

Reader: Glory, in the 5th Tone:

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

Rejoice, O faithful realm of Russia! /
 Rejoice, O right-believing Vladimir most rich! /
 Rejoice, O chosen Olga! /
 For ye were our first mediators before the Master of all, /
 the initiators of Orthodoxy, /
 and guides to the True Faith! /
 Rejoice, every place and land and city /
 nurtured by the citizens of the kingdom of heaven! /
 These saints have been shown to be beacons for our souls! /
 With the radiance of miracles, and by deeds and signs, /
 they have shone forth mystically /
 upon all the ends of the earth. //

And now they entreat Christ for the salvation of our souls.

Both now... the Dogmatic Theotokion in the tone of the week.

Reader: The Reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah

All the nations are gathered together, and princes shall be gathered out of them. Who will declare these things, or who will let them bring forth their witnesses, and be justified; and let them hear, and declare the truth? Be ye my witnesses, and I too am a witness, saith the Lord God, and My servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know, and believe, and understand that I am he: before Me there was no other God; and after Me there shall be none. I am God; and beside Me there is no Savior. I have declared, and have saved; I have reproached, and there was no strange god among you. Ye are My witnesses, and I am the Lord God, even from the beginning: and there is none that can deliver out of My hands. I will work, and who shall turn it back? Thus saith the Lord God Who redeemeth you, the Holy One of Israel.

Reader: The Reading from the Wisdom of Solomon

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and there shall no torment touch them. In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die: and their departure is taken for misery, and their going from us to be utter destruction: but they are in peace. For though they be punished in the sight of men, yet is their hope full of immortality. And having been a little chastised, they shall be greatly rewarded: for God proved them, and found them worthy for Himself. As gold in the furnace hath He tried them and received them as a burnt offering. And in the time of their visitation they shall shine, and run to and fro like sparks among the stubble. Thy shall judge the nations, and have dominion over the people, and their Lord shall reign forever. Those who put their trust in Him shall understand the truth: and such as be faithful in love shall abide with Him: for grace and mercy is to His saints, and He hath care for His elect.

Reader: The Reading from the Wisdom of Solomon

The righteous live for evermore; their reward also is with the Lord, and the care of them is with the Most High. Therefore shall they receive a glorious kingdom, and a beautiful crown from the Lord's hand: for with His right hand shall He cover them, and with His arm shall He protect them. He shall take to Him His jealousy for complete armor, and make the creature His weapon for the revenge of His enemies. He shall put on righteousness as a breastplate, and true judgement instead of a helmet. He shall take holiness for an invincible shield. His severe wrath shall He sharpen for a sword, and the world shall fight with Him against the unwise. Then shall the right-aiming thunderbolts go abroad; and from the cloud, as from a well-drawn bow, shall they fly to the mark. And hailstones full of wrath shall be cast as out of stone bow, and the water of the sea shall rage against them, and the floods shall cruelly drown them. Yea, a mighty wind shall stand up against them, and like a storm shall blow them away; thus iniquity shall lay waste the whole earth, and ill dealing shall overthrow the thrones of the mighty. Hear, therefore, O ye kings, and understand; learn, ye that be judges of the ends of the earth. Give ear, ye that rule the people, and glory in the multitude of nations. For power is given you of the Lord, and sovereignty from the Most High.

Litia Stichera

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*At the Litia, the sticheron of the temple,
and these stichera of the saints, in Tone 8:*

Rejoice with us, all ye choirs of saints and ranks of angels, /
spiritually gathered together; /
and let us come and chant a hymn of thanksgiving unto Christ our God. /
For lo! the countless assembly of our kinsmen, /
who have been well-pleasing unto God, /
standeth before the King of glory, and with entreaty mediateth for us. /
They are the pillars and beauty of the Orthodox Faith; /
they have glorified the Church of God with their ascetic feats /
and the shedding of their blood, /
with their teachings and deeds; /
they confirmed the Faith of Christ with miracles and signs; /
they have shone forth from all the regions of our land, /
have established the Orthodox Faith therein, /
and with apostolic zeal /
have brought it even unto other lands. /
Others have adorned the wilderness and the cities /
with holy monasteries, manifesting an angelic life. /
Many have been subjected to trials /
through mockery, wounding and cruel death, /
by the children of this age. /
And many have struggled in other ways, in every class. /
And all pray to the Lord, that he deliver our homeland from tribulations, //
and provide us with a model of patience and endurance in the face of evil.

Reader: Glory, both now, in the 8th Tone.

Glory... both now and ever and unto the a - ges of a - ges. A - - - men.

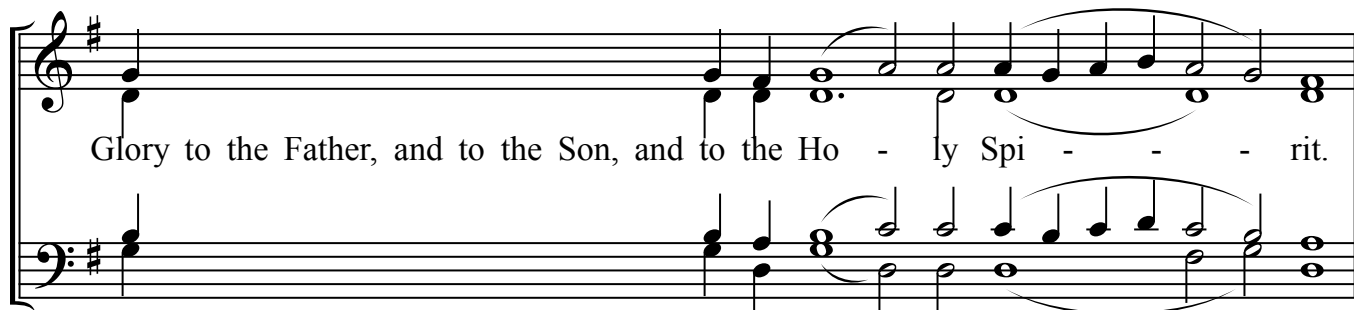
Al̄l the noetic ranks rējoice with us, /
joining in spiritual chor̄us. /
They have seen the Q̄ueen and M̄istress of all, /
glorified by the faithful with man̄y names. /
And all the souls of the righteous, beh̄olders of the sight, /
rējoice to see her in̄ the air, /
stretching forth her most precious hands in supplic̄ation, /
entreat̄ing peace for the world, /
confirmation for the land̄ of Russ̄ia, //
and salvat̄ion for our souls.

Aposticha

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At the Aposticha, the stichera of the Resurrection (from the Octoechos), in the tone of the week; and Glory, of the Saints.

Reader: Glory, in the 4th Tone.



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Celebrating the yearly commemoration of our holy kinsmen, /
let us call them blessed, as is meet; /
for they have truly passed through all the beatitudes of the Lord; /
impoverished, they have become rich in spirit; /
being meek, they have inherited the land of the meek; /
having wept, they have found comfort; /
having thirsted after righteousness, they have been filled; /
having had mercy upon others, they have themselves found mercy; /
pure of heart, they have seen God, as far as such is possible; /
peacemakers, they have been counted worthy of adoption by God; /
and persecuted and tormented for piety and righteousness' sake, /
they now rejoice and are glad in the heavens; /
and they earnestly entreat the Lord, //
that he have pity on our homeland.

Reader: Both now, in the 5th Tone:

Both now and ever and unto the a-ges of a - - - ges. A-men.

Let us sound the clarion of hymns! /
Together let us chant unto the Theotokos and Queen, /
the helper of our land: /
Rejoice, O thou who from ages past /
hast crowned our homeland with thy benevolence /
and pourest forth thy grace thereon! /
Wherefore, our Church of Russia doth celebrate with splendor /
thine all-honored and protecting veil /
and the memory of thy miracles wrought thereby. /
Take not thy mercy away from us now, O Mistress; /
but look down upon our sorrows and oppression, //
and raise us up by thy mighty assistance.

**"Now lettest Thou Thy servant...", and the Trisagion prayers.
At a Vigil, we chant "O Theotokos Virgin", twice; and the Troparion of
the Saints, once. (If Vespers only, we chant the troparion of the
Resurrection in the Tone of the week; Glory, of the saints; Both now, in
the same tone as the Glory.)**