

The 30th Day of January



Synaxis of the Three Hierarchs: St. Basil the Great, St. Gregory the Theologian, and St John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople.

Also, Hieromartyr Hippolytus, Pope of Rome and those with him all beheaded at Ostia: the Martyrs Censorinus, Sabinus, Ares, the virgin Chryse, and with her Felix, Maximus, Herculianus, Venerius, Styrcius, Menas, Commodus, Hermes, Maurus, Eusebius, Rusticus, Monagrius, Amandinus, Olympius, Cyprus, Theodore the Tribune, Maximus the Presbyter, Archelaus the Deacon, and Cyriacus the Bishop. Their service is sung at Compline. —

incomplete as of 1/2014

Small Vespers

4 stichera, in Tone 4: *To the melody, “As one valiant among the martyrs....”*

Thou hast ascended, O Basil, /
To the heights of the love of Christ /
There to behold the ineffable and divine mysteries /
Which thou didst reveal and explain to the people /
As a wise preacher of piety, O ven’rable one, /
Therefore pray that those who faithfully follow thy teachings, ///
Be delivered from corruption and sorrow.

Thou didst unravel the knots of heresy, O Gregory, /
With the wisdom of thy words and teachings /
And didst unite in one mind those of the Orthodox faith /
To rightly glorify Christ, O ven’rable one, /
Therefore pray to Him, that those who faithfully follow thy teachings, ///
Be delivered from corruption and sorrow.

Christ hath established thee, O ven’rable father, /
As an unshakable foundation of His Church, /
To keep her safe from the assaults of the enemy, /
O golden mouth of the Word of God, /
And to pray for the deliverance from soul-destroying passions ///
Those thirsting for thy words and the depths of thy wisdom.

Let us praise the chosen ones of the Holy Trinity, /
The most beautiful and fragrant flowers /
Of the Source of Incorruption /

Which shine forth with the radiance of the Sun /
 Illuminating the whole world /
 With the streams of their divine light: /
 Let us worthily praise John the Great /
 And the godly theologian Gregory ///
 Together with Basil the Wise.

Glory..., in Tone 6:

O holy men of God, /
 O faithful servants of the Lord, /
 O desired and chosen vessels and unshakable pillars of the Church, /
 O inheritors of the kingdom of heaven, ///
 Ceaselessly pray to Christ for us.

Now and ever..., Theotokion, in Tone 6:

O Theotokos, thou art the true vine /
 Who didst bud forth for us the Fruit of Life: /
 We pray thee, O Lady, intercede together with the three hierarchs, ///
 That He will have mercy on our souls.

At the Aposticha, these stichera, in Tone 6: *To the melody, "On the third day...."*

Having acquired grace /
 And being strengthened in faith, /
 You were filled the Wisdom of God, /
 And enriched with salvation ///
 Through the prayers of the apostles and their teachings. ///

Verse: Let the saints be exalted in glory; let them sing for joy on their couches.

Thou didst adorn thy three hierarchs, O Lord, /
 With the heavenly mysteries /
 And the teachings of men /
 Filling them with streams of grace ///
 To defeat and correct every word of heresy.

Verse: Thy priests shall be clothed with righteousness and Thy saints shall rejoice.

O Basil, with thy godly mind, /
 And Gregory, with thy voice divine, /
 And John, thou all-glorious beacon of light, /

O three belovèd servants of the Trinity, ///
Rightly are you glorified.

Glory..., in Tone 6

O good and faithful servants, /
Fervent workers in the vineyard of Christ, /
Bearing your burdens, you increased the talents given to you /
And did not forsake those who followed you. /
Therefore the gates of the heavenly kingdom were opened to you /
And you entered into the joy of Christ the Lord. ///
Entreat Him on our behalf, O holy teachers.

Now and ever..., Theotokion, in the same tone:

No one having recourse to thee, /
O all-pure Virgin Mother of God, /
Goeth away from thee ashamed; /
For asking grace of thee ///
He is given that gift which is gainful to him

The Troparion of the Saints, in Tone 4:

Being of one character with the apostles /
And teachers of the universe /
Pray to the Master of all /
To grant peace to the world ///
And great mercy to our souls.

Great Vespers

After the Introductory Psalm, “Blessèd is the man...,” the first Kathisma.

At “Lord, I call...,” 8 stichera.

4 stichera, in Tone 4: *To the melody, “As one valiant among the martyrs....”*

Let us worthily praise the three great preachers of the Trinity /
Basil, John and Gregory, /
Instruments of grace and harps of the Spirit, /
The renowned trumpets of preaching, /
And awesome thunder heard from on high, ///
Proclaiming the glory of God to the ends of the earth.

Let us worthily honor the champions of the Trinity, /
 The pinnacles of piety, /
 The three new apostles added the Twelve, /
 Rivers flowing with the living water of Eden /
 Watering the face of the earth with divine and life-giving streams ///
 Forming the Faith as like elements of creation.

As once was said by the prophet: /
 “There is no speech nor words spoken where their words are not heard.” /
 For in all the earth and the sea of creation, /
 The words of the divine and wise teachers are heard /
 And the ends of the earth are brought together in accordance with divine laws ///
 And gathered together into one Orthodox doctrine.

And 4 stichera, in Tone 2: *“To the melody, “With what crowns of praise”*

With what crowns of praise can we crown the teachers /
 Separated in body, but united in Spirit, /
 God-bearing intercessors and ministers equal in number with the Trinity, /
 Stars enlightening the universe, pillars of the Church? /
 Who, having been victorious, ///
 Have been crowned by Christ our God, for He hath great mercy.

With what beautiful songs /
 Shall we praise the God-bearing, heavenly preachers of the mysteries /
 The most-excellent theologians of Orthodoxy? /
 Basil the great, the revealer of things divine, /
 And Gregory, the preacher of God together with John with the golden tongue, ///
 Whom the Lord, the Trinity, hath glorified, having great mercy.

With what laudable words shall we praise the hierarchs /
 Equal to the apostles by grace and of equal honor to them by their gifts? /
Abolishers of impiety, /
 Saviors and guides by word and deed, /
 Shepherds resembling Christ with faith, /
 Earthly angels and heavenly men ///
 Whom Christ the Lord of glory hath honored, for He hath great mercy.

With what crown of glory shall we crown the Golden-mouth /
 Together with Basil and Gregory? /

Precious receptacles of the Spirit, /
 Firm champions of the Faith and pillars of the Church, /
 The confirmation of the faithful, comforting all who sin, /
 And fountains overflowing with the water that delights the soul, ///
 Entreating forgiveness of transgressions and great mercy.

Glory..., in Tone 6:

Today let us praise the mystical trumpets of the Spirit, /
 The God-bearing fathers, /
 Who sing harmonious theology in the midst of the Church /
 To the unchangeable Trinity of One essence and Godhead, /
 The conquerors of Arius, /
 And the champions of the Orthodox, ///
 Ever praying the Lord that He grant our souls great mercy.

Now and ever..., Dogmatic Theotokion, in the same Tone:

Who will not bless thee, O most-holy Virgin? /
 Who will not sing of thy most pure childbearing? /
 The only-begotten Son shone timelessly from the Father, /
 But from thee He was ineffably incarnate; /
 God by nature, yet man for our sake; /
 Not two persons, but one in two natures. /
 Entreat Him, O pure and all-blessèd Lady ///
 To have mercy on our souls.

Or Dogmatic Theotokion in the Tone of the Week if a Resurrection service.

The Entrance and the Prokeimenon of the day.

Three Readings:

The Reading from Deuteronomy (1:8-11, 15-17):

<p>In those days, Moses spoke to the sons of Israel saying: ^{1:8}“Behold, God hath delivered the land before you: ‘Go in, and inherit the land, which I swear unto your fathers, Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, to give it to them, and to their seed after them.’ ⁹And I spake unto you</p>	<p>at that time, saying, I shall not be able to bear you myself alone. ¹⁰The Lord your God hath multiplied you, and, behold, ye are this day as the stars of heaven for number. ¹¹The Lord God of your fathers increase you a thousand times so many more as ye are, and bless</p>
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you, as He hath spoken unto you!...
¹⁵So I took of you wise men and understanding and prudent, and made them to be rulers over you, captains of thousands, and captains of hundreds, and captains of fifties, and captains of tens, and officers unto your judges.
¹⁶And I charged your judges at that time, saying, Hear the causes between

your brethren, and judge righteously between a man and his brother, and the stranger that is with him. ¹⁷Thou shalt not have respect unto the person in judgment; thou shalt judge according to small and great; thou shalt not shrink before the face of man; for the judgment is God's."

The Reading from Deuteronomy (10:14-21):

In those days, Moses spoke to the sons of Israel saying:^{10:14}"Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heaven is the Lord thy God's, the earth also, with all that therein is. ¹⁵Only the Lord chose thy fathers, to love them, and He chose their seed after them, even you above all people, as it is this day. ¹⁶Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiff-necked. ¹⁷For the Lord your God is God of gods, and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and terrible, which accepteth not persons,

nor taketh reward. ¹⁸He doth execute the judgment of the stranger, and the fatherless and widow, and loveth the stranger, giving him food and raiment. ¹⁹Love ye therefore the stranger: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt. ²⁰Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God; Him shalt thou serve, and to Him thou shalt cleave, and swear by His name. ²¹He is thy praise, and He is thy God, that hath done for thee these great and terrible things, which thine eyes have seen.

The Reading from the Wisdom of Solomon (3:1-9):

^{3:1}**T**he souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and there shall no torment touch them. ²In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die: and their departure is taken for misery, ³and their going from us to be utter destruction: but they are in peace. ⁴For though they be punished in the sight of men, yet is their hope full of immortality. ⁵And having been a little chastised, they shall be greatly rewarded: for God proved them, and found them worthy for Himself. ⁶As gold in the furnace hath

He tried them and received them as a burnt offering. ⁷And in the time of their visitation they shall shine, and run to and fro like sparks among the stubble. ⁸They shall judge the nations, and have dominion over the people, and their Lord shall reign forever. ⁹They 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.

At the Litya, these stichera in Tone 2: *(the composition of Nilus Xanthopoulos)*

SYNAXIS OF THE THREE HIERARCHS

Come, let us praise the ministers of the heavenly Trinity /
The earthly trio of holy hierarchs: /
Basil, the namesake of the kingdom, /
Gregory, who is called the Theologian, /
And John, rightly named for his blessedness, /
All of whom plumbed the depths of the Wisdom of the Spirit; /
Currents of the oceans, and overflowing fountains /
Cleansing waters of life, translucent pearls , /
Earthly stars, pilots of the Church, branches yielding most-beautiful fruit, /
Architects of grace, mouths of my Christ and champions of the Trinity, /
By which, close at hand, they are being illumined, ///
Beseeching ceaselessly for our souls.

Let us faithfully praise the coals burning with the unquenchable fire. /
For they who were enflamed in unity of it were the lamps of the world, /
Having been shown as living strength through poverty, /
Having, with piety, clearly preached of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. /
Therefore let us cry aloud: ///
Rejoice, divinely-wise trio of the Trinity!

And this sticheron, in Tone 6:

O Holy Trinity, /
We bow down in worship before Thee: /
And we glorify to Thy providence, /
For Thou hast given us three great lamps from among us men /
Enlightened with the light of Thy knowledge /
And radiating with the rays of Thy salutary and salvific desire. /
By them the world is enriched with words of reason /
And is illumined by Thy glory /
Ever striding towards the blessed kingdom. /
They are admonishing us to hear of their divine teachings, /
And Thyself, O Holy Trinity, to hear us by their prayers, ///
As all-bountiful God, and to save our souls, O Lover of mankind.

Glory..., in the same Tone:

Having assembled together, O lovers of the feast, /
Let us hymn the hierarchs of Christ with worthy songs of praise: /
The teachers and guardians of the faithful, /
The glory of the fathers and pillars of the Faith, /
Saying: Rejoice, most-wise Basil, star of the Church and impregnable fortress! /

Rejoice, Gregory the theologian, heavenly mind and greatest of hierarchs! /
 Rejoice, O Golden-mouth, John, thou brilliant preacher of repentance! /
 O thrice-rich fathers, /
 Never cease beseeking Christ ///
 For those who in faith and love celebrate your sacred and divine festival.

Now and ever..., the Theotokion, in the same Tone:

Having assembled together, O lovers of the feast, /
 Let us hymn the Theotokos with worthy songs of praise: /
 The beauty of virgins, the only true protection of the faithful saying: /
 Rejoice, O pure Virgin Mother, lamp most bright and door of heaven! /
 Rejoice, O sacred tabernacle and all-pure one, containing God within thy womb! /
 Rejoice, O Lady, exalted without measure more than the heavenly hosts! /
 Therefore, O Virgin Mother and Sovereign Lady, /
 Never cease protecting us, thy servants /
 Who, with faith and love ever sing thy praises, ///
 Bowing down in worship before Him Who was seedlessly born of thee.

At the Aposticha, these stichera, in Tone 1: *To the melody, "O all-praised martyrs...."*

Today let us worthily praise the teachers of spiritual wisdom /
 The verbal trumpets of God and reflections of divinity: /
Basil the Great and the divinely inspired Gregory, /
 And John, the truly Golden-mouthed, ///
 Pouring forth for us streams of golden teachings.

Verse: Let the saints be exalted in glory; let them sing for joy on their couches.

Let us worthily praise in songs the true defenders of the Faith, /
 The divine and valiant minds /
Rivers flowing with gold, the brightest and most precious lamps, /
 Champions of the Trinity and receivers of the grace of the Spirit, ///
 Immovable pillars and the very foundations of the Church.

Verse: Thy priests shall be clothed with righteousness and Thy saints shall rejoice.

O ye instruments of the Spirit, /
 Trumpets of heavenly thunder and lightning of divine preaching /
 All-bright candlesticks, and golden bearers of the Light of God, /
 Thrice-blessèd Basil, all-wise Gregory, and golden and all-hon'rable John, ///
 Entreat Christ to save those who honor you.

Glory..., in Tone 2:

SYNTAXIS OF THE THREE HIERARCHS

Today the souls of the earthborn are lifted up from the earth! /
Today they become one with heaven in memory of the saints!
For the gates of heaven are opened and the will of the Master is revealed to us. /
Words preach of His Word and tongues sing of His wonders! /
And we cry out to the Savior: ///
Glory to Thee, O Christ God, for by them peace is given to the faithful.

Now and ever..., (of the coming Feast), in the same Tone:

Today Christ is brought into the Temple as an infant! /
Today He who gave the Law to Moses comes under the Law
The angelic hosts were astonished at seeing the Keeper of all things held in the
arms of the elder. /
Symeon, being filled with reverence, joyfully cried aloud: /
“Let me now depart, O Savior, from this temporal life to eternal rest, /
For mine eyes have beheld Thee and now I rejoice!”

After the Blessing of the Loaves, the Troparion of the Saints, in Tone 4:

Being of one character with the apostles /
And teachers of the universe /
Pray to the Master of all /
To grant peace to the world ///
And great mercy to our souls. *(twice)*

Or this Troparion of the Saints, in Tone 1:

Let us who love their words come together with hymns /
And honor the three great torch-bearers of the Triune Godhead: /
Basil the Great, with Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom.
These men have enlightened the world with the rays of their divine doctrines. /
They are flowing rivers of wisdom /
Filling all creation with springs of heavenly knowledge, /
And they ceaselessly intercede for us ///
Before the Holy Trinity. *(twice)*

And then, in Tone 4: “Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos.... *(once)*

The service of the Martyrs sung at Compline. — *incomplete as of 1/2014*

Matins

At “God is the Lord...” the Troparion of the Saints, twice, then: “Glory..., now and ever...,” **Theotokion, in Tone 4:**

The mystery of all eternity /
 Unknown even by angels /
 Through thee is revealed on earth, O Mother of God, /
 God incarnate by union without confusion. /
 For our sake He voluntarily endured the Cross, /
 By it He resurrected the first-created Adam ///
 And saved our souls from death.

After the First Kathisma, the Sessional Hymn, in Tone 5: To the melody: The co-unoriginate Word...

Let us praise Basil, the inexhaustible treasury of dogmas /
 As a royal adornment of the Church, /
 For through these he himself hath instructed us to honor the Holy Trinity, ///
 United in substance and divided in Hypostases.

Glory..., in Tone 4: To the melody, "Quickly go before...."

O truly bright lamps of the Church of Christ /
 You enlightened the world by your teachings, O divinely-wise fathers, /
 Having withered up the heresies of the dishonored ones /
 And quenching the blazing fires of blasphemies. ///
 Therefore, as honored hierarchs of the Church pray that we may be saved.

Now and ever..., Theotokion, in the same Tone:

O all-hymned Virgin Mary, /
 Unwedded Mother of Christ God, Virgin Bride of God /
Protectress of the faithful: /
 Deliver from all danger and misfortune, O sovereign Lady, Theotokos, ///
 Those who run with faith to thy protection.

After the Second Kathisma, the Sessional Hymn, in Tone 3: To the melody: "The faith divine..."

Thou wast a pillar of the Church, /
 O Theologian Gregory; /
 An unassailable bastion of piety, /
 Clothing thy life with the raiment of dispassion, /
 And expounding on the dogmas of the Trinity. /
 O venerable father ///
 Pray Christ God for the salvation of our souls.

Glory..., in Tone 4: To the melody, "Joseph was amazed...."

Your teachings are like honey /
Made from the choicest flowers blooming in the garden of the Scripture, /
And like spiritual bees you give all to taste of them to their delight.
Therefore we who feast on thy bounty joyfully cry aloud: ///
Intercede now, and upon our death, for those who praise thee, O blessèd ones.

Now and ever..., Theotokion, in the same Tone:

I am besieged by a storm of merciless passions /
And I fervently cry to thee for help: /
Despise me not, O Lady, /
Let me not drown in my misery, /
Thou who gavest birth to the endless Sea of compassion; /
For now my only hope is in thee /
That I not perish to the joy and delight of mine enemies, /
For thou art able to do all which thou dost wish ///
As the Mother of the God of all.

Polyeley and Magnification:

We magnify you, // O hierarchs of Christ, Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian,
and John Chrysostom / and we honor your holy memory, / for you pray to Christ our
God for us!

Selected Psalm verses:

Hear this, all nations! Give ear, all inhabitants of the earth!
My mouth shall speak wisdom and the meditation of my hart shall be
understanding.

After the Polyeley, the Sessional Hymn, in Tone 4: To the melody, “Thou hast appeared today....”

The most-wise teachers of the universe /
Who proclaimed the works and the words of God upon the earth,
Are greatly magnified this day ///
For they truly intercede for our salvation.

Glory...,

Today the Church celebrates the honorable festival /
Of the three holy hierarchs: ///
For they confirmed the Church through their dogmatic teachings.

Now and ever..., Theotokion:

O invincible protectress of helpless /
And fervent intercessor for those who hope is in thee, /
Deliver me from all misfortunes ///
For thou art the defender of all.

1st Antiphon of the 4th Tone (Song of Ascents), “From my youth....”

Prokeimenon in the Tone 4:

Thy priests shall be clothed with righteousness and Thy saints shall rejoice! *Verse:*
My mouth shall speak wisdom and the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

Let every breath....

Gospel: (36) John 10:9-16

After Psalm 50 (51), the Post-Gospel sticheron, of the Saints, in Tone 6:

Grace poured forth from your lips, O venerable fathers, /
And as pastors of the Church of Christ /
You taught the reason-endowed sheep to believe ///
In the Consubstantial Trinity, One in Godhead.

The Canon

One Canon of the Mother of God, with 6 Troparia, including the Irmos, in
Tone 2, and two Canons of the Hierarchs, with 8 Troparia, in Tone 1,
the composition of John of Damascus. — incomplete as of 1/29/2014

After the Third Ode, the Sessional Hymn, in Tone 8: *To the melody, “Of Wisdom....”*

Let us praise with one voice, the three great Lights and steadfast pillars of the
Church, /
Who now delight amidst the Good Things, /
Together with the grace of their words: /
John, the most-wise Golden-mouth, /
And Great Basil and the brilliant theologian Gregory; /
Let us cry out to them from our hearts, /
Saying: “O thrice-magnificent hierarchs, /
Ceaselessly pray to Christ God ///
To grant remission of sins to those who lovingly celebrate your holy memory.

Glory....,

Receiving wisdom from God as the three new apostles of Christ, /
You composed, as fishermen of reason and in common words, /
By the power of the Spirit the dogmas of the Church. /
For it was necessary that our simple faith acquire formation. /
Therefore, all the faithful cry aloud to you: /
Ceaselessly pray to Christ God ///
To grant remission of sins to those who lovingly celebrate your holy memory.

Now and ever..., Theotokion:

My humble soul, made rudderless by the stormy temptations of this life /
Is being drowned by the waves, /
And filled by the burden of my sins; /
But by thy compassionate mercy, O Virgin Theotokos, /
Prevent it from coming to distress in the depths of hell /
For thou art the calm haven and refuge /
Granting it tranquility and saving it from misfortune, /
Ever praying to thy Son and God for the remission of our sins ///
For we thy unworthy servants have our only hope in thee.

After the Sixth Ode, the Kontakion of the Saints, in Tone 2: *To the melody, "The steadfast...."*

O Lord, Thou hast taken up the holy preachers of divine truth to their eternal rest /
And to the enjoyment of Thy good things /
For Thou hast accepted their struggles and deaths ///
O Thou who alone art glorified in Thy saints.

Ikos: Who is worthy to open his own mouth and move his tongue to utter words with the power of fire and spirit? Still so much I dare to say. Through their visions and their deeds these three have surpassed all of human nature with their many great and holy gifts, for, Thou hast vouchsafed them a great measure of them as ministers to Thy faithful, O Thou Who alone art glorified in Thy saints.

At the Ninth Ode we do not sing the Magnification in full, but rather the Refrain, in Canon Tone 2:

Magnify, O my soul, /
The all-pure Virgin Theotokos ///
Who is greater in honor than the hosts on high!

Ode 9

Canon of the Mother of God, Tone 2

***Irmos:** Let us the faithful in unity of mind, sing and magnify God the Word, Who from God came in His ineffable Wisdom and was incarnate of the holy Virgin for our sake to restore Adam fallen into corruption by the eating of the tree.*

***Ref.:** Magnify, O my soul....*

O divinely-bless't Maiden, earnestly do I place all my hope in thee! Save me, O Mother of the True Life, and entreat Him, O pure one, that I, who magnifies thee with faith and love, may come to partake of everlasting delights!

***Ref.:** Magnify, O my soul....*

O Virgin, thou doorway of the divine light, illumine the darkness of my soul with the brilliance of thine immaterial radiance, O pure one, that I, who magnifies thee with faith and love, may be delivered from fire eternal!

***Ref.:** Magnify, O my soul....*

The Son, Who before all time was begotten of the Father, took up His abode within thy womb and was made a perfect man, O Mother of God, revealing thee as the source of all blessings for us, who worship Him Whom thou didst bear.

First Canon of the Hierarchs, Tone 1

***Irmos:** God the Lord, Son of the unoriginate Father, hath appeared to us incarnate of the Virgin, to enlighten those in darkness and to gather together those who are lost. Therefore we magnify the all-praised Theotokos.*

Each Troparion of both Canons of the Hierarchs is preceded by its own Refrain.

***Ref.:** Magnify, O my soul, ///*

The three great luminaries among the hierarchs!

Behold! The sheep of all your flocks for which you endured the greatest sufferings, have all assembled together having you as their sweet and common boast.

***Ref.:** Magnify, O my soul, ///*

The threefold beacons of the Church of Christ!

Grace wielded not a two-edged sword against the enemies, but a three-edged blade forged in heaven and tempered with threefold power, ever to defend the Threefold splendor of the One Godhead.

***Ref.:** Magnify, O my soul, ///*

The three who illuminate Christ's Holy Church!

Dwelling now in the perfection of the heavenly mansions together with those who are also forever undefiled, entreat ye the Highest, together with them, and forget us not still dwelling here on earth.

Ref.: **M**agnify, O my soul, ///

The all-pure Virgin Theotokos, who is grater in honor than the hosts on High!

Theotokion: **T**he magnitude of thy greatness constrains me, O Lady, so that I am not able to utter even a word to glorify thy magnificence, except to glorify Him Who hath thus glorified thee!

Second Canon of the Hierarchs, Tone 1

—incomplete as of 9/2/2014.

The Exapostilarion of the Saints:

Let us praise the God-bearing fathers, those thrice-brilliant lamps of the Light-bestowing Trinity Who is brighter than the rays of the Sun, and is Three-fold in Unity, intermingled in a marvelous way.

At the Praises, 4 stikhera, in Tone 5: To the melody, "Rejoice...." (the comp. of Nilus Xanthopoulos)

Rejoice, O ye trinity of hierarchs /

The great defenders of the Church and pillars of piety /

The confirmation of the faithful and downfall of heretics. /

O ye shepherds of the people of Christ, /

Instructing them in the virtues through your divine teachings, /

Clear-voiced preachers of grace who set forth the laws of Christ. /

O ye guides to the heavenly gates of paradise, ///

Pray to Christ that He send down great mercy on our souls! *(twice)*

Rejoice, O ye trinity of hierarchs /

Earthly angels marching along the road to heaven, /

Teachers of the universe, proclaiming the Joy of man and the salvation of the world, /

Champions of the Word, and wise physicians of both body and soul, /

Ever-flowing spiritual rivers watering the earth with your teachings, /

Ladders of theology and golden preachers of divinity ///

Pray to Christ that He send down great mercy on our souls!

Rejoice, O ye trinity of hierarchs, /
 Reflections of the Sun upon the earth, /
Beacons of three-fold brilliance, illuminating those in darkness! /
 O ye fragrant and beautiful flowers of heaven, /
 O Theologian Gregory and Basil the Wise, /
 And John the Golden-mouth, /
Tablets of the Spirit inscribed by the hand of God, /
 Paps exuding the milk of salvation, and the adornment of wisdom ///
 Pray to Christ that He send down great mercy on our souls!

Glory..., in Tone 5:

Let us rejoice as we celebrate the feast of our teachers! /
 Let us sing aloud and let us dance for joy! /
 Let the hierarchs and the people all come together /
 And raise their voice in song; /
 For the three great rivers of divine teachings
 Are pouring forth the doctrine of the Living Spirit. /
 Let us praise the three great preachers of the Holy Trinity, /
 The three great high priests of the sacred mysteries. /
Praise them, O ye philosophers, for they are wise, /
 O ye priests, for they are our pastors /
 O ye sinners, for they intercede for us /
 O ye poor, for they enrich us, and those in sorrow, for they comfort us, /
 O ye travelers, for they journey with us! /
 Come, all ye people, and let us fervently praise the three hierarchs and cry aloud: /
 O most holy teachers, come and rescue us from all earthly temptations ///
 And deliver us from eternal torments through your holy prayers!

Now and ever..., Theotokion, in Tone 5: (the composition of Patriarch Germanus)

Let us rejoice, for the Virgin Mother and Queen of all /
 Hath bowed down from heaven /
 And crowned with blessings all who sing her praises. /
 Let all the faithful come together and clap their hands of joy, /
 For the Queen gave birth to the King /
 Who in His love for us wast pleased to break the ancient bonds of death. /
 O ye pastors and ye preachers assemble together, /
 And let us praise the all-pure Mother of the Good Shepherd /
 The golden candlestand and light-bearing cloud, more spacious than the heavens. /
 The living ark, the fiery throne of the Master, /

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The golden jar which held the Manna, the secret gate of the Word /
The refuge of all Christians. /
Come, all ye people, and let us sing her praises and humbly cry aloud: /
O palace of the Word, vouchsafe that we be granted the kingdom of heaven ///
For through thy mediation nothing is impossible.

The Great Doxology, and the Dismissal.

Liturgy

At the Beatitudes, 8 Troparia: 3 from the Third Ode of the first Canon of the Saints, and 5 from the second Canon.

The Troparion of the Saints, in Tone 4:

Being of one character with the apostles /
And teachers of the universe /
Pray to the Master of all /
To grant peace to the world ///
And great mercy to our souls.

The Kontakion of the Saints, in Tone 2: *To the melody, “The steadfast....”*

O Lord, Thou hast taken up the holy preachers of divine truth to their eternal rest /
And to the enjoyment of Thy good things /
For Thou hast accepted their struggles and deaths ///
O Thou who alone art glorified in Thy saints.

The Prokeimenon, in Tone 8: Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth and their words to the ends of the universe. *Verse:* The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims His handiwork!

The Epistle: (334) Hebrews 13:7-16

The Alleluia, in Tone 4: The heavens shall confess Thy wonders, O Lord, and Thy truth in the congregation of the saints! *Verse:* God is glorified in the council of the saints!

The Gospel: (11) Matthew 5:14-19

Communion Hymn: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous! Praise befits the just!
Alleluia....

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