

# The Service of Matins

**on Friday, May 8, 2026**

**Pentecostarion - On Friday of the Fourth Week  
at Matins**

**Menaion - May 8  
Memory of the St. John the Theologian  
Katavasias of Mid-Pentecost**

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**MATINS**

**CHOIR**

**Mode 2.**

God is the Lord, and He revealed Himself to us. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. [SAAS]

**Verse 1:** *Give thanks to the Lord and call upon His holy name.*

**Verse 2:** *All the nations surrounded me, but in the name of the Lord I defended myself against them.*

**Verse 3:** *And this came about from the Lord, and it is wonderful in our eyes.*

**Apolytikion.**

From Menaion - - -

**Mode 2.**

O Apostle, the beloved of Christ God, hasten to deliver us, a people that has no excuse. He accepts you supplicating Him, for He condescended at the Supper to let you lean on Him. Entreat Him, O Theologian, that He scatter the persistent cloud of hostile nations, and pray for us, for peace and great mercy. [SD]

Glory. **Repeat.**

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on Him. Entreat Him, O Theologian, that He scatter the persistent cloud of hostile nations, and pray for us, for peace and great mercy. [SD]

Both now.

**Apolytikion of the Feast.**

From Pentecostarion - - -

**Mode pl. 4.**

O Lord, midway through the feast, give drink to my thirsty soul from the living waters of right belief. You, O Savior, proclaimed to everyone, "Let whoever is thirsty come to Me and drink." You are the fountain of life, O Christ our God. Glory to You! [SD]

**PRIEST**

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

**CHOIR:** Lord, have mercy.

**PRIEST**

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

**CHOIR:** Lord, have mercy.

**PRIEST**

Remembering our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

**CHOIR:** To You, O Lord.

**PRIEST**

For Yours is the dominion, and Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

**CHOIR:** Amen.

**Kathisma I.**

From Menaion - - -

**Mode pl. 4. By conceiving the Wisdom.**

*Τὴν Σοφίαν καὶ Λόγον.*

You were called Son of Thunder that is divine, \* for you deafened the ears of impious men; \* and louder than any horn you resounded, mellifluous, \* the Incarnation of the Logos, all-wise one, in upright hearts. \* And you lay close to his breast as a genuine friend of His. \* Thereby you exhausted the profound depth of knowledge, \* and preached the Unoriginate of the Father to everyone, O divine Apostle John. \* Intercede with Christ our God \* that He grant forgiveness of offenses \* to those who with longing observe your holy memory. [SD]

From Pentecostarion - - -

Glory. Both now. **For the Feast.**

**Mode 4. Come quickly.**

*Ταχὺ προκατάλαβε.*

The Master who knows the thoughts that are in everyone's hearts, \* went up into the Temple and He stood and He taught, \* and to the liars He spoke the truth. \* "Tell Me, why are you seeking to arrest Me who give life?" \* He said this about the middle of the feast in public. \* "O transgressors of the Law, do not judge by appearances." [GOASD]

**Kathisma II.**

From Menaion - - -

**Mode pl. 4. By conceiving the Wisdom.**

*Τὴν Σοφίαν καὶ Λόγον.*

As a disciple with close access to the Lord, \* at the Supper you leaned close upon His breast \* and asked Jesus, "Who is it, O Lord, who will betray you?" \* And with the

bread He clearly indicated him unto you, \* for you were His beloved disciple, O glorious. \* Therefore, O Apostle Theologian and mystic \* of myst'ries ineffable, you teach the Incarnation \* of the Word to the whole wide world. \* Intercede with Christ our God \* that He grant forgiveness of offenses \* to those who with longing observe your holy memory. [SD]

From Pentecostarion - - -

Glory. Both now. **For the Feast.**

**Mode pl. 4. As the Father and Spirit.**

*Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον.*

When He went to Jerusalem, the Master of all \* went up into the Temple about the middle of the feast, \* and He argued with the Jews, refuting them publicly, \* and exposed their heavy handedness, as their King and God. \* Whereas, in His loving-kindness, \* He is granting great mercy to all of us who believe in Him. [GOASD]

**Kathisma III.**

From Menaion - - -

**Mode 4. Come quickly.**

*Ταχὺ προκατάλαβε.*

Today is the memory of the Apostle Saint John \* throughout the entire world, and it illumines us all. \* So let us now honor it. \* It is clearly apparent in the Gospel he authored \* that he was the Lord's friend and a true theologian. \* Therefore he pours out healings to all those who honor him. [SD]

From Pentecostarion - - -

Glory. Both now. **For the Feast.**

**Mode pl. 4. By conceiving the Wisdom.**

*Τὴν Σοφίαν καὶ Λόγον.*

In the middle of Sukkoth, the Jewish feast, \* in the temple, O Savior, You stood and

taught, \* reproving the senselessness of the Jews who did not believe, \* and proclaiming to the people, as God who loves humanity, \* saying, “If any one thirst, let him come unto me and drink”; \* promising that those who believe in You will be given \* the waters of wisdom from Your divine and immortal fount. \* For this reason we cry to You: \* O Christ our God yourself send down \* Your all-holy Spirit on to us, \* and save us, for You are very merciful. [SD]

**Antiphon 1.**

**Mode 4.**

From my youth, many passions war against me. O my Savior, I implore You, uphold me and save me. (2) [GOASD]

You who hate Zion, be shamed by the Lord; for you will be withered like grass in the fire. (2) [GOASD]

Glory.

By the Holy Spirit every soul is animated, and when purified, it is mystically uplifted and brightened by the triune Godhead. [GOASD]

Both now.

From the Holy Spirit the streams of grace well forth; they water all creation, so that life be engendered. [GOASD]

**Prokeimenon. Psalm 18.**

His proclamation went forth into all the earth, and his words to the ends of the world. (2)

**Verse:** *The heavens declare the glory of God; the firmament shows the creation of His hands.*

His proclamation went forth into all the earth, and his words to the ends of the world.

[SAAS]

*Stand for the Gospel reading.*

**DEACON:** Let us pray to the Lord.

**CHOIR:** Lord, have mercy.

**PRIEST**

For You, our God, are holy, and You rest among the holy ones, and to You we offer up glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

**CHOIR:** Amen.

**Mode 2.**

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord. (2) Let everything that breathes praise the Lord. [SAAS]

**DEACON**

Let us pray to the Lord our God that we may be made worthy to hear the holy Gospel.

**CHOIR:** Lord, have mercy. (3)

**DEACON**

Wisdom. Arise. Let us hear the holy Gospel.

**PRIEST:** Peace be with all.

**CHOIR:** And with your spirit.

**PRIEST**

The reading is from the holy Gospel according to John.

**DEACON:** Let us be attentive.

**CHOIR**

Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You.

**PRIEST** (from the gate)

*Jn. 21:14 – 25*

At that time, Jesus revealed himself to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. And he said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.” A second time he said to him, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you girded yourself and walked where you would; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish to go.” (This he said to show by what death he was to glorify God.) And after this he said to him, “Follow me.” Peter turned and saw following them the disciple whom Jesus loved, who had lain close to his breast at the supper and had said, “Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?” When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, “Lord, what about this man?” Jesus said to him, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!” The

saying spread abroad among the brethren that this disciple was not to die; yet Jesus did not say to him that he was not to die, but, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?” This is the disciple who is bearing witness to these things, and who has written these things; and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things which Jesus did; were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen. [RSV]

**CHOIR**

Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You.

**READER**

Having beheld the Resurrection of Christ, let us worship the holy Lord Jesus, the only sinless one. Your Cross, O Christ, we venerate, and Your holy Resurrection we praise and glorify. For You are our God; apart from You we know no other; we call upon Your name. Come, all faithful, let us venerate the holy Resurrection of Christ; for behold, through the Cross, joy has come to the whole world. Ever blessing the Lord, let us praise His Resurrection; for having endured the Cross for us, He destroyed death by death. [GOA]

**READER** (read)

**Psalm 50 (51).**

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your great mercy; and according to the abundance of Your compassion, blot out my transgression. Wash me thoroughly from my

lawlessness and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my lawlessness, and my sin is always before me. Against You only have I sinned and done evil in Your sight; that You may be justified in Your words, and overcome when You are judged. For behold, I was conceived in transgressions, and in sins my mother bore me. Behold, You love truth; You showed me the unknown and secret things of Your wisdom. You shall sprinkle me with hyssop, and I will be cleansed; You shall wash me, and I will be made whiter than snow. You shall make me hear joy and gladness; my bones that were humbled shall greatly rejoice. Turn Your face from my sins, and blot out all my transgressions. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your guiding Spirit. I will teach transgressors Your ways, and the ungodly shall turn back to You. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, the God of my salvation, and my tongue shall greatly rejoice in Your righteousness. O Lord, You shall open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise. For if You desired sacrifice, I would give it; You will not be pleased with whole burnt offerings. A sacrifice to God is a broken spirit, a broken and humbled heart God will not despise. Do good, O Lord, in Your good pleasure to Zion, and let the walls of Jerusalem be built; then You will be pleased with a sacrifice of righteousness, with offerings

and whole burnt offerings; then shall they offer young bulls on Your altar. [SAAS]

From Menaion - - -

**CHOIR**

Glory. **Mode 2.**

At the intercession of the Apostle, O Lord of mercy, blot out my many offenses. [SD]

Both now.

At the intercession of the Theotokos, O Lord of mercy, blot out my many offenses. [SD]

**Idiomelon. Mode 2.**

**Verse:** *Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your great mercy; and according to the abundance of Your compassion, blot out my transgression.* [SAAS]

He is the paramount of the Apostles, the trumpet of theology, the spiritual general, who made the civilized world subject to God: that celebrated Evangelist John. Come believers, let us call him blessed. He was translated from earth, yet not withdrawn from earth; he is alive and waiting for the fearful second coming of the Master. “May we meet it uncondemned, O mystical bosom friend of Christ, as you pray for us who lovingly observe your memory.” [SD]

**PRIEST**

O God, save Your people and bless Your inheritance. Look upon Your world with mercy and compassion. Raise the Orthodox Christians in glory, and send down upon us Your rich mercies:

through the intercessions of our all-immaculate Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, by the power of the precious and life-giving Cross, the protection of the honorable,

heavenly, bodiless powers, the supplications of the honorable, glorious prophet and forerunner John the Baptist, the holy, glorious, and praiseworthy apostles, our fathers among the saints, the great hierarchs and ecumenical teachers Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom; Athanasius, Cyril, and John the Merciful, patriarchs of Alexandria, Nicholas, bishop of Myra, Spyridon, bishop of Trimythous, Nektarios of Pentapolis, the wonderworkers; the holy, glorious, great martyrs George the triumphant, Demetrios the myrrh-streamer, Theodore the soldier, and Theodore the general; Menas the wonderworker; Charalampus and Eleutherius, the hieromartyrs; the holy, glorious, and victorious martyrs; the glorious great Martyr and all-laudable Euphemia; the holy and glorious Martyrs Thecla, Barbara, Anastasia, Catherine, Kyriaki, Photini, Marina, Paraskevi and Irene; our venerable and God-bearing fathers; (local patron saint); the holy and righteous ancestors of God Joachim and Anna; and the holy and glorious Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian, whose memory we celebrate; and all Your saints:

We beseech you, only merciful Lord, hear us sinners who pray to you and have mercy on us.

**CHOIR:** Lord, have mercy. (12)

**PRIEST**

Through the mercy, compassion, and love for humankind of Your only-begotten Son, with whom You are blessed, and Your all-holy, good and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

**CHOIR:** Amen.

**READER**

From Pentecostarion - - -

**Kontakion of the Feast.**

**Mode 4. You who were lifted.**

*Ὁ ὑψωθείς ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ.*

The feast according to the Law at its midpoint, O Christ our God, as the Creator and Master of everything, You said to all those who were present there, “Come that you might draw from Me the water of immortality.” Hence with faith we cry to You as we prostrate before You. Your tender mercies grant to us, we pray. You are the fountain and source of our life, O Lord.

[SD]

**Kontakion. For the Evangelist.**

**Kontakion.**

**Mode 2.**

Who can recount all your mighty deeds, O Virgin? You pour out miracles and you overflow with cures, and you intercede on behalf of our souls, as a Theologian and Friend of Christ. [SD]

**Oikos.**

Daring and incomprehensible it is to search out celestial heights, and the depths of the sea as well. So just as it is wholly impossible to number the stars and the sand on the shores, so no one is able to tell about the Theologian, so many are the crowns with which Christ has crowned His beloved. He leaned on His chest and ate with Him at the Mystical Supper, as a Theologian and Friend of Christ. [SD]

*Stand for the reading of the Synaxarion.*

**Synaxarion**

*From the Menaion.*

On May 8 we commemorate the holy and glorious Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian, the Virgin and Beloved Bosom Friend of Christ, and celebrate the service in honor of the Holy Dust, that is, the Manna, that issued from his grave.

On this day we also commemorate our devout Father Arsenios the Great.

On this day devout Saint Meles the hymnographer reposed in peace.

On this day a regiment of soldiers died by the sword.

By their holy intercessions, O God, have mercy on us. Amen.

**CHOIR**

**Katavasia of Mid-Pentecost**

**Ode i. Mode pl. 4.**

Lord, You congealed the sea and saved Your people, keeping them dry; \* and then You threw into the deep prideful Pharaoh's chariots and army. \* Then to the mountain of Your holiness You brought Your people, who shouted, \* "Let us sing a song of victory \* to You, our God; for in battles You are powerful and strong." [GOASD]

**Ode iii.**

My heart exults and in the Lord firmly is established; \* and in my God is my horn exalted; \* and my mouth is open wide at my enemies, and in Your salvation I rejoice. [GOASD]

**Ode iv.**

With his spiritual eyes, the Prophet Habakkuk saw \* in the future Your appearance on the earth, O Lord. \* And therefore he cried out and said that God from Theman will surely come. \* Glory to Your glory, O Christ! \* Glory to Your condescension, O Lord! [GOASD]

**Ode v.**

O Lord our God, give peace to us, for You have rendered all. \* O Lord our God, we pray, take possession of us. \* Lord, O Lord, we do not know any other God except for You, and we name Your name. [GOASD]

**Ode vi.**

The troubles of my life are like storms at sea, \* O Logos, and the waves are afflicting me. \* I cry to You, as once did the Prophet Jonah, \* to raise my life from corruption, O only Lord and compassionate God. [GOASD]

**Ode vii.**

All ablaze with a raging fire was the Chaldean furnace, \* through which blew a dew-laden breeze at God's almighty order. \* The three holy Servants sang, \* "You are the God of our fathers, and blessed are You." [GOASD]

**Ode viii.**

*We praise and we bless and we worship the Lord.*

Angels and you heavens, bless Him who as King is carried on a glorious throne, \* and who as God is glorified unceasingly. \* Ever bless and extol Him, and exalt Him beyond measure unto all the ages. [GOASD]

*Stand for the singing of Ode ix.*

**DEACON**

Let us honor and magnify in song the Theotokos and the Mother of the light.

**CHOIR**

**Ode ix.**

**The Magnificat. Mode pl. 4.**

**Verse:** *My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.* [NKJV]

Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and in glory greater beyond compare than the Seraphim; you without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos. You do we magnify. [GOASD]

**Verse:** *For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; for behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed.* [NKJV]

Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and in glory greater beyond compare than the Seraphim; you without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos. You do we magnify. [GOASD]

**Verse:** *For He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name. And His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.* [NKJV]

Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and in glory greater beyond compare than the Seraphim; you without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos. You do we magnify. [GOASD]

**Verse:** *He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.* [NKJV]

Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and in glory greater beyond compare than the Seraphim; you without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos. You do we magnify. [GOASD]

**Verse:** *He has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent away empty.* [NKJV]

Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and in glory greater beyond compare than the Seraphim; you without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos. You do we magnify. [GOASD]

**Verse:** *He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy, as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.* [NKJV]

Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and in glory greater beyond compare than the Seraphim; you without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos. You do we magnify. [GOASD]

**Ode ix. Katavasia. Mode pl. 4.**

Virginité is a state alien to mothers, \* and childbirth is foreign to those who are virgins. \* But in you, Theotokos, have both of these been accomplished. \* Indeed all generations

everywhere \* now call you blessed evermore.

[GOASD]

**PRIEST**

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

**CHOIR:** Lord, have mercy.

**PRIEST**

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

**CHOIR:** Lord, have mercy.

**PRIEST**

Remembering our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

**CHOIR:** To You, O Lord.

**PRIEST**

For all the powers of heaven praise You, and to You they offer up glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

**CHOIR:** Amen.

**Exaposteilarion.**

From Menaion - - -

**Mode 2. Let us in faith.**

*Τοῖς Μαθηταῖς συνέλωμεν.*

Theologizing you cried out, \* that the Logos, the Word, was \* in the beginning; and the Word \* was with God; and the Logos was God, O John the Apostle. \* When you fell on the bosom \* of Christ the Logos, you imbibed \* streams of life that were full of theology, \* blessed Theologian, and with this godly \*

water you irrigate the world, \* which today pays you honor. [SD]

**For the Feast.**

From Pentecostarion - - -

**Mode 3. Having embellished heaven.**

O Lord, You have the chalice \* that never empties of Your gifts. \* Please let me draw from Your water, \* unto forgiveness of my sins, \* for I am very thirsty, \* only merciful compassionate Savior. [GOASD]

**Lauds. Mode pl. 4.**

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. It is fitting to sing a hymn to You, O God. [SAAS]

Praise Him, all you His angels; praise Him, all you His hosts. It is fitting to sing a hymn to You, O God. [SAAS]

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

Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, and you waters above the heavens. Let them praise the Lord's name.

For He spoke, and they were made; He commanded, and they were created.

He established them forever and unto ages of ages; He set forth His ordinance, and it shall not pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you dragons and all the deeps.

Fire and hail, snow and ice, stormy wind, which perform His word.

Mountains and all the hills, fruitful trees and all cedars.

Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds.

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all judges of the earth.

Young men and maidens, elders with younger, let them praise the Lord's name, for His name alone is exalted.

His thanksgiving is in earth and heaven. And He shall exalt the horn of His people.

A hymn for all His saints, for the children of Israel, a people who draw near to Him.

Sing to the Lord a new song, His praise in the assembly of His holy ones.

Let Israel be glad in Him who made him, and let the children of Zion greatly rejoice in their King.

Let them praise His name with dance; with tambourine and harp let them sing to Him.

For the Lord is pleased with His people, and He shall exalt the gentle with salvation.

The holy ones shall boast in glory, and they shall greatly rejoice on their beds.

The high praise of God shall be in their mouth and a two-edged sword in their hand.

To deal retribution to the nations, reproving among the peoples.

To shackle their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron.

To fulfill among them the written judgment: this glory have all His holy ones.

Praise God in His saints; praise Him in the firmament of His power.

**Stichera. For the Evangelist.**

From Menaion - - -

**Mode pl. 4. What a paradoxal.**

*Ὡ τοῦ παραδόξου.*

*Praise Him for His mighty acts; praise Him according to the abundance of His greatness.* [SAAS]

Blessed and all-wise Evangelist, \* in being loved by the Word \* who sees all things and using just \* scales will judge the universe, \* you surpassed the Disciples all \* in the

abundance of your most ardent love \* for Christ the Lord, O divine Apostle John; \* for you were radiant \* in both mind and body with the handsome traits \* of purity and chastity, in being blest by God. [SD]

*Praise Him with the sound of trumpet; praise Him with the harp and lyre.* [SAAS]

Blessed and all-wise Evangelist, \* in being loved by the Word \* who sees all things and using just \* scales will judge the universe, \* you surpassed the Disciples all \* in the abundance of your most ardent love \* for Christ the Lord, O divine Apostle John; \* for you were radiant \* in both mind and body with the handsome traits \* of purity and chastity, in being blest by God. [SD]

*Praise Him with timbrel and dance; praise Him with strings and flute.* [SAAS]

Let us now extol the most-divine St. John with spiritual songs \* as a servant of Christ the King, \* garland of virginity, and the luminous mouth of grace, \* the habitation most worthy to receive \* the divine virtues, the Church's brightest eye; \* and let us honor him \* as the Holy Spirit's sacred and divine \* temple, and the instrument \* of the wisdom of God. [SD]

*Praise Him with resounding cymbals; praise Him with triumphant cymbals; let everything that breathes praise the Lord.* [SAAS]

John, when you leaned close upon the breast \* of divine Wisdom himself, \* you drew out as if from a well \* waters of theology, and you watered the world with them. \* And

with the knowledge about the Trinity, \* you dried the ocean of pagan godlessness; \* you were an animate \* pillar of both cloud and fire, guiding us \* to the heavenly possession and inheritance. [SD]

Glory.

From Menaion - - -

**Mode pl. 4.**

O Evangelist John, peer of the Angels and Virgin, Theologian taught by God, you correctly proclaimed to the world the immaculate side, which spouted the blood and the water, whereby we obtain life eternal for our souls. [SD]

Both now. **For the Feast.**

From Pentecostarion - - -

**Mode pl. 4.**

On this mid-Paschal holiday, we remember that You, our Savior, went up to the Temple; You stood in the midst of the crowd, and You taught them publicly and said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the light of immortal life.” [SD]

*Stand for the Great Doxology.*

**Great Doxology**

Glory be to You who showed the light. Glory in the highest to God. His peace is on earth, His good pleasure in mankind. [SD]

We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks to You for Your great glory.

Lord King, heavenly God, Father, Ruler over all; Lord, only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; and You, O Holy Spirit.

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us, You who take away the sins of the world.

Accept our supplication, You who sit at the right hand of the Father, and have mercy on us.

For You alone are holy, You alone are Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Every day I will bless You, and Your name will I praise to eternity, and to the ages of ages.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, this day, that we be kept without sin.

Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name to the ages. Amen.

Let Your mercy be on us, O Lord, as we have set our hope on You.

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Lord, You have been our refuge from generation to generation. I said: Lord, have

mercy on me. Heal my soul, for I have sinned against You.

Lord, I have fled to You. Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God.

For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light we shall see light.

Continue Your mercy to those who know You.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (3)

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

Both now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

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

**Apolytikion.**

From Menaion - - -

**Mode 2.**

O Apostle, the beloved of Christ God, hasten to deliver us, a people that has no excuse. He accepts you supplicating Him, for He condescended at the Supper to let you lean on Him. Entreat Him, O Theologian, that He scatter the persistent cloud of hostile nations, and pray for us, for peace and great mercy. [SD]