

SUNDAY 24 JUNE 2018

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost • Nativity of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist, John

MATINS

“God is the Lord...” with its stichoi in Tone 3. Then the **Troparia**:

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The **Kathismata** are read as follows:

First Kathisma

Christ is risen from the dead, He Who is the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep; the First-born of creation and the Creator of all things created! He hath renewed in Himself the corrupted nature of our race. Wherefore, Thou shalt reign no more, O Death; for the Lord of all hath nullified and dissolved thy power.

Glory ...

Now hath sprouted forth for our sakes the shoot of Zacharias, mystically giving joy to the hearts and minds of those who believe. He is the height of Prophets, the ornament of the desert. He hath been revealed as the Forerunner of Christ and true witness of His coming. Therefore, with spiritual songs let us cry to the Baptist with one accord: O Prophet, herald of the truth, entreat thou that our souls may be saved.

Both now ...

We hymn thee who hast mediated the salvation of our race, O Virgin Theotokos; for thy Son and our God, accepting suffering on the Cross in the flesh He had received of thee, hath delivered us from corruption, in that He is the Lover of mankind.

Second Kathisma

Because of Thine immutable Divinity, O Lord, and Thy voluntary sufferings, Hades was overwhelmed, and lamented 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 ...

Thou, the first-fruit of Christ’s advent on the earth, hast been wondrously born now in very truth; O John, who art praised by all, and the crown of the Prophets’ choir. As the Voice of the Word, thou didst cry out to all: Repent, for behold, the Kingdom of Heaven is now at hand. Thus thou didst prepare aright the way of the Lord God, becoming the Forerunner of His grace to all the world, O Apostle and Baptist John. Intercede with Christ our God that He grant forgiveness of their transgressions to them that with longing keep thy holy memory.

Both now ...

Verily, O Theotokos, thou hast held secretly in thy womb the incomprehensible and boundless One, consubstantial with the Father and the Spirit. And by thy birth-giving we

have learned to glorify in the world the act of the one Trinity of immiscible Persons. Therefore, with gratitude we cry to thee, Rejoice, O thou that art full of grace.

Third Kathisma

Now let the father rejoice; be glad, O mother. For on this day thou hast brought forth on earth a Prophet, John, the God-chosen Forerunner, even as was promised. The barren one now nurseth her newborn babe, the Baptist. And at his birth, Zacharias is filled with joy, saying: Now hath my tongue been loosed, since thou art come forth on earth, thou lamp of the most mighty Light. Truly great is this miracle!

Glory ... Both now ...

With mystic apprehension of the divine commandment, the bodiless angel quickly appeared in the dwelling-place of Joseph and said to the unwedded Virgin: The Lord who hath bowed the heavens in His descent, is contained in thee completely and without change. As I behold Him in thy womb taking on the form of a servant, I marvel and I cry unto thee: Rejoice, O unwedded Bride!

Polielely is sung

Troparia of the Resurrection / Evlogetaria are sung

The **Hypakoë**, **Anabathmoi** and the **Prokeimenon** with its accompanying stichos are all from the Octoechos Tone 3.

The 4th Eothinon Gospel is read from the Holy Table.

After the Gospel:

“Having beheld the Resurrection of Christ ...”

Psalm 50

Troparia following Psalm 50

The Intercession

The Great Doxology and the Troparion “Today is salvation come unto the world ...”

DIVINE LITURGY

TYPICAL PSALMS AND BEATITUDES

ENTRANCE HYMN

O come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. O Son of God, who art risen from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

TROPARIA AND KONTAKIA

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	Glory ...	
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PROKEIMENON Tone 3

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! * Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
v: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

PROKEIMENON Tone 7

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord * and shall hope in Him.

EPISTLE: Romans 6:18-23 & Romans 13:11-14:4

ALLELUIA

v: In thee, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame!
v: Be a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me!
v. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited and redeemed His people.

GOSPEL: Matthew 8:5-13 & Luke 1:1-25, 57-68, 76, 80

MEGALYNARION

“Meet it is in truth ...”

COMMUNION HYMNS

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

AFTER COMMUNION

“We have seen the True Light ...” etc. as usual.