

women were filled with fear and said: "Have the stolen Him who opened Paradise to the Thief? Before His Passion, He foretold His Resurrection. Has He now risen?" Indeed, Christ our God is truly risen, granting eternal life and resurrection to those in Hades!

v. Arise, O Lord my God; lift up Your mighty hand, and never forget Your poor.

You freely willed to suffer crucifixion, O God our Savior, and mortal men laid You in a new tomb, although You had created the whole world with a word. By Your life-giving Resurrection, cruel Death was captured and despoiled; and those held captive in Hades cried aloud: "Christ is risen and will reign now forever as the Giver of Life!"

v. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and always and to the ages of ages. Amen.

(Tone 1)

Born wondrously from a sterile woman in her anguish, you surpassed nature when you conceived in your virginal womb. Budding forth like a splendid branch, you made Life flower for the world. Thus the heavenly Powers sing to you, O Mother of God: "Glory to your venerable nativity! Glory to your virginity! Glory to your maternity, O only spotless one!"

HYPACOI *(Tone 4)*

The ointment-bearing women hastened to tell the disciples about the marvelous event of Your Resurrection, O Christ. You have risen in Your power as God, bestowing great mercy upon the world!

ANAVATHMI *(Tone 4)*

From my youth many passions fight against me, but You, O my Savior, assist me and save me.

O you the enemies of Zion, flee in your shame before the Lord; for you shall wither like grass before the fire.

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

By the Holy Spirit, every soul lives and through purification, it ascends and shines mystically to the One Holy Trinity.

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

Through the Holy Spirit the streams of grace overflow to refresh the whole creation and to bring it to the fullness of life.

KONDAKION OF THE RESURRECTION (*Tone 4*)

Being God, You delivered us from bondage, O Savior and Redeemer! You shattered the gates of Hades and rose on the third day: the Lord!

IKOS

Having risen from the dead, Christ, the Giver of Life, came forth from the tomb on the third day. On that day, He shattered the gates of death. By His own power, He put Hades to death, broke the sting of death and granted freedom to Adam and Eve. Let all us mortals sing hymns of thanksgiving, praising Him ceaselessly: for He alone is almighty God, who rose on the third day: the Lord!

SYNAXARION

On September 7, we commemorate the holy martyr Sozon.

Sozon endured bodily torments with his soul fixed only on the Savior of the world. Beaten by an enraged hand, he radiantly enters the heavenly mansions on the seventh.

By his holy prayers, O our God, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.

EXAPOSTILARIA (*Tone 2*)

~Seeing the stone rolled away from the tomb, the myrrh-bearing women exulted with joy. They drew near and saw a young man seated there who said: "Behold, Christ is risen! Tell Peter and the Disciples of the Lord that they are to

go to the mountain in Galilee! There He will appear to You as He said to His friends!"

~O all creation, rejoice! Experience the joy of holy Joachim and the chaste Ann, named for grace: for against all hope, they have given birth to the pure Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, whose Fruit is salvation for all mankind, Christ our God, who ineffably received flesh from her.

PRAISES (*Tone 4*)

Stichera of the Resurrection

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!"

For the Feast (Tone 1)

3. O marvelous wonder! The source of Life is born from a barren woman; grace begins to grant its radiant fruit! Rejoice, O Joachim, who begot the Mother of God: there is no earthly father like you, O divinely inspired, for through you we have been given the Virgin who bore God, His divine tabernacle, His holy mountain.

v. Listen, daughter, and behold and lend your ear.

2. O marvelous wonder! The fruit of the barren one, which shone forth at the will of the Mighty Creator of all, delivered the world which had been barren in good deeds. O mothers, exult with the grandmother of God, and say, "Hail, O full of grace; the Lord is with you,. Through you, He grants the world great mercy!"

v. The rich among the people shall seek your favor.

1. Living pillar of purity, resplendent vessel of grace, the illustrious and holy Ann has brought to the world the crown of virginity, its holy flowering. It is she who bestows the beauty of virginity to every virgin and to all who love this gift. She obtains great mercy for all the faithful.

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

Doxastikon (Tone 2)

Bearing their spices, Mary and her companions wondered how they could remove the stone. But they saw that the stone had already been removed; and an Angel of God appeared to them, bringing peace to their troubled souls: for he told them: "The Lord Jesus has risen! Bring the Good News to the Disciples, His

heralds, that they should go to Galilee. There they shall see Him, risen from the dead, the Lord and Giver of Life."

- 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!"