

First Resurrectional Canon – Tone 1

abbreviated Znamenny chant
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N.B. After the final troparion of each ode, the Irmos (or the seasonal katavasia, according to local practice) may be repeated. Note that this edition only provides the first Canon; the service books also provide a second Canon dedicated to the Cross and Resurrection, and a third dedicated to the Theotokos, which are omitted here.

Ode 1

Irmos.

In a God - be - fit - ting man - ner, Thy tri - um - phant right

hand is glo - ri - fied in might. For since Thou art all - pow - er - ful,

by it the enemy was shat - tered, O Im - mort - al One, making a

new path through the deep for the peo - ple of Is - ra - el.

Refrain.

Glory to Thy ho - ly Re - sur - rec - tion, O Lord!

READER: Thou who by a divine act didst fashion me from dust with Thine undefiled hands, hast spread Thine hands upon the Cross; the corruption of my body, which Thou hast taken from the Virgin, hast Thou raised up from the earth.

Refrain.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit.

READER: For my sake, He who by His divine breath gave me a soul submitted to be slain, and delivered His soul to death; and loosing the everlasting bonds and raising me with Himself, He glorified me in incorruption.

Refrain.

Now and ever and unto a - ges of a - ges. A - men.

READER: Rejoice, O fountain of grace! Rejoice, O ladder and gate of heaven! Rejoice, O candlestick and jar of gold and mountain uncut, who hast brought forth into the world Christ the Giver of life.

Ode 3

Irmos.

Thou who a - lone see - est the frailty of the nature of mor - tal man

from pi - ty didst take on Thy-self his like - ness. Gird me with

pow - er from on high, that I may cry to Thee:

“Holy is the living Tem - ple of Thine in - ef - fa - ble

glo - ry, O Lov - er of man - kind.”

Refrain.

Glory to Thy ho - ly Re - sur - rec - tion, O Lord!

READER: O Good One, Thou art my God, who hast mercy on the fallen; and by Thy crucifixion Thou wast also well-pleased to condescend to me and raise me up, that I may cry to Thee: “Holy is the Lord of Glory, whose goodness is beyond compare.”

Refrain.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit.

READER: Thou, O Christ, the Life incarnate, hast put on me who am corruptible, and hast descended into the dust of death, O Master, thereby destroying death. Having raised the dead on the third day, Thou hast clothed me in incorruption.

Refrain.

Now and ever and unto a - ges of a - ges. A - men.

READER: By the All-holy Spirit you conceived God in your womb, O Virgin, yet you remained unburnt. The bush which was aflame yet unconsumed plainly prefigured to Moses the Law-giver that you would receive the unbearable fire.

If a sedalen and/or secondary kontakion is appointed for the day, it is now sung.

Ode 4

Irmos.

O moun - tain o - ver - shad - owed by the grace of God,

Ha - bak - kuk be - held_ you with fore - see - ing eyes, fore - tell - ing

that out of you the Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el would come forth

for our sal - va - tion and re - new - al.

Refrain.

Glory to Thy ho - ly Re - sur - rec - tion, O Lord!

READER: Who is this Savior come forth out of Edom, wearing a crown of thorns, robed in a blood-red garment, and hung upon the Tree? This is He, the Holy One of Israel, come forth for our salvation and renewal.

Refrain.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit.

READER: Behold, you disobedient people, and be put to shame: for in your derangement, you begged Pilate to hang upon the Cross as an evil-doer Him who loosed the power of death, who in a God-befitting manner is risen from the tomb.

Refrain.

Now and ever and unto a - ges of a - ges. A - men.

READER: We know you, O Virgin, as the Tree of Life: for rather than the fruit which, when eaten, brought death to mortal men, from you blossomed forth the joy of life eternal, for our salvation who sing to you.

Ode 5

Irmos.

O Thou who hast enlightened the ends of the u - ni - verse

with the light_ of Thy com - ing, and by Thy Cross hast

made them bright - ly_ shine, en - light - en with the light of the

know - ledge of God the hearts of those who in right faith

sing_ to Thee.

Refrain.

Glory to Thy ho - ly Re - sur - rec - tion, O Lord!

READER: Upon the Tree of the Cross the Jews put to death Him who is Lord, the great Shepherd of sheep; but the dead who were buried in hell He delivered like sheep from the dominion of death.

Refrain.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit.

READER: Announcing peace by Thy Cross and proclaiming the release of captives, O my Savior, Thou hast shown the strength of might to be naked, O Christ, by Thy divine Arising.

Refrain.

Now and ever and unto a - ges of a - ges. A - men.

READER: Disregard not the supplications of those who in faith entreat you, O all-hymned one; but do you, O undefiled, receive them and bring them to your Son and God, our only Benefactor: for we have found a protectress in you.

Ode 6

Irmos.

The ut - ter - most abyss has en - cir - cled us; there is

none to de - liv - er us. We are count - ed as

sheep for the slaught - er; save Thy peo - ple, O our God,

for Thou art the might and res - to - ration of the weak.

Refrain.

Glory to Thy ho - ly Re - sur - rec - tion, O Lord!

READER: We have been grievously wounded by the transgression of hte first-formed man, O Lord; but by the strips which which Thou wast wounded for us, we have received healing: for Thou art the might and restoration of the weak.

Refrain.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit.

READER: Thou hast led us forth from hell, O Lord, having subdued the all-consuming abyss, overpowering its might by Thy strength, O Almighty One: for Thou art Life and Light, and the Resurrection.

Refrain.

Now and ever and unto a - ges of a - ges. A - men.

READER: The forefathers of our race rejoice in you, O undefiled Virgin; through you they receive Eden which they had lost through transgression: for you are pure, both before bearing and after childbirth.

The primary kontakion and ikos appointed for the day are now sung.

Ode 7

Irmos.

We the faith-ful, O Theotokos, un - der - stand you to be a

no - et - ic fur - nace: for as the Most High saved the three Youths,

so He re - newed my hu - man na - ture whol - ly in your womb,

the God of our fathers, who is praised and great - ly glo - ri - fied.

Refrain.

Glory to Thy ho - ly Re - sur - rec - tion, O Lord!

READER: The earth trembled, the sun turned back, the light was darkened, the veil of the divine Temple was rent in two, rocks were cloven asunder: for the Righteous One hung upon the Cross, the God of our fathers, who is praised and greatly glorified.

Refrain.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit.

READER: Thou hast been born as one helpless, and among mortal men wast wounded willingly for our sakes, O Most High, setting all free and raising them with Thyself by Thy mighty hand, O God of our fathers, who art praised and greatly glorified.

Refrain.

Now and ever and unto a - ges of a - ges. A - men.

READER: Rejoice, fountain overflowing with everlasting life! Rejoice, paradise of delight! Rejoice, rampart of the faithful! Rejoice, O unwedded one! Rejoice, joy of all the universe, through whom for us is sprung forth the God of our fathers, who is praised and greatly glorified.

Ode 8

Irmos.

In the fur-nace, as in a cru - ci - ble, the youths of Is - ra - el

shone more pure - ly than gold with the beauty of god - li - ness,

as they said: "All ye works, bless the Lord and hymn Him,

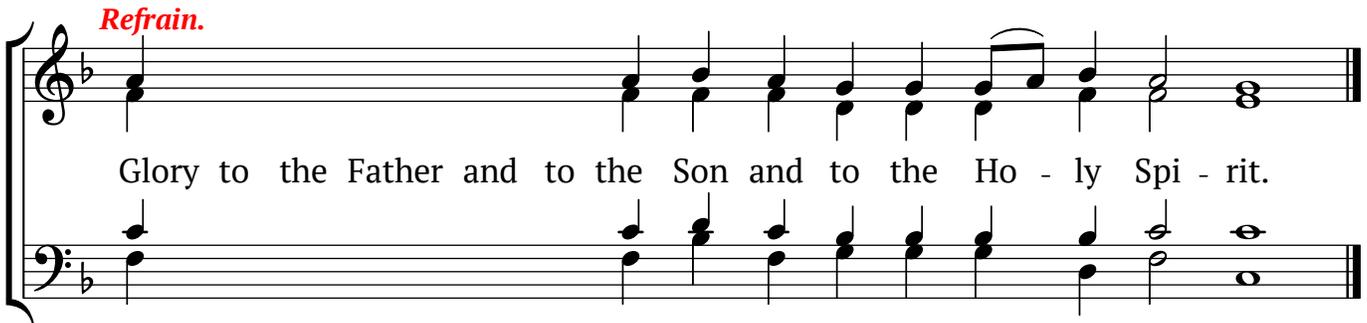
and su - preme - ly exalt Him unto all the a - ges."

Refrain.

Glory to Thy ho - ly Re - sur - rec - tion, O Lord!

READER: By Thy will Thou dost make and refashion all things; by Thy Passion, O Word of God, Thou hast turned the shadow of death into eternal life. All we Thy works unceasingly hymn Thee as God, and supremely exalt Thee unto all the ages.

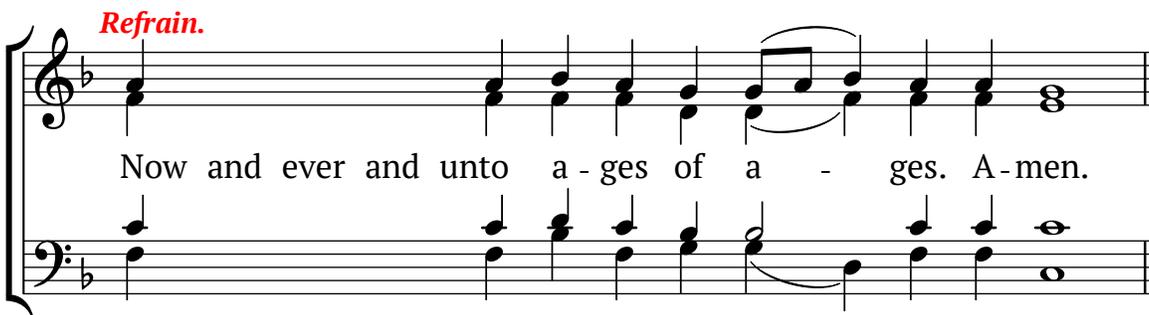
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Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit.

READER: By rising on the third day, O Christ, Thou hast laid low the affliction and distress of those within hell's gates and strongholds. All Thy works unceasingly hymn Thee as God, and supremely exalt Thee unto all the ages.

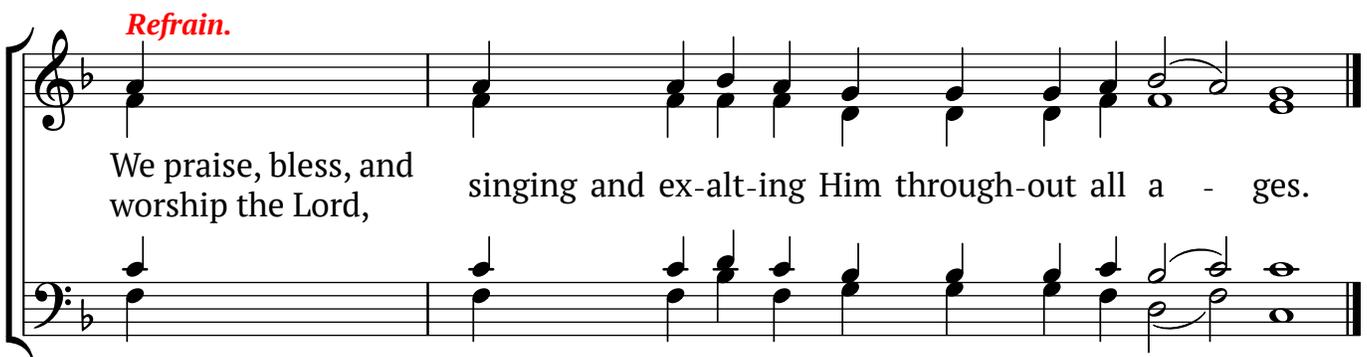
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Now and ever and unto a - ges of a - ges. A - men.

READER: To her who seedlessly and wondrously brought forth Christ, the precious Pearl, from the divine lightning, let us say, singing hymns: "All ye works, bless the Lord and hymn Him, and supremely exalt Him unto all the ages."

Refrain.



We praise, bless, and worship the Lord, singing and ex-alt-ing Him through-out all a - ges.

The Magnificat is now sung.

Ode 9

Irmos.

The bush which burned yet re - main - ed un - con - sum - ed was a type

of your pure giv - ing birth; thus we now en - treat you,

O The - o - to - kos: quench the rag - ing fur - nace

of temp - ta - tions which be - set us, that we may nev - er cease

from mag - ni - fy - ing you.

Refrain.

Glory to Thy ho - ly Re - sur - rec - tion, O Lord!

READER: O how the lawless people, disobedient and deliberating evil, judged a wretched and impious man as righteous, yet condemned the Righteous One, the Lord of Glory, to the Tree; as is meet, we magnify Him.

Refrain.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit.

READER: O Savior, Thou blameless Lamb, who takest away the sins of the world, with the Father and the divine Spirit we glorify Thee who art risen on the third day, the Lord of Glory whom in divine discourse we magnify.

Refrain.

Now and ever and unto a - ges of a - ges. A - men.

READER: O Lord, save Thy people, whom Thou hast acquired with Thy precious blood; grant that the Orthodox prevail against their enemies, and bestow peace upon Thy churches, O Lover of mankind, through the intercessions of the Theotokos.