

6th Sunday after Pentecost (July 15/28)
Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils
Commemoration of the Holy Prince Vladimir, Equal to the Apostles

VESPERS: Tone 5

P. Regular Beginning

C. Lord I have cried... (Tone 5)

1. Thou hast **shamed** the devil with Thy precious **Cross**, O Christ,/ and hast blunted the sting of sin by Thy Resurre**ction**./ Thou hast saved us from the **gates** of death.// Thou, O only-begotten Son, we **glorify** Thee.
2. He Who granted mankind the Resurre**ction**/ was led like a lamb to the **slaughter**;/ the princes of hell trembled **before** Him,/ the gates of tears were **lifted** up:/ for Christ the King of glory **entered** in,/ declaring to those in **bonds**: "Go forth"// and to those in darkness: "**Show** yourselves."
3. **What** a mighty **wonder**;/ in His **love** for mankind,/ the Maker of things invisible suffered in the flesh and He Who was **immortal** rose./ Come and worship Him, ye kindreds of the **nations**;/ let us, delivered indeed from beguilement by His **compassion**,// learn to sing the praises of the only **God** in three **Persons**.

Stichera for the Holy Fathers (Tone 6)

- 4/5 Before the ages Thou wast begotten of the womb of the Father without **mother**/ before the **morning** star;/ yet Arius calleth Thee a creature, refusing to glorify **Thee** as God,/ with audacity mindlessly confusing Thee, the Creator, with a **creature**,/ laying up for himself fuel for the ever**lasting** fire./ But the Council in Nicaea proclaimed Thee to be the **Son** of God,// Who art equally enthroned with the Father and the **Spirit**.
6. Wisely did ye mend the **robe** of Christ/ which had been rent and torn by the jaws of dogs, O honored **fathers**,/ unable to endure the sight of His **nakedness**,/ as of old Shem and Japheth could not bear to see their father's **nakedness**./ And ye put to shame the mindlessness of those of like mind with **Arius**,// the **namesake** of wrath.
 7. The Macedonians, Nestorians, Euty**chians** and Dios**corans**,/ the Appollinarians, Sabellians and Severians,/ savage wolves who came clad in **sheep** skins,/ did ye, as true pastors, drive far away from the flock of the **Saviour**,/ stripping the thrice-wretched ones in particular of their sheep's **clothing**.// Wherefore, we call you **blest**.

Stichera for St. Vladimir (Tone 4)

8. In **word** and deed thou wast a second **Constantine**;/ for he was born in a Christian age, yet remained a pagan for **many** years,/ while thou wast **born** among pagans, yet camest to love Christ Who **loved** thee,/ and to Him thou hast ascended, **rejoicing**./ Cease thou never to **entreat** Him// in behalf of those who honor thy **memory**.

9. Mount **Sinai** is glad, shining eternally with **splendor**,/ having been sanctified by the law of Moses and seen the Invisible One;/ and thy great **city**, O Vladimir, rejoiceth **and** is glad,/ shining with splendor, beholding in itself, and not in **darkness**,/ the Son Who is glorified with the Father in the **Spirit**.// Him do thou entreat, that He save and **enlighten** our souls.
10. **Spiritually** thou wast the **father**,/ and materially thou wast the king of the Russian people, O Vladimir;/ and as a true **preacher**, an **apostle** of Christ,/ thou didst proclaim the baptism of **salvation**./ And splendidly illumining **all** therewith,// thou didst sanctify the people in all the lands of thy kingdom, O **blessed** one.

Glory... of the Fathers (Tone 6)

Let us praise today the mystic clarions of the **Spirit**,/ the God-bearing fathers who in the **midst** of the Church/ changed the harmonious hymn of theology,/ that the Trinity is one and immutable in essence and **divinity**;/ the destroyers of Arius, the champions of the **Orthodox**,// who ever pray to the Lord that our souls find **mercy**.

Both... Dogmatikon (Tone 5)

In **times** past,/ the image of the unwedded Bride was inscribed in the **Red** Sea:/ There **Moses** parted the **waters**;/ here, **Gabriel** was the servant of the **wonder**./ Then, Israel rode dry-shod **through** the deep;/ **while**, now, the Virgin hath without seed given **birth** to Christ./ After the **passing** of **Israel**,/ the sea was as ever **impassable**./ After the **birth** of **Emmanuel**,/ the **Virgin** without reproach, **remains** uncorrupt./ Thou, O God, Who art now, hast forever been and hast **appeared** as man,// have **mercy** upon us.

P. Wisdom. Aright!

C. O Joyful Light...

P. Prokimenon. The Lord is King...

P. Wisdom! (six readings; three for the Fathers; three for St. Vladimir)

The reading is from the Book of Genesis (14:14-20)

And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his trained servants, born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued them unto Dan. And he divided himself against them, he and his servants, by night, and smote them, and pursued them unto Hobah, which is on the left hand of Damascus. And he brought back all the goods, and also brought again his brother Lot, and his goods, and the women also, and the people. And the king of Sodom went out to meet him after his return from the slaughter of Chedorlaomer, and of the kings that were with him, at the valley of Shaveh, which is the king's dale. And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God. And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth: And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all.

The reading is from the Book of Deuteronomy (1:8-11, 15-17)

Behold, I have set the land before you: go in and possess the land which the Lord sware unto your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give unto them and to their seed after them. And I spake unto you at that time, saying, I am not able to bear you myself alone: The Lord your God hath

multiplied you, and, behold, ye are this day as the stars of heaven for multitude. (The Lord God of your fathers make you a thousand times so many more as ye are, and bless you, as He hath promised you!) So I took the chief of your tribes, wise men, and known, and made them heads over you, captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, and captains over fifties, and captains over tens, and officers among your tribes. And I charged your judges at that time, saying, Hear the causes between your brethren, and judge righteously between every man and his brother, and the stranger that is with him. Ye shall not respect persons in judgment; but ye shall hear the small as well as the great; ye shall not be afraid of the face of man; for the judgment is God's: and the cause that is too hard for you, bring it unto me, and I will hear it.

The reading is from the Book of Deuteronomy (10:14-21)

Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens is the Lord's thy God, the earth also, with all that therein is. Only the Lord had a delight in thy fathers to love them, and He chose their seed after them, even you above all people, as it is this day. Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiffnecked. For the Lord your God is God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty, and a terrible, which regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward: He doth execute the judgment of the fatherless and widow, and loveth the stranger, in giving him food and raiment. Love ye therefore the stranger: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt. Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God; Him shalt thou serve, and to Him shalt thou cleave, and swear by His name. He is thy praise, and He is thy God, that hath done for thee these great and terrible things, which thine eyes have seen.

The reading is from the Third Book of Kings 8:22-23, 27-30

Solomon stood up on front of the altar before all the congregation of Israel; and he spread out his hands toward heaven: and he said: 'O Lord God of Israel, there is no God like Thee in heaven and the heaven of heavens will not suffice Thee, how much less even this house which I have built to Thy name? Yet, O Lord God of Israel, Thou shalt look upon my petition, to hear the prayer which Thy servant doth pray to Thee in Thy presence this day, that Thine eyes may be open to this house day and night, even toward the place of which Thou didst say: 'My name shall be there, to hear the prayer which My servant prayeth at this place day and night.' And Thou shalt hearken unto the prayer of Thy servant, and of Thy people Israel, which they shall pray toward this place; and Thou shalt hear in Thy dwelling-place in heaven, and Thou shalt do and be gracious.'

The reading is from the Prophecy of Isaiah (61:10-62:5)

Let my soul rejoice in the lord, for He hath clothed me in the garment of salvation, and with the vesture of gladness [hath He covered me]; He hath placed a crown upon me as on a bridegroom, and He hath adorned me as a bride with comeliness. And as the earth putting forth her flowers, and as a garden sprouting its seed: so shall the Lord, the Lord, cause righteousness and exultation to spring forth before all nations. For Sion's sake I will not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until My righteousness go forth as light, and My salvation burn as a torch. And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and kings thy glory, and one shall call thee by a new name, which the Lord shall name. And thou shalt be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God. And thou shalt no more be called Forsaken, and thy land shall no

more be call Desert: for Thou shalt be called My Pleasure and Thy land Inhabited: for the Lord hath taken pleasure in thee, and Thy land shall be inhabited together. And as a young man liveth with a virgin, so shall thy sons dwell with thee; and it shall come to pass that as a bridegroom will rejoice over a bride, so will the Lord rejoice over thee.

The reading is from the Prophecy of Isaiah (60:1-14)

Shine, shine, O Jerusalem, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. Behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and there shall be gross darkness on the nations, but the Lord shall appear upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee. And kings shall walk in thy light, and nations in thy brightness. Lift up thine eyes round about, and behold thy children gathered; behold, all thy sons have come from afar, and thy daughters shall be borne on men's shoulders. Then shalt thou see, and rejoice, and fear, and be amazed in thy heart, for the wealth of the sea shall come round to thee, and of nations and peoples. And herds of camels shall come to thee, and the camels of Madiam and Gaepha shall cover thee; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold, and shall bring frankincense, and precious stones, and they shall publish the salvation of the Lord. And all the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered to thee, and the rams of Nabaeoth shall come to thee, and acceptable sacrifices shall be offered on Mine altar, and My house of prayer shall be glorified. Who are these that fly as clouds, and as doves with young ones to Me? The isles have waited for Me, and the ships of Tharsis among the first, to bring thy children from afar, and their silver and their gold with them, for the sake of the Holy Name of the Lord, and because the Holy One of Israel is glorified. And strangers shall build thy walls, and their kings shall wait upon thee; for by reason of My wrath I smote thee, and by reason of My mercy I loved thee. And thy gates shall be opened continually, they shall not be shut day nor night, to bring in to thee the power of the Gentiles and their kings as captives. For the nations and the kings which will not serve thee shall perish, and those nations shall be made utterly desolate. And the glory of Lebanon shall come to thee, with the cypress and pine and cedar together, to glorify My holy place, and the place of My feet I will glorify. And the sons of them that afflicted thee and provoked thee shall come to thee in fear, and all who angered thee shall bow down at the soles of thy feet; and thou shalt be called The City of the Lord, The Sion of the Holy One of Israel.

- P. Augmented Litany
- R. Vouchsafe...
- P. Litany of Fervent Supplication

C. Litya Prayers

Sticheron for the Holy Fathers (Tone 3)

O **holy** fathers, ye were careful preservers of the Traditions of the **apostles**,/ **for**, having taught in Orthodox **manner**/ the consubstantiality of the Holy **Trinity**,/ in **council** ye cast down the blasphemy of **Arius**;/ and having **denounced** both him and **Macedonius**,/ who **contended** against the **Spirit**,/ ye **condemned** Nestorius, Eutyches and **Dioscorus**,/ **Sabellius** and the mindless **Severus**./ **Pray** ye that we be delivered from their **deception**,// that our life may be kept undefiled in the Faith, we **beseech** you.

Sticheron for St. Vladimir (Tone 2)

Today the memory of the pious Prince **Vladimir**/ hath shone, poured **forth** like myrrh;/ **for**, having loved Christ and triumphed over the **idols**,/ he built churches in his land to Him Who was crucified **for** our sake,// and hath received a crown and kingdom in the **heavens**.

Glory... of St. Vladimir (Tone 6)

Come ye, let us all hasten with faith to the honored **memorial**/ of the father of Russia, **Vladimir**, our guide;/ for, lo! he was born to the **heathens**,/ but came to love Christ Who **loved** him;/ and unto Him he hath ascended, rejoicing, with his grandmother **Olga**./ Wherefore, we also celebrate with love, entreating him to pray to the **Lord** for us,// that He grant peace to the world and **save** our souls.

Both now and ever... (Tone 6)

O all-hallowed **Virgin**,/ Christ, the Maker and Deliverer and Lord **proceeded** from thy womb,/ and clothing Himself in me, set man free from the original curse of **Adam**./ Wherefore, O all-pure **Virgin**,/ we sing without ceasing to thee as Mother of God and **Virgin**/ in truly the greeting of the **angel**::// Rejoice! O Lady, advocate and defender and **salvation** of our souls.

P. *Litya prayers in back of Church*

APOSTICHA: (Tone 5)

1. We **lift** up our **voices** in song/ to magnify Thee, O **Saviour**,/ Christ incarnate yet never parted from **heaven**,/ for **Thou** Lord Who **lovest** mankind,/ hast suffered the Cross and death for the **sake** of our kind/ and casting down the **gates** of hell,// Thou hast risen on the third day and thereby **saved** our souls.

V. The Lord is King,/ and hath put on glorious apparel.

2. O **Giver** of Life,/ Thy pierced side poured streams of **remission**,/ life and salvation **upon** us all./ By taking upon Thyself **death** in the flesh,/ Thou hast granted us **immortality**,/ and taking up Thy **abode** in the tomb,/ Thou hast set us **all** free,/ and as God Thou hast raised us up with Thee in **glory**./ Therefore, we **cry** aloud:// Glory unto Thee, O **Lord**, Who lovest mankind.

V. He hath made the world so sure/ that it cannot be moved.

3. O **Thou** Wh-o **lovest** mankind/ strange are Thy crucifixion and Thy **descent** into hell./ For after despoiling it, and raising up with Thyself as God in **glory**,/ those who were in times of old held **captives** there,/ Thou hast opened Paradise and vouchsafed that it let man **enter**./ Cleanse us, **therefore**, from sin,/ who glorify Thy Resurrection on the **third** day/ and vouchsafe that we too may dwell in **Eden**::// For Thou alone art **merciful**.

V. Holiness becometh Thine house/ O Lord, forever.

4. O **Thou**, Who for our sakes hast accepted suffering **in** the flesh/ and hast risen on the third day **from** the dead,/ heal the passions **of** our flesh/ and raise us from our grievous iniquities and **save** us:// For Thou **alo-ne** lovest mankind.

Glory... (Tone 4)

This **day** let us, the assemblies of the **Orthodox**,/ faithfully acting in accordance with **piety**,/ **celebrate** the prayerful memory of the God-bearing **fathers**/ who assembled from throughout all the world in the splendid city of **Nicaea**;/ for with pious mind they cast down the godless dogma of the dreadful **Arius**,/ and in council cast him out of the **cath'lic** Church,/ and in their **Symbol** of Faith/ have clearly taught all to confess the Son of God to be **consubstantial**,/ equally everlasting, and existent before the **ages**,/ setting this forth precisely and **piously**./ Wherefore following their divine dogmas and believing them with certainty, we worship the Trinity One in **essence**:// the Son and the Holy Spirit together with the Father, in one **Godhead**.

Both now and ever... (Tone 4)

Look **down**, O all-pure **Virgin**,/ upon the supplications of thy **servants**;/ Thou dost **crush** the savage assaults that **beset** us/ and dost calm **all** our distress./ Thou art the only steadfast support **that** we know:/ suffer us not, our Lady, to be **put** to shame,/ we who in thee have found an intercessor and who call **upon** thee./ Make speed to hearken to the **entreaties**/ of those who in faith cry **unto** thee:/ Hail! O our Lady, thou art the **help** and the joy,/ the protection and the **salvation** of our souls.

C. St. Symeon's Prayer

R. Trisagion

C. Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos x2

Troparion for St. Vladimir (Tone 4)

Seated on the high throne of Kiev, the mother of cities saved by God,/ thou didst emulate the merchant who sought the goodly pearl, O Vladimir glorious in might;/ and examining and sending emissaries to the Imperial City to learn about the Orthodox Faith,/ thou didst find Christ, the priceless Pearl, Who chose thee as a second Paul/ and in the holy font removed thy blindness, spiritual and bodily./ Wherefore, we, thy people, celebrate thy repose.// Pray thou, that Russia, thy land, may be saved, and that peace and great mercy may be granted to the Orthodox people.

P. Blessing of loaves.

C. Amen. Blessed be the Name of the Lord... x3
Psalm 33:1-10

MATINS: Tone 5

P. Regular Beginning

P. Great Ectenia

C. God is the Lord...

C. Sunday Troparia (Tone 5) (once only)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word/ co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit/ Born for our salvation from the Virgin,/ for He

willed to be lifted upon the Cross in the flesh/ to endure death and to raise the dead/ by His glorious Resurrection.

Troparion for the Holy Fathers (Tone 8)

Most glorious art Thou, O Christ our God,/ Who hast established our fathers upon the earth as beacons,/ and hast thereby guided us all to the true Faith!// O greatly Compassionate One, glory be to Thee!

Glory... Troparion for St. Vladimir (Tone 4)

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Both now and ever... Theotokion (Tone 4)

The mystery hidden from all ages/ and unknown to the angels/ was made manifest to those on earth through Thee, O Theotokos:/ God took flesh in a union without confusion/ and for our sakes willingly accepted the Cross;/ and thereby He raised the **first** formed man// and saved our **souls** from death.

Lord Have Mercy 3x
Glory...

R. Now...
R. Kathisma II
P. Small Ectenia

R. Sessional Hymns:

We praise the Cross of the Lord, we honour His holy burial with hymns, and we greatly glorify His resurrection, for as God with Himself He raised the dead up from the graves, having captured the dominion of death and the might of the devil; and He shone light upon those in hades.

V. Arise, O Lord my God, let Thy hand be lifted high; forget not Thy paupers to the end.

Declared to be dead, O Lord Who didst slay death, Thou wast laid in a tomb, O Thou Who emptied the graves. Above, soldiers kept guard over Thy sepulcher, while below Thou didst raise up the dead from ages past. O almighty and unapproachable Lord, glory be to Thee!

G/B... Rejoice! Thou impassable gateway of the Lord; Rejoice! Thou wall and protection of those who take refuge in Thee; Rejoice! Thou haven untroubled by storms; Rejoice! Thou who hast not known wedlock and who hast borne Thy Son and Maker and God in the flesh. Fail not in thy intercession on behalf of those who sing the praises of and worship thy Son.

R. Kathisma III
P. Small Ectenia

R. Sessional Hymns:

O Lord, after Thy resurrection on the third day and the worship of the apostles, Peter cried out to Thee: "The women showed courage, but I was afraid. The thief uttered theology, but I denied Thee. And dost Thou now call upon me to be Thine apostle still? Or wilt Thou show me again to be a fisher of the deep? Yet do Thou accept me, who repent, O God, and save me!"

V. I will confess Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart, I will tell of all Thy wonders.

O Lord, the iniquitous nailed Thee in the midst of condemned criminals, and pierced Thy side with a spear, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept burial, Who broke down the gates of hades, and didst rise again on the third day. The women hastened to behold Thee, and announced Thine arising to the apostles. O supremely exalted Saviour, Whom the angels hymn, O blessed Lord, glory be to Thee!

G/B... O Theotokos, unwedded Bride, who hast transformed the grief of Eve into joy, we, the faithful, hymn and bow down before thee, for thou hast led us out of the ancient curse. And now, pray thou unceasingly, O most hymned and all-holy one, that we be saved.

C. Polyeleos

P. Magnification for St. Vladimir (once only by clergy)

We magnify thee,/ O holy Prince Vladimir, equal of the apostles,/ and we honor the holy memory of thee/ who trampled the idols underfoot// and hast enlightened the whole land of Russia with holy baptism.

C. Evlogitaria (Blessed art Thou, O Lord...)

P. Small Ectenia

R. Ypakoe:

The myrrh-bearing women, their minds dazzled by the sight of the angel and their souls enlightened by Thy divine Resurrection, preached the good tidings to the Apostles: "O spread among the nations the news of the Resurrection of the Lord, He, Who works wonders and grants us His great mercy."

R. Sessional Hymns for St. Vladimir

O blessed Prince Vladimir, equal of the apostles, we cry out to thee as to the author and root of the Faith and the destroyer of the idols: Entreat Christ God, that He grant remission of sins unto those who with love celebrate thy holy memory.

Taught ineffable heavenly wisdom by God, thou didst richly attain an understanding of His Faith and didst quickly hasten to His beauty. Wherefore, thou didst illumine the eyes of thy mind and didst lift thyself up to an understanding of the pious Faith. For which cause, we say in celebration: Blessed is God Who illumined thy heart with the light of knowledge, O radiant luminary Vladimir! Entreat Christ God, that He grant remission of sins unto those who honour thy holy memory with love.

Glory... Thou didst acquire speedy and steadfast zeal for the true Faith of Christ; and having found the spiritual font of the mind of God, thou didst quickly hasten with love, and, washing away the defilement of transgressions, thou didst likewise sanctify thy people. Pray thou to God, that our souls be saved!

Both... O Virgin Theotokos, who alone art pure, alone art blessed, we have come to know the Word of the Father, Christ our God, Who became incarnate of thee: wherefore, hymning thee without ceasing, we magnify thee.

Hymn of Degrees: (Antiphon One)

When I am filled with sorrow, I sing unto Thee like David, O my Saviour: Deliver my soul from a lying tongue.

Blessed is the life of those in the wilderness, who soar aloft on wings of love divine.

G/B... By the Holy Spirit are sustained all things, visible and invisible; for, Himself possessed of dominion, He is truly One of the Trinity.

Hymn of Degrees: (Antiphon Two)

Ascend into the mountain, O my soul and go thither from whence cometh our help.

Let Thy right hand, which toucheth me, O Christ, preserve me from all deception.

G/B... Theologizing concerning the Holy Spirit, let us say: Thou art God, Life, Love, Light and understanding! Thou art Goodness and Thou reignest forever!

Hymn of Degrees: (Antiphon Three)

Full of great Joy, I send up supplications for those who have said to me: Let us enter into the courts of the Lord.

Awesome things are wrought in the house of David; for there is found the fire which burneth up every shameful thought.

G/B... To the Holy Spirit, by Whom every living thing is made animate, is due the dignity of the Bestower of life, as to the Father and the Word.

P. Prokimenon: (Tone 5)

Arise, O Lord, my God, let Thy hand be lifted high; for Thou shalt be King forever.

V. I will confess to Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart, I will tell of all Thy wonders.

C. Let every breath praise the Lord.

P. GOSPEL #6

C. Having Beheld the Resurrection of Christ...

R. Psalm 50

C. Glory... Now... Have mercy on me... Jesus having risen...

P. Save, O God, Thy People...

Anointing.

Canticle One

Irmos: Bringing battles to naught with His upraised arm,/ Christ hath overthrown horse and rider/ in the Red Sea,/ and hath saved Israel,// who chanteth a hymn of victory.

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

The thorny assembly of the Jews, devoid of maternal love for Thee, their Benefactor, O Christ, crowned Thee with thorns, Who lifted the thorny sentence of our first father.

Bending down, O Bestower of life, Thou raised me up who had fallen into the pit; and having endured my fetid corruption without partaking thereof, O Christ, Thou hast made me fragrant with the myrrh of the divine Essence.

Theotokion

The curse hath been annulled; grief hath ceased! For she who is blessed and full of grace hath shone joy forth upon the faithful, causing Christ to blossom forth as a blessing upon all the ends of the earth.

Holy Prince Vladimir, the Equal-to-the-Apostles, pray to God for us!

O Word Who art also without beginning, the Creator of the four elements of old, Who by them hast bound together the whole world: Loose thou my soul, which hath been bound by the passions, that, joining chorus, I may hymn the glorious Prince Vladimir.

O Master Who from the heavens descended immaterially upon the spiritual mountain: send down abundant radiance from on high upon the souls of us who make supplication, that we may praise the wondrous Prince Vladimir as is meet.

Holy Prince Vladimir, the Equal-to-the-Apostles, pray to God for us!

Come, ye faithful, let us give utterance to a spiritual hymn, and let us glorify Christ Who hath splendidly glorified the honored Vladimir, the great prince.

O Thou Who callest all to thee, not by force, but willingly: As of old Thou didst call Moses and Elijah, so now hast Thou spoken in the heart of the faithful and right laudable prince.

Holy God-bearing Fathers pray to God for us!

With sacred words let the fathers be honored who from Nicaea, as it were from the sky, thundered forth the Word of the living God everywhere, showing forth His enemies slain by their thunder.

With the Holy Spirit hath Christ driven the evil spirit of the Spirit-haters far from His Church, unifying the church by the activity of the Second Council.

Cyril, the leader of the Council, who clearly confessed the Virgin Mary to be the pure Mother and Theotokos, dispelled the deception of Nestorius the Christ-hater.

Holy God-bearing Fathers pray to God for us!

The six hundred and thirty pious men, having cast down the deception of Eutyches and the heresy of Severus, attained unto this hymn: We preach Christ in two natures, walking according to the pronouncement of the blessed Cyril.

Glory... Let him who doth not confess Christ, the Word of the Father, to be in two natures and activities, fall under our anathema! For thus did the Fourth Council of the holy fathers unanimously preach. Let us all, therefore, call them blessed.

Both... Most glorious things have been spoken of thee amid generations of generations, O Mary Theotokos, who contained God the Word within thy womb, and remained pure. Wherefore, we all honor thee, after God, as our intercessor.

C. Katavasia (Tone 4)

I shall open my mouth/ and the Spirit will inspire it,/ and I shall utter the words of my song to the Queen and Mother:/ I shall be seen radiantly keeping feast// and joyfully praising her wonders.

Canticle Three

Irmos: O Christ Who by Thy command fixed the earth upon naught/ and suspended its weight unsupported;/ establish Thou Thy Church/ upon the immovable rock of Thy commandments,// O Thou Who alone art good and lovest mankind.

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

They who sucked honey from a rock when Thou didst work a miracle in the desert, O Christ, gave Thee gall to eat; the ungrateful children of Israel gave Thee vinegar in return for manna, repaying thus Thy benefactions.

They who of old were covered by the cloud of light placed Christ, our Life, in the tomb; yet He hath arisen through His own power and from on high hath given to all the faithful the effulgence of the Spirit, which mystically overshadoweth them.

Theotokion

Thou, O Mother of God, gavest birth without knowing union, and without the pangs of motherhood, unto Him Who shone forth from the incorrupt Father; wherefore, in Orthodox manner we proclaim thee the Theotokos, for thou gavest birth unto the incarnate Word.

Holy Prince Vladimir, the Equal-to-the-Apostles, pray to God for us!

Like a clarion of godly tone thy spiritual tongue sounded forth, O blessed one, announcing to all the ends of the Russian land the baptism of Christ's Orthodox Faith. And illumined thereby, thou hast enlightened the whole world.

Thine all-glorious memory shineth forth today, and our Orthodox hierarchs, and all the Christian people whom thou didst lead to the noetic Light, celebrate it, praising thee as their forefather.

Holy Prince Vladimir, the Equal-to-the-Apostles, pray to God for us!

O Merciful One, Who enlightened Paul and made him Thine elect, by Thy baptism Thou hast now also dispelled the ocular affliction of Vladimir, the father of Russia.

Thou hast shown thyself to be an emulator of the faithful Constantine, receiving Christ in thy heart; and like an apostle thou hast taught the whole land of Russia His commandments.

Holy God-bearing Fathers pray to God for us!

The mindless Arius, showing himself to be a servant of a created being, and Macedonius, likewise revealed as abominable, are tormented together in the fire of Gehenna with the heathen.

With the seven sacred councils of the holy fathers didst thou adorn the honored Church, O Christ, driving far away the darkness of deception as with the light of seven beacons.

The multifarious murrain of the heretics destroyeth Thy flock, O Word; but the shepherds of Thy noetic sheep have changed this by their doctrine.

Holy God-bearing Fathers pray to God for us!

They that have foolishly inclined towards the words of Severus, which are full of dreadful poison, are ever put to shame, cut off from the Church like predatory wolves and dogs.

Glory... Come ye, and let us openly spurn the deception of the pernicious Severus and Jacob, and with them Theodosius and Dioscorus; but let us praise the Fourth Council of the pious fathers with divine hymns.

Both... Thou hast been shown to be more exalted than the cherubim and the seraphim, O Theotokos; for thou alone hast received the uncontainable God in thy womb, O immaculate one. Wherefore, all we, the faithful, bless thee with hymns, O pure one.

C. Katavasia (Tone 4)

O **M**other of God,/ thou living and **p**lentiful fount,/ give **s**trength to those united in spiritual **f**ellowship,/ who sing hymns of **p**raise to thee:/ And in thy divine **g**lory// vouchsafe unto them crowns of **g**lory.

P. Small Ectenia

C. Kontakion for St. Vladimir (Tone 8)

Emulating the great Apostle Paul in thy maturity, O most glorious Vladimir,/ and putting aside all thy zeal for idols as childish thoughts,/ thou hast adorned thyself with the purple robe of divine baptism./ And standing now in gladness before Christ the Saviour,/ pray thou that Russia,

thy land, be saved, and that peace and great mercy// be granted to the Orthodox people.

R. Ikos for St. Vladimir

O Christ God Who of old enlightened Israel with the law of Moses, Thou hast illumined the world by the advent of Thy coming, and hast sent Thy divinely eloquent disciples to preach throughout all lands Thy seedless nativity from the Virgin; and Thou didst command them to baptize in the Name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy spirit. And seeing the Russian land grown old in sin, Thou didst send forth Thy Spirit to the soul of the glorious Vladimir, mighty of mind, that he might acknowledge Thee, Christ God, as One of the Trinity, and by Thy baptism might enlighten Thy chosen people, those entrusted by Thee to him, and lead to Thee those who cry out with faith: Deliver Thine inheritance from the pagan enemy!

R. Sessional Hymn of the Holy Fathers (Tone 4)

Ye have been shown to the world as all-radiant beacons of the truth of Christ on earth, O truly most blessed and divinely eloquent fathers, having burned the heresies of the blasphemous confusion of tongues and quenched the flaming tumults of those whose faith is false. Wherefore, as holy hierarchs of Christ, pray ye that we be saved.

Glory... Sessional Hymn for St. Vladimir (Tone 2)

Ever keeping vigil in prayer with joyous soul, O Vladimir, thou didst therefore draw forth the wisdom of the Spirit from the wellspring which cometh down from on high. Wherefore, shining like the sun with faith, and praying unceasingly to Christ, haste thou with all speed, O compassionate one, to save the world from transgressions.

Both... O pure Theotokos who knewest not wedlock, who gavest birth without seed to the Master of all: Entreat Him with the angels, that we may be delivered from all perplexity, and that He grant compunction and light to our souls, and cleansing of the offenses, in that thou alone dost quickly help.

Canticle Four

Irmos: Perceiving Thy divine condescension prophetically, O Christ,/ Habakkuk cried out to Thee with trembling:/ Thou art come for the salvation of Thy people,// to save thine anointed ones!

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

O Good One, with a tree Thou didst sweeten the bitter waters of Marah, prefiguring Thine all-precious Cross, which doeth away with the taste of sin.

O my Saviour, Thou didst receive a Cross in exchange for the tree of knowledge and gall for sweet food, and thou didst pour forth Thy divine blood for the corruption of death.

Theotokion

Without physical joining thou didst incorruptibly conceive within thy womb, and gavest birth without pain; and having given birth unto God in the flesh, thou wast preserved a virgin even after birthgiving.

Holy Prince Vladimir, the Equal-to-the-Apostles, pray to God for us!

Radiant and sweet is the sun of heaven after it hath been covered by a cloud; and gladsome and joyous is the spring after the sorrow of winter. And thou, O Vladimir, hath through baptism shone forth upon us like the radiant sun after the cloud of the gloom of idolatry.

On the road to Damascus, Saul the Pharisee was struck blind by a small measure of the radiance of the great Light, but his sight was restored in baptism; and thou hast become his emulator, O glorious one, who, having traveled to Korsun, didst dispel the darkness from thine eyes.

Holy Prince Vladimir, the Equal-to-the-Apostles, pray to God for us!

Christ the Master performeth an awesome, all-glorious and ineffable miracle; for he restoreth the whole Russian land through baptism and illumineth Prince Vladimir.

Thou didst drive out the ungodliness of thy father and didst love the Orthodox Faith of thy most honored grandmother, O great Prince Vladimir, equal of the apostles of Christ.

Holy God-bearing Fathers pray to God for us!

Thine enemies raised a great tumult, O Saviour, and they that hate Thee have lifted up their head a little; yet straightway they have fallen, unable to endure the blare of Thy spiritual trumpets.

The suns of the Sun have with twofold radiance made clear that the Son and Spirit are from the Father, uncreated, equally unoriginate. The Father is believed to be the sole cause of both.

Seven are the spirits which rested on Christ, Isaiah said: and Christ, with the Father and the divine Spirit, rested on the seven councils.

Holy God-bearing Fathers pray to God for us!

To speak of a single nature of the Word goeth against the incarnate nature of humankind apart from any change and commingling; and the teacher and primate of the Alexandrians, hath clearly taught two natures and volitions to those who wish to reason in Orthodox manner.

Glory... The two unconfused natures of Christ do we all proclaim, O ye faithful, trampling underfoot all the impiety of Eutyches and the mindless Dioscorus. And we follow the limits set down by the holy fathers through the discourse of the divine Cyril.

Both... Thou art the chariot of the cherubim, O pure Mother of God; thou art the habitation, the dwelling-place of God the Word of the Father, Who clothed Himself in flesh of thine all-pure womb. Wherefore, worshipping Him Who becometh incarnate of thee in two natures, we glorify Him unceasingly.

C. Katavasia (Tone 4)

He Who sits in glory upon the throne of the **Godhead**,/ Jesus the **true** God,/ is **come** in a **swift** cloud,/ and with His pure hand He has saved **those** who cry:// Glory to Thy **power**, O Lord.

Canticle Five

Irmos: O Thou Who art clothed in light as with a garment:/ I rise at dawn unto Thee, and to Thee do I cry:/ Enlighten Thou my gloom-enshrouded soul, O Christ,// in that Thou alone art compassionate!

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

Of His own will the Lord of glory hangeth ignominiously upon the Tree in inglorious form, ineffably taking thought of divine glory for me.

Having tasted of the corruption of death in the flesh without suffering corruption, O Christ, Thou didst clothe me in incorruption, having shone forth from the tomb on the third day.

Theotokion

Having seedlessly given birth for us to Christ, our righteousness and deliverance, O Theotokos, thou didst rid the nature of our first father of the curse.

Holy Prince Vladimir, the Equal-to-the-Apostles, pray to God for us!

Rejoice and adorn thyself in spirit, O great Prince Vladimir; for thou hast offered to Christ thine excellent and divinely planted scions, thy fruit of godly excellence: the glorious Boris and the pious Gleb. And, standing with them before Christ, pray thou in our behalf.

Isaiah foretold wondrous things for Jerusalem: it shall manifestly be the mountain of God and His dwelling-place above the mountains. And we have rightly understood the grace of the Spirit which is upon thee, for thou didst build a house for the Master on the summit of a mountain.

Holy Prince Vladimir, the Equal-to-the-Apostles, pray to God for us!

Today the angels of God rejoice in splendor in the heavens, on the day of thy holy commemoration; for thou hast saved us from all evil and hast delivered many people, and the whole land of Russia, from sacrificing to demons.

The multitude and dark assembly of the demons lamenteth, beholding the idols overturned, which had been raised up for the destruction of men, for thou didst topple them in accordance with God's commands, O Vladimir.

Holy God-bearing Fathers pray to God for us!

The divine grapevine of Christ which was brought from Egypt was once consumed by the wild beasts of the accursed destroyer; but they have been driven far away with the sling of the holy fathers.

Illuminating their minds with thrice-radiant divine splendor, the honored fathers professed the Lord Christ to be One of the honorable Trinity and two in nature and volition.

O Trinity, among material things hath the Church been made heavenly by the wise fathers as among the seraphim; and ever chanting unto Thee the thrice-holy hymn, it uniteth Thy threefold nature into One.

Holy God-bearing Fathers pray to God for us!

Desiring to take pity on us who were perishing, the Unoriginate One, the Word of the Father, as Lover of mankind, manifestly assumed human nature. Wherefore, I profess Him in two natures and volitions.

Glory... The Fourth Council, having set at naught Severus and Dioscorus, who blaspheme Christ, read aloud the Tome of Leo, the primate of Rome, right well showing forth the nature of the Saviour as two in number, without separation.

Both... Possessed of maternal boldness before thy Son, O most pure one, spurn not the thought of us as kin, we pray; for thee alone do we Christians set before the Master as our merciful purification.

C. Katavasia (Tone 4)

The whole **world** was amazed at thy divine **glory**,/ for **thou**, O Virgin who hast not known **wedlock**,/ hast **held** in thy womb the **God** of all,/ and hast given birth to an **eternal** Son,// Who rewards with salvation all who sing thy **praises**.

Canticle Six

Irmos: O Christ Master,/ still Thou the sea of the passions/ which rageth with a soul-destroying tempest,/ and lead me up from corruption,// in that Thou art compassionate.

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

The progenitor of our race stumbled headlong into corruption, having tasted of the forbidden food, O Christ our Master; but he hath been led up to life, through Thy suffering.

Thou, O our Life, didst go down into hades, and having become corruption for the corrupter, O Christ our Master, Thou didst pour forth resurrection through corruption.

Theotokion

The Virgin gave birth, and having given birth hath remained pure. The Virgin Mother hath truly borne in her arms Him Who holdeth all things.

Holy Prince Vladimir, the Equal-to-the-Apostles, pray to God for us!

Thou wast an emulator of the piety of the glorious Emperor Constantine who enlightened the Greek nations with baptism, O Vladimir; for thou didst all-gloriously renew thy people with the laver of the Spirit.

Having sweetened thy soul with the love of Christ and received noetic wings, thou didst soar far above the darkness of the idols and didst drive away the gloom of false belief, O blessed one, making thine abode in the bridal-chamber of God, the Saviour of all.

Holy Prince Vladimir, the Equal-to-the-Apostles, pray to God for us!

By the power of God have Satan, the destroyer of souls, and his false sacrifices been trampled underfoot; for unto us hath Christ shown the faithful Prince Vladimir to be a model of one who doth crush and dash him down beneath our feet.

Of old the Lord saved Israel from slavery by the hand of Moses; and now He hath likewise saved us all from the falsehood of idolatry by the hand of Vladimir, the faithful prince.

Holy God-bearing Fathers pray to God for us!

Once David, chanting, said: The God of gods, the Lord, hath spoken, and He hath called them from the ends of all the earth, from the rising of the sun and even unto the setting thereof, signifying the ecumenical councils of the fathers.

The wisdom of God hath founded seven pillars, Thy Church, O Master, which is maintained unshaken by all the heresies by the councils of the sacred fathers, seven in number.

May shame cover the countenances of Eutyches and Dioscorus, who spake foolishly of a commingling of the nature of Christ; for He received the nature of earthborn man not in appearance, but in His divinity.

Holy God-bearing Fathers pray to God for us!

The two epistles of Cyril which were once sent to the prefect who held authority over the East, denounce all the deception of Severus, piously proclaiming Christ.

Glory... Cyril preached Christ in two natures and two activities, cutting off the heresy of the senseless Severus. Wherefore, let us all remain in his doctrines.

Both... We, the pious, proclaim thee truly to be the pure and all-glorious Virgin, O Mary Theotokos, shutting the impudent mouth of Nestorius and evil mind of Dioscorus.

C. Katavasia (Tone 4)

As we **celebrate**/ this sacred and solemn feast of the **Mother** of God,/ **let** us come, **clapping** our hands,/ O people **of** the Lord,/ and give **glory** to God// Who was **born** of her.

P. Small Ectenia

C. Kontakion of the Holy Fathers (Tone 8)

The preaching of the apostles and the dogmas of the fathers sealed the one Faith of the Church; and clad in the robe of truth woven of theology from on high, it setteth aright and glorifieth the great mystery of piety.

R. Ikos for the Holy Fathers

Let us hearken unto the Church of God which crieth out with exalted preaching: let him who thirsteth come to me and drink the cup which I hold, for it is the cup of wisdom! This drink of truth have I drawn by the word, which poureth forth not the water of gainsaying, but of confession, and drinking of it the present Israel beholdeth God, Who declareth: Behold ye, and see that it is I Myself Who am God, and I change not! I have been God from the beginning, and will be so ever after; and other than Me there is no God! They that drink hereof shall be satisfied, and shall praise the great mystery of piety.

Canticle Seven

Irmos: The supremely exalted Lord of our fathers/ quenched the flame and bedewed the children,/ who sang together:// Blessed art Thou, O God.

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

Clad in flesh like bait on a hook, by Thy divine power thou didst draw the serpent down, leading up those who cry: Blessed art Thou, O God!

The Infinite One, Who brought the immense structure of the earth into being, in the flesh is covered in the tomb. Unto Him do we all sing: Blessed art Thou, O God!

Theotokion

O most immaculate one, thou gavest birth to the incarnate God, one Hypostasis in two natures, unto Him do we all sing: Blessed art Thou, O God!

Holy Prince Vladimir, the Equal-to-the-Apostles, pray to God for us!

The enemy, the destroyer of souls, stripped me of the divinely woven raiment of my forefathers; but Jesus the One Who is without beginning, Who appeared in the flesh, cleansing me with the water of the Spirit, hath granted it to me again. And acknowledging Him, O glorious Vladimir, thou criest out in gladness: Blessed is the God of our fathers!

Having kept the law of Moses, Daniel was vouchsafed divine vision; and thou, having trampled the idols of thy forebears underfoot, hast beheld Christ noetically with the Father and the Spirit, not in darkness, but in the greatest glory; and, illumined by baptism, thou criest out in gladness: Blessed is the God of our fathers!

Holy Prince Vladimir, the Equal-to-the-Apostles, pray to God for us!

As the grandson of the all-blessed Olga, thou wast confirmed by the love of that new Helena; and thou didst show thyself to be a new Constantine the Great, O Vladimir, crying out to Christ: Blessed art Thou, O God of our fathers!

As a great disciple of Christ thou didst drive out the age-old falsehood of the demons, and renewing all of us, thou hast enlightened us to cry out without ceasing: Blessed is the God of our fathers!

Holy God-bearing Fathers pray to God for us!

Once Daniel destroyed the dragon of Babylon; and by the prayers of the fathers hath Arius, the cruel serpent of Egypt, which devoureth the flock of Christ, been manifestly broken asunder.

With unforgivable impiety the wolf Macedonius showed his disdain, striking out against the Spirit Who deifieth men and restoreth all the faithful to their pristine goodness with the laver of baptism.

Dioscorus, Eutyches and Severus the Leviathan, the three who have commingled and mixed the natures of Christ with mental confusion, have struck out with audacity against the worshipful Trinity.

Holy God-bearing Fathers pray to God for us!

We understand that it was One Who was on the Tree, yet, as God in the highest, was in the bosom of the Father, and Who was in the tomb in that He was joined to the flesh. To Him do we chant, crying out together: Blessed art Thou, O God of our fathers!

Glory... Despising the enemies of the Trinity, the emptiness and division of Arius who belittled God, and the like-mindedness of Sabellius, let us cry out to the Trinity, O ye faithful: Blessed is the God of our fathers!

Both... Theologizing in Orthodox manner, we declare Thee to be the Lord of all, the one and, more precisely, only-begotten Son of the Father, knowing Thy one, proceeding Spirit to be right, equally united and ever-existent with Thee.

C. Katavasia (Tone 4)

The **Holy** Children bravely trampled upon the **threatening** fire,/ preferring not to worship created things rather than the Creator,/ and they **sang** in joy:/ 'Blessed art Thou and **praised** above all,// O Lord God of our **fathers**.'

Canticle Eight

Irmos: The children, forming a universal chorus in the furnace,/ chanted to Thee, the Creator of all:/ Hymn the Lord, all ye works,// and exalt Him supremely for all ages!

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

Thou didst pray concerning Thy voluntary and saving passion as though it were a cup which Thou didst not desire; for Thou bearest two wills, according to each of Thy two natures, O Christ, forever.

At Thine all-accomplishing descent, O Christ, hades, mocked, spewed forth all whom it had lured by deceit into death from of old, and they exalt Thee supremely for all ages.

Theotokion

All of us, the works of the Lord, bless and supremely exalt thee for all ages, as her who, in manner past understanding, gave birth to the Lord as God and man at the word of the archangel, and doth remain a virgin.

Holy Prince Vladimir, the Equal-to-the-Apostles, pray to God for us!

The generation of the righteous is blessed, declared the divine mouth, and this hath been fulfilled in thee, O blessed one; for thou hast brought hallowed and divinely chosen seed to Christ: the invincible martyrs by whom thou hast enlightened the Russian land. And praising them with thee, we exalt Christ supremely forever.

The city of Kiev hath truly been shown to be the mother of all cities of thy kingdom, for therein Christ was first glorified with the Father and the Spirit by thy grandmother and thee, O blessed one, and there thy valorous body lay in splendor in the church of our Mistress. And we, thy people, praising thee, hymn Christ forever.

Holy Prince Vladimir, the Equal-to-the-Apostles, pray to God for us!

Thou hast delivered us from all the idols of the ungodly and hast led us to Christ, O father of faithful princes, teacher of thy flock, who hymn Christ forever.

Thou standest now before the eternal King and hast been crowned by His right hand. Pray thou to Him for thine unworthy servants, that we may hymn and supremely exalt Him forever.

Holy God-bearing Fathers pray to God for us!

The Son and the Spirit shone forth as divinely planted shoots from a single Root; for the Father is the sole Cause, is timeless and of honor equal with the other timeless Persons.

Thou didst timelessly shine forth from an immaterial womb, O Word Who art of one essence with the Father and the Spirit; yet for our sake Thou madest thine abode in the material womb of the only Theotokos.

Darts ablaze with the fire of the Spirit, the seven councils of the godly fathers pierced the shameful hearts of the heretical enemies and sent them to their death.

Holy God-bearing Fathers pray to God for us!

Let them that do not profess the one Son in two natures, indivisible, immutable and unconfused, be put to shame, and let their mouths be stopped; for we, the pious, render glory, believing that Christ acteth and willeth not in accordance with different hypostases, but in two natures.

Let us bless Father, Son, Holy Spirit, the Lord!

In Chalcedon, the Fourth Council set at naught Dioscorus, Eutyches and Severus, and utterly cut off from the Church of Christ the Master the thorns of their heresy, which confused the natures of the Saviour. With the Church we who are Orthodox hold them in derision.

Both... O all-pure Theotokos, cleanse thou the wounds of my soul and the bruises of sin, washing them with the stream which springeth forth from the side of thy Son in flowing streams; for to thee do I cry, to thee do I flee, and thee, who art full of the grace of God, do I invoke.

We praise, we bless, we worship the Lord, praising and supremely exalting Him unto all ages.

C. Katavasia (Tone 4)

The **Offspring** of the Theotokos/ saved the holy Children in the **furnace.**/ **He** Who was then prefigured has since been **born** on earth,/ and He gathers together all the creation to sing:/ O all ye **works** of the Lord,// bless ye the Lord and exalt Him above all forever.

P. Magnificat

C. Song of the Most Holy Theotokos.

Canticle Nine

Irmos: Rejoice, O Isaiah!/ The Virgin hath conceived in her womb/ and borne a Son, Immanuel,/ both God and man./ Orient is His name; // and magnifying Him, we call the Virgin blessed.

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord.

Thou didst take up fallen man, O Christ, through the Virgin's womb uniting Thyself wholly unto him without partaking of the least sin; and by Thine all-pure sufferings Thou didst free him wholly from corruption.

By the divinely flowing blood poured forth from Thine all-pure and life-creating side, O Christ our Master, the sacrifices of the idols were brought to an end, and the whole earth offereth Thee the sacrifice of praise.

Theotokion

It is not the incorporeal God nor a simple man whom the pure and undefiled Maiden brought forth, but a perfect Man and the truly perfect God. Him do we magnify with the Father and the Spirit.

Holy Prince Vladimir, the Equal-to-the-Apostles, pray to God for us!

Of old David was found to be the mighty king of Israel, and he saved the people; and, casting down the gods of other nations, he proclaimed the Son of God through the Spirit. And thou didst acknowledge God in Trinity, O blessed Vladimir. Him do we magnify.

Let the chosen people of God celebrate thy memory today with gladness and sanctity in the church of the Mother of God which thou didst lovingly adorn as an earthly heaven, as an everlasting memorial of thy passing; for,

resting therein, thou dost await the most awe-inspiring trumpets of the archangels, O blessed one. Wherefore, we ever magnify thee.

Holy Prince Vladimir, the Equal-to-the-Apostles, pray to God for us!

Thou art like a sweet date-palm lofty of stature, like a flourishing olive-tree, putting forth most fruitful branches, like a grapevine giving rise to two scions, the honored martyrs Boris and Gleb.

Come, ye people of Russia, let us come together in the honored church of the holy Vladimir, the all-blessed great prince, the all-glorious favorite of Christ, who was named Basil in baptism; and let us receive life and salvation, grace and great mercy.

Holy God-bearing Fathers pray to God for us!

One must not add or subtract ought from sacred Tradition, our Orthodox Faith; for therein have we faithful been baptized. And they that add ought to this Faith shall be rightly given over to the ban of anathema.

Let us all leap up in joy of heart, uniting in one feast the memory of the sacred councils of the fathers, for, for their sake have we come to behold the light of Orthodoxy; for they have been revealed as beacons guiding all to find the right doctrines.

Let us ask cleansing for our souls, and let us strive to live our life piously, that we may share in the portion of the holy fathers who have disclosed the riches of the right doctrine unto us their children.

Holy God-bearing Fathers pray to God for us!

The false Severus, having traversed the right glorious Church of Christ, rightly became the object of the vengeance of the council of the pious fathers because of his blasphemy and deceptive verbal artifice; and, condemned, he is cut off from the company of the teachers of the Church.

Glory... O wretched Severus, why comminglest thou the natures of Christ and introducest confusion and commixture into them, thus adding to the Godhead, which is devoid of passion, the suffering on the Cross and the burial of the only-begotten Word of God? Wherefore, we abominate thy great blasphemy.

Both... The pride and audacity of the foe and the counsels of them that utter blasphemy against the Creator hath He Who was born of the Virgin set at naught; and as God Who hath lifted up the horn of His people and strengthened them with faith He hath made the council of the faithful unshakable, that we may all magnify thee, O Theotokos.

C. Katavasia (Tone 4)

Let every mortal **born** on earth,/ radiant with light, in spirit **leap** for joy;/ and **let** the hosts of the angelic powers **celebrate**/ and honour the holy feast of the **Mother** of God,/ and **let** them cry:// Hail! Pure and blessed ever-Virgin, who gavest **birth** to God.

P. Small Ectenia

C. Holy is the Lord our God...

R. Exapostilarion Six (Luke 24:36-53)

Showing that Thou art man in essence, O Saviour, Thou hast risen from the tomb. And Thou hast partaken of food and hast stood in their midst to preach repentance. And Thou hast straightway ascended to the Father and promised to send the disciples the Comforter.

Exapostilarion for the Holy Fathers

Celebrating the memory of the divine fathers today, by their supplications, O most Compassionate One, we entreat Thee: Deliver Thy people, O Lord, from all the harm of heresies, and vouchsafe that all may glorify the Father, the Word and the most Holy Spirit.

Glory... Exapostilarion for St. Vladimir

With thy glorious grandmother Olga, thou wast truly shown to be a beacon enlightening the whole world with piety and faith, O Vladimir, who art crowned by God. And we glorify Christ Who loved you, and is wondrous is His saints.

Both... Theotokion

The Maker of the creation and God of all, has taken mortal flesh from thine undefiled blood, O all-holy Virgin. And my nature corrupt throughout has He made new, leaving thee the same after as before childbirth. Therefore we all praise thee with faith crying: Rejoice! Queen of the World.

C. Lauds: Tone 5 Stichera

Let every breath **praise** the Lord/
 Praise the Lord from the **Heavens**/
Praise Him in the **highest**/
 To **Thee** is due a **hymn**, O God/
 Praise Him, all ye His **Angels**://
Praise Him, all **ye** His hosts.//
 To Thee is due a **hymn**, O God.

R. (The following may be read or sung antiphonally)

Praise Him, O sun and moon; praise Him, all ye stars and light.

Praise Him, ye heavens of heavens, and thou water that art above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the Lord; For He spake, and they came to be; He commanded, and they were created.

He established them forever, yea, forever and ever; He hath set an ordinance, and it shall not pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons and all ye abysses,
 Fire, hail, snow, ice, blast of tempest, which perform His word,

The mountains and all the hills, fruitful trees, and all cedars,
 The beasts and all the cattle, creeping things and winged birds,
 Kings of the earth, and all peoples, princes and all judges of the earth,
 Young men and virgins, elders with the younger; let them praise the name of the Lord, for exalted is the name of Him alone.

His praise is above the earth and heaven, and He shall exalt the horn of His people.

This is the hymn for all His saints, for the sons of Israel, and for the people that draw nigh unto Him.

Sing unto the Lord a new song; His praise is in the church of the saints.
Let Israel be glad in Him that made him, let the sons of Sion rejoice in their king.

Let them praise His name in the dance; with the timbrel and the psaltery let them chant unto Him.

For the Lord taketh pleasure in His people, and He shall exalt the meek with salvation.

The saints shall boast in glory, and they shall rejoice upon their beds.
The high praise of God shall be in their throat, and two-edged swords shall be in their hands.

To do vengeance among the heathen, punishments among the peoples,
To bind their kings with fetters, and their nobles with manacles of iron,

V. To do among them the judgment that is written/ This glory shall be to all His saints.

1. After the tomb was sealed by the evildoers,/ Thou, Lord, didst proceed from it,/ just as Thou didst come forth from the **Virgin**./ Thy bodiless angels had no knowledge of the manner of Thine Incarnation:/ Neither were the watch who guarded Thee aware of the moment of Thy Resurrection./ For both the one and the other were concealed from those who **questioned** these things,/ but were made manifest as miracles to those who acclaimed with faith the **Mystery**./ Grant us, who praise it, **joy** and great **mercy**.

V. Praise ye God in His saints,/ praise Him in the firmament of His power.

2. After **breaking** the **eternal** chains/ and bursting the bonds **asunder**,/ Thou didst rise, O **Lord**, from the tomb,/ leaving Thy grave clothes behind Thee as **witness**/ to Thy having been truly buried for **three** days;/ and Thou, Who wast in the cave with a guard watching **over** Thee/ didst go forward into **Galilee**./ Great is Thy mercy, O incomprehensible **Saviour**:// Have **mercy** upon us.

V. Praise Him for His mighty acts,/ praise Him according to the multitude of His greatness.

3. The **women**, O Lord, hastened **to** the tomb,/ so as to see Thee, O Christ, Who **suffered** for us,/ and when they reached it they found an angel seated **upon** the stone,/ who cried out to them, as they started **back** with dread:/ The Lord is risen, tell the **disciples**// that He is risen from the dead, **saving** our souls.

V. Praise Him with the sound of trumpet,/ praise Him with psaltery and harp.

Stichera for the Holy Fathers (Tone 6)

4. Having combined their **spiritual** art,/ and reviewed the heavenly and precious **Symbol** of Faith/ through the Divine **Spirit**,/ the honored fathers inscribed it with a divine **writing**,/ wherein the right glorious, most rich and truly divine **wise** ones/ teach most clearly that

the Word is co-unoriginated/ and equally everlasting with Him that begot Him, // thus following most carefully the teachings of the apostles.

V. Praise Him with timbrel and dance, / praise Him with strings and flute.

5. Having received all the noetic radiance of the Holy **Spirit**, / as **preachers** of Christ, / the divine defenders of the teachings of the **Gospel** / and the traditions of the pious, **inspired** by God, / proclaimed their most supernatural **decision**; / and having manifestly received from on high the **revelation** thereof, // being illumined, they expounded the Faith **taught** by God.

V. Praise Him with tuneful cymbals, praise Him with cymbals of jubilation. / Let every breath praise the Lord.

Stichera for St. Vladimir (Tone 4)

6. O **Lord**, Thou gavest Thy Cross to our prince as a mighty **weapon**, / whereby He lived **righteously** on earth, / and, shining **forth** with piety, hath been vouchsafed the kingdom of heaven by Thy loving**kindness**. / Wherefore, we glorify Thy loving dispensation, // O almighty Jesus, **Saviour** of our souls.

V. I have raised up one chosen out of My people.

7. **As** the King of kings and **Lord** of all lords, / O Thou Who **lovest** mankind, / Thou **gavest** to Thy pious favorite the wisdom of **Solomon**, / the meekness of David and the Orthodoxy of the **apostles**. / Wherefore, we glorify Thy loving dispensation, // O almighty Jesus, **Saviour** of our souls.

V. With My holy oil have I anointed him.

(Tone 2)

8. Thou didst receive thy calling, not from men, but, like the **wondrous** Paul, / didst receive it from Christ God on high, O glorious apostle Vladimir. / **For**, protected by the **sign** of the Cross, / and hunted down by it like all-**comely** prey, / thou by it wast shown to be an invincible victor over enemies visible and invisible. / Wherefore, we mortals entreat thee as an inter**cessor**, / honoring thy memory **as** is meet, // that with boldness thou mayest ask for us enlightenment, cleansing and great **mercy**.

Glory... (Tone 8)

The **choir** of the holy **fathers**, / which hath gathered from the **ends** of the earth, / hath taught the single essence of the Father, Son and Holy **Spirit**, / and hath carefully committed to the Church the mystery of theology. / Praising them in faith, let us bless them, **saying**: / O divine legion, divinely eloquent swordsmen of the **Lord's** command, / most radiant stars of the noetic **firmament**, / unassailable towers of the mystical **Sion**, / sweet-scented blossoms of paradise, golden **mouths** of the Word, / boast of Nicaea and adornments of the **whole** world: // Pray ye in **behalf** of our souls!

Both now and ever... (Tone 2)

Most Blessed art Thou, O Virgin Theotokos,/ for through Him Who became incarnate of thee is hades led **capt**ive,/ **A**dam recalled, the curse annulled, Eve set free, **d**eath slain,/ and we are given life. Wherefore, we cry **aloud** in praise:/ Blessed art Thou, O **C**hrist God, // Who hast been thus well-pleased, **g**lory to Thee.

The Great Doxology

Dismissal Tropar:

Today is salvation come unto the world; let us sing to Him Who arose from the tomb, and is the Author of our life. For having destroyed death by death, He hath given us the victory and great mercy.

P. Litanies
Dismissal

C. G/B... Gospel Sticheron (Tone 6)

Thou, O Christ, art **p**eace indeed/ Who givest the peace of **G**od to men,/ and after the Resurrection, Thou hast shown terrible things to the **d**isciples/ who supposed they saw a **s**pirit./ But Thou hast calmed the tumult **o**f their souls,/ by showing them Thine **h**ands and feet./ To those who nevertheless still **d**isbelieved,/ Thou hast opened their minds to understand the **S**criptures/ by partaking food with them and reminding them of Thy **t**eachings./ And having assured them of the promise of the **F**ather,/ and having blessed them, Thou hast gone away to **h**eaven.// With them we therefore worship Thee, glory to **T**hee, O Lord.

R. Hours:

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Tropar: Resurrection & Fathers/ St. Vladimir (alternating)

Kontak: Resurrection/Saint Vladimir/Fathers (alternating)

At Liturgy:

Order of Troparia & Kontakia:

Tropar Sunday

Tropar Fathers

Tropar St. Vladimir

Kontak Sunday

Glory... Kontak St. Vladimir

Both... Kontak Fathers

Prokimenon for the Fathers (Tone 4)

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers...

Prokimenon for St. Vladimir (Tone 3)

O chant unto our God, chant ye...

Epistle(s): Rom 12:6-14 & Heb 13:7-16 & Gal 1:11-19

Alleluia for the Fathers (Tone 1)

Alleluia for St. Vladimir (Tone 6)

Gospel(s): Matt 9:1-8 & John 17:1-13 & John 10:1-9

Communion Verse: Praise Ye & In everlasting remembrance...