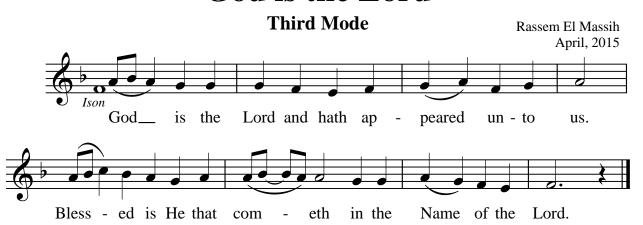
God is the Lord



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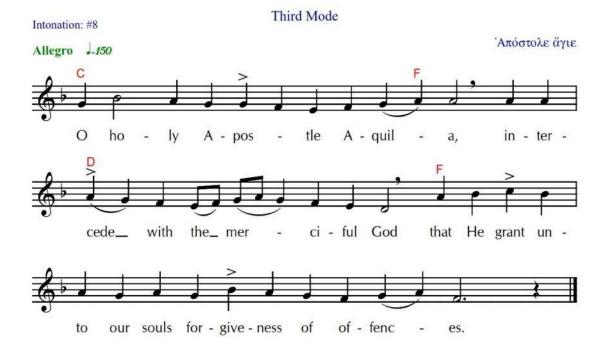
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THE HOLY APOSTLE AQUILA

July 14 Apolytikion

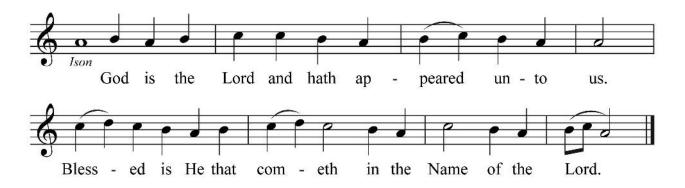


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God is the Lord: Tone 5

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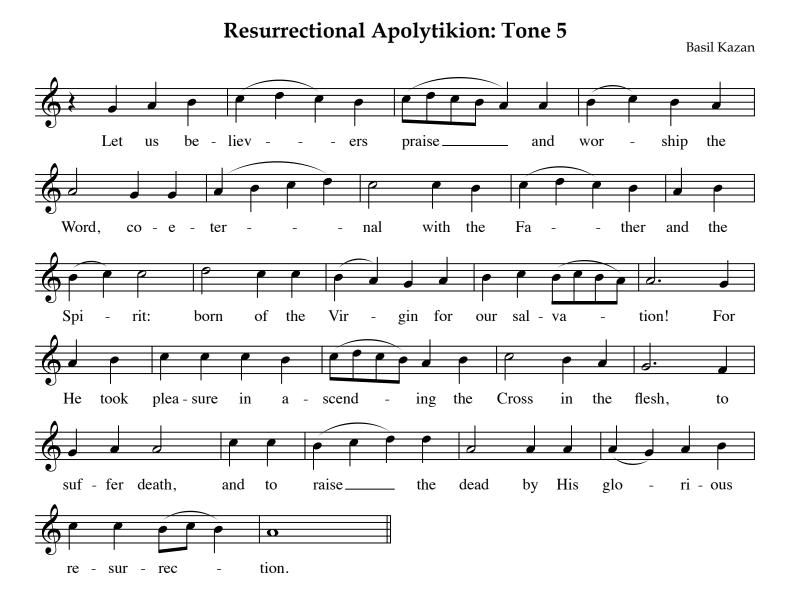


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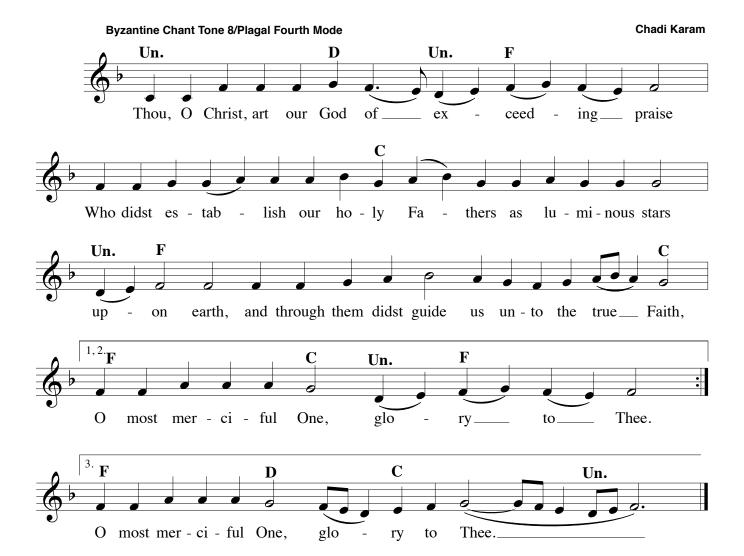
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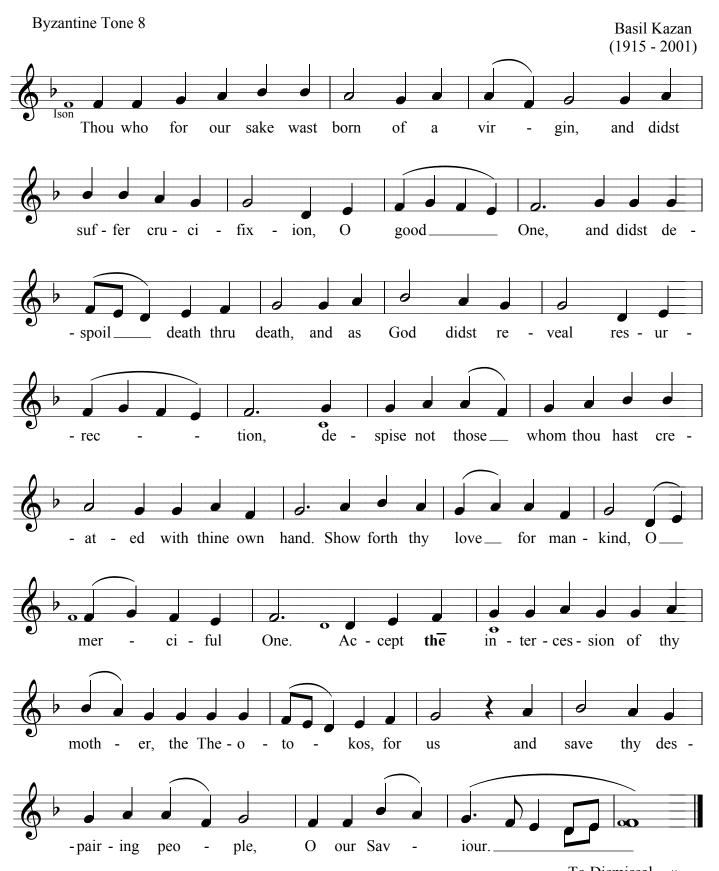
The Sunday of the Holy Fathers

Apolytikion



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Theotokion



Orthros: **Thursday**, **July 14** (*Apostle Aquila*)

Sessional Hymn (of the Cross)

Savior, Thine own people didst nail Thee to the Cross; through this Cross, O Loving Lord, Thou hast called the Gentiles back to Thee! In the abundance of Thy tender mercies, Thou didst freely stretch out Thy hands on it and didst consent that the lance should pierce Thy side. O Longsuffering Lord, glory to Thee!

Exalt ye the Lord our God; worship at His footstool, for He is holy!

Looking now upon Thy most pure cross that is the light of our souls, O Christ, and venerating it with joy, we cry aloud to Thee: glory to Thee Whose will it was to be exalted on it! Glory to Thee, for through the Cross Thou hast granted light to creation! Rejoicing in the Cross, we glorify Thee with never-ending hymns!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

When Thine all-pure mother didst see Thee, O Word of God, raised upon the Cross, she cried with a mother's grief: what is this new and strange wonder, O my Son? How canst Thou suffer death, O Life of All? It is because in Thy compassion Thou wilt bring the dead to life!

Sessional Hymn (of the Cross)

In Thy boundless mercy, O Good Lord, Thou hast endured the cross and death and unjust judgment for us to set us free from condemnation and the ancestral curse, for we were tricked into corruption. Therefore we venerate Thy crucifixion, O Word!

Blessed are those whom Thou hast chosen and taken, O Lord!

The solemn feast of those who suffered martyrdom has made the church into an earthly heaven and the angels rejoice with mankind! At Thy martyrs' intercessions, O Christ our God, save our souls!

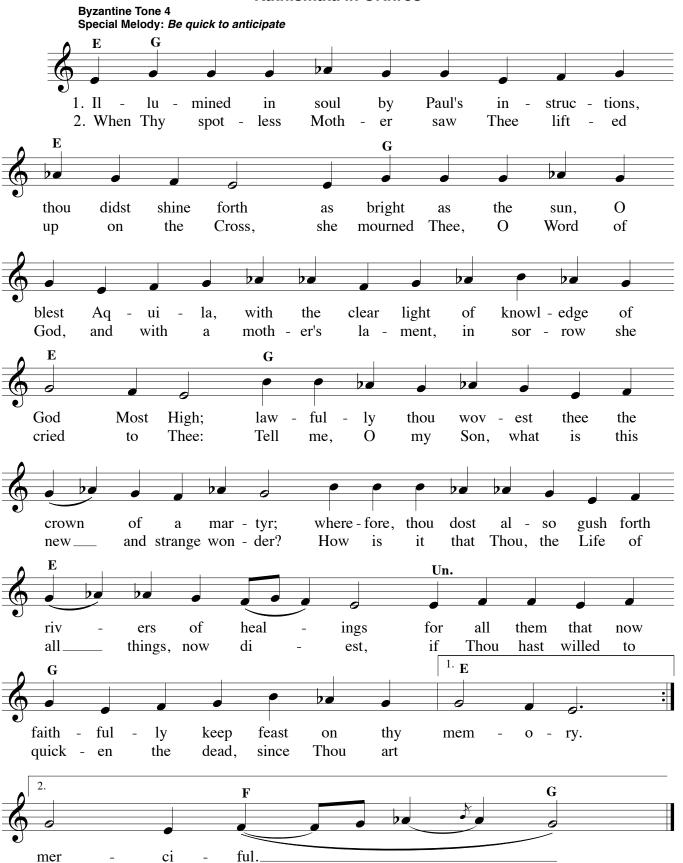
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As Thy blameless mother didst see Thee, O Word of God, raised upon the cross, she wept as a mother and cried aloud: what is this strange and terrible wonder, O my Son? How hast Thou, the life of all, become a companion of death in Thy compassionate desire to give life to the dead?

July 14th

Apostle Aquila of the Seventy

Kathismata in Orthros



Tone Five

First Kathisma

Let us honor the Cross of the Lord with songs of praise; let us revere with divine hymns His holy burial; His exalted Resurrection let us glorify; for from their graves He raised the dead, since He verily is God, and He plundered death's dominion, and brake the might of the devil, and shined great light on those in Hades' gloom.

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

O Lord, Thou wast called a dead man, Thou Who slewest death; in a tomb wast Thou laid, Who hast emptied the tombs. Above, soldiers guarded the grave; below, Thou didst raise up them that were dead from ages past. O Almighty and Incomprehensible, Lord, glory be to Thee.

Both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Rejoice, O soul-endowed bush that was unconsumed though aflame. Rejoice, O God-trodden mountain divinely sanctified. O thou only bridge that leadeth from this world to God, conveying mortals to the heights, unto everlasting life: Rejoice, pure and spotless Maiden who, never knowing a man, yet didst bring forth Him Who doth redeem our souls.

Second Kathisma

O Lord, after Thy Resurrection on the third day, when the Apostles had worshipped Thee, Peter cried out to Thee: Women were daring and I was afraid; a thief confessed Thy divinity, and I denied Thee; wilt Thou perchance call me a disciple henceforth? Or wilt Thou once again show me forth as a fisher of the deep? But accept me in repentance, O God, and save me.

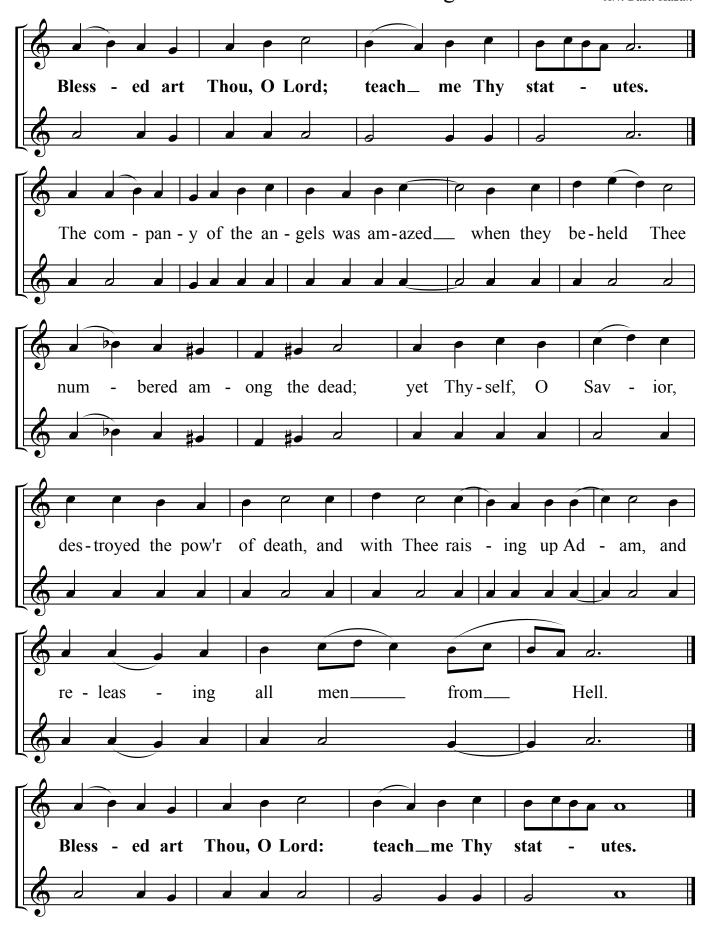
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

O merciful Lord, the lawless nailed Thee between the condemned, and they pierced Thy side with a spear. Burial didst Thou accept, Who didst destroy the gates of Hades, and Thou didst arise on the third day. The women ran to see Thee, and they announced Thine arising unto the Apostles. O most exalted Savior, Whom the Angels praise, O blessed Lord, glory be to Thee.

Both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Bride unwedded and virgin, who gavest birth to God, thou who didst turn all the sorrow of Eve to gladness and joy, we the faithful offer praise and worship unto thee, for thou hast led us up again from the ancient curse; and now, O all-lauded and all-holy, do thou make ceaseless entreaty and ever intercede that we be saved.

The Resurrectional Evlogetaria













Tone Five

Hypakoe

Astonished in mind at the vision of the Angel, and enlightened in soul by Thy divine arising, the myrrhbearers proclaimed the good tidings unto the Apostles: Proclaim among the nations the Resurrection of the Lord, Who worketh with you in wonders, and granteth us great mercy.

First Antiphon

In mine affliction, like David I sing unto Thee, O my Savior; deliver my soul from a crafty tongue.

For those in the desert, life is blessed, in that they soar with divine love.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

By the Holy Spirit all things, both visible and invisible, are governed, for He doth rule by His own power, since He is truly One of the Trinity.

Second Antiphon

To the mountains, O my soul, let us ascend. Let us go thither, from whence help cometh.

Let Thine uplifted right hand preserve even me from all manner of treachery, O Christ.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

To the Holy Spirit let us say, speaking of things divine: Thou art God, Life, Love, Light, Mind; Thou art Goodness; Thou reignest unto the ages.

Third Antiphon

Because of them that said unto me: Let us go up to the courts of the Lord, I send up supplication, being filled with great joy.

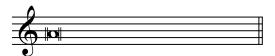
In the house of David, fearful things are accomplished; for there is Fire there, burning every shameful mind.

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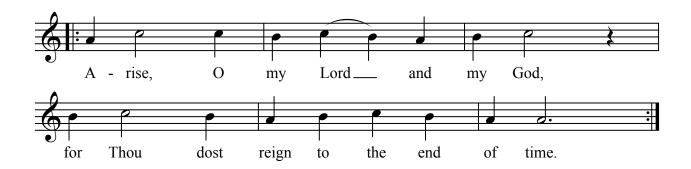
In the Holy Spirit is the principle of life, whence every living thing is given life, even as it is in the Father and the Word.

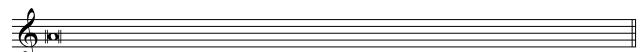
Tone Five Prokeimenon

Byzantine Tone 5 Arr. Basil Kazan



The Prokeimenon in the Fifth Tone!





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





Troparia after Psalm 50

Byzantine Tone 2 Arr. Basil Kazan



July 14

The Holy Apostle Aquila of the Seventy.

Kontakion

Ranked with the Apostles' choir as their companion, O Apostle wise in Christ, thou madest all the world to shine with thy bright doctrines and miracles, O famed Aquila, while gaining a glorious crown.

Synaxarion

Saint Aquila, who was from Pontus of Asia Minor, was a Jew by race and a tent-maker by trade. In the year 52 he and his wife Priscilla were in Corinth when Saint Paul first came there. They gave him hospitality, and the Apostle remained with them for many days, himself working at the same trade as they (Acts 18:2–3). And having believed in Christ through Paul, they followed him from that time on, working together with him and suffering perils with him for the sake of the preaching of the Gospel, as he himself testifies concerning them in his Epistle to the Romans, saying: "Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my helpers in Christ Jesus: who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the nations" (Rom. 16:3–4). When and where they reposed is unknown.

Aposticha (of the Cross)

May Thy Cross be a wall for us, O Jesus our Savior! For we faithful have no other hope than Thee, O Lord, Who wast nailed to this Cross in the flesh and didst grant us great mercy!

As a sign for those who fear Thee, O Lord, Thou hast given Thy precious Cross, on which Thou didst triumph over the principalities and powers of darkness and led us to the original blessedness! So we glorify Thy providential plan, filled with love for mankind, O Almighty Jesus, the Savior of our souls!

(to the Martyrs)

Who will not wonder at your struggle, O holy martyrs? How in the flesh you defeated the bodiless enemy! You confessed Christ, being armed with the Cross, truly driving the demons away, defeating the evil one! Pray unceasingly that our souls may be saved!

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July 16

The Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the Seven Ecumenical Councils.

Kontakion (Plagal of Fourth Tone)

The preaching of the Apostles and the doctrines of the Fathers confirmed the one Faith in the Church. And wearing the garment of truth, woven from the theology on high, she rightly divideth and glorifieth the great mystery of piety.

Oikos

In the lofty preaching of the Church of God, let us hearken as she crieth: He that thirsteth, let him come to me and drink. The cup which I bear is the cup of wisdom. This drink have I mixed with the word of truth. I pour forth the water, not of contention, but of confession. As Israel doth now drink thereof, it beholdeth God, Who saith: See, see, that I am He, and have not changed. I am God, I am first, and I am hereafter, and besides Me there is none other. Hence, they that partake shall be filled, and shall praise the great mystery of piety.

Synaxarion

On the Sunday that falls from the 13th to the 19th of the present month, we chant the Service to the Holy and God-bearing Fathers who came together in the Seven Ecumenical Councils, that is:

- the First Council, of the 318 Fathers who assembled in Nicaea in 325 to condemn Arius, who denied that the Son of God is consubstantial with the Father; the Fathers of the First Council also ordained that the whole Church should celebrate Pascha according to the same reckoning;
- the Second Council, of the 150 Fathers who assembled in Constantinople in 381 to condemn Macedonius, Patriarch of Constantinople, who denied the Divinity of the Holy Spirit;
- the Third Council, of the 200 Fathers who assembled in Ephesus in 431, to condemn Nestorius, Patriarch of Constantinople, who called Christ a mere man and not God incarnate:
- the Fourth Council, of the 630 who assembled in Chalcedon in 451, to condemn Eutyches, who taught that there was only one nature, the divine, in Christ after the Incarnation, and Dioscorus, Patriarch of Alexandria, who illegally received Eutyches back into communion and deposed Saint Flavian, Patriarch of Constantinople, who had excommunicated Eutyches;
- the Fifth Council in 553, of the 165 who assembled in Constantinople for the second time, to condemn Origen and Theodore of Mopsuestia, the teacher of Nestorius;
- the Sixth Council in 680, of the 170 who assembled in Constantinople for the third time, to condemn the Monothelite heresy, which taught that there is in Christ but one will, the divine;
- and the Seventh Council in 787, of the 350 who assembled in Nicaea for the second time to condemn Iconoclasm.

Canon of the Akathist

Byzantine Tone 4 Arr. Basil Crow Translation, +HTM

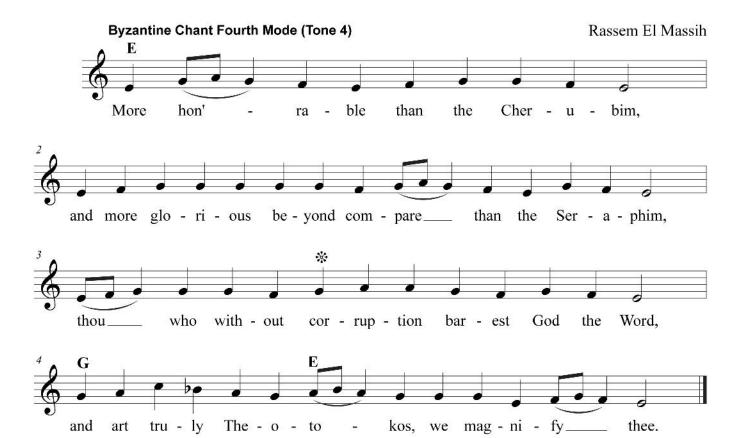








More Honorable than the Cherubim



- + My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
- + For He hath regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden; for behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
- + For He that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is His Name; and His mercy is on them that fear Him, throughout all generations.
- + He hath showed strength with His arm; He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
- + He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the empty with good things, and the rich hath He sent empty away.
- + He remembering His mercy hath helped His servant Israel, as He promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed forever.

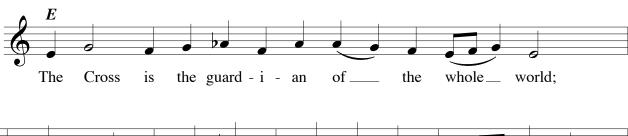


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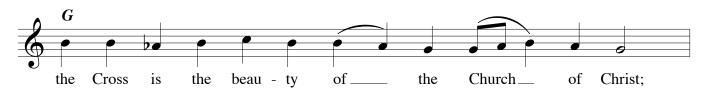
Wednesday & Friday

Exaposteilarion

Byzantine Chant Tone 2 Special Melody: While Thy disciples looked on Thee













Weekday Exaposteilaria

Wednesday & Friday

Theotokion of the Cross



July 13-19

Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Council Exaposteilarion



Praises, Verses and Stichera 135



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Tone 5 Basil Kazan STICHERA 2 praise_ him in the firm a - ment of his pow'r. O ished Lord, thou hast - mol the ev - er - last - ing grates and de chains. Thou didst rise ____ from the tomb, der the bro ken a sun pings and ing - hind leav be thy wrap oint -ments in the of thy in tes - ti - mon - y bur- i - al, and didst true ____ three-day grave, be - fore_ Gal i - lee, O thou who was kept___ in - to in a Great there O fore, thy_ cies, in grave. are mer O - ef fa - ble Sa viour; have mer cy us. on VERSE 3

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July 13-19

Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Council Stichera on the Praises of Matins

Byzantine Mode 6 Special Melody: *Having laid up all their hope*



- 1. Mak ing care ful in quir y, with the Di-vine Spir it's guid-ance,
- 2. Since Christ's her alds had re ceived all of the spir it ual bright-ness
- 3. As true ser-vants of Christ God, the god ly shep herds as sem bled



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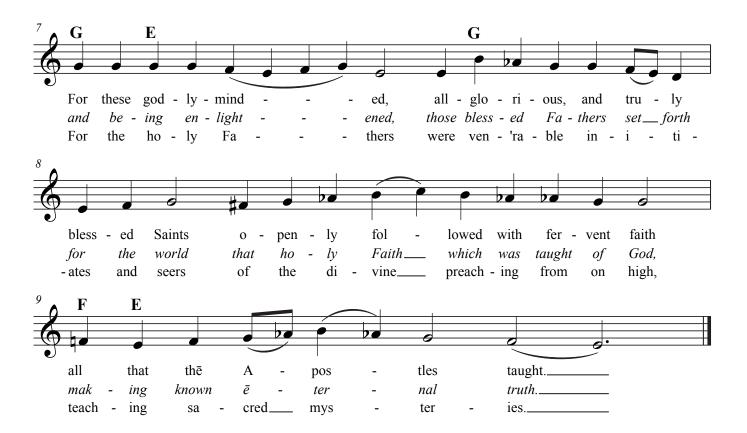
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The Sunday of the Holy Fathers

Doxastikon (Glory) at the Praises







Resurrectional Theotokion: Tone 8



The Great Doxology











July 14 (Apostle Aquila; 6th Friday after Pentecost)

Aposticha (of the Cross)

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Prokeimenon: Exalt the Lord our God. The Lord reigns; let the people tremble.

Epistle: Romans 16:1-16

Brethren, I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a deaconess of the church at Cenchreai, that you may receive her in the Lord as befits the saints, and help her in whatever she may require from you, for she has been a helper of many and of myself as well. Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I but also all the churches of the Gentiles give thanks; greet also the church in their house. Greet my beloved Epainetos, who was the first convert in Asia for Christ. Greet Mary, who has worked hard among you. Greet Andronicos and Junias, my kinsmen and my fellow prisoners; they are men of note among the apostles, and they were in Christ before me. Greet Ampliatos, my beloved in the Lord. Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and my beloved Stachys. Greet Apelles, who is approved in Christ. Greet those who belong to the family of Aristobulos. Greet my kinsman Herodion. Greet those in the Lord who belong to the family of Narcissos. Greet those workers in the Lord, Tryphaina and Tryphosa. Greet the beloved Persis, who has worked hard in the Lord. Greet Rufus, eminent in the Lord, also his mother and mine. Greet Asyncritos, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the brethren who are with them. Greet Philologos, Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-54

The Lord said this parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net which was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind; when it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into vessels but threw away the bad. So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous, and throw them into the furnace of fire; there men will weep and gnash their teeth. Have you understood all this?" They said to him, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old." And when Jesus had finished these parables, he went away from there, and coming to his own country he taught them in their synagogue.