When the Is rael ites crossed the abyss as if on dry land, and saw--

Pha roah their persecutor drowning in the sea, they cried out: Let us sing--

a hymn of vic to ry to our God.
In parables Christ invites us to correct our life. He raises up the Publican in his humility and shows us how the Pharisee was brought down by his vanity. *Refrain*

Seeing the dignity to which the humble are raised and the deep abyss into which the proud fall, let us imitate the virtue of the Publican and despise the sins of the Pharisee. *Refrain*

Vain pretensions deprive us of every good deed, while humility purifies us of every evil. O faithful, let us embrace the ways of humility and totally despise the ways of vainglory. *Refrain*

I sigh as the Publican, O Lord, and my groaning does not cease. Thus do I find the path to your heart. Have mercy on me who seeks now to live in humility.

O Virgin, to you I lift up my thoughts, my desires, and my hope, together with my soul, my body, and my spirit. Deliver me from the temptations of the Enemy; come and save me on the day of judgment.

*Katavasia 1 of the Theotokos - Tone 4*
in my rejoicing I will sing of these wonders.

Ode 3
Irmos - Tone 6

None is as holy as you, O Lord my God; in your goodness, you have exalted the strength of the faithful, and you have established us on the unshakeable rock of the confession of your name.

Refrain

Glory to you, our God, glory to you.

From the dunghill of passions the humble are lifted up, but the heart of the conceited falls from the height of virtues. Let us flee from this vice. Refrain

Vainglory brings to nothing both justice and its treasures, while humility scatters a multitude of passions. O Savior, grant that we may imitate the Publican, Refrain

Together with the Publican we, too, strike our breasts, and in repentance we cry out: Forgive us, O Lord, for we are sinners, and grant us the remission of our sins. Refrain

O faithful, let us vie with each other in zeal, and let us seek to do good. Let us live together in humility, and may our hearts sigh with tears and prayer so that we may obtain forgiveness from God. Refrain
Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spir-it;--
now and ev-er and for-ev-er. A-men.

In you alone I have refuge, in you I place my trust. Do not disappoint my hope, but grant me your help. O Virgin, save me from the malice of the Evil One.

Katavasia 3 of the Theotokos - Tone 4

O The-o-to-kos, life-giv-ing source of bles-sings, grant strength
to those unit-ed in faith who sing hymns of praise to you.

In your glo-ry, grant them the crowns of vic-to-ry.

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Sessional Hymn - Resurrection Tone 4

Raised up by his hu-mil-i-ty, the Pub-li-can sighed with shame for his sins,
and he begged forgiveness from the Cre-a-tor. But pride brought down the
unhappy Pharisee from all justice, because he spoke so vainly.

Therefore let us seek virtue and flee from sin.

Cantor: Glory...

Raised up by his humility, the Publican who formerly lamented

now was justified for having said: Lord, be merciful to me a sinner.

He is the one whom we imitate from the abyss into which

our sins have driven us. From the depths of our heart we say: Spare us for

we are sinners, O Savior, who alone love all of us.

Cantor: Now and ever...

O Virgin, hasten to receive the prayers which we offer you, and present
them to your Son and our God, O most holy Lady. Give peace to those who come to you in their distress. Confound the deceits of the Evil One, and destroy the strength of the Enemy who fights against your servants.

Ode 4
Irmos - Tone 6

Christ is my strength, my Lord and my God! This is the hymn that the holy Church proclaims, and with a purified heart she praises the Lord.

Refrain

Glo-ry to you, our God, glo-ry to you.

The Word has shown us the best path to exaltation; it is the way of humility. For he himself was lowered to take the form of a servant. By following his humility, we shall be exalted. Refrain

The Pharisee exalted himself, but in the multitude of his sins he was crushed down. The Publican, however, was raised up before God against all expectation. Refrain
The abundance of virtue is brought down by pride; but in the absence of virtue, humility obtains justice. Let us also seek to attain this gift. 

Refrain

O Master, you are the adversary of the proud, but to the humble you grant your favor. Send down your grace upon us, O Lord, for we, too, humble ourselves before you. 

Refrain

The Savior unceasingly leads us towards divine exaltation; and the Master has shown us how to be raised up through humility, for he himself washed the feet of his disciples.

Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spir-it;
now and ev-er and for-ev-er. A-men.

O Virgin, you gave birth to the inaccessible light. With your resplendent radiance, enlighten the darkness of my heart, and extend your hand to lead me on the path of salvation.

Katavasia 4 of the Theotokos - Tone 4

Je-sus the true God, who sits in glory upon the di-vine throne,
now ap-pears rid-ing on a swift cloud; and with his pure hand he saves those who cry: 
Glo-ry to your pow-er, O Christ!
Ode 5  
**Irmos - Tone 6**

Let us strive to imitate the virtues of the Pharisee and let us follow the humble path of the Publican. In each of them let us hate excessive pride and the weight of sin. *Refrain*

The way of justice becomes vanity when the Pharisee joins it to his pride, and the Publican gains the highest virtue by joining himself to humility. *Refrain*

The Pharisee thought that he would race swiftly on his virtues; but the Publican outran him on foot by yoking humility with compassion. *Refrain*

Let us meditate in our hearts upon the parable of the Publican; let us pour out tears of envy, offering to God a contrite spirit that from him we may find the remission of our sins. *Refrain*

With wisdom let us cast far from us the haughty eye and wickedness, the pride, the boasting and the arrogance of the Pharisee, so that we may not be deprived of the grace of God.
Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spir-it;

now and ev-er and for-ev-er. A-men.

O Virgin, stretch forth the scepter of your power over us, for our refuge is in you. With you we shall be victorious over the Enemy and shall be delivered from every evil.

Katavasia 5 of the Theotokos - Tone 4

All na-tions mar-velled at your di-vine glo-ry, for you,

O Vir-gin who have not known wed-lock, car-ried with-in your womb the

God of all, the eternal Son to whom you gave birth; he grants sal-va-tion

to all who sing your prai-ses.

Ode 6

Irmos - Tone 6

When I see the o-cean of this life, toss-ed a-bout by the tem-pest

of temp-ta-tions, I has-ten to your har-bor of peace and cry out
to you, O God of goodness: rescue my life from the pit of corruption.

Refrain

Glory to you, our God, glory to you.

The Pharisee and the Publican ran the race of life together; but the former was filled with pride and fell shamefully, while the latter was saved by his humility. Refrain

Traversing the straight and narrow path of this life, let us imitate the feelings worthy of envy in the Publican, and let us flee the despicable pride of the Pharisee, so that we may find life. Refrain

By our life let us imitate Jesus our Savior; let us follow his humility so that we may share in eternal joy when we shall dwell in the land of the living. Refrain

You showed supreme humility to your disciples, O Master, when you girded yourself with a linen cloth to wash their feet and enjoined them to do the same. Refrain

The Pharisee was conspicuous for his virtue and the Publican for his sin. But the one was humbled for his evil pride, and the other was exalted for his humility.

Refrain

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever and ever. Amen.

The Creator formed me in nakedness for a life of innocence, but the Enemy has clothed me in the weight of the flesh and the duplicity of sin. O Virgin, through your mediation I shall be saved.
Come, all you faithful, and clap your hands, as we celebrate this holy and solemn feast of the Mother of God. Glorify him who was born of her.

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Let us offer the Lord sighs like the publican. As sinners, let us fall before him, our Master; for he wills the salvation of everyone. He grants forgiveness to all who repent for, while remaining God, co-eternal with the Father, he took flesh for our sake.

Ikos O faithful, let us all humble ourselves. With tears and sighs let us strike our conscience, so that on the day of eternal judgment we may be found without reproach and may obtain forgiveness. For this is the true repose that we hope to see one day and for which we now pray. It is the repose from which all pain, sorrow, and sighing are absent. It is the marvelous garden and the new Eden which Christ has gained for us, for he is the Word of God and co-eternal with the Father.
In the furnace, the angel poured out dew upon the noble youths,

but at the order of God the fire burned the Chaldeans,

and the tyrant was forced to sing: Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers.

Glorify to you, our God, glory to you.

The Pharisee, exalting in the memory of his good actions, was choked in his excessive pride by his vainglory. But the Publican was able to approach God, carried on the wings of humility. Refrain

Ascending the stairs of humility, the Publican went up to heaven. By his boasting, the Pharisee in his emptiness ventured before the tribunal of Hades. Refrain

Ambushing the just, the Seducer despoils them by means of vainglory. As for the sinners, he binds them in the net of despair. But let us emulate the Publican and seek to avoid all these evils. Refrain

Let us fall down before God in prayer and tears; with deep sighs let us imitate the humility of the Publican which lifted him up so that we may sing in faith: Blessed are you, O Lord, God of our fathers. Refrain
Initiating your disciples, O Master, you charged them not to be puffed up with pride; you taught them rather to let themselves be won over to humble thoughts. We the faithful now cry out: Blessed are you, O Lord, God of our fathers.

Katavasia 7 of the Theotokos - Tone 4

In you we recognize the divine ladder filled with beauty and uniting earth to heaven, which Jacob formerly saw in a dream. O holy Virgin, you indeed let God come down and take flesh, and through you we are able to go up to heaven.

The three youths courageously walked about in the flaming furnace, preferring to worship the Creator rather than created things, and they sang out in joy: Blessed are you and praised above all, O God of our fathers.

Ode 8

You made dew spring forth amid the flames for your holy ones,
and through wa - ter you set fire to the sacri - fice of your just one,
for you ac - com - plish all things through your will a - lone. O Christ,
we ex - alt you through all a - gages.

Refrain
Glo - ry to you, our God, glo - ry to you.

By humble thoughts the Publican found grace before the Lord; he sighed and was saved. But the pompous words praising his good deeds brought down the Pharisee. Refrain

O faithful, let us seek to avoid the boasting of the Pharisee who had an exalted opinion of himself and his uprightness. Let us instead imitate the humility of the Publican who begged for mercy. Refrain

O faithful, let us repeat the words of the Publican who said in the Temple: O God, be merciful to me, so that together with him we may receive forgiveness of our sins without falling into the error of the boastful Pharisee.

Let us bless the Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Lord.

God accepted the sighs of the Publican; by justifying him, he clearly showed that he always exalts the prayer of those who with sighs and tears beg forgiveness of their sins.
Let us praise, bless, and worship the Lord; singing and highly exalting him above all forever.

Katavasia 8 of the Theotokos - Tone 4

The three youths in the furnace were saved by the Offspring of the Theotokos. He who was foretold has been born on earth, and he joins together a creation to sing: All you works of the Lord, bless the Lord and praise him above all forever.

The Canticle of the Theotokos (Magnificat) is found on page 34.

Ode 9
Irmos - Tone 6

It is impossible for humanity to see God, upon whom even the angels dare not gaze; but because of you, O most
Pure One, the Word-made-flesh is seen by mortals, and when we exalt you together with the heavenly armies, we proclaim you as blessed.

Refrain

Glo-ry to you, our God, glo-ry to you.

Receiving from Christ humility as our path to exaltation, let us imitate the Publican as our model of salvation. Let us drive far from us the stench of pride so that our humble heart may receive great mercy. Refrain

Let us cast out pride from our soul, and let us gain a right conscience with feelings of humility. Let us not try to be just in our own eyes, and let us detest the stench of vainglory, so that with the Publican we may find grace before God. Refrain

To the Creator let us offer our humble prayers as publicans. Let us avoid the boastful thanksgiving of the Pharisee who in his pride judged his neighbor. Thus shall we obtain light and grace from God. Refrain

Weighed down by the teeming multitude of my sins, I have surpassed the Publican in the excess of my wickedness. I have also acquired the pride of the Pharisee and thus have been deprived of all virtues. But you, O Lord, spare me. Refrain

Now make strong the words of your blessing, O Lord, those who have become poor in spirit; for according to your commandment, we offer you a contrite spirit. O Savior, accept those who serve you with all their heart and save them. Refrain
Going up to the temple in faith, the Publican prayed to God and was justified. He drew near with tears and sighs, and in the contrition of his heart, he laid aside the whole weight of his sins and received your grace.

O holy Virgin, grant that we may worthily praise and glorify you, for we venerate you and we extol your divine Son. O Virgin, blessed among all, you are the glory and splendor of Christians and our intercessor before God.

Katavasia 9 of the Theotokos - Tone 4

May ev'ry child of the earth exult in spirit and hold a-loft the burning lamp; may the angels in heaven praise with joy the holy feast of the Mother of God and sing to her: Rejoice, O blessed and ever-Virgin, holy Theotokos.
Hymns of Light

(a) "Holy is the Lord our God" in the Tone of the Week
(b) Hymn of the Light corresponding to the Gospel of the Resurrection

Glory...

Let us cast far from us the pride of the Pharisee, and let us learn the perfect humility of the Publican so that we may be exalted and say with him: Lord, forgive your servants, for you were born of the Virgin, O Christ our God, and freely you suffered even to the Cross, and by your divine power you have raised the world with you.

Now and ever...

The Author of creation and the God of the universe has taken mortal flesh from your womb, O Mother of God; He has completely renewed my corrupted nature. And we the faithful now sing: Rejoice, O glory of the universe.

The Psalms of Praise (Psalms 148-150)

Psalms of Praise in the Tone of the Week, with recited verses, and four stichera of the Resurrection, beginning "on 6"; then:

Cantor: (Tone 1) Praise him with timbrel and dance,
(on 2) praise him with strings and pipes.

Stichera of the Publican and Pharisee - Tone 1

O faithful, let us not pray as the Pharisee, for those who exalt themselves shall be humbled. Let us humble ourselves before God, and with the Publican let us say: Lord, have mercy on me a sinner.
The Pharisee, over come with his pride, and the Publican, bent down in repentance, came before you, the only Lord: the first trusted in himself and was deprived of your blessings; the other spoke but a few words and received your blessings in abundance.

Behold my tears and strengthen me, O Christ our God, for you are indeed the Lover of us all.

Cantor: (Tone 3) Arise, then, Lord, lift up your hand! O God, do not forget the poor!

You know the difference, O my soul, between the Pharisee and the
De test the proud words of the first; imitate the humble prayer of the second and say: Forgive me, O Lord, for I am a sinner. O God have mercy upon me.

Cantor: I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart; I will recount your wonders

O faithful, let us de test the haughty voice of the Pharisee; let us imitate the contrite prayer of the Publican. Let us not follow the way of the haughty, but falling down, let us say with humility:

Spare us O God, because of our many sins.
Cantor: (Tone 8) Glory…

Doxastikon of the Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee - Tone 8

O Lord, you condemned the Pharisee who justified himself by boasting of his good works; and you justified the Publican who showed his reserve by seeking forgiveness with his tears. For you do not listen to the speech of the proud, and you do not despise a contrite heart.

We prostrate ourselves before you, for you suffered for us in humility.

Now grant us forgiveness and great mercy.

Cantor: (Tone 2) Now and ever…

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The service continues with the Great Doxology on page 41.