

The Midnight Office

*After the reading of the Acts of the Holy Apostles is completed, the **Priest**, vested in the epitrichilion, intones:*

Priest: + Blessed is our God, always, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Reader: Amen.

The Trisagion Prayers

Holy God! Holy Mighty! Holy Immortal! Have mercy on us. (3x)

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

O most-holy Trinity, have mercy on us!

O Lord, cleanse us from our sins!

O Master, pardon our transgressions!

O Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities, for Your name's sake!

Lord, have mercy. (3x)

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

All: Our Father, Who are in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your 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.

Priest: For Yours is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Reader: Amen.

Come, let us worship God our King!

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King and our God!

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, our King and our God!

Psalm 50 (51)

Have mercy on me, O God,
in Your great mercy,
and in Your abundant compassion
blot out my transgression.

Wash me thoroughly from my lawlessness¹
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my sinfulness
and my sin is before me continually.

Against You only have I sinned
and done what is evil in Your sight,
that You may be justified in Your words
and win when You are judged.

For I was conceived in iniquities²
and in sins my mother gave me birth.³

But You love truth;
the hidden and secret things of Your wisdom
You have made known to me.

You will sprinkle me with hyssop and I shall be clean.
You will wash me
and I shall be whiter than snow.

¹ "Sin is lawlessness" (1 Jn. 3:4). The one summarizing law is Gal. 5:14.

² Lit. "lawlessnesses".

³ As Slavonic.

Make me hear joy and gladness.
The bones that have been humbled will rejoice.

Turn Your face from my sins
and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,⁴
and renew a right spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from Your presence⁵
or take Your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of Your salvation
and strengthen me with Your ruling Spirit.⁶

I will teach Your ways to the lawless,
and sinners will return to You.

Deliver me from bloodshed, O God,
O God of my salvation.
My tongue will rejoice in Your righteousness.⁷

O Lord, You will open my lips
and my mouth will declare Your praise.

For if You desired sacrifice,
I would have given it.
You take no delight in whole burnt offerings.

A sacrifice for God is a broken spirit;
a broken and humbled heart God will not despise.

⁴ Ezek. 36:26-27 tallies with Ps. 50:10-12.

⁵ or "face".

⁶ Gen. 1:26, 28 LXX, NAS; Ps. 8:7-10 LXX; Ps. 8:6 NAS; Rev. 5:10; Rom. 5:17.

⁷ As Slavonic.

Tone 6 Lesser Znamenny

Canon Irmos 1

Of old Thou didst bury the pur - su - ing ty - rant

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be - neath the waves of the sea. Now the child - ren

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of those who were saved bu - ry - Thee be - neath the earth.

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But like the maid - ens, let us sing to the Lord,

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for glo - rious - ly has He been glo - ri - fied.

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Tone 6 Lesser Znamenny

Canon Refrains

Glo - ry to You, our God, glo - ry to You.

Glo - ry to You, our God, glo - ry to You.

Glo-ry to the Fath-er and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spi - rit

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now and ev - er and unto a - ges of a - ges. A - men.

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Let us bless the Fath - er and the Son and the Ho - ly Spi - rit, the Lord

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Gladden Zion, O Lord, with Your goodwill,
and let the walls of Jerusalem be built.

Then You will delight in the sacrifice of righteousness,
in offering and whole burnt offerings.

Then they will offer young bulls on Your altar.

THE CANON

Acrostic: And today I sing a great Sabbath

Ode I

Tone 6

Irmos: Of old You buried the pursuing tyrant
beneath the waves of the sea.
Now the children of those who were saved
bury You beneath the earth,
but with the maidens let us sing to the Lord,
for gloriously has He been glorified.

Refrain: Glory to You, our God, glory to You!

Unto You I sing a hymn for the departed
and a song of burial, O Lord my God,
Who by Your burial have opened for me the entrance to life
and by Your death have put death and Hades to death.

Refrain: Glory to You, our God, glory to You!

Beholding You upon the throne
and on high and in the grave below,
the things of heaven and the things beneath the earth
trembled at Your death;
for in a manner past understanding
were You, the very source of life, seen dead.

Refrain: Glory to You, our God, glory to You!

You descended to the depths of the earth
to fill all with Your glory;
for my person that is in Adam was not hidden from You,
and when You were buried,
You renewed me who am corrupt, O Lover of mankind.

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

Katavasia: Of old You buried the pursuing tyrant... (*repeat above*)

Ode III

Irmos: You suspended the earth immovably upon the waters
Now creation beholds You suspended on Calvary.
It quakes with great amazement and cries:
“None is holy but You, O Lord.”

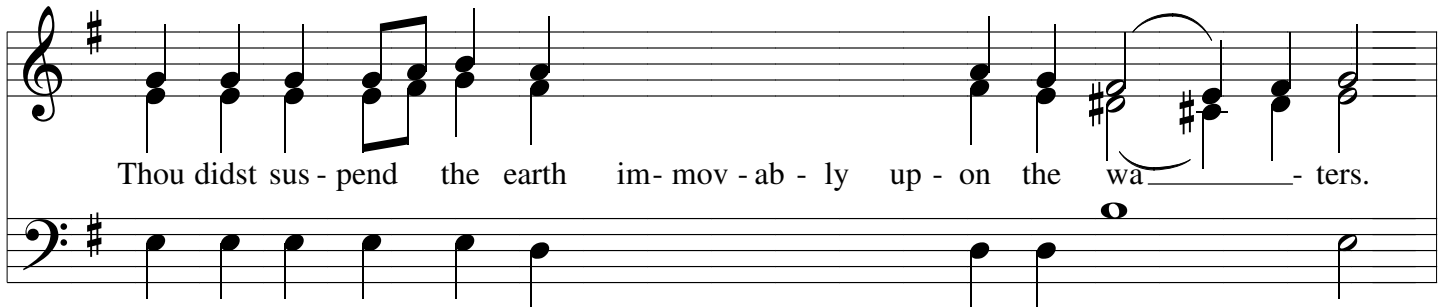
Refrain: Glory to You, our God, glory to You!

By a multitude of visions
You indicated the signs of Your burial, O Master.
But now, as dead and man,
You make clear Your hidden things even unto those in Hades,
who cry: “None is holy but You, O Lord!”

Refrain: Glory to You, our God, glory to You!

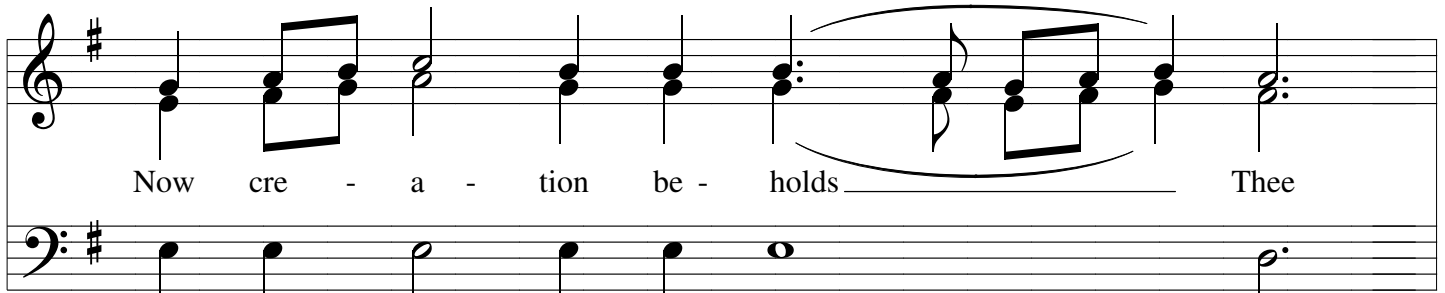
You have stretched out Your hands, O Savior,
and united what before had been divided;
and by clothing Yourself in a winding sheet
You have saved even those held captive by the tomb,
who cry: “None is holy but You, O Lord!”

Refrain: Glory to You, our God, glory to You!



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"None is ho - ly but Thee, O Lord."

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By Your will a sealed tomb contained You,
Who cannot be contained;
for by Your divine accomplishments You have made known Your
power
unto those who sing: “None is holy but You, O Lord, the Lover of
mankind.”

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

Katavasia: You suspended the earth ... (*repeat above*)

Kathisma Hymn

Tone 1

The soldiers guarding Your tomb, O Savior,
Became as dead men at the lightning flash of the angel
Who appeared announcing Your resurrection to the women.
We glorify You, Who cleanse from corruption.
We fall down before You, Who rose from the tomb,
our only God.

Ode IV

Irmos: Foreseeing Your divine humiliation on the Cross,
Habakkuk cried out trembling:
“You shattered the dominion of the mighty
by joining those in Hades as the almighty Lord!”

Refrain: Glory to You, our God, glory to You!

You have sanctified this, the seventh day,
which of old You blessed by rest from work;
for You bring all things into being and renew them, O my Savior,
while resting and reviving on the Sabbath.

Fore - see - ing Thy di - vine hu - mil - i - a - tion on the cross,

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Refrain: Glory to You, our God, glory to You!

By the overwhelming strength of Your divine nature.
You won the victory, O Word;
for Your soul was parted from the flesh,
sundering by Your might the bonds of Hades and death.

Refrain: Glory to You, our God, glory to You!

When Hades encountered You, O Word, it was embittered.
Seeing You as a mortal man deified,
marked with wounds yet having almighty power,
it cried out at Your awesome appearance.

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

Katavasia: Foreseeing Your divine humiliation ... (*repeat above*)

Ode V

Irmos: Isaiah saw the never-setting light
of Your compassionate manifestation to us as God, O Christ.
Rising early from the night he cried out:
“The dead shall arise.
Those in the tombs shall awake.
All those on earth shall greatly rejoice.”

Refrain: Glory to You, our God, glory to You!

When You became earthly, O Creator,
You renewed those born on earth,
and the winding sheet and the grave
revealed the mystery concerning You, O Word;
for Joseph, the noble counselor,

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fulfills the counsel of Him who begot You
and who wondrously renews me in You.

Refrain: Glory to You, our God, glory to You!

Through death You transform what is mortal,
and through burial You transform what is corruptible;
for in a manner befitting God
You make incorrupt and immortal the nature which You have assumed,
since Your flesh did not see corruption,
and in a wondrous manner Your soul was not abandoned in Hades.

Refrain: Glory to You, our God, glory to You!

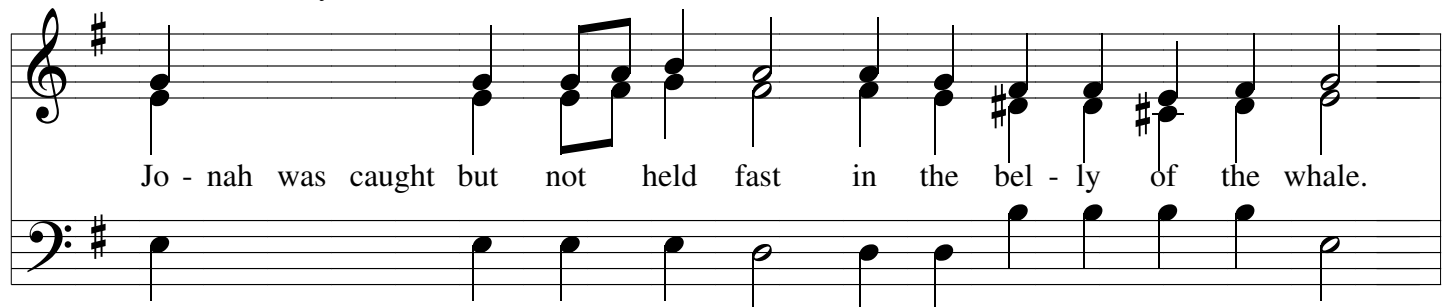
You came forth from a painless birth, O my Maker,
and Your side was pierced.
By this have You, the new Adam,
accomplished the restoration of Eve.
You fell into a sleep surpassing and renewing nature,
and as the all-powerful One, You raised up life from sleep and
corruption.

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

Katavasia: Isaiah saw the never-setting light ... (*repeat above*)

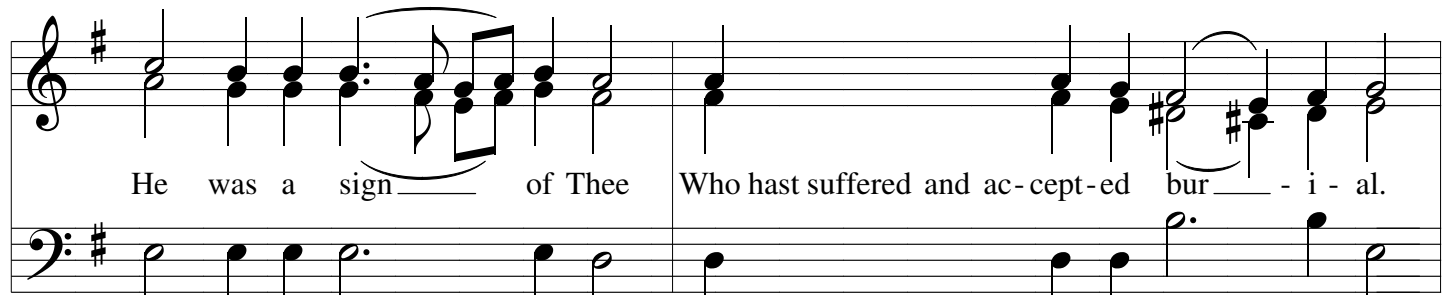
Ode VI

Irmos: Jonah was caught but not held fast
in the belly of the fish.
He was a sign of You
Who have suffered and accepted burial.
Coming forth from the beast as from a bridal chamber,
he called out to the guard:
“By observing vanities and lies you have forsaken your own mercy.”



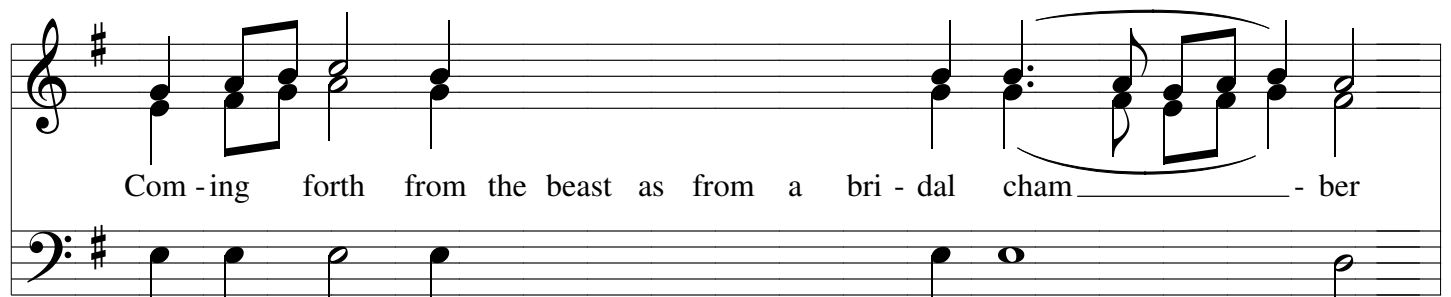
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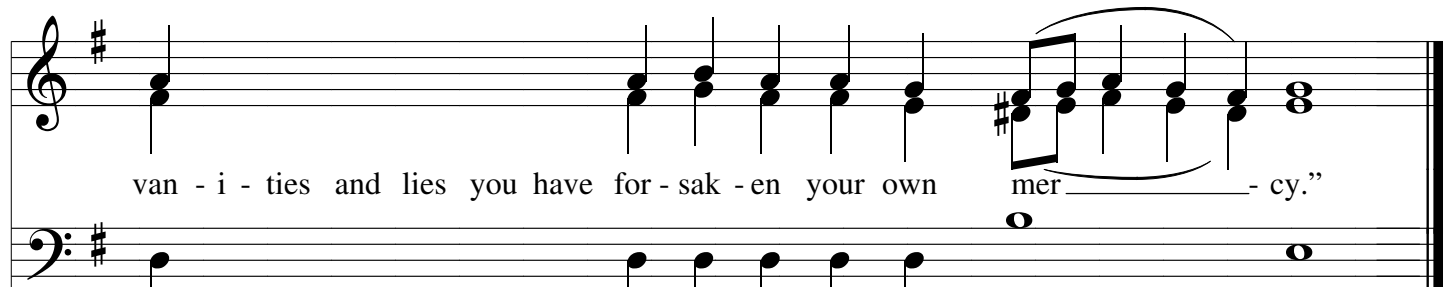
Com - ing forth from the beast as from a bri - dal cham - ber

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He called out to the guard: "By ob - serv - ing

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Refrain: Glory to You, our God, glory to You!

You were killed, O Word, but not separated from the flesh
which You share with us;
for even though the temple of Your body was destroyed
at the time of the Passion,
the person of Your divinity and of Your flesh was one,
for in both You remain one Son,
O Word of God, God and man.

Refrain: Glory to You, our God, glory to You!

The fall of Adam resulted in the death of man, not God;
for even though the earthly substance of Your flesh suffered,
Your divinity remained passionless.
In Yourself You have transformed the corruptible to incorruption,
and by Your resurrection
You have revealed a fountain of incorruptible life.

Refrain: Glory to You, our God, glory to You!

Hades rules the race of mortal men,
but not eternally;
for when You were placed in the grave, O powerful One,
You tore asunder the bars of death by Your life-creating hand
and proclaimed true deliverance to those sleeping there from the ages,
since You, O Savior, have become the first-born of the dead.

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

The Deacon exits to stand before the shroud.

Katavasia: Jonah was caught but not held fast... (*repeat above*)

The Little Litany

Deacon: Again and again in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Your grace.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Commemorating our most holy, pure, most blessed and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

People: To You, O Lord.

Priest: For Yours is the majesty, and Yours are the kingdom and the power and the glory: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

People: Amen.

The Deacon enters the Sanctuary through the South door, goes to the High Place, bows, turns, bows to the Priest, and goes to his place at the Altar Table.

Kontakion

Tone 6 (by Romanos the Melodist)

He Who shut in the depths is beheld dead,
wrapped in fine linen and spices.
The immortal One is laid in a tomb as a mortal man.
The women have come to anoint Him with myrrh,
weeping bitterly and crying:
“This is the most blessed Sabbath
on which Christ has fallen asleep to rise on the third day.”

Ikos

He who holds all things together has been lifted up upon the Cross, and all of creation weeps at seeing Him hanging, naked, upon the wood. The sun hid its rays and the stars cast aside their splendor. The earth shook with great fear, the sea fled, and the rocks were split asunder. Many tombs were opened, and the bodies of holy men arose. Hades groaned below and the Jews considered how to slander the Resurrection of Christ, but the women cried:
“This is the most blessed Sabbath on which Christ has fallen asleep to rise on the third day.”

Ode VII

Irmos: Inexpressible wonder!
In the furnace You saved the holy youths from the flame.
Now You are placed in the grave as a lifeless corpse,
for the salvation of us who sing:
“Blessed are You, O God, our Redeemer!”

Refrain: Glory to You, our God, glory to You!

Hades was wounded in the heart
when it received Him whose side was pierced by a spear,
and it groans, consumed by divine fire,
unto the salvation of us who sing:
“Blessed are You, O God, our Redeemer!”

Refrain: Glory to You, our God, glory to You!

Blessed is the tomb!
For having received the Creator as one asleep,
it became a divine treasury of life
for the salvation of us who sing:
“Blessed are You, O God, our Redeemer!”

In - ex - press - i - ble won - der!

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in the furnace Thou didst save the ho - ly youths from the flame.

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Now Thou art placed in the grave as a life - less corpse,

Now Thou art placed in the grave as a life - less corpse,

for the sal - va - tion of us who sing:

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"Bless - ed art Thou, O God, our Re - deem - er!"

"Bless - ed art Thou, O God, our Re - deem - er!"

Refrain: Glory to You, our God, glory to You!

In accordance with the law of the dead,
the Life of all accepts burial in the tomb,
and the tomb becomes the source of resurrection
unto the salvation of us who sing:
“Blessed are You, O God, our Redeemer!”

Refrain: Glory to You, our God, glory to You!

In Hades, in the tomb and in Eden,
with the Father and the Spirit,
the divinity of Christ was one and undivided
for the salvation of us who sing:
“Blessed are You, O God, our Redeemer!”

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

Katavasia: Inexpressible wonder!... (*repeat above*)

Ode VIII

Irmos: Be amazed, O heavens!
Be shaken, O foundations of the earth!
Behold, He that dwells in the highest
is numbered among the dead and sheltered in a lowly tomb.
Bless Him, O youths! Praise Him, O priests!
O people, exalt Him above all forever!

Refrain: Glory to You, our God, glory to You!

The pure Temple has been destroyed,
yet He raises with Himself
the tabernacle that had fallen;
for the second Adam, who dwells in the highest

Be a-mazed, O Heav - ens! Be shak - en O foun - da - tions of the earth!

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has descended to the first Adam,
 even into the lowest chambers of Hades.
 Bless Him, O youths! Praise Him, O priests!
 O people, exalt Him above all forever!

Refrain: Glory to You, our God, glory to You!

The courage of all the disciples failed,
 but Joseph of Arimathea showed valor;
 for seeing the God of all dead and naked,
 he sought Him and dressed Him for burial, crying:
 Bless Him, O youths! Praise Him, O priests!
 O people, exalt Him above all forever!

Refrain: Glory to You, our God, glory to You!

What new wonders! What great goodness!
 What ineffable forbearance!
 For He who dwells in the highest is willingly sealed beneath the earth,
 and God is slandered as a deceiver.
 Bless Him, O youths! Praise Him, O priests!
 O people, exalt Him above all forever!

Refrain: Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
 now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

We praise, bless, and worship the Lord,
 singing and exalting Him throughout all ages

Katavasia: Be amazed, O heavens!... (*repeat above*)

*It is customary for the **Priest**, now fully vested in his paschal vestments, to open the curtain and the Holy Doors at the beginning of the Ninth Ode. The **Priest** with the censor and the **Deacon** with a candle exit the Sanctuary through the Holy Doors and cense around the epitaphion (winding-sheet) three times. As the *Katavasia* of the Ninth Ode, "Do not lament me, O mother..." is sung, at the words, "For I shall arise," the **Priest** lifts the epitaphion from the tomb and, preceded by the **Deacon** who censes, carries it into the Sanctuary through the Holy*

Tone 6 Lesser Znamenny

Canon Refrains

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Glo-ry to the Fath-er and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spi - rit

now and ev - er and unto a - ges of a - ges. A - men.

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Let us bless the Fath -er and the Son and the Ho - ly Spi - rit, the Lord

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now and ev - er and unto a - ges of a - ges. A - men.

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Canon Refrains

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The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has two staves: a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment line in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics for the first system are: "We praise, bless, and wor - ship the Lord, sing - ing and". The second system also has two staves: a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment line in the bass clef. The lyrics for the second system are: "ex - alt - ling Him through - out all a - ges." The piano accompaniment consists of simple chords and single notes. The vocal line features a melodic line with some slurs and a fermata over the word "worship".

We praise, bless, and wor - ship the Lord, sing - ing and

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ex - alt - ling Him through - out all a - ges.

ex - alt - ling Him through - out all a - ges.

Do not lament me, O Mother, seeing me in the tomb,

Do not lament me, O Mother, seeing me in the tomb,

the Son conceived in the womb without seed, for I shall arise

the Son conceived in the womb without seed, for I shall arise

and be glorified with eternal glory as God.

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I shall exalt all who magnify you in faith and in love.

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Doors and places it on the Altar.⁸ They then cense around the Altar three times. The Holy Doors and curtain are now closed.

Ode IX

Irmos: Do not lament me, O mother,
seeing Me in the tomb,
the Son conceived in the womb without seed.
For I shall arise and be glorified with eternal glory as God.
I shall exalt all who magnify you in faith and in love.

Refrain: Glory to You, our God, glory to You!

I escaped sufferings and was blessed
beyond nature at Your strange birth,
O Son without beginning.
But now, beholding You, my God, dead and without breath,
I am sorely pierced by the sword of sorrow.
But arise, that I may be magnified.

Refrain: Glory to You, our God, glory to You!

By my own will, the earth covers me, O mother,
but the gatekeepers of Hades tremble at seeing me
clothed in the blood-stained garments of vengeance;
for when I have vanquished my enemies on the Cross,
I shall arise as God and magnify you.

Refrain: Glory to You, our God, glory to You!

Let creation rejoice!
Let all born on earth be glad!
For hateful Hades has been despoiled.
Let the women with myrrh come to meet Me;

⁸ The epitaphion remains on the Altar until the Leave-taking of Pascha.

for I am redeeming Adam and Eve and all their children,
and on the third day shall I arise!

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

Katavasia: Do not lament me, O mother,... (*repeat above*)

Reader: Amen.

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Lord, have mercy. (3x)

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All: Our Father, Who are in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom
come. Your 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.

Priest: For Yours is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of
ages.

Reader: Amen.

The Deacon exits the Sanctuary through the North Door and goes before the Icon of Christ for the Litany.

Resurrectional Troparion

Tone 2

People: When You descended to death, O Life Immortal,
You destroyed Hades with the splendor of Your Godhead!
And when from the depths You raised the dead,
all the Powers of Heaven cried out://
“O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!”

The Deacon lifts his Orarion and prays:

Deacon: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your great mercy, we implore
You, hear us and have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy (3x)

Deacon: Again we pray that He will keep this city (*or countryside, or town, or village, or holy abode*) and every city and countryside from wrath, famine, pestilence, earthquake, flood, fire, the sword, foreign invasion or civil war, and from sudden death; that our good God, the Lover of mankind, will be gracious, favorable, and conciliatory, and turn away and dispel all the wrath stirred up against us, and all sickness, and may deliver us from His righteous chastisement which impends against us, and have mercy on us.

People: Lord, have mercy (40x)

Priest: Hear us, O God, our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of those who are far off on the sea; and be gracious, be gracious, O Master, to us sinners and have mercy on us.

For You are a merciful God, the Lover of mankind, and to You we send up glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

The Deacon enters the Sanctuary through the South door, goes to the High Place, bows, turns, bows to the Priest, and goes to his place at the Altar Table.

People: Amen.

Priest: Glory to You, O Christ, our God and our hope, glory to You.

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

Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Father, bless.

Priest: May Christ our true God, through the prayers of His most pure Mother; of our venerable and God-bearing fathers, and of all the saints: have mercy on us and save us for He is good and He loves mankind.

People: Amen.