

"Lord I Call..." – Tone 1

Reader: In the First 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. Re-ceive 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 eve - ning 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!

**Tone 1***(for the Resurrection)*Accept our evening prayers, O holy Lord!Grant us remission of sins, //for You alone have manifested the Resurrection to the world.

Ac - cept our evening prayers, O ho - ly Lord!

Grant us re - mis - sion of sins,

for You alone have manifested the Resur - rec - tion to the world!

The musical score is written for piano accompaniment on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the bass clef providing a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The first system ends with a repeat sign and a fermata over the final note.

*v. (9) The righteous will surround me; for You will deal bountifully with me.*Encircle Zionand surround her, O people!Give glory in her to the One Who rose from the dead!

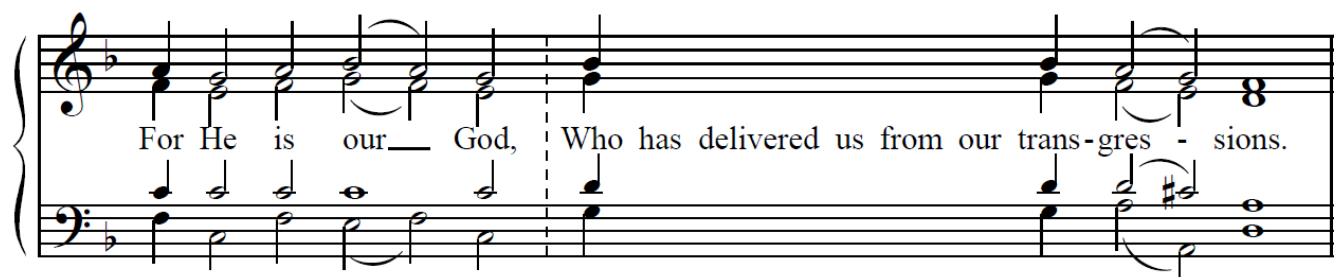
For He is our God, //

Who has delivered us from our transgressions!

En - cir - cle Zi - on and surround her, O peo - - - ple!

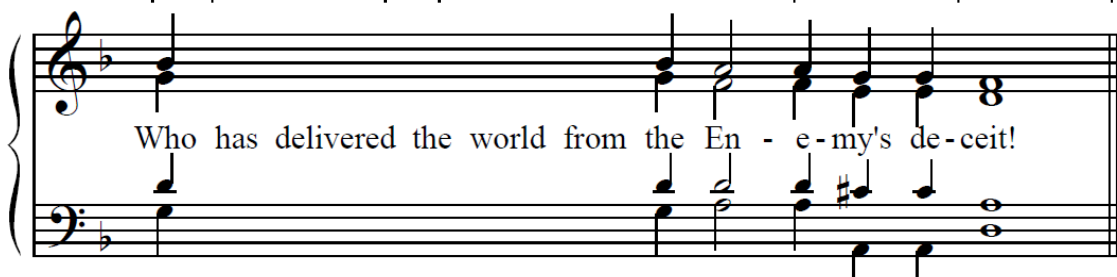
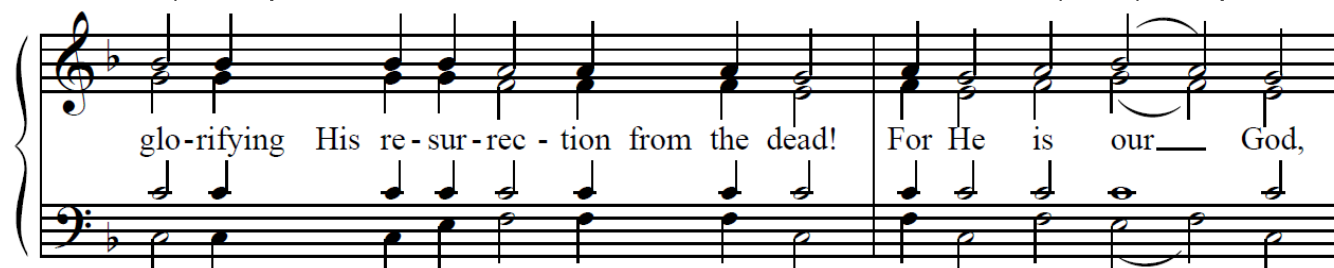
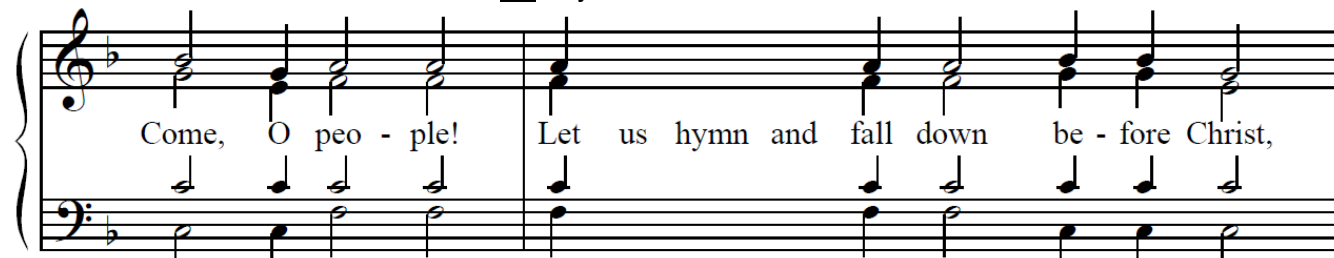
Give glo - ry in her to the One Who rose from the dead!

The musical score continues on a grand staff. The melody for 'En - cir - cle Zi - on' is in the treble clef, and 'and surround her, O peo - - - ple!' is in the bass clef. The second system ends with a repeat sign and a fermata over the final note.



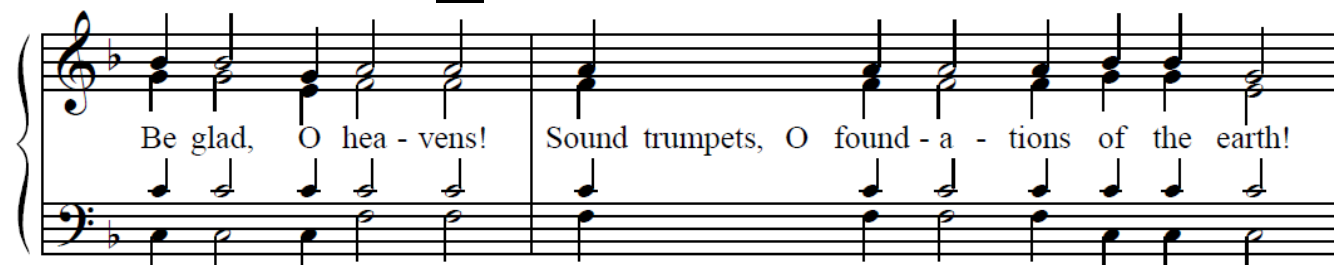
*v. (8) Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!*

Come, O people,  
let us hymn and fall down before Christ,  
glorifying His Resurrection from the dead!  
For He is our God, //  
Who has delivered the world from the Enemy's deceit!



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

Be glad, O heavens!  
Sound trumpets, O foundations of the earth!  
Sing in gladness, O mountains!  
Behold Emmanuel has nailed our sins to the Cross!  
Granting life, He has slain death.//  
He has resurrected Adam as the Lover of man.



Sing in glad-ness O moun-tains. Behold, Emmanuel has nailed our sins to the Cross,  
grant-ing life, He has slain death. He has resurrected Adam as the Lo-ver of Man.

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

## Tone 2

*(All Saints of America)*

Come, let us praise the saints of North America,  
 holy hierarchs, venerable monastics and glorious martyrs,  
 pious men, women and children, both known and unknown!  
 Through their words and deeds, in various walks of life,  
 by the grace of the Spirit they achieved true holiness.  
Now as they stand in the presence of Christ Who glorified them, //  
 they pray for us, who celebrate their memory with love.

Come, let us praise the saints of North A - mer - i - ca,  
 holy hierarchs, venerable monastics and glorious mar - tyrs,  
 pious men, women and children, both known and un - known!

Through their words and deeds, in various walks of life,  
by the grace of the Spirit they achieved true hol - i - ness.  
Now as they stand in the presence of Christ Who glo - ri - fied them,  
they pray for us, who celebrate their mem - o - ry with love.

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

Come, let us assemble today  
and glorify the luminaries of the North American lands,  
the glorious martyrs and holy bishops who confirmed our faith,  
the righteous dwellers in the wilderness and guides of the spiritual life!  
Let us cry out to them in joy://  
"All Saints of North America, known and unknown, pray to God for us!"

Come, let us assem - ble today and glorify the luminaries of the North Amer - i - can lands,  
the glorious mar - tyrs and holy bishops who con - firmed our faith,

the righteous dwellers in the wilderness and guides of the spir - i - tual life!

Let us cry out to them in joy:

All Saints of North America, known and unknown, pray to God for us!

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

As the brightest sun,  
 as the brilliance of the Morning Star,  
 the precious feast of the saints of North America has dawned for us,  
 to illumine us and to set our hearts on fire,  
 to imitate their godly lives, //  
 and to follow their example of zeal for God.

As the bright - est sun, as the brilliance of the Morn - ing Star,

the precious feast of the saints of North America has dawned for us,

to illumine us and to set our hearts on fire, to imitate their god - ly lives,

and to follow their example of zeal for God.

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

Come, let us assemble today  
 and let us praise the elect of North America!  
 Having fought the good fight, you have persevered in the faith,  
 receiving your crowns of victory from God.  
 Beseech Him to deliver from every calamity and sorrow!  
 all who keep your holy memory in faith and in love!

Come, let us as-semble to-day and let us praise the elect of North A-mer - i - ca!

Having fought the good fight, you have per - se - vered in the faith,

receiving your crowns of vic - to - ry from God.

Beseech Him to deliver from every calamity and sor - row

all who keep your holy memory in faith and in love!

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

**Tone 6**

*(for All Saints of America)*

*(Having set all our hope...)*

The earth rejoices and the heavens are glad,  
O venerable Saints of America,  
praising your labors and lives, your spiritual fortitude and purity of heart.  
By driving away a multitude of demons  
and enlightening many people with the light of the Orthodox Faith,//  
you have confirmed our land.

The earth rejoices and the hea-vens are glad, O venerable Saints of Amer - i - ca,  
praising your labors and lives, your spiritual fortitude and pur - i - ty of heart.  
By driving away a multitude of de - mons  
and enlightening many people with the light of the Orth - o - dox Faith,  
you have con - firmed our land.

v. (1) *For His mercy is abundant towards us; and the truth of the Lord endures for ever.*

Rejoice, O mountains of Pennsylvania;  
leap for joy, O waters of the Great Lakes;  
rise up, O fertile plains of Canada;  
for the elect of Christ who dwelt in you are glorified,  
men and women who left their homes for a new land!  
With faith, hope and patience as their armor,



they courageously fought the good fight.  
 Comforted by the beauty of the Orthodox Faith,  
 they labored in mines and mills, they tilled the land,  
 they braved the challenges of the great cities,  
 enduring many hardships and sufferings.  
 Never failing to worship God in spirit and truth  
 and unyielding in devotion to His most pure Mother,  
 they erected many temples to His glory.  
 Come, O assembly of the Orthodox,  
 and with love let us praise the holy women, men and children,  
 those known to us and those known only to God,  
 and let us cry out to them://  
 "Rejoice, All Saints of North America and pray to God for us!"

Rejoice, O mountains of Penn-syl-va - ni-a; leap for joy, O waters of the Great Lakes;

rise up, O fertile plains of Can-a-da; for the elect of Christ who dwelt in you are glo-rified,

men and women who left their homes for a new land!

With faith, hope and patience as their ar - mor,

they courageously fought the good fight. Comforted by the beauty of the Orth-o-dox Faith,

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and with love let us praise the holy women, men and chil - dren,

those known to us and those known on - ly to God, and let us cry out to them:

Rejoice, All Saints of North America and pray to God for us!

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

### **Tone 5**

*(All Saints of America)*

Rejoice, O continent of North America, illumined by the holy Gospel!

Rejoice, every province, state, city and town,  
which raised up citizens of the heavenly Kingdom!

Rejoice, our venerable Father Herman, first saint of our land!

Rejoice O Martyrs Juvenaly and Peter,  
for your blood has watered the seed of faith planted in Alaska!

Rejoice, O holy Hierarchs: Innocent, Tikhon, Nicholas, Raphael and John!

Rejoice, O holy Fathers Alexis, John, and all righteous priests!

Rejoice, All Saints of North America,  
for your light has shone forth to the ends of the earth!//

We beseech you to pray to Christ our God that our souls may be saved!

Re-joice, O continent of North America, illumined by the holy Gos - pel!

Rejoice, every province, state, ci - ty and town,

which raised up citizens of the heav - en - ly King - dom!

Re - joyce, our venerable Father Herman, first saint of our land!

Rejoice O Martyrs Juvenaly and Pe - ter,

for your blood has watered the seed of faith planted in A - las - ka!

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Re - joyce, All Saints of North A - mer - i - ca,

for your light has shone forth to the ends of the earth!

We beseech you to pray to Christ our God that our souls may be saved!

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

# **Tone 1**

*(Theotokion – Dogmatikon)*

Let us praise the Virgin Mary!  
 The gate of heaven, the glory of the world!  
 The song of the angels, the beauty of the faithful!  
 She was born of man, yet gave birth to God!  
 She was revealed as the heaven,  
 as the temple of the godhead!  
 She destroyed the wall of enmity!  
 She commenced the peace; she opened the Kingdom!  
 Since she is our foundation of faith,  
 our defender is the Lord Whom she bore!  
Courage! Courage! O People of God!  
 For Christ will destroy our enemies//  
 since He is all powerful.

Let us praise the Vir-gin Ma-ry! The gate of heaven, the glo-ry of the world!

The song of the angels, the beauty of the faith-ful!

She was born of man, yet gave birth to God!

She was re-vealed as the heaven, as the temple of the God-head!

She destroyed the wall of en - mi - ty!

She com - menced the peace, she opened the King - dom!

Since she is our found - a - tion of faith,

our de - fend - er is the Lord Whom she bore!

Courage! Courage! O peo - - ple of God!

For Christ will destroy our en - e - mies since He is all - pow - er - ful.

*Priest:* Wisdom! Let us attend!

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

*Prokeimenon of the Day, Three Readings*

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## Old Testament Readings

*Priest:* Wisdom!

*Reader:* The reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah. (*Isaiah 43:9-14*)

*Priest:* Let us attend!

*Reader:* Thus says the Lord: All the nations were gathered together, and rulers shall be gathered out of them. Who shall declare this, or who shall declare to you the things from the beginning? Let them bring their witnesses and let them be justified, and let them hear and say the truth. Be my witnesses, says the Lord, and I am a witness and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe and understand that I am. Before me there was no other, nor shall there be any after me. I am God, and besides me there is no savior. I declared and saved, I rebuked, and there was no strange god among you; and you are my witnesses. I am the Lord God, even from the beginning; there is none who can deliver from my hand; I shall work and who shall turn it back? Thus says the Lord, God who redeems you, the Holy One of Israel: For your sake I will send to Babylon and I will rouse up all who flee and the Chaldæans shall be bound in ships.

*Priest:* Wisdom!

*Reader:* The reading from the Wisdom of Solomon. (*Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9*)

*Priest:* Let us attend!

*Reader:* The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment will touch them. In the eyes of fools they seemed to die and their departure was reckoned a disaster and their going from us their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of men they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself. Like gold in the furnace he tried them and like a whole burnt offering he accepted them. And in the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through stubble. They will judge nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them forever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones and visitation on his elect.

*Priest:* Wisdom!

*Reader:* The reading from the Wisdom of Solomon. (*Wisdom of Solomon 5:15-6:3*)

*Priest:* Let us attend!

*Reader:* The just live forever, and their reward is with the Lord; the Most High takes care of them. Therefore they will receive a glorious crown and a beautiful diadem from the hand of the Lord, because with his right hand he will cover them, and with his arm he will shield them. He will take his zeal as his whole armor, and will arm all creation to repel his enemies; he will put on righteousness as a breastplate, and will wear impartial justice as a helmet; he will take holiness as an invincible shield, and sharpen stern wrath for a sword, and creation will join with him to fight against his frenzied foes. Shafts of lightning will fly with true aim, and will leap from the clouds to the target, as from a well-drawn bow, and hailstones full of wrath will be hurled as from a catapult; the water of the sea will rage against them, and rivers will relentlessly overwhelm them; a mighty wind will rise against them, and like a tempest it will winnow them away. Lawlessness will lay waste the whole earth, and evil-doing will overturn the thrones of rulers. Listen, therefore, O kings, and understand; learn, O judges of the ends of the earth. Give ear, you that rule over multitudes, and boast of many nations. For your dominion was given you from the Lord, and your sovereignty from the Most High.

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

## Aposticha – Tone 1

We have been freed from sufferings  
by Your suffering, O Christ.  
We have been delivered from corruption  
by Your Resurrection.//  
O Lord, glory to You!

We have been freed from suf - fer - ings by Your suf - fer - ing, O Christ.

We have been delivered from cor - rup - tion by Your Re -

sur - rec - tion. O Lord, glo - ry to You.

*v. The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty!*

Let creation rejoice!  
Let the heavens be glad!  
Let the nations clap their hands with gladness,  
for Christ our Savior has nailed our sins to the Cross.  
Slaying death, He has given life.//  
He has resurrected fallen Adam as the Lover of man.

Let cre - a - tion re - joice. Let the hea - vens be glad. Let the na -

tions clap their hands with glad - ness. For Christ our Saviour has



nailed our sins to the Cross. Slay-ing death, He has gi - ven life.

He has resurrected fallen Adam as the Lo - ver of Man.

*v. For He has established the world, so that it shall never be moved.*

As King of heaven and earth,  
 You were voluntarily crucified in Your love for man.  
Hades was angered when it met You below.  
 Adam rose seeing You, the Cre-a-tor, un-der the earth.  
O Wonder!  
 How has the Life of All tasted death?  
You enlightened the world which cries://  
 "O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You!"

As King of hea - ven and earth, You were voluntarily crucified

in Your love for man. Ha - des was angered when it met You be - low.

Adam rose seeing You, the Cre-a - tor un - der the earth. O won - der!

How has the life of all tast - ed death? You en - light - ened the world which cries:

O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glo - ry to You!

*v. Holiness befits Your house, O Lord, forevermore!*

The myrrhbearing women came with haste to Your tomb,  
 bearing myrrh and lamen - tations.  
 Not finding Your most pure body,  
 they learned from the angel of the new and glorious wonder.  
 They told the Apostles:://  
 "The Lord is risen, granting to the world great mercy."

The myrrh - bearing women came with haste to Your tomb, bearing myrrh

and lamen - ta - tions. Not find - ing Your most pure Bo - dy

they learned from the angel of the new and glo - ri - ous won - der.

They told the a-pos-tles: "The Lord is risen granting to the world great mer - cy."

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

**Tone 4**

*(for All Saints of America)*

Today, as we celebrate the memory of all the Saints of North America,  
 let us praise them as is fitting,  
 for they lived all of Christ's beatitudes.  
 Deprived of material wealth, they became rich in spirit;  
 meek, they inhereted the earth;  
 mourning, they were comforted;  
 thirsting for righteousness, they were satisfied;  
 merciful, they obtained mercy;  
 pure in heart, they beheld the image of God;  
 as peacemakers, they became God's children;  
 persecuted and tortured for righteousness' sake, they now rejoice in heaven;//  
 and they pray fervently to the Lord that He may have mercy on our souls.

Today, as we celebrate the memory of all the Saints of North A-mer - i - ca,

let us praise them as is fit - ting, for they lived all of Christs be - a - ti - tudes.

Deprived of material wealth, they became rich in spir - it;

meek, they in-her - i - ted the earth; mourning, they were com - for - ted;



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persecuted and tor - tured for righteousness sake, they now re - joice in heav - en;

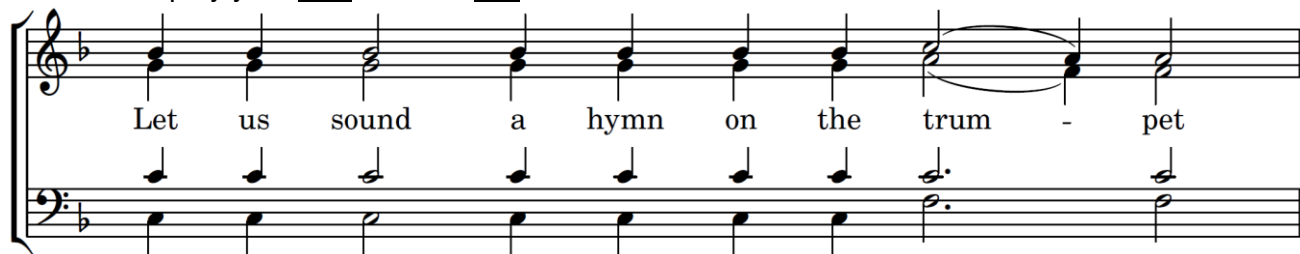
and they pray fervently to the Lord that He may have mer - cy on our souls.

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

### **Tone 5**

*(Theotokion, for All Saints of America)*

Let us sound a hymn on the trumpet  
 and praise with one accord the Protectress of our land,  
 our Queen, the Theotokos:  
Rejoice, for you have crowned our land with your favor,  
 pouring abundant grace upon it!  
Therefore, the Church in America joyously celebrates your precious protection  
 and commemorates the multitude of your miracles.  
 And now deprive us not of your mercies, O Lady!  
 Look with favor upon us in our adversities and afflictions//  
 and raise us up by your powerful intercession!



Let us sound a hymn on the trum - pet

and praise with one accord the Protectress of our land, our Queen, the Theo - to - kos:

Rejoice, for you have crowned our land with your fa - vor, pouring abundant grace upon it!

There - fore the Church in America joyously celebrates your pre - cious Pro - tec - tion

and com - mem - or - ates the multitude of your mir - a - cles.

Do not deprive us now of your mercies, O La - dy!

Look with fav - or upon us in our adversities and af - flic - tions

and raise us up by your pow - er - ful inter - ces - sion!

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

(at Great Vespers)

Tone 1

Troparion

(Resurrection)

(Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 1)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews,  
while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure body,  
You rose on the third day, O Savior,  
granting life to the world.

The powers of heaven therefore cried to You, O Giver of Life:

“Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ!

Glory to Your Kingdom!!!

Glory to Your dispensation, O Lover of mankind!”

When the stone\_\_ had been sealed by the Jews; While the soldiers were guarding

Your most pure Bo - dy; You rose\_\_ on the third day, O Sa - viour,

grant-ing life to the world. The po - wers of heaven therefore cried to

You, O Gi - ver of Life: Glo - ry to Your Re - sur - rec - tion, O Christ!

Glo - ry to Your King-dom! Glory to Your dispensation, O You Who love man - kind!

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

**Tone 8**

**Troparion**

(All Saints of America)

(Troparion for All Saints of America – Tone 8)

As the bountiful harvest of Your sowing of salvation,  
the lands of North America offer to You, O Lord, all the saints who have shone in them.  
By their prayers keep the Church and our land in abiding peace  
through the Theotokos, O most Merciful One!

Soprano  
Alto  
Tenor  
Bass

As the boun - ti - ful har - vest of Your sow - ing of

sal - va - tion, the lands of North A - mer - i - ca offer to You,

O Lord, all the saints who have shone in them. By their

prayers keep the Church and our land in a - bid - ing peace

through the The - o - to - kos, O most Mer - ci - ful One.

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

**Tone 8****Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion**

(Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion – Tone 8)

For our sake You were born of the Virgin and endured crucifixion, O Good One, destroying death by death

Revealing the Resurrection as God do not despise the work of Your hand!

Reveal Your love for man, O Merciful One and accept the Theotokos praying for us, //  
and save the despairing people, O our Savior!

For our sake You were born of the Virgin and endured  
crucifixion, O Good One, de-destroy-ing death by death! Re-veal-ing the Re-sur-  
rec-tion as God, do not despise the work of Your hand!  
Re-veal Your love for man, O Merciful One, and accept the  
The-o-to-kos pray-ing for us! And save the despairing people, O our Sa-viour!

*Then, the dismissal (p. 26)*



**(at the Divine Liturgy)**

**Tone 1**

**Troparion**

**(Resurrection)**

*(Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 1)*

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews,  
while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure body,  
You rose on the third day, O Savior,  
Granting life to the world.

The powers of heaven therefore cried to You, O Giver of Life:

“Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ!

Glory to Your Kingdom!//

Glory to Your dispensation, O you who love mankind!”

When the stone\_\_ had been sealed by the Jews; While the soldiers were guarding

Your most pure Bo - dy; You rose\_\_ on the third day, O Sa - viour,

grant-ing life to the world. The po - wers of heaven therefore cried to

You, O Gi - ver of Life: Glo - ry to Your Re - sur - rec - tion, O Christ!

Glo - ry to Your King-dom! Glory to Your dispensation, O You Who love man - kind!

## Tone 8

## Troparion

(All Saints of America)

(Troparion for All Saints of America – Tone 8)

As the bountiful harvest of Your sowing of salvation,  
 the lands of North America offer to You, O Lord, all the saints who have shone in them.  
 By their prayers keep the Church and our land in abiding peace  
 through the Theotokos, O most Merciful One!

Soprano  
Alto

As the boun - ti - ful har - vest of Your sow - ing of

Tenor  
Bass

sal - va - tion, the lands of North A - mer - i - ca offer to You,

O Lord, all the saints who have shone in them. By their

prayers keep the Church and our land in a - bid - ing peace

through the The - o - to - kos, O most Mer - ci - ful One.

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

## Tone 3

## Kontakion

(All Saints of America)

(Kontakion for All Saints of America – Tone 8)

Today the choir of Saints who were pleasing to God in the lands of North America  
 now stands before us in the Church and invisibly prays to God for us.

With them the Angels glorify Him,

and all the Saints of the Church of Christ keep festival with them; //

and together they all pray for us to the Pre-eternal God.

Soprano  
Alto

Tenor  
Bass

To - day the choir of Saints who were pleasing to God

in the lands of North A - mer - i - ca now stands before us

in the Church and invisibly prays to God for us.

With them the an - gels glo - ri - fy Him, and all the

saints of the Church of Christ keep fes - ti - val with them;

and together they all pray for us to the Pre - e -

ter nal God.

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

### Tone 1

### Kontakion

(Resurrection)

(Resurrectional Kontakion – Tone 1)

As God, You rose from the tomb in glory,  
raising the world with Yourself.

Human nature praises You as God for death has vanished.

Adam exults, O Master!

Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to You::

"You are the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!"

As God You rose from the tomb in glo- ry, raising the world with Your-self.

Hu - man na - ture praises You as God for death has va - nished.

A - dam exults, O Mas - ter. Eve re - joic - es, for she is freed from

bondage, and cries to You; You are the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ.

*(then, p. 83)*

*Priest:* Let us attend! † Peace to all!

**Reader: And with your spirit!**

*Prokeimenon, Tone 1*

**Reader: The Prokeimenon, in the 1<sup>st</sup> Tone: Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on You!**

*Choir:* Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on You!

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

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**Reader: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just!**

*Choir:* Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on You!

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

as we have set our hope on You.

**Reader: In the 7<sup>th</sup> Tone, Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.**

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*Deacon:* Wisdom!

**Reader: The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans.**

*Deacon:* Let us attend!

*Reader:* Brethren, glory, honor, and peace are for everyone who does good; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek, because there is no partiality with God. Hence, all those who have sinned apart from the law will also perish without the law, and as many as have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law will be declared righteous. Indeed, when Gentiles who do not have the law do by nature the things of the law, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law, by showing that the practical expression of the law is written in their hearts. Their conscience bears witness, and their thoughts alternately accuse or defend them. This is for the day when, according to my proclamation of the gospel, God, through Jesus Christ, will judge the secret thoughts of all.

Brethren, through faith, the saints overpowered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, became strong in weakness, grew mighty in war and caused foreign armies to flee.

Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, not accepting their deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection.

Others were tried by mocking and scourging, yes, by chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn apart, they were tempted and they were slain with the sword. They went around in sheep and goat skins, being destitute, afflicted, and ill-treated. And yet the world was not worthy of them! They wandered in deserts, mountains, caves, and the holes of the earth. All of them received a testimony through their faith but they did not receive the promise because God had made provision for us to have something better, and they were not to reach perfection apart from us.

And so, seeing that we are surrounded by such a great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin which so easily entangles us. Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith.

*Priest:* † Peace be to you!

*Alleluia:* Tone 1

**Reader: And to Your spirit. In the 1<sup>st</sup> Tone: Alleluia, God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues** people under me.

*Choir:* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Reader: He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his** seed forever.

*Choir:* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Reader: In the Same Tone, Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, O you righteous!**

*Choir:* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Priest:* The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. **Matthew**.

*Choir:* Glory to You O Lord, Glory to You.

*Priest:* At that time, walking by the sea of Galilee, Jesus saw two brothers: Simon who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother. They were casting a net into the sea since they were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fish for people!"

Immediately, they left their nets and followed him. Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. Jesus called them. At once, they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

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At that time, Jesus traveled throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the Good News of the Kingdom, and healing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people. His fame spread into all Syria, and they brought him all who were sick, afflicted with various diseases and torments, people possessed with demons, epileptics, and paralytics; and he healed them. Great crowds from Galilee, Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea and from beyond the Jordan followed him.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up to the mountain and when he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to speak and to teach them, saying: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven! Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted! Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth! Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled! Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy! Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God! Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God! Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven! Blessed are you when people revile you, persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for my sake! Rejoice, and be extremely glad, for great is your reward in heaven! Indeed, this is how they persecuted the prophets who were before you! You are the salt of the earth, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is then good for nothing, only to be cast out and trampled under foot.

*Choir:* Glory to You O Lord, Glory to You.

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## Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The musical score consists of two systems. The first system is for a piano accompaniment, featuring a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides harmonic support. The lyrics are: "Praise the Lord from the heav - ens! Praise Him in the high - est!". The second system is for vocal parts, specifically Soprano and Alto (treble staff) and Tenor and Bass (bass staff). The time signature is 6/8. The tempo/mood is marked *mf* (mezzo-forte). The lyrics are: "Re - joice in the Lord, O you right-eous; praise be-fits the just!".

1. Praise the Lord with the lyre, make melody to Him with the harp of ten strings.
2. Sing to Him a new song, play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.
3. For the word of the Lord is upright; and all His work is done in faithfulness.
4. He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.
5. By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and all their host by the breath of His mouth.
6. He gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle; He put the deeps in storehouses.
7. Let all the earth fear the Lord, let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him!
8. For He spoke, and it came to be; He commanded, and it stood forth.

The musical score is for the Alleluia. It features a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides harmonic support. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le lu - i - a!".

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