Matins Propers

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

in the Sixth Tone with the Seventh Resurrection Gospel & with the Katavasiai from the Canon of the Theotokos, which are sung through July 31st

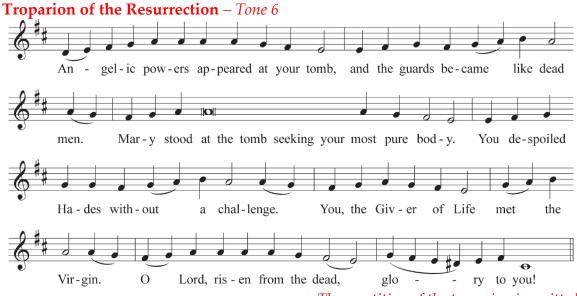
Hexapsalmos

The reader chants only **Psalm 3** on page 2 followed by "Glory..." on page 6.

Matins continues with the Litany of Peace on page 7.

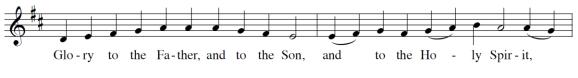


Troparia (page 9)



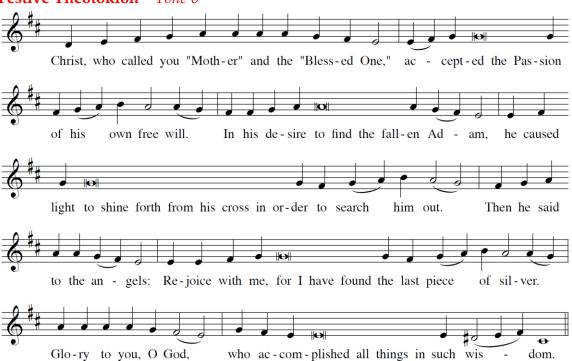
The repetition of the troparion is omitted

Cantor:





Festive Theotokion – *Tone 6*



Kathismata (page 10)

People: Lord, have mercy (three times)

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

Reader: Now and ever and forever. Amen.

The 1st Stasis of the 2nd Kathisma: Psalm 9

I shall praise you, Lord, with all my heart; I shall declare all your wondrous deeds. I shall rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High. See how my enemies turn back, how they stumble and perish before you. You upheld the justice of my cause; you sat enthroned, judging with justice. You have checked the nations, destroyed the wicked; you have wiped out their name forever and ever. The foe is destroyed, eternally ruined. You uprooted their cities; their memory has perished. But the Lord sits enthroned forever. He has set up his throne for judgment; he will judge the world with justice, he will judge the peoples with his truth. For the oppressed let the Lord be a stronghold, a stronghold in times of distress. Those who know your name will trust you; you will never forsake those who seek you. Sing psalms to the Lord who dwells in Zion. Declare his wondrous deeds among the peoples, for the Avenger of blood has remembered them, has not forgotten the cry of the poor. Have pity on me, Lord, see my sufferings, you who save me from the gates of death; that I may recount all your praise at the gates of the city of Zion and rejoice in your saving help. The nations have fallen in the pit which they made; their feet caught in the snare they laid. The Lord has revealed himself, and given judgment. The wicked are snared in the work of their own hands. Let the wicked go down among the dead, all the nations forgetful of God; for the needy shall not always be forgotten nor the hopes of the poor be in vain. Arise, Lord, let men not prevail! Let the nations be judged before you. Lord, strike them with terror, let the nations know they are but men. Lord, why do you stand afar off and hide yourself in times of distress? The poor man is devoured by the pride of the wicked: he is caught in the schemes that others have made. For the wicked man boasts of his heart's desires; the covetous blasphemes and spurns the Lord. In his pride the wicked says: "He will not punish. There is no God." Such are his thoughts. His path is ever untroubled; your judgment is far from his mind. His enemies he regards with contempt. He thinks: "Never shall I falter: misfortune shall never be my lot." His mouth is full of cursing, guile, oppression; mischief and deceit are under his tongue. He lies in wait among the reeds; the innocent he murders in secret. His eyes are on the watch for the helpless man. He lurks in hiding like a lion in his lair; he lurks in hiding to seize the poor;

he seizes the poor man and drags him away. He crouches, preparing to spring, and the helpless fall beneath such strength. He thinks in his heart: "God forgets, he hides his face; he does not see." Arise then, Lord, lift up your hand! O God, do not forget the poor! Why should the wicked spurn the Lord and think in his heart: "God will not punish"? But you have seen the trouble and sorrow, you note it, you take it in hand. The helpless trusts himself to you; for you are the helper of the orphan. Break the power of the wicked and the sinner! Punish their wickedness till nothing remains! The Lord is king forever and ever. The heathen shall perish from the land he rules. Lord, you hear the prayer of the poor; you strengthen their hearts; you turn your ear to protect the rights of the orphan and oppressed, so that mortal man may strike terror no more.

Psalm 10

In the Lord I have taken my refuge. How can you say to my soul: "Fly like a bird to its mountain? See the wicked bracing their bow; they are fixing their arrows on the string to shoot upright men in the dark. Foundations once destroyed, what can the just do?" The Lord is in his holy temple, the Lord, whose throne is in heaven. His eyes look down on the world; his gaze tests mortal man. The Lord tests the just and the wicked; the lover of violence he hates. He sends fire and brimstone on the wicked; he sends a scorching wind as their lot. The Lord is just and loves justice; the upright shall see his face.

Reader: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

People: Now and ever and forever. Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to you, O God! (three times)

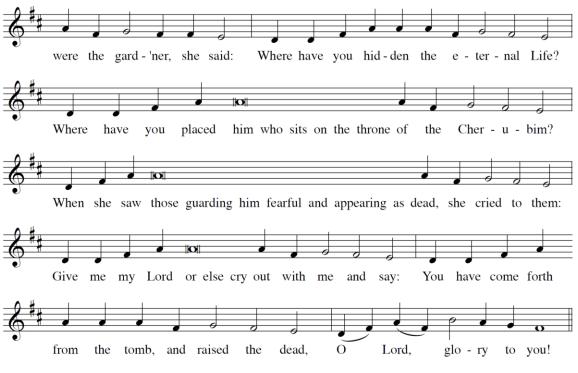
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Sessional Hymn (page 11)

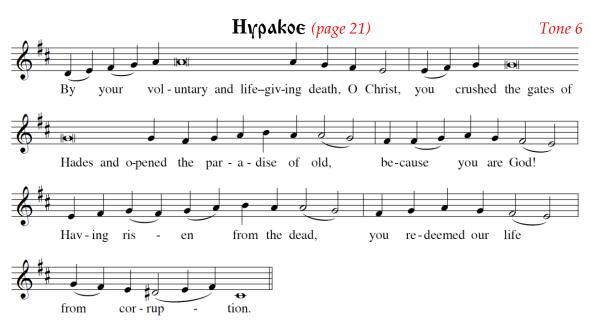
The 2nd Sessional Hymn of the 1st set (Tone 6 Kontakion):



Mar-y Mag-dalene stood by your tomb and wept, O Lord. When she thought you



Matins continues with Ps. 118 on page 17.



Stepenna (page 21)

The Second Antiphon of the Stepenna (Gradual Hymns) in Tone 6:



Matins continues with the Prokeimenon ("Let us be attentive...") on page 22.

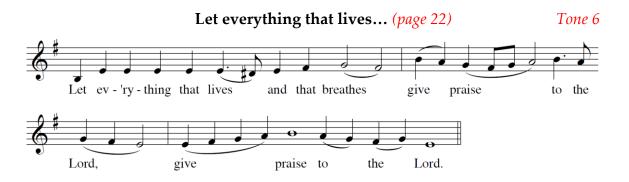
Prokeimenon (page 22)

Psalm 79: 3, 2



Deacon: O Shepherd of Israel, hear us; you who lead Joseph like a flock.

Matins continues with the Preparation for the Gospel ("Let us pray...") on page 22.



The Preparation for the Gospel continues with "That we may be deemed..." on page 23.

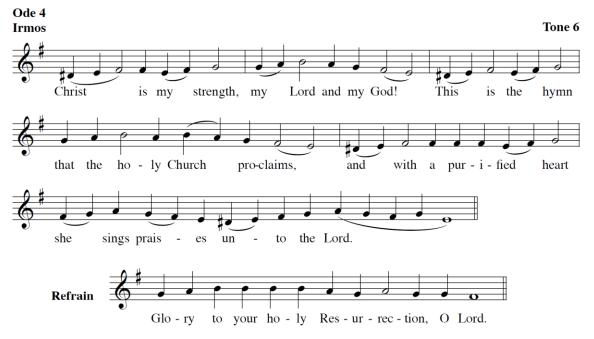
The Seventh Resurrection Gospel is read (John 20:1-10).

The Hymn of the Resurrection is sung (p. 24) and then Psalm 50 (p. 26).

The usual stichera at Psalm 50 (p. 28) are sung.

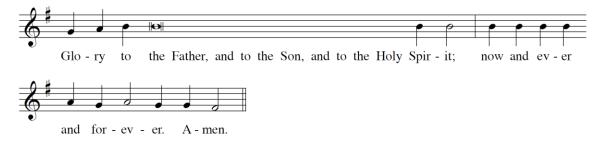
The Ganon (page 32)

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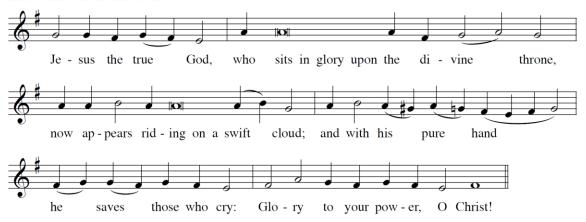
The wood of the true life flourished, O Christ, when your cross was planted in the ground. Sprinkled with blood and water from your pure side, it made life spring up for us. *Refrain*

Never again shall the Serpent deceive me by offering me the chance to become like God, for Christ, my divine Creator, has opened the path of life for me once again.

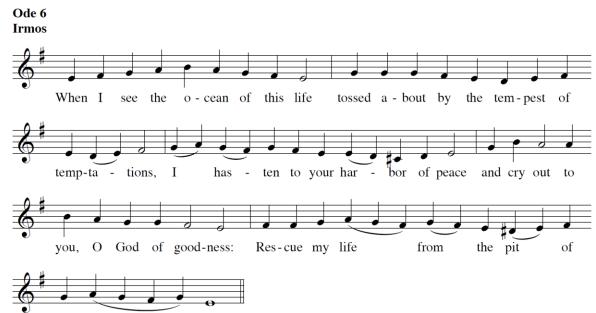


Truly ineffable and impossible to encompass! Such are the mysteries of your divine birthgiving for those in heaven and on earth, O Mother of God and ever-Virgin Mary.

Katavasia 4 of the Theotokos



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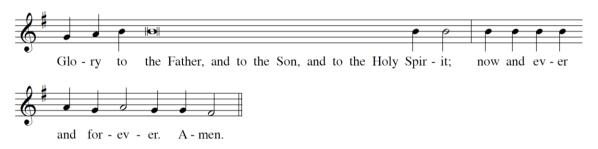
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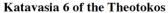
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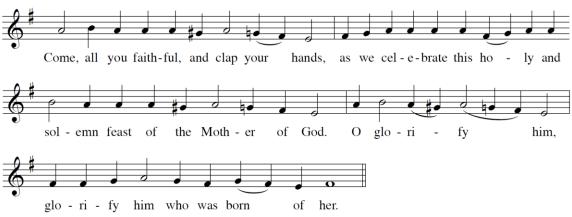
When you were nailed to the cross, O Lord, you wiped out the ancient curse; and when the lance pierced your side, you tore up the debt against Adam and set the whole world free. *Refrain*

Deceived by the Serpent, Adam was hurled into the pit of Hades; but you, O God of compassion, have gone in search of him, and carrying him upon your shoulders, you have raised him with you.

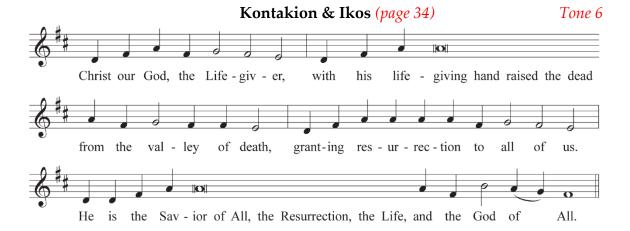


O most pure Lady, who for the human race gave birth to their Lord and Leader, appease the unceasing stirrings of my violent passions and grant a calmness to my heart.



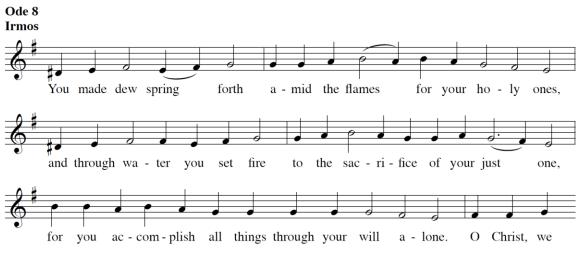


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Ikos: O Source of life, we the faithful, praise and bow before your cross and your tomb; for you have chained Hades, O immortal Lord, and as the almighty God, you have raised the dead with you. You shattered the gates of Hades and destroyed the dominion of Death. We mortals now praise you with love, for you have risen and demolished the power of the deadly enemy. You have raised all those who believe in you, and you delivered the world from the arrows of the Serpent. O all-powerful One, you have freed us from the deceits of the Enemy. Therefore, in faith we praise your Resurrection by which you save us, O God of the universe.

Ode 7 is omitted and the Canon continues with Ode 8.

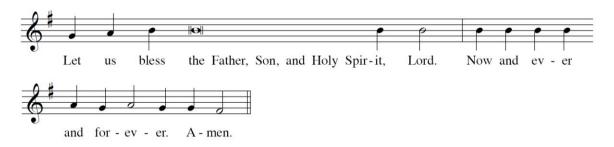






The people who formerly killed the prophets have now been seized with envy and have crucified the Word of God, whom we exalt through all ages. *Refrain*

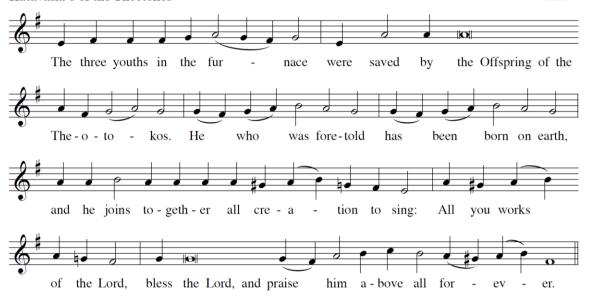
Without leaving the vaults of heaven, you descended into Hades, O Christ, and raised with you humanity who had been lying in the corruption of the grave, and who exalts you through all ages.



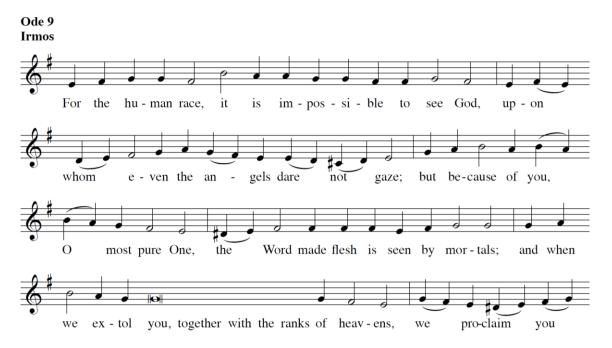
You conceived the Word, the Light of light, and are filled with glory for having given birth in a manner beyond expression, for the Holy Spirit made his dwelling in you. O Virgin, we exalt you through all ages.







Matins continues with "Let us greatly extol..." & the Canticle of the Theotokos on p. 34.



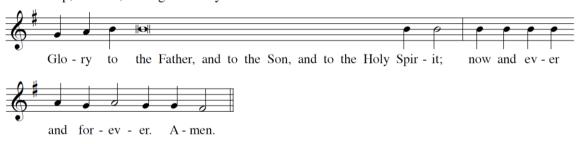


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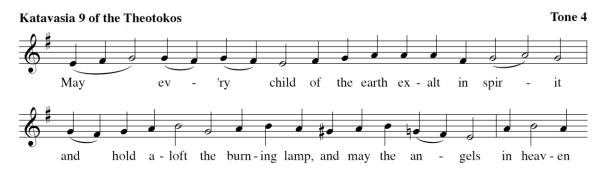


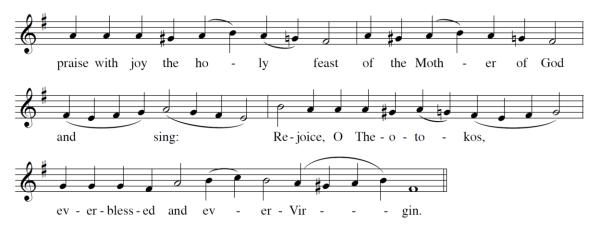
You remained a stranger to passions, O Word of God, even though you lived our human condition in the flesh; but you delivered humanity from its passions, having overcome our passions by your own passion, O our Savior. For you alone are beyond all suffering and are almighty. *Refrain*

Descending into the abyss of death, you preserved your body from the corruption of the tomb; and your soul was not left in Hades, O Giver of life, but you were raised up as from sleep, O Lord, raising us with you.



Let us mortals purify our lips that we may glorify God the Father and his coeternal Son, and venerate the ineffable and glorious power of the most Holy Spirit. For you alone are all-powerful, O indivisible Trinity.





Matins continues with the Small Litany on page 36.



Hymn of Light (page 37)

When Mary Magdalene said: They have carried away my Lord, Peter and the other disciple whom Jesus loved hastened to the grave. They both came and found the wrappings inside the tomb, and the cloth, which was on his head, lying aside. The disciples remained silent until they truly beheld Christ.

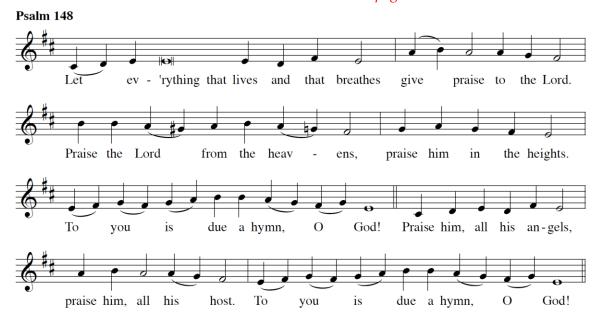
Glory ... now and ever ...

O most merciful Christ, you performed wondrous deeds for my sake. You were born of a virgin Maiden in a manner beyond description; you suffered the crucifixion and death; and you rose in glory, releasing our nature from death. Therefore, glory to your majesty and power, O Christ.

Matins continues with the Psalms of Praise.

Psalms of Praise (page 38)

Tone 6



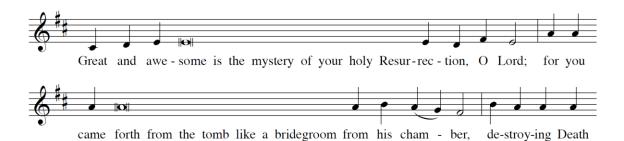
The Psalms of Praise continue with "Praise him, sun and moon..." on page 38.

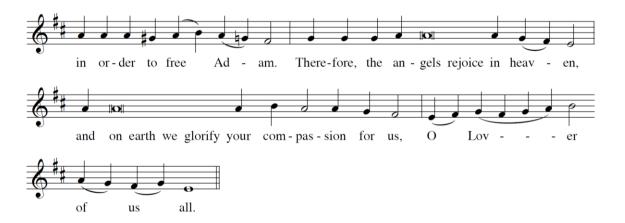
Stichera (page 40)

the 5th & 6th of the 8 Sunday stichera in Tone 6:



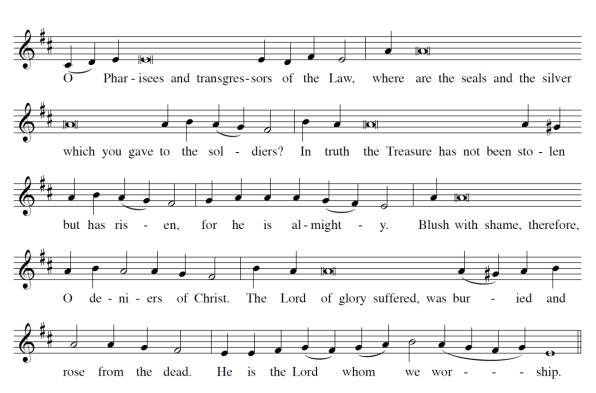


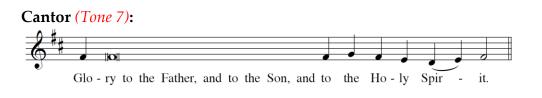




Cantor (Tone 6):









Matins continues with the "Now and ever..." & the Theotokion for normal Sundays on page 41.