

## **Tone One**

### **First Kathisma**

The soldiers who kept watch over Thy grave, O Savior, became as dead from the shining of the appearing angel who told the good tidings of the Resurrection to the women. Thee, therefore, do we glorify, O remover of corruption, and to Thee do we bow, O Thou who didst rise from the grave, O Thou, our only Lord.

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

Thou wast nailed upon the Cross willingly, O Merciful One; and Thou wast placed in a grave like one who is dead, O Giver of Life, trampling the pride of death, O Mighty One; for because of Thee the gatekeepers of Hades did tremble; and Thou didst raise the dead with Thee from eternity; for Thou alone art the lover of mankind.

*Both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

We have all known thee as Theotokos, and after giving birth thou didst appear truly virgin. We who eagerly seek refuge in thy goodness, have thus known thee; for we sinners have taken thee as intercessor, and in temptations have possessed thee as our salvation, O thou who alone art blameless.

### **Second Kathisma**

Verily did the women proceed to the grave early, where they beheld an angelic scene, and did tremble. And when the grave shone forth with life, they were struck with astonishment. Wherefore, they returned to the Disciples and did preach the Resurrection, saying: "Verily Christ hath invaded Hades; for He alone is the powerful and mighty One; and He raised with Himself all those who were corrupt and, with the power of His Cross, He removed the fear of condemnation."

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

Thou wast verily nailed upon the Cross, O Life of All; and wast numbered among the dead, O Deathless Lord. Thou didst rise after three days, O Savior, and didst raise Adam from corruption. Wherefore, the heavenly powers shouted to Thee, O Giver of Life: "Glory to Thy Passion, O Christ; glory to Thy Resurrection; glory to Thy condescension, O Thou alone the lover of mankind."

*Both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

O Mary, the revered abode of the Lord, lift us, who have fallen in the abyss of evil despair, trespasses, and sorrows; for thou didst give salvation to sinners. thou art a helper and a strong intercessor, and dost save thy servants.

## **Tone Two**

### **First Kathisma**

Verily, the honorable Joseph brought down Thy pure body from the Tree, wrapped it in fine linen and laid it in a new tomb. But Thou didst rise in three days, O Lord, granting the world Great Mercy.

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

Verily, the angel did appear at the tomb, saying to the ointment-bearing women, "The ointment is worthy of the dead, but Christ hath been shown to be foreign to corruption. Rather cry ye instead, The Lord is risen, granting the world Great Mercy."

*Both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

O virgin Theotokos, exceeding glorified, we praise thee; for by the Cross of thy Son Hades hath been demolished and death hath been put to death. And we rose after we were dead, and became worthy of life, and obtained the paradise of ancient bliss. Wherefore, we glorify Christ in thankfulness, for He is our dear God and alone abundant in mercies.

### **Second Kathisma**

O Lord, since Thou didst not prevent the sealing of the tombstone when Thou didst arise, Thou didst bestow on all the rock of fidelity. Glory to Thee.

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

Verily, the assembly of Thy Disciples rejoiced in unison with the ointment-bearing women. As for us, we celebrate with them a common festival to the honor and exaltation of Thy Resurrection, exclaiming to Thee: "O Lord, lover of mankind, grant Thy people, through their supplications, Great Mercy."

*Both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Thou hast transcended all blessings, O virgin Theotokos, for Hades hath been spoiled by Him who was incarnate of thee. Yea, Adam was recalled; the curse was abolished; Eve was delivered; death was put to death, and we were made to live again. Wherefore, in praise we cry: "Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, who has thus shown Thy pleasure. Glory to Thee."

## **Tone Three**

### **First Kathisma**

Christ is risen from the dead, He who is the first-fruits of them that slept, the first-born of creation, and the Creator of all things created. He hath renewed by Himself the nature of our corrupt race. Wherefore, Thou shalt reign no more, O death; for the Lord of All hath nullified thy power and dissolved it.

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

When Thou didst taste death in the flesh, O Lord, Thou didst check bitter death by Thy Resurrection, and didst make man to prevail over it, restoring victory over the old curse. Wherefore, O Supporter and Champion of our life, glory to Thee.

*Both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Verily, Gabriel, overwhelmed by the splendor of thy virginity and the abundant brilliancy of thy purity, hailed Thee, saying: "O Theotokos! What dutiful praise shall I offer thee? Or what shall I call thee? I am overwhelmed with surprise and perplexity. But as I have been commanded, I shall hail thee: 'Rejoice, O full of grace.'"

### **Second Kathisma**

Because of Thine immutable Divinity, O Lord, and Thy voluntary sufferings, Hades was overwhelmed, and moaned within itself, saying: "Verily, I am in dread fear of the Person of this incorruptible body; for I see the Unseen fighting me secretly, and behold those whom I have held shouting: 'Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ.'"

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

Let us believers speak of divine things, of the secret of Thine inscrutable Crucifixion, of Thine ineffable Resurrection; for today have death and Hades been led captive, and the race of man hath been invested with incorruption. Therefore, do we cry in gratitude: "Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ."

*Both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Verily, O Theotokos, the Incomprehensible and Boundless, consubstantial with the Father and the Spirit, hast thou held secretly in thy womb. And by thy birth-giving we have learned to glorify in the world the act of the one immiscible Trinity. Therefore, with gratitude we cry to thee: "Rejoice, O thou that art full of grace."

## **Tone Four**

### **First Kathisma**

The ointment-bearing women glanced into the entrance of the tomb; and because they could not bear the brilliance of the angel, they trembled in astonishment, saying: "Hath He been stolen Who opened paradise to the thief? Or is He risen up Who before His Passion did preach resurrection? Verily, Christ God hath risen, granting resurrection and life to those who are in Hades."

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

Thou hast suffered crucifixion willingly, O Savior, and mortal men placed in a new tomb Thee who didst establish the corners of the world with a word. Therefore, hath death the stranger been bound and taken captive, being defeated. And all those in Hades cried out, through Thy reviving Resurrection: "Verily, Christ the Life-giver is risen; for He is everlastingly constant."

*Both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Thy betrothed and guardian, O Theotokos, when he beheld thy supernatural Conception without seed, was amazed and perplexed. But he recalled to his mind the rain falling on the fleece of wool, and the bush burning with fire but not consumed, and he testified before the priest, crying: "A Virgin giving birth, and after remaining virgin."

### **Second Kathisma**

Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Christ Savior our God, because Thou art deathless; and Thou didst raise with Thee Thy world by Thy Resurrection, and didst crush the might of death, proclaiming resurrection to all. Wherefore do we glorify Thee, O Thou Who alone art merciful and the lover of mankind.

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

Gabriel descended from his sublime height wrapped in a white robe, and came to the stone where the Rock of Life was, and he shouted to the weeping women, saying: "Cease your wailing and crying, and receive ye smiling joy, with comfort; for He whom ye seek weeping is verily risen. Wherefore, go and proclaim to the Apostles that the Lord is risen."

*Both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

All the ranks of the angels, O thou who art undefiled, have been dazzled by the secret of thy dreadful birth-giving; that the All-Encompassing at a sign from Him was encompassed in thy bosom as a babe, and that He who is before eternity received a temporal beginning, and that He who feedeth every living breath with His ineffable goodness was nourished with milk. Wherefore, did they glorify thee with praise; for thou art truly the Theotokos.

## **Tone Five**

### **First Kathisma**

Let us laud the honored Cross of the Lord; let us honor with song His holy Burial; let us glorify His divine Resurrection; for He hath raised the dead from the graves, since He is God, and hath led captive the might of death and the power of Diabolus, and hath shed light on those who are in Hades.

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

Thou hast been called dead, O Lord, Who hast caused death to die. And Thou wast placed in a grave, O Thou who hast emptied the grave. Above, the soldiers guarded the tomb; but below, Thou didst raise the dead who were from eternity. Wherefore, O Lord Almighty, the Incomprehensible, glory to Thee.

*Both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Rejoice, O holy mountain whom the Lord crossed in passing. Rejoice, O respiring bush, unconsumed. Rejoice, O Thou who alone art a bridge for the world towards God, transferring the dead to eternal life. Rejoice, O pure one, free of corruption, who didst give birth without wedlock to the Savior of the world.

### **Second Kathisma**

After Thy third-day Resurrection and the worship of the Disciples, O Lord, Peter cried to Thee; the women made bold to Thee; but I cowered fearing. The thief did speak of Thy divinity, and I denied Thee ungratefully. Wouldest Thou still, I wonder, call me disciple, or make me a fisher of the deep? Nevertheless, O God, receive me, repentant, and save me.

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

The transgressors of the law, O merciful Lord, nailed Thee between two thieves and stabbed Thy side with a spear. And Thou didst submit to burial, O Thou Who didst invade the gates of Hades, and didst rise in three days. Wherefore, the women hastened to behold Thee, and told the good tidings of Thy Resurrection to the Apostles, O Savior, transcendent in height, and praised of angels. Wherefore, O blessed Lord, glory to Thee.

*Both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

O Theotokos, transcendent in praise; O bride who hast not tried marriage; O thou who hast changed Eve's sorrow to joy: we worshipping believers give praise, for thou didst lift us up from the first curse. And now intercede ceaselessly, O all-holy one, for our salvation.

## **Tone Six**

### **First Kathisma**

When the tomb was shown to be open and Hades wailing, Mary cried unto the cowering Apostles, saying: "Come out, ye laborers of the vineyard, and proclaim the words of the Resurrection; for the Lord is risen, granting the world Great Mercy."

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

Mary Magdalene, O Lord, did stand by Thy tomb and cry, weeping. And when she thought Thou wast the gardener, she said: "Where hast thou hidden the everlasting Life? Where hast thou placed Him who sitteth on the cherubic throne?" And when she saw the guards who kept Him, appearing from fear like dead, she cried unto them: "Give me my Lord, or else cry with me, saying: 'O Thou who wast numbered among the dead, and who didst raise the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.'"

*Both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Verily, Gideon did picture thy Conception aforetime, and David interpreted thy birth-giving, O Theotokos; for the Word did fall on thy womb as the rain on the fleece; and so thou didst cause to branch for us Christ our God, a Salvation to the world without seed, O holy earth and full of grace.

### **Second Kathisma**

Verily, Life was placed in the grave, and seals were applied to the stone. And the soldiers guarded Christ as they would a sleeping king. But the Lord rose, smiting His enemies in an invisible way.

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

Verily, Jonah did come before and made a sign of Thy tomb; and Simeon did interpret Thy divine Resurrection, O deathless Lord: for Thou didst descend into the grave as one who is dead, O Thou who didst invade the gates of Hades; and didst rise free of corruption for the salvation of the world, being the Master, O Christ our God; and didst light those who are in darkness.

*Both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Pray, O virgin Theotokos, to thy son Christ our God, who was willingly nailed upon the Cross and did rise from the dead, that He might save our souls.

## **Tone Seven**

### **First Kathisma**

Verily, Life was placed in a grave, and a seal was placed on the stone; and the soldiers guarded Christ as they would a slumbering king. The angels, therefore, did glorify Him, for He was a deathless God; and the women cried, saying: "The Lord hath risen, Who giveth the world Great Mercy."

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

O Lord Christ, Thou didst lead death captive by Thy three-day burial, and didst raise corrupt man by Thy life-bearing Resurrection. Wherefore, glory to Thee, O Thou alone, the lover of mankind.

*Both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

O virgin Theotokos, intercede untiringly to Christ God, who was crucified for our sakes, who rose and broke the might of death, to save our souls.

### **Second Kathisma**

While the tomb was sealed Thou didst shine forth from it, O Light. And while the doors were closed, Thou didst come to the Disciples, O Christ God, the Resurrection of all, renewing in us, through them, an upright spirit, according to the greatness of Thy mercy.

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

The women, bearing ointment mixed with tears, did hasten to Thy grave. And when they saw the soldiers guarding Thee, O King of All, they said to themselves: "Who shall roll for us the stone?" But the Messenger of the great counsel did rise, trampling down death. Wherefore, O Almighty One, O Lord, glory to Thee.

*Both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Rejoice, O Virgin, full of grace, Theotokos, O haven of mankind and their intercessor; for from thee was incarnate the Savior of the world; for thou alone art mother and virgin at the same time. Wherefore, intercede with Christ our God, that He grant safety to the universe, O ever-blessed and glorified one.

## **Tone Eight**

### **First Kathisma**

Thou hast risen from the dead, O Life of All. And a resplendent angel shouted to the women: "Dry your tears; and proclaim to the Apostles and cry out in praise, that Christ the Lord hath risen, He who hath been pleased to save mankind, since He is God."

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

Thou hast verily risen from the tomb; and Thou didst command the righteous women to preach to the Apostles the Resurrection, as it was written. And as for Peter, he did hasten to the tomb; and when he saw the light in the grave, he was dazzled with surprise. Then he saw the linen clothes lying aside, where it was not possible to see them by night, and he believed and cried out: "Glory to Thee, O Christ God; for Thou hast saved us all, O our Savior, who still remains in truth the Radiance of the Father."

*Both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Let us glorify her who is the tabernacle and the heavenly gate, the most holy mountain, the shining cloud, the heavenly ladder, the paradise endowed with speech, the deliverer of Eve, the precious and great treasure of the universe; for by her did salvation come to the world, and the forgiveness of ancient sins. Wherefore do we cry to her: "Intercede to thy Son and God to grant forgiveness of sins to those who bow in true worship to thy most holy birth-giving."

### **Second Kathisma**

Men did seal Thy tomb, O Savior, and the angels did roll the stone from off Thy grave; and the women witnessed Thy Resurrection from the dead. They proclaimed to Thy Disciples in Zion that Thou didst rise, O Life of All, and didst break asunder the bonds of death. O Lord, glory to Thee.

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

Verily, when the women came with burial ointment they heard from the grave an angelic voice, saying: "Cease your tears and receive joy instead of sorrow; and cry in praise that Christ the Lord is risen, Who being God was pleased to save mankind."

*Both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Verily, all creation rejoiceth in thee, O full of grace; the assemblies of angels and the races of men. O holy temple and paradise endowed with speech, the pride of virginity from whom God was incarnate and became a child, being yet our God before the ages; for He hath made thy receptacle a throne and thy womb more spacious than the heavens. Wherefore, O full of grace, the whole creation rejoiceth in thee and glorifieth thee.