

July 13

Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils (3rd Class, 4th Tone, 5th Eothonon)

ORTHROS

PSALM 117 (Tone 4)



The Lord is God and has ap-peared to us. Bles-sed is



He who comes in the name of the Lord.

TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION (Tone 4) [Twice]

The women disciples of the Lord, having learned from the angel the joyful announcement of the Resurrection, and having rejected the ancestral sentence, proudly told the Apostles: "Death is despoiled! Christ God is risen, bestowing to the world great mercy!"

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

TROPARION OF THE FATHERS (Tone 8)

O Christ our God, You are infinitely glorified, for You established our Fathers as radiant stars on earth. Through them, You led us to the true Faith. O most Merciful One, glory to You!

- now and always and to the ages of ages. Amen.

RESURRECTIONAL THEOTOKION (Tone 8)

O Good One, You were born of the Virgin and suffered crucifixion for us. You destroyed Death by Your death, and as God You made manifest the Resurrection. Turn not away from those You have made by Your hands. O Merciful One,

show Your love to men and accept as our intercessor the Mother of God who gave birth to You. O our Savior, save a desperate people.

Today the Polyeleos is sung instead of the Evlogitaria of the Resurrection.

MEGALYNARION (Tone 4)



More ho - nor-a-ble than the che-ru-bim and more glo-ri-



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who with-out stain bore God the Word, you are tru-ly



The-o-to - kos, we mag-ni - fy you.

EXAPOSTILARIA (Tone 2)

~Christ, our Life and our Way, risen from the dead, trav-eled along the way with Luke and Cleophas. And they recognized Him at Emmaus in the breaking of the bread. Their minds and hearts were set afire while He was speak-ing with them on the way, explaining to them all that concerned Him in the Scriptures. Let us proclaim with them: "Christ is risen! He has appeared to Simon!"

~In celebrating today the memory of our holy Fathers, O all-compassionate Lord, we implore You through their intercessions to deliver Your people from all heresies and

error. Lord, make us worthy to glorify the Father, the Word and the Holy Spirit.

(Tone 3)

~O all-blameless one, you gave birth in an ineffable manner to God in two natures, two wills and one Person; He humbled Himself by His own will, accepting crucifixion, granting us the riches of His divinity by His Resurrection from the dead.

PRAISES (Tone 4)



Let ev' - ry - thing that has breath praise the Lord.



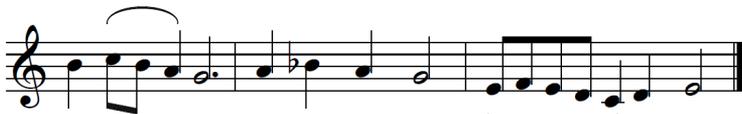
Praise the Lord from the hea - vens,



praise Him in the heights: to You be-longs praise, O God.



Praise Him, all you His an - gels, praise Him, all you



His pow - ers: to You be-longs praise, O God.

Stichera of the Resurrection (Tone 4)

8. You suffered death upon a Cross, and You have risen from the dead. O all-powerful Lord, we glorify Your holy Resurrection!

7. By Your Cross, O Christ, You have delivered us from the ancient sentence! By Your death, You have annihilated the devil who had tyrannized the human race. By Your Resurrection, You have filled the universe with joy. Thus, we sing aloud to You: "Lord who have risen from the dead, glory to You!"
6. By Your Cross, O Christ our Savior, lead us to Your truth and save us from the snares of the enemy! Risen from the dead, raise us up from our sins where we lie fallen; and at the prayers of Your Saints, O Lord, stretch out Your hand to us.
5. O only-begotten Son and Word of God, You never left Your Father's side when You came to earth and were made man without change for love of mankind; and in Your flesh You suffered the death of the Cross, O God our Savior who cannot suffer in Your divinity! But having risen from the dead, O all-powerful Lord, You have granted immortality to the human race.

Stichera of Anatolios the Patriarch

4. In Your flesh, O God our Savior, You accepted death in order to grant us the gift of immortal life! You willed to dwell in the tomb in order to free us from Hades and make us sharers in Your Resurrection. Suffering in Your flesh, You rose as God. For this reason we all sing to You: "O Giver of Life and Lover of Mankind, glory to You!"

Stichera for the Fathers (Tone 6)

3. Pondering carefully in the Holy Spirit, the holy Fathers divinely wrote the blessed Symbol of Faith, in which they proclaim clearly that the Word is coeternal with the Father who begot Him, and is of the same essence; in this, they follow the teaching of the divine Apostles.
- v. Blessed are You, O Lord, God of our Fathers; praised and glorified is Your name forever.

2. When the holy Fathers received the light of the Holy Spirit, they proclaimed, under the inspiration of God, the mystery of the Faith, in few words, but words rich in meaning. As heralds of Christ, they were inspired by the teachings of the Gospel and holy Tradition. They received radiant revelation from on high; and, resplendent with radiance, they defined the divine dogmas.
- v. Gather about Him, His loyal ones who made a covenant with Him by sacrifice.
1. Uniting all their pastoral knowledge and moved by a righteous indignation, the holy Pastors used the staff of the Spirit to drive away the devouring, destructive wolves who had slipped into the fullness of the Church with an incurable disease leading to death. Thus the holy Fathers acted as noble servants of Christ and initiates of the divine message.
- v. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

Doxastikon (Tone 8)

When the ranks of the holy Fathers gathered together from the corners of the earth, they proclaimed the one essence and one nature of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and transmitted clearly to the Church the mystery of the divine teachings. Celebrating them in faith, we call them blessed and sing: "Divine army of the Lord, shining stars of the spiritual firmament, unshakable watchtowers of the mystical Sion, fragrant flowers of Paradise, golden mouths for the Word, glory of Nicea and pride of the world: intercede for our souls before the Lord!"

- now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Theotokion

You are truly most blessed, O Virgin Mother of God: through the One who was incarnate of you, Hades was chained, Adam revived, the curse wiped out, Eve set free, Death put to death, and we ourselves were brought back to life. That is why we cry out in praise: "Blessed are You, O Christ our God, who find in this Your good pleasure: glory to You!"