

**Note: This feast is a rank that calls for GREAT VESPERS to be served.**

**"Lord I Call..." – Tone 4**

*Reader:* In the Fourth Tone, Lord, I call upon You, hear me!

Lord, I call upon You, hear me!

Hear me, O Lord!

Lord, I call upon You, hear me!

Receive the voice of my prayer,  
when I call upon You!//

Hear me, O Lord!

Let my prayer arise

in Your sight as incense,

and let the lifting up of my hands

be an evening sacrifice!//

Hear me, O Lord!

Lord, I call upon You, hear me. Hear me, O Lord. Lord, I call upon You, hear me.

Receive the voice of my prayer when I call u - pon You,

Hear me, O Lord! Let my prayer a - rise

in Your sight as in - cense, and let the lifting up of my hands

be an evening sac - ri - fice. Hear me, O Lord!

Reader: (Reads text from service book)

v. (10) Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Your name!

v. (9) The righteous will surround me; for You will deal bountifully with me.

v. (8) Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!

**Tone 4**

*(Called from on high)*

The Searcher of the hearts of men  
 inspired your mind, O Apostle, with His divine knowledge.  
 He called you to Himself, ransoming you from the world's deceit,  
 for He is the Light whose rays shine to the ends of the earth.  
 He commanded you to proclaim His word.  
 He made you worthy to write His holy Gospel;//  
 pray that He may save and enlighten our souls!

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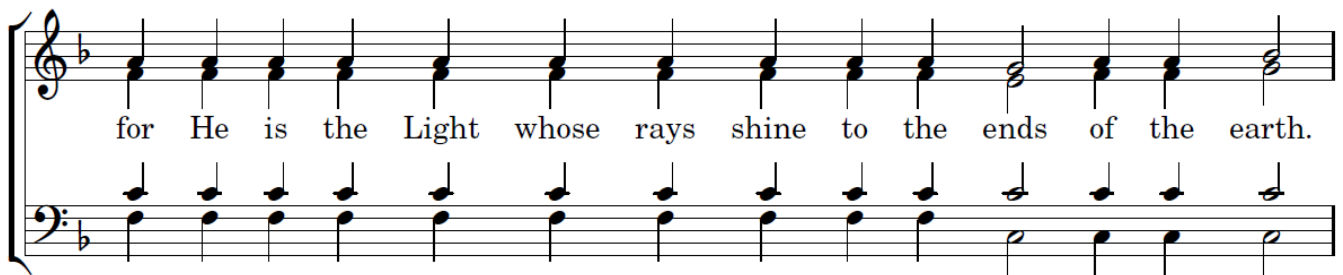
*v. (7) Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!*

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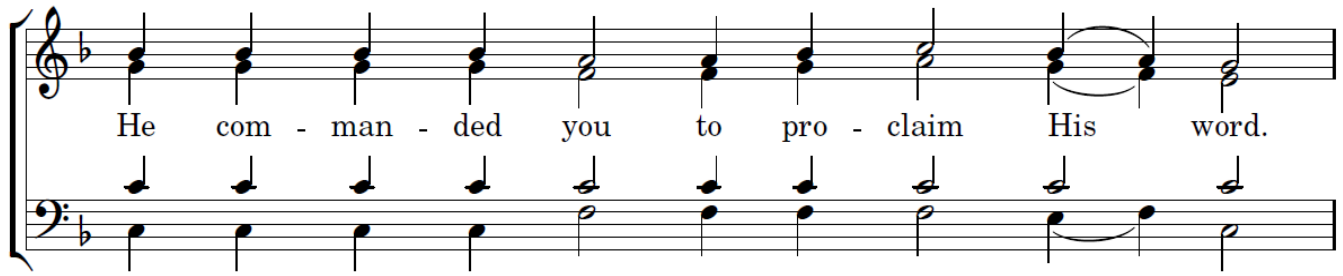
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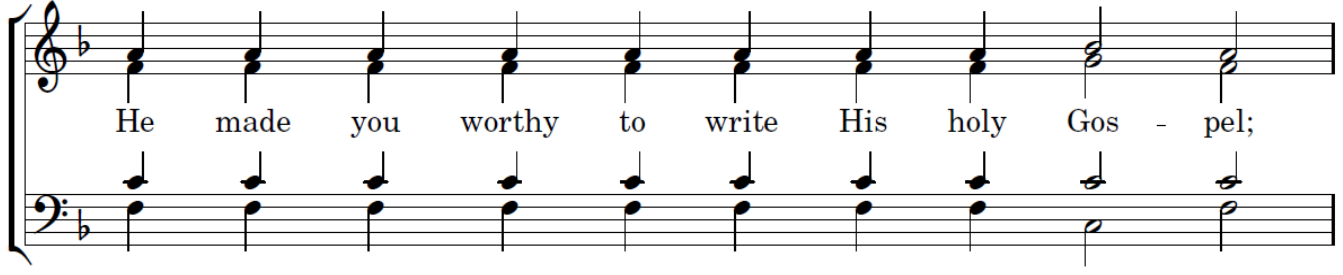
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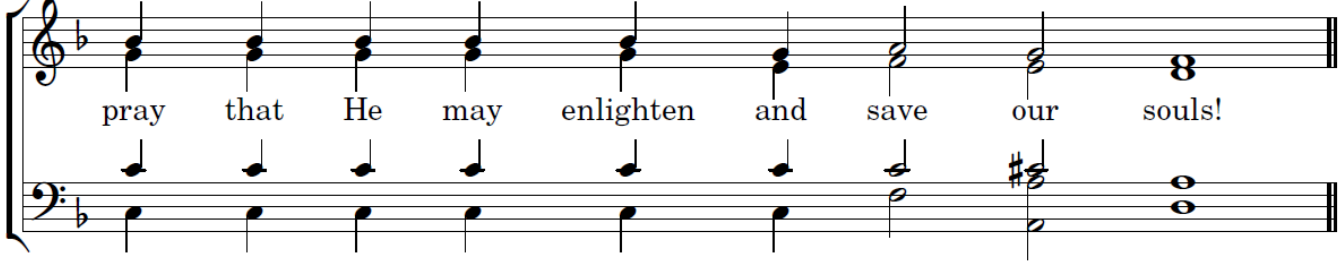
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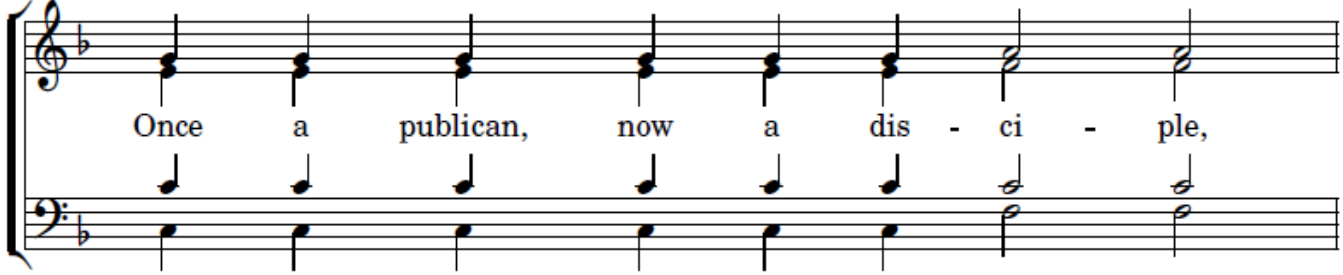
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*v. (6) If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You.*

Once a publican, now a disciple,  
 you accepted the urgent call of the Eternal Word,  
 and abandoned the collection of the taxes,  
 eager for the promise of communion in His Kingdom;  
 you cast away the raging tumult of this life,  
 and now you behold His glory face to face;//  
 pray that He may save and enlighten our souls!



Once a publican, now a dis - ci - ple,

you accepted the urgent call of the E - ter - nal Word.

You a - ban - doned the collection of the tax - es,

eager for the promise of communion in His king - dom;

you cast away the raging tu - mult of this life.

Now you behold His glory face to face;

pray that He may enlighten and save our souls!

*v. (5) For Your Name's sake I wait for You, O Lord. My soul has waited for Your word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.*

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 you accepted the urgent call of the Eternal Word,  
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Once a publican, now a dis - ci - ple,

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains a series of chords, each corresponding to a syllable of the lyrics. The bass staff contains a simple accompaniment of quarter notes.

you accepted the urgent call of the E - ter - nal Word.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system.

You a - ban - doned the collection of the tax - es,

The third system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment.

eager for the promise of communion in His king - dom;

The fourth system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The word 'king' is followed by a long note in the treble staff.

you cast away the raging tu - mult of this life.

The fifth system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The word 'life' is followed by a long note in the treble staff.

Now you behold His glory face to face;

The sixth system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment.

pray that He may enlighten and save our souls!

*v. (4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord!*

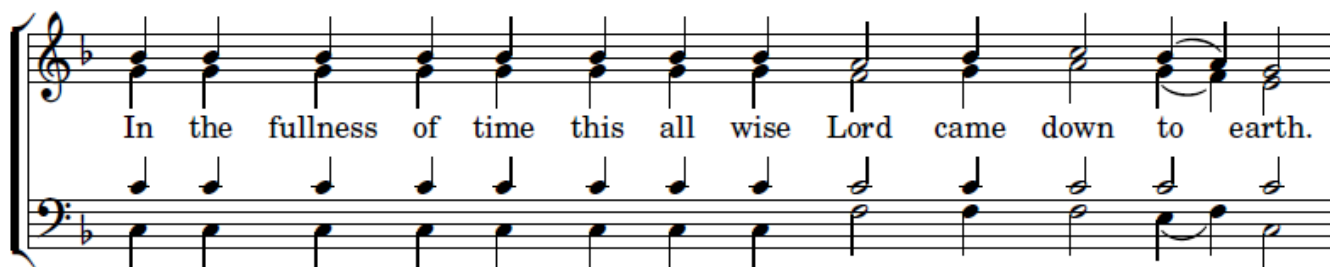
In days of old, as the earth lay waste in evil,  
 the prophet Daniel was endowed with clearness of sight.  
 He beheld a stone, cut without human hands from a mountain:  
 a stone that ground the riches of earthly kingdoms to dust.  
 In the fullness of time this all-wise Lord came down to earth.  
 Passing by the customs-house, He chose you to be His herald;  
 He called you, who once served an earthly kingdom,  
 to serve Him, the Light of the world.  
 Pray to Him, O blessed Matthew,//  
 that He may save and enlighten our souls!

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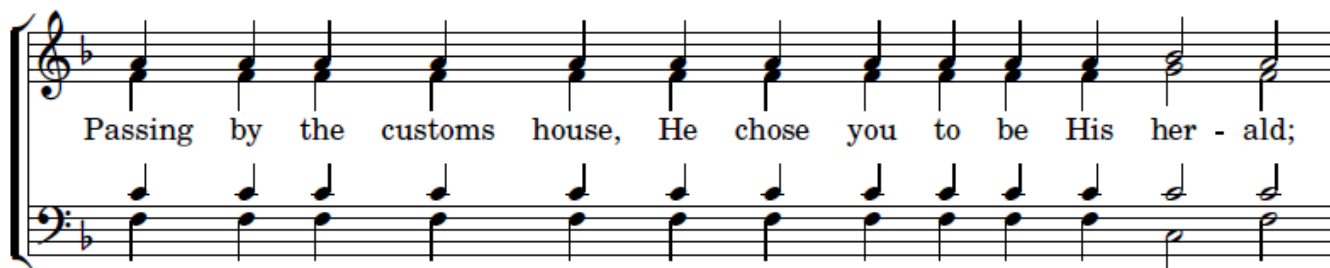
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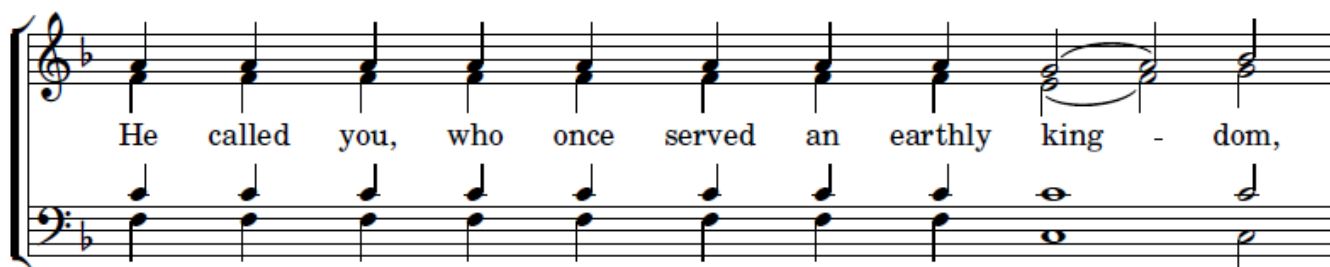
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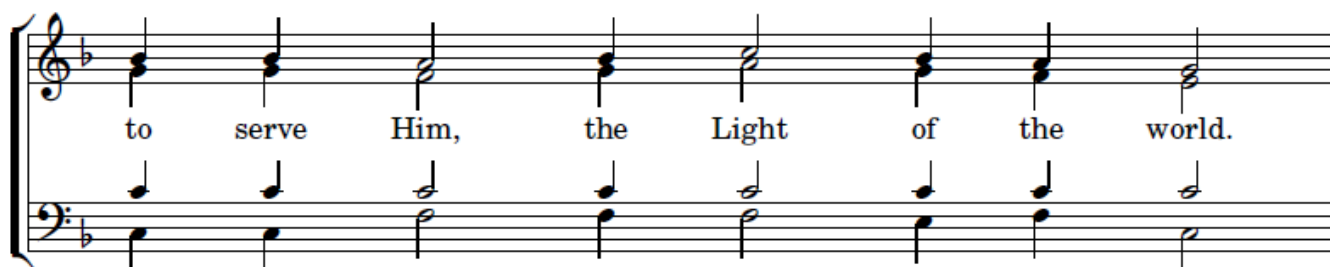
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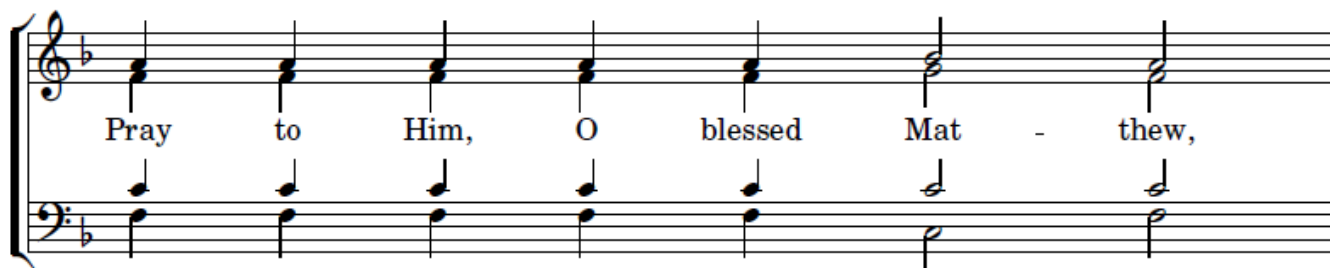
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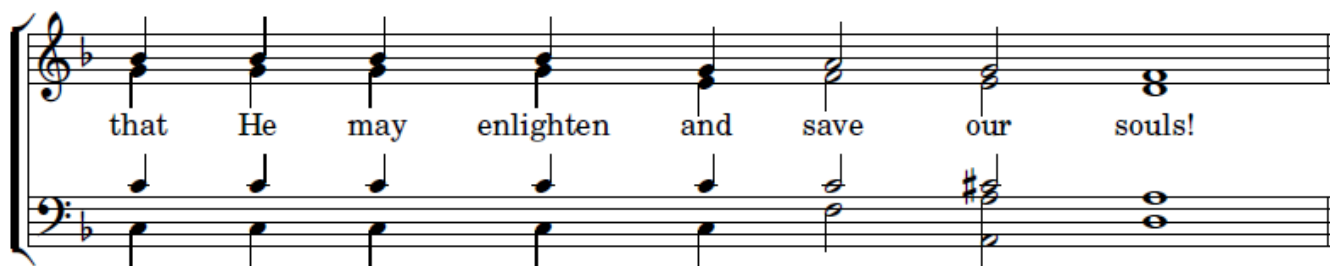
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to serve Him, the Light of the world.



Pray to Him, O blessed Mat - thew,



that He may enlighten and save our souls!

*v. (3) For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.*

In days of old, as the earth lay waste in evil,  
 the prophet Daniel was endowed with clearness of sight.  
 He beheld a stone, cut without human hands from a mountain:  
 a stone that ground the riches of earthly kingdoms to dust.  
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to serve Him, the Light of the world.

Pray to Him, O blessed Mat - thew,

that He may enlighten and save our souls!

*v. (2) Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!*

When the sinless Light came in the flesh, as He Himself willed,  
 scattering the darkness of ignorance,  
 then you, O servant of the most divine will,  
 followed in response to His life-giving command.  
 As a most divine keeper of His will in a manner beyond understanding,  
 you, O Matthew, became a beacon of the Church  
 and a dwelling-place of Christ.//  
 Entreat Him to save and enlighten our souls!

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Entreat Him to save and enlighten our souls!

*v. (1) For His mercy is confirmed on us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.*

Burning up deception with a fiery tongue,  
 you, O most wise Matthew, were highly exalted.  
 After receiving the Comforter, Whose coming enlightened you,  
 you spoke to the people of the majesty of the Almighty One,  
 bringing amazement to the minds of those who heard your words.  
 Now your proclamation has gone out into all the earth, O divinely inspired Apostle.//  
 Pray to God that He will be gracious to all who sing your praises!

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*In the Same Tone, Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*

**Tone 4**

*Idiomelon*

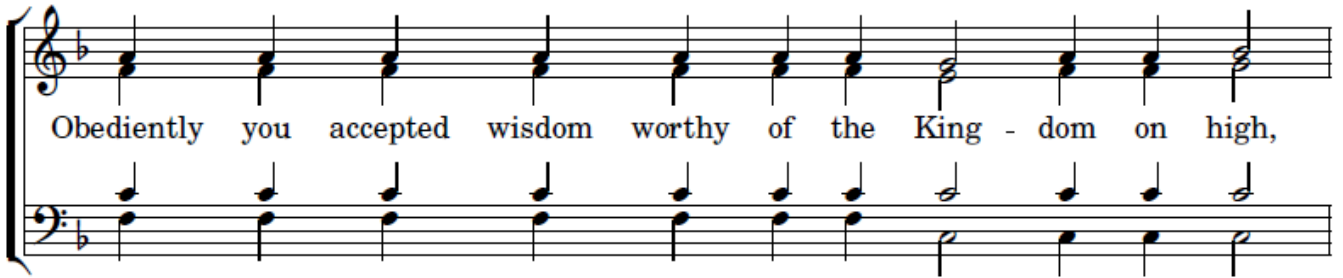
You were called by Christ to heavenly discipleship,  
 and you followed Him eagerly, O chosen of God.  
 forsaking overnight all enslavement to the cares of this life.  
 Obediently you accepted wisdom worthy of the Kingdom on high,  
 and abandoned the passing glory of your former life in the world,  
 becoming an evangelist instead of a publican:  
 a light for those living in darkness  
 and a guide to salvation for those gone astray.  
 Now, O Matthew, you are a fervent intercessor for the world//  
 and guardian of those who honor you.

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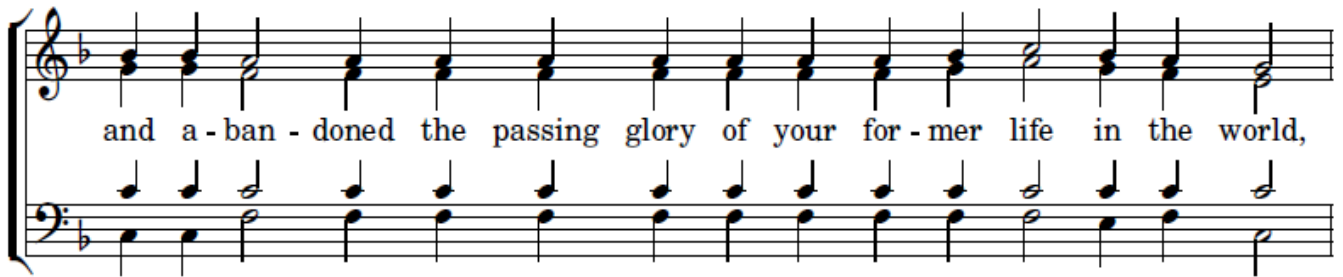
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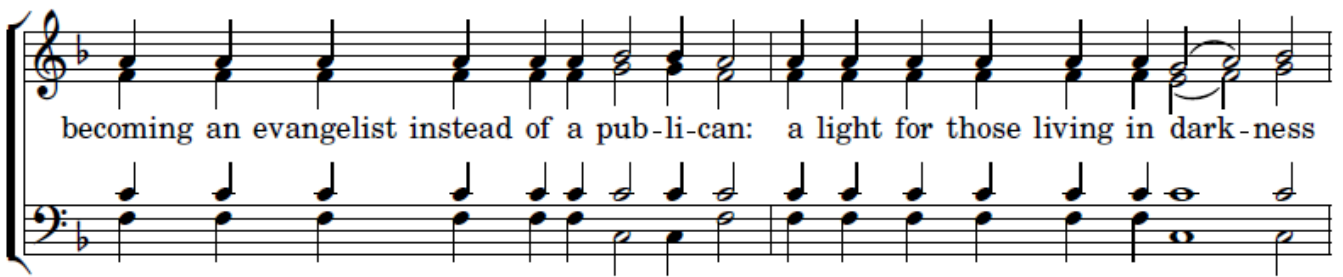
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Now, O Matthew, you are a fervent in - ter - ces - sor for the world

and guardian of those who honor you.

*In the Same Tone, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**Tone 4**

*(Theotokion – Dogmatikon)*

The Prophet David was a Father of the Lord  
 Through you, O Virgin.  
 He foretold in songs the One Who worked wonder in you:  
 "At Your right hand stood the Queen," Your Mother, the mediatrix of life,  
 since God was freely born of her without a father.  
 He wanted to renew His fallen image, made corrupt in passion,  
 so He took the lost sheep upon His shoulder  
 and brought it to His Father,  
 joining it to the heavenly pow'rs.  
 Christ who has great and rich mercy//  
 has saved the world, O Theotokos.

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He fore-told in songs the One Who worked wonder in you.

"At Your right hand stood the Queen, Your mother the mediatrix of life

since God was freely born of her with-out a fa-ther!"

He wanted to renew His fallen image, made corrupt in pas-sion;

so He took the lost sheep upon His shoul-der;

and brought it to-His Fa-ther, joining it to the hea-ven-ly powers.

Christ, Who has great and rich mer-cy,

has saved the world, O The-o-to-kos!

*Priest:* Wisdom! Let us attend!

*People:* O Gladsome Light ... (p. 16)

*Prokeimenon of the Day, Three Readings*



*Priest: Wisdom!*

*Reader: The reading from the First Catholic Epistle of the Holy Apostle Peter. (1 Peter 1:1-2:6)*

*Priest: Let us attend!*

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the elect who are living as exiles, scattered in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia. This is according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, so that you may obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with his blood. Grace be to you and may peace be multiplied!

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his great mercy has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an incorruptible and undefiled inheritance that does not fade away. It is reserved in heaven for you, who by the power of God are protected through faith for a salvation which is ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you greatly rejoice, although for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials. This way, may the demonstration of your faith (which is more precious than gold that perishes even though it is tested by fire) be found to result in praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ! Even though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with unspeakable joy and glory. And so you are receiving the result of your faith, the salvation of your souls. About this salvation, the prophets (who prophesied of the grace that would come to you) did much research and investigation. They were investigating the time and circumstances that the Spirit of Christ (which was in them) pointed to by predicting the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow them. They received revelation that they were servants of these things not for themselves but for you. These things have now been announced to you by those who preached the Good News by the Holy Spirit sent out from heaven, and even the angels desire to gaze upon these things.

Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be sober and set your hope fully on the grace that is brought to you by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Be children of obedience and do not conform yourselves to your former lusts as in the days of your ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, you yourselves should also be holy in every aspect of your life, because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy." If you call on him who judges without discrimination according to everyone's work as Father, spend your lives as exiles here on earth, in reverent fear. Know that it was not with corruptible things (such as silver or gold) that you were redeemed from the useless way of life handed down to you by your forefathers. Instead, it was with the precious blood of a blameless and pure lamb, the blood of Christ! He was foreknown even before the foundation of the world but he was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him, you believe in God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope might be in God.

Having purified your souls by obedience to the truth through the Spirit, love one another with a pure heart, in sincere brotherly affection, and fervently! You have been born again, not of corruptible but of incorruptible seed, through the word of God which lives and remains forever. Truly:

*All flesh is like grass,  
and all of man's glory like the flower in the grass. The grass withers, and its flower falls;  
but the word of the Lord endures forever.*

This is the word of the Good News which was preached to you.

Therefore, putting away all wickedness, deceit, hypocrisies, envies, and all evil speaking, as newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the Word, so that you may grow by it in you] salvation. If indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious, come to him who is a living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious. You also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, in order to offer up spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

As the Scripture has it:

*Behold, I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone, chosen and precious: Whoever believes in him will not be disappointed.*

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*Priest:* Wisdom!

*Reader:* The reading from the First Catholic Epistle of the Holy Apostle Peter. (1 Peter 2:21-3:9)

*Priest:* Let us attend!

Brothers and Sisters, you were called to this, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving you an example so that you should follow in his steps. Yet he did not sin, “neither was deceit found in his mouth” and when he was cursed, he did not curse back. When he suffered, he did not threaten, but committed himself to the one who judges righteously. In his body, he bore in himself our sins on the tree, so that having died to sins, we might live to righteousness; and “by his wounds you were healed.” Indeed, you were going astray like sheep, but now, you have returned to the shepherd and overseer of your souls.

In the same way, wives, be in subjection to your own husbands. This way, even if they do not obey the word, they will be won by the behavior of their wives without a word, seeing your pure and reverent attitude. Your beauty should not only consist in external ornaments and hairstyles, golden jewelry, or fine clothing. Instead, let it be in the hidden person of the heart, in the incorruptible adornment of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God. This is how the holy women of the past hoped in God and also adorned themselves. They were submissive to their own husbands, as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him “lord.” You are now her children if you do what is good and do not give in to fear.

In the same way, you husbands should live with your wives according to knowledge, giving them honor as to the weaker vessel and also as joint- heirs of the grace of life. This way, your prayers will not be hindered.

Finally, all of you be like-minded, compassionate, loving as brethren, tenderhearted, polite, not giving back evil for evil or insult for insult. Instead, give back blessing, knowing that you are called to do this, so that you yourselves may inherit a blessing.

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Brothers and Sisters, as Christ suffered for us in the flesh, equip yourselves with the same mind; for anyone who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin. Thus you should no longer live the rest of your time in the flesh for human lusts but to do God’s will. Truly, you have spent enough of your past lifetime fulfilling the will of [non-believing] Gentiles. We used to live in indecency, lusts, excess drinking, orgies, riotous behavior, and abominable idolatries. They think it is strange that you no longer run with them into the same abusive lifestyle, and they speak evil of you. However, they will give an account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead! For this reason, the Good News was preached even to the dead, so that they might in the flesh undergo the judgment that faces all human beings, but then live in the spirit as to God.

The end of all things is near! Therefore, be clear-minded, self-controlled, and sober in prayer. And above all things, be committed to your mutual love because love will cover a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another, without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve each other, as good stewards of the grace of God in its various forms. If anyone speaks, let it be as the very words of God. If anyone serves, let it be with the strength that God supplies, so that in all things, God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion unto ages of ages. Amen.

*Then, the Augmented Litany (p. 18)*

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## Aposticha – Tone 4

O all-praised Matthew,  
your words are a trumpet drawing men to the knowledge of God.  
They have delivered the inhabitants of the earth from enslavement to evil,  
leading us into the true faith, the unity of righteousness.//  
Pray to Christ our God to deliver us from corruption and danger!

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They have de-liv-ered the inhabitants of the earth from enslavement to e-vil,  
leading us into the true faith, the unity of right-eous-ness.  
Pray to Christ our God to deliver us from corruption and dan-ger!

*v. Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe.  
(Ps. 18:4)*

By a fiery tongue you were armed mightily with the Spirit;  
your words overthrew the deceitful enemy, O Apostle.  
Christ our God, Whom you proclaimed to be the fulfillment of the Prophets,  
adorned you with the resplendent crown of His love.//  
Pray to Him to deliver us from corruption and danger!

By a fiery tongue you were armed mightily with the Spir-it;  
your words overthrew the deceitful enemy, O A-pos-tle.

Christ our God, Whom you proclaimed to be the fulfillment of the Pro - phets,  
 adorned you with the resplendent crown of His love.  
 Pray to Him to deliver us from corruption and dan - ger!

*v. The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims His handiwork. (Ps. 18:1)*

The publican in a single moment becomes an apostle;  
 the tax collector seizes riches from the Fount of Joy.  
Blessing you abundantly with the fullness of the Spirit,  
 Christ our God made you to be the bearer of glad tidings for us.//  
 Pray to Him to deliver us from corruption and danger!

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 the tax collector seizes riches from the Fount of Joy.  
 Bless - ing you abundantly with the fullness of the Spir - it,  
 Christ our God made you to be the bearer of glad tid - ings for us.

Pray to Him to deliver us from corruption and dan - ger!

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

**Tone 6**

The full stature of goodness is made manifest in you, O blessed Matthew:  
 in the fullness of time you abandoned the occupation of an evil age,  
 soaring as an eagle to the heights of righteousness;  
 you have filled the earth with the wisdom hidden from all eternity,  
 following fervently in the footsteps of Christ;  
 you have borne the Gospel of peace, life, and salvation to men,  
 filling with divine commandments those who hunger after righteousness.  
 O blessed guide, well-pleasing to the Creator,//  
 pray for us who bless your memory!

The full stature of goodness is made manifest in you, blessed Mat - thew:

in the fullness of time you abandoned the occupation of an e - vil age,

soaring as an eagle to the heights of right - eous - ness;

you have filled the earth with the wisdom hidden from all e - ter - ni - ty,

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Blessed guide, well - pleasing to the Cre - a - - tor,

pray for us who bless your mem - o - - ry!

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

**Tone 6**

*(Theotokion)*

*(Theotokion – Tone 6)*

My Maker and Redeemer, Christ the Lord,  
was born of you, O most pure Virgin.

By accepting my nature, He freed Adam from his ancient curse.

Unceasingly we magnify you as the Mother of God!

Rejoice, O celestial Joy!

Rejoice, O Lady://

the Protection, Intercession and Salvation of our souls!

My Maker and Redeemer, Christ the Lord, was born of you, O most pure Vir - gin!

By accepting my nature He freed Adam from his an - cient curse!

Unceasingly we magnify you as the Mo - ther of God!

Rejoice, O ce - le - stial joy! Re - joice, O La - - - dy,

the protection, intercession and sal - va - tion of our souls!

*Then, St. Symeon's Prayer (p. 25)*

(at Great Vespers)

Tone 3

Troparion

(Troparion for the Evangelist – Tone 3)

With zeal you followed Christ the Master,  
Who, in His goodness, appeared on earth to mankind.

Summoning you from the customs house,  
He revealed you as a chosen apostle:  
the proclaimer of the Gospel to the whole world.

Therefore, divinely eloquent Matthew,

we honor your precious memory!!

Entreat the merciful God that He may grant our souls remission of transgressions!

The musical score is written for four voices: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass. It is in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "With zeal, you fol - lowed Christ\_ the Mas - ter, who in His goodness, appeared on earth to man - kind. Sum - mon - ing you from the cus - tom house, He revealed you as a chos - en a - pos - tle: the proclaimer of the". The score consists of four systems of staves. Each system has a vocal line (Soprano/Alto or Tenor/Bass) and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are placed below the vocal lines. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and simple melodic lines.



Gospel to the whole world! There-fore, di-vine-ly

el-o-quent Mat-thew, we honor your pre-cious mem-

o-ry! Entreat merciful God that He may grant

our souls re-mis-sion of trans-gres-sions.

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

**Tone 3 Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion**

*(Resurrection Dismissal Theotokion – Tone 3)*

We praise you as the mediatrix of our salvation,  
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For your son, our God, Who took flesh from you,  
accepted the Passion on the Cross, //  
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Soprano  
Alto  
Tenor  
Bass

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*Then, the dismissal (p. 26)*