the flesh, taking away the sin of the world and granting us great mercy.

Kontakion (Tone 2)

The glorious beheading of the Forerunner was a certain divine dispensation, that the coming of the Savior might also be preached to those in Hades. Let Herodias lament, then, that she demanded a wicked murder; for she loved not the Law of God, nor eternal life, but one false and fleeting.



ON TUESDAY NIGHT & THURSDAY NIGHT: THE HOLY CROSS

Apolytikion (Tone 1)

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, and to Thy faithful people grant victory over their enemies, and by the power of Thy Cross protect all those who follow Thee.

Kontakion (Tone 4)

Do Thou, who of Thine own good will wast lifted up upon the Cross, O Christ our God, bestow Thy bounties upon the new Nation which is called by Thy Name. Make glad in Thy might those who lawfully govern, that with them we may be led to victory over our adversaries, having in Thine aid a weapon of peace and a trophy invincible.

ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT: THE HOLY APOSTLES AND ST NICHOLAS

Apolytikion (Tone 3) - Apostles

O Holy Apostles, intercede with our merciful God, to grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

Apolytikion (Tone 4) - St Nicholas

The truth of things hath revealed thee to thy flock as a rule of faith, an icon of meekness, and a teacher of temperance; for this cause, thou hast achieved the heights by humility, riches by poverty. O Father and Hierarch Nicholas, intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

Kontakion (Tone 2) - Apostles

Now Christ God, the Rock, doth glorify the rock of faith illustriously, the first of the disciples' choir, with great Paul together with all the company of the Twelve today; as we keep their memory with faith, we glorify Him that glorified them all.

Kontakion (Tone 3) - St Nicholas

Thou, O righteous Nicholas, in Myra truly wast shown forth as a sacred minister fulfilling Christ's holy Gospel; for thou didst lay down thy life for thy flock and people and, O Saint, didst save the innocent from unjust death. Wherefore, thou wast sanctified as a great initiate of the divine grace of God.



On Sunday through Thursday nights, the reader continues:

O God of our fathers, who ever dealest with us according to thy goodness, remove, not thy mercy from us; but by their intercessions direct our lives in peace.

In all the world thy Church, arrayed in the blood of thy martyrs as in purple and fine linen, crieth through them unto thee, O Christ our God: Send down thy compassion upon thy people; give us thy peace and to our souls great mercy.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

With the saints give rest, O Christ, to the souls of thy servants, where there is neither sickness nor sorrow nor sighing but life everlasting.

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

Through the intercessions of all the saints and of the Theotokos, grant us thy peace, O Lord, and have mercy upon us, for thou alone art compassionate.

But on Friday nights, the reader instead reads:

O Apostles, Martyrs, and Prophets, Hierarchs, Holy Monks, and Righteous Ones, who completed well the fight and kept the faith, you have boldness before the Savior. We pray: “Intercede for us with Him, as He is good, that He may save our souls.”

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

With the saints give rest, O Christ, to the souls of Thy servants, where there is neither sickness nor sorrow, and no more sighing, but life everlasting.



Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

The universe offers Thee the God-bearing Martyrs as the first fruits of creation, O Lord and Creator. By their prayers keep Thy Church, Thy habitation, in abiding peace through the Theotokos, O most Merciful One.

Then, regardless of the day of the week, the reader continues:
Lord, have mercy. **(Forty Times)**

O Christ our God, who at all times and in every hour, in heaven and on earth, art worshipped and glorified; who art long-suffering, merciful and compassionate; who lovest the just and showest mercy upon the sinner; who callest all to salvation through the promise of blessings to come; O Lord, in this hour receive our supplications, and direct our lives according to thy commandments. Sanctify our souls, hallow our bodies, correct our thoughts, cleanse our minds; deliver us from all tribulation, evil and distress. Encompass us with thy holy Angels, that guided and guarded by them, we may attain to the unity of the faith and to the knowledge of thine unapproachable glory, for thou art blessed unto ages of ages. Amen.

Lord, have mercy. **(Thrice)**

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

More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim. Thou who without stain barest God the Word; and art truly Theotokos: we magnify thee.

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



Sunday night through Thursday night during Great Lent the prayer of St. Ephraim the Syrian is said here.

Lord, have mercy. (Twelve Times)

Most Holy Theotokos, save us.

PRAYER OF PAUL THE CENOBITE TO THE THEOTOKOS

O Lady, Bride of God, spotless, blameless, pure and immaculate Virgin, thou who without corruption, by thy glorious birth-giving, has united God the Word to man and joined the fallen nature of our race to heavenly things; who alone art the hope of the hopeless, the help of those who do battle; the ready help of those who flee unto thee and the refuge of all Christians: Despise me not, an accursed sinner, though I have rendered myself unworthy by my shameful thoughts, words and deeds, and through indolence have become a slave to the pleasures of life; but as the Mother of God, who lovest mankind, mercifully have compassion upon me, a sinner and a prodigal, and receive my prayer, though it be offered unto thee by unworthy lips; and using thy boldness as a mother, importune thy Son, our Lord and Master, that he may open to me also the tender compassions of his goodness so as to overlook my numberless transgressions and turn me to repentance and show me forth as a zealous doer of his commandments. And because thou art merciful, compassionate and benevolent, be thou ever near me in this present life as an ardent help and protection, defending me from the assaults of adversaries and leading me to salvation. And at the time of my departure from this life, care for my miserable soul, and drive far from it the dark visions of evil demons; and in the fearful day of judgment, deliver me from eternal punishment, and present me as an inheritor of the ineffable glory of thy Son, our God. May this be my lot, O Lady, most holy Theotokos, through thy mediation and help, through the grace and love to-



ward mankind of thine only-begotten Son, our Lord, and God, and Saviour, Jesus Christ, to whom are due all glory, honor and worship, with his unoriginate Father, and his all-Holy, and good, and life-giving Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE MONK ANTIOCHUS TO CHRIST

And grant unto us, O Master, when we depart to sleep, repose of body and soul; and protect us from the murky sleep of sin and from all the dark pleasures of the night. Calm the impulses of passions, and quench the fiery darts of evil which are craftily thrown against us; check the turbulence of our flesh, and still all earthly and material thoughts. And grant us, O God, a prudent reason, a vigilant heart, a tranquil sleep free from all the fantasies of Satan. Raise us up again at the time of prayer strengthened in thy commandments, holding steadfastly within us the remembrance of thy judgments. Grant us grace to glorify thee all through the night that we may praise, and bless, and glorify thine all-honorable and majestic Name, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O most glorious, ever-virgin and blessed Theotokos, present our prayer to thy Son our God, and intercede with him that through thee he may save our souls.

The Father is my Hope; (Metania)

the Son is my Refuge; (Metania)

the Holy Spirit is my Protection. (Metania)

O Holy Trinity: Glory to thee.

In thee, O Mother of God, I place all my hope; keep me under thy protection.



PRAYER TO OUR GUARDIAN ANGEL

O holy Angel who accompanieth my wretched soul and lowly life, forsake me not, and depart not from me because of my extravagance and wickedness. Give not access to the evil demon to rule with his might this mortal body of mine, but hold me by my wretched, feeble hand; lead me in the path of salvation. Yea, O holy Angel of God, guardian and protector of my wretched soul and body, forgive me all wherewith I have heretofore saddened thee all the days of my life. And though this day I have sinned, be thou my shelter this night. Keep me from all the wiles of the enemy, that I may not anger God with any sin. Intercede with the Lord for me, that he may confirm me in his fear and show me forth as a worthy servant of his goodness. Amen.

THEOTOKION

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Mary full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb; for thou hast borne the Savior of our souls.

(Thrice)

Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us. Amen.



RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKIA & HYPAKOAI

TONE 1

Apolytikion

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

Hypakoe

The repentance of the thief gained him paradise by stealth; and the sighing of the ointmentbearing women proclaimed the glad tidings that thou wast risen, O Christ, and hadst bestowed upon the world thy Great Mercy.

TONE 2

Apolytikion

When thou didst submit thyself unto death, O thou deathless and immortal One, then thou didst destroy hell with thy Godly power, and when thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of heaven did cry aloud unto thee: O Christ, thou Giver of Life, glory to thee.

Hypakoe

The women went to the tomb after thy Passion to anoint thy body, O Christ God, where they saw a vision of angels, and were astonished; for they heard them crying with a loud voice: "The Lord is risen and hath granted the world Great Mercy."

TONE 3

Apolytikion

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with his own arm. He hath trampled down death by death and become the First born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of hades, granting the world, the great mercy.



Hypakoe

To the ointment-bearing women the brilliant angel of sweet words, startling them, did say: "Why seek ye the living One in the grave? He is verily risen and hath emptied the tombs. Know ye, therefore, that the changeless one hath changed corruption to incorruption. And say ye to God: 'How dreadful are thy works, for thou hast saved mankind!'"

TONE 4

Apolytikion

Having learned the joyful message of the resurrection from the angel, the women disciple of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation, and proudly broke the news to the disciples, saying death hath been spoiled. Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy.

Hypakoe

The ointment-bearing women hastened, running to the Apostles and related to them the account of thy Resurrection, O Christ, saying Thou hast risen because thou art God, granting the world Great Mercy.

TONE 5

Apolytikion

Let us believers praise and worship the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our Salvation; for he took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh, to suffer death, and to raise the dead by his glorious resurrection.

Hypakoe

The minds of the ointment-bearing women were dazzled by the angelic scene, and their souls with the divine Resurrection. Wherefore, they spake to the Apostles, saying: "Declare in the nations the Resurrection of the Lord who worketh wonders with you, who bestoweth on us the Great Mercy."



TONE 6

Apolytikion

When Mary stood at thy grave looking for thy sacred body, angelic powers shown above thy revered tomb, and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and list give life to the world. O thou who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to thee.

Hypakoe

By thy willing yet life-giving Death, O Christ, thou hast crushed the gates of Hades, because thou art God, and hast opened the old paradise; and having risen from the dead, thou hast redeemed our life from corruption.

TONE 7

Apolytikion

Thou didst shatter death by thy Cross; thou didst open paradise to the thief thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment bearing women into joy, and did bid thine Apostles proclaim a warning that thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

Hypakoe

O Thou that hast taken our image and our likeness, and endured crucifixion in the flesh, save me by thy Resurrection, O Christ God, for thou art the Lover of Mankind.

TONE 8

Apolytikion

From the heights thou didst descend, O Compassionate One; and thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that thou might deliver us from passion. Thou art our Life and our Resurrection O Lord, glory to thee.

Hypakoe

The ointment-bearing women came to the tomb of the Life-giver, seeking among the dead the Lord who is not dead; and when they received the glad tidings from the angels, they preached to the Apostles that the Lord hath risen and granted the world the Great Mercy.



APOLYTIKIA AND KONTAKIA **OF THE GREAT FEASTS**

SEP 8th – Nativity of the Theotokos

Apolytikion (Tone 4)

Thy nativity, O Theotokos, hath proclaimed joy to the whole universe; for from thee did shine forth the Sun of justice, Christ our God, annulling the curse, and bestowing the blessing, abolishing death and granting us life everlasting.

Kontakion (Tone 4)

By thy holy nativity, O pure one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness; and Adam and Eve were delivered from the corruption of death; thy people do celebrate it, having been saved from the stain of iniquity, crying unto thee: The barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, who nourisheth our life.

SEP 14th – Elevation of the Holy Cross

Apolytikion (Tone 1)

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, and to Thy faithful people grant victory over their enemies, and by the power of Thy Cross protect all those who follow Thee.

Kontakion (Tone 4)

Do Thou, Who of Thine own good will was lifted up upon the Cross, O Christ our God, bestow Thy bounties upon the new Nation which is called by Thy Name; make glad in Thy might those who lawfully govern, that with them we may be led to victory over our adversaries, having in Thine aid a weapon of peace and a trophy invincible.

NOV 21st – Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

Apolytikion (Tone 4)

Today the Virgin is the foreshadowing of the pleasure of God, and the beginning of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. Thou hast appeared in the Temple of God openly and hast gone before, preaching Christ to all. Let us shout with one thrilling voice, saying: Rejoice, O thou who art the fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation.

**Kontakion (Tone 4)**

The sacred treasury of God's holy glory, the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the Savior's most pure temple, free of stain and undefiled, into the House of the Lord on this day is brought forward and bringeth with herself the grace of the Most Divine Spirit; her do God's Angels hymn with songs of praise, for she is truly the heavenly tabernacle

DEC 25th – Nativity of Christ**Apolytikion (Tone 4)**

Thy Nativity, O Christ our God, hath given rise to the light of knowledge in the world; for they that worshipped the stars did learn therefrom to worship Thee, O Sun of Justice, and to know that from the east of the Highest Thou didst come. O Lord, glory to Thee.

Kontakion (Tone 3)

On this day the Virgin beareth the Transcendent in Essence; to the Unapproachable, the earth doth offer a small cave; Angels join in choir with shepherds in giving glory; with a star the Magi travel upon their journey; for our sakes is born a young Child, He Who existed before the ages as God.

JAN 6th – Theophany**Apolytikion (Tone 1)**

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity wast made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, calling Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the likeness of a dove confirmed the truth of His word. O Christ our God, Who hast appeared and enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

Kontakion (Tone 4)

On this day Thou hast appeared unto the whole world, and Thy light, O Sovereign Lord, is signed on us who sing Thy praise and chant with knowledge: Thou hast now come, Thou hast appeared, O Thou Light unapproachable.



FEB 2nd – Presentation of our Lord into the Temple

Apolytikion (Tone 1)

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, full of grace, for from thee arose the Sun of justice, Christ our God, lighting those who are in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous elder, carrying in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls, Who granteth us Resurrection.

Kontakion (Tone 1)

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

MAR 25th – Annunciation

Apolytikion (Tone 4)

Today is the beginning of our salvation, and the manifestation of the mystery from the ages; for the Son of God becometh the Son of the Virgin, and Gabriel proclaimeth grace. Wherefore, do we shout with him to the Theotokos: Hail, O full of grace! The Lord is with thee.

Kontakion (Tone 8)

With mystic apprehension of the divine commandment, the bodiless angel quickly appeared in the dwelling-place of Joseph and said to the unwed Virgin: Lo, He Who in His Descent did bow the Heavens is housed unchanged and whole in thee; as I behold Him in thy womb taking on the form of a servant, I marvel and I cry unto thee: Hail, O Bride without bridegroom!

Palm Sunday

Apolytikion (Tone 4)

As by baptism we were buried with Thee, O Christ our God, so by Thy Resurrection we were deemed worthy of immortal life; and praising Thee, we cry: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

**Kontakion (Tone 6)**

Being borne upon a throne in Heaven, and upon a colt on the earth, O Christ God, Thou didst accept the praise of the angels and the laudation of the children as they cried to Thee: Blessed art Thou Who comest to recall Adam.

Pascha**Apolytikion (Tone 5)**

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

Kontakion (Tone 8)

Though Thou didst descend into the grave, O Immortal One, yet didst Thou destroy the power of Hades, and didst arise as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh-bearing women, Rejoice, and giving peace unto Thine Apostles, O Thou Who dost grant resurrection to the fallen.

Ascension**Apolytikion (Tone 4)**

Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened Thy Disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit, making them confident through the blessing that Thou art the Son of God, and Deliverer of the world.

Kontakion (Tone 6)

When Thou didst fulfill Thy dispensation for our sakes, uniting the terrestrials with the celestials, Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, inseparable in space, but constant without separation, and crying unto Thy beloved, I am with you, and no one shall be against you.

Pentecost**Apolytikion (Tone 8)**

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise, having sent upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them Thou hast fished the universe, O Lover of mankind, glory to Thee.

**Kontakion (Tone 8)**

When the High One descended, confusing tongues, He divided the nations. And when He distributed the fiery tongues He called all to one unity. Wherefore, in unison we glorify the most Holy Spirit.

AUG 6th – Transfiguration of our Lord**Apolytikion (Tone 7)**

When, O Christ our God, Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, Thou didst reveal Thy glory to Thy Disciples in proportion as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light also enlighten us sinners, through the intercessions of the Theotokos. O Thou Bestower of light, glory to Thee.

Kontakion (Tone 7)

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy Disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see Thee crucified, they would remember that all Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.

AUG 15th – Dormition of the Theotokos**Apolytikion (Tone 1)**

In thy birth-giving, O Theotokos, thou didst keep and preserve virginity; and in thy falling-asleep thou hast not forsaken the world; for thou wast translated into life, being the Mother of Life. Wherefore, by thine intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

Kontakion (Tone 2)

Verily, the Theotokos, who is ever watchful in intercessions, and whose prayers are never rejected, neither tomb nor death could control. But since she is the Mother of Life, He Who dwelt in her ever-virgin womb did translate her to life.

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