

“O Lord, Save Thy People: Festal Hymns of the Liturgical Year”

Holy Cross Church Choir

1. O Lord, Save Thy People (Tone 1, Byzantine Setting; arr. Karam)

Troparion of the Cross; Feasts of the Holy Cross

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance,
Granting to Thy people victory over all their enemies,
And by Thy Cross protect Thy community.

2. O Lord, Save Thy People (Tone 1, Russian setting with festal verses)

Troparion of the Cross; Feasts of the Holy Cross

Verse 1: The Lord reigneth, let the people rage; He sitteth upon the Cherubim, let the earth be moved.

Refrain: O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance,

Grant victory to all Orthodox Christians over their enemies,

And by virtue of Thy Cross, preserve Thy habitation.

Verse 2: The Lord is great in Zion, and He is high above all the people.

Refrain

Verse 3: Let them give thanks to Thy great Name, for it is Holy.

Refrain

3. Do Thou, Who of Thine Own Good Will (Byzantine Tone 4, arr. JEB)

Kontakion of the Holy Cross: Feasts of the Holy Cross

Do Thou Who of Thine own good will was lifted up upon the Cross, O Christ our God,

Bestow Thy bounties upon the new nation which is called by Thy Name;

Make glad in Thy might those who lawfully govern, that by them we may be led to victory over our adversaries, having in Thine aid a weapon of peace and a trophy invincible.

4. Angels Marveled (Greek melody; arr. Karam)

Megalynarion for the Presentation of the Theotokos

Angels marveled when they saw the entrance of the most holy Virgin,

How she entered with glory into the Holy of Holies.

Since thou art the living temple of God, O Theotokos, no impure hand shall approach thee.

But let all believers laud thee, and cry unto thee forevermore with the voice of the angel;

Thou Holy virgin, thou art more exalted than all creatures.

5. The Virgin Cometh Today (Greek melody; arr. Karam)

Kontakion Preparatory to Nativity

The virgin cometh today to the cave to give birth, ineffably to bring forth the Word Eternal.

Wherefore, rejoice, O earth, at the message; with the angels and shepherds give glory to Him,

Who shall appear by His own will, as a young child, He Who is from eternity, God.

6. The Lord Hath Sent Redemption (Ukrainian setting; arr. W. Obleschuk, 1998)

Koinonikon for Nativity (from the Psalms)

The Lord hath sent redemption to His people.

Refrain: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

He hath commanded his covenant forever. (Refrain)

Holy and awesome is His name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

All who fear the Lord have good understanding.

His praise continues throughout the ages.

The Lord hath sent redemption to His people.

7. When Thou, O Lord, wast Baptized in the Jordan (Byzantine Tone 1, arr. Bp Basil)

Troparion for Theophany

When Thou, O Lord wast baptized in the Jordan,

Worship of the Trinity was made manifest,

And the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee,

Calling Thee His beloved Son,

And the Spirit, in the likeness of a dove,

Confirmed the Truth of his Word.

O Christ O God, Who hath appeared and enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

8. The Lord hath Made Known His Salvation (Russian Tone 1; arr. C. Oren)

Entrance Hymn for the Presentation of Christ

The Lord hath made known His salvation; in the sight of the nation hath He revealed his righteousness.

O Son of God, Who wast held in the arms of Simeon, save us who sing unto Thee:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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9. O Pure Virgin Mother (Byzantine Tone 3, arr. Bp Basil)

From the Megalynarion for the Presentation of Christ in the Temple

O Pure Virgin Mother, that which came to pass in thee
Is beyond the understanding of angels and men.
Now Simeon the elder receives in his arms
The maker of the Law and Master of all.
Desiring to save Adam, the Creator took up abode
In thy pure and spotless womb, O Virgin Mother of God.
All creation doth bless thee, O pure Virgin,
And in faith doth glorify thee as the Theotokos.
O Thou Who art by nature One, but in Persons, Three,
Keep watch o'er Thy servants who put their faith in Thee.
O Virgin Theotokos, hope of all Christians,
Protect, preserve and aid all who put their hope in thee.

10. To Thee, Our Captain (Greek melody; arr. Karam)

Kontakion for Lent & the Feast of the Annunciation

To Thee, our Captain, Queen of war, the battle trophies won,
Thy people rescued by thine aid from peril, dedicate as
our offering of thanksgiving, O Theotokos,
As thou hast might which none by war can overcome,
From all forms of danger hast thou delivered me, that
I may cry unto thee:
Hail, O virgin unwedded bride.

11. O Taste and See

Koinonikon for the Presanctified Liturgy

O Taste and See that the Lord is good. Alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia.

12. O Christ Our God, When Thou Didst Raise Lazarus (Byzantine, arr. M. Sinkevitch)

Troparion for Lazarus Saturday & Palm Sunday

O Christ our God, when Thou didst raise Lazarus from
the dead before Thy passion,
Thou didst confirm the resurrection of the universe.
Wherefore we, like children, carry the banner of
triumph and victory,

And we cry to Thee, O conqueror of death: Hosanna in
the highest!

Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord!

13. All Creation was Changed by Fear (Kievan chant; Katalisky)

Aposticha for Holy Thursday

All creation was changed by fear when it saw Thee
hanging upon the cross, O Christ.

The sky was darkened, and the foundations of the
earth were shaken.

All things suffered with the Creator of all;

O Lord, who didst willingly endure this for us, glory to
Thee.

14. Holy God (Traditional Slavic melody; composer unknown. Arr. M.)

Trisagion for Holy Friday

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on
us. (Thrice)

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

Now and ever and unto ages of ages, Amen.

Holy Immortal have mercy on us.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on
us.

15. Do Not Lament Me, O Mother (Tone 6, Znamenny Chant)

Heirmos of the Ninth Ode for Matins Holy Saturday

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 thee in faith and in love.

16. Christ is Risen (Romanian melody)

Troparion for Pascha

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by
death,

And upon those in the tombs bestowing life. (Thrice)

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17. O Christ Our God (arr. Karam)

Kontakion for Pascha

O Christ our God, though Thou didst descend into the grave,

Yet didst Thou overthrow the pow'r of Hades and rise as an immortal conqueror.

Thou didst greet with joy the myrrh-bearing women,
And to Thine apostles hath sent Thy peace, and to the fallen, O Lord, didst bring resurrection.

18. The Angel Cried (M. Balakirev)

Megalynarion for Pascha

The angel cried to the lady full of grace: Rejoice, rejoice O pure virgin!

Again, I say rejoice! Your son is risen from His three days in the tomb.

With Himself He has raised all the dead. Rejoice, rejoice O ye people!

Shine! Shine! Shine, O new Jerusalem! The glory of the Lord has shown on you!

Exult now, exult and be glad, O Zion!

Be radiant, O pure Theotokos, in the resurrection, the resurrection of your Son.

19. Blessed Art Thou, O Christ Our God (Byzantine Tone 8, arr. Fr. David Barr)

Troparion for Pentecost

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, Who didst reveal the fishermen as all wise

By sending down upon them the Holy Spirit.

And through them, Thou didst receive the world into Thy net,

O lover of mankind, glory to Thee.

20. Thou wast Transfigured on the Mount (Byzantine Tone 8, arr. Fr. David Barr)

Troparion for the Transfiguration

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, O Christ O God,
Revealing Thy glory to Thy disciples as far as they could bear it.

Let thine everlasting light shine upon us sinners,

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O giver of life, glory to Thee.

21. I Will Take the Cup of Salvation (arr. JEB)

Koinonikon for the Dormition, the Nativity of the Theotokos, and the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

Refrain: I will take the cup of salvation and call on the Name of the Lord.

Verse 1: My vows unto the Lord will I pay in the presence of all His people. (Refrain)

Verse 2: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. (Refrain)

Verse 3: O Lord, I am Thy servant; I am Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaid; Thou hast broken my bonds asunder.

Refrain: I will take the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. Alleluia.

