

## Vesper Propers, October 9

*Supplement for **The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2005***

**9 The holy apostle James Alpheus** was one of the Twelve, a witness of the true words and miracles of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, a witness of his passion, resurrection, and ascension. After the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, it fell to James to preach the Gospel in Eleutheropolis and the surrounding area. He suffered in Egypt in the town of Ostracina, being crucified by the pagans.

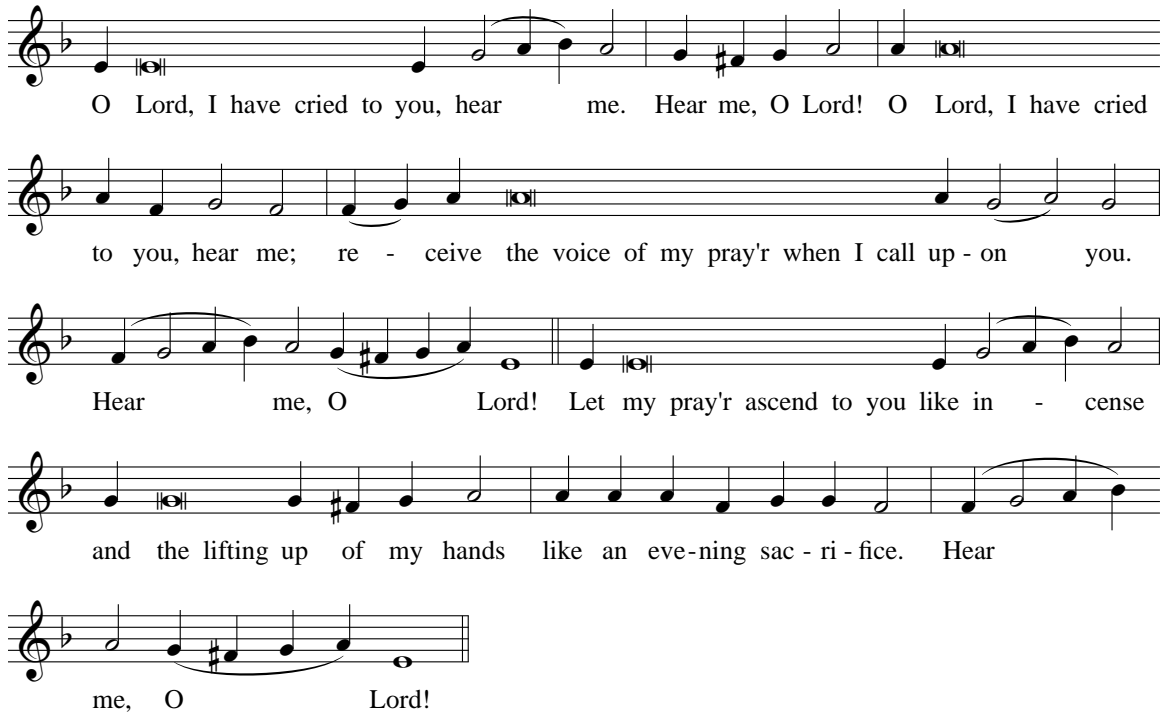
**Our venerable father Andronicus and his wife Athanasia.** Andronicus was a goldsmith in Antioch during the reign of emperor Theodosius the Great. Both he and his wife were very devout, and gave a third of all they earned to the poor. They had two children and lost both of them on the same day to death. After this, they took the monastic habit in Egypt. After many years of the monastic life, they died eight days apart; Athanasia first, and then Andronicus. (4th century)

**Our righteous forefather Abraham and his nephew, Lot.** Abraham is accounted patriarch and father of all believers. Calling to the Lord, he went out from the city of Ur of the Chaldees, his native land, and wandered through the land promised to him and to his descendants by God. Likewise he showed his total faith in God when, hoping against hope, he did not refuse to offer his only-begotten son Isaac to God in sacrifice. Isaac had been given to Abraham as an old man by the Lord from his sterile wife, Sarah. (cf. Genesis, chapters 12-25)

**The holy martyr Denis, bishop of Paris.** It is said that he was sent by the Roman Pontiff to Gaul and was made the first bishop of Paris. He died a martyr near Lutetia, together with the priest Rusticus and the deacon Eleutherius. (3rd century)

## The Lamplighting Psalms

### Psalm 140 - Tone 4



O Lord, I have cried to you, hear me. Hear me, O Lord! O Lord, I have cried  
to you, hear me; re - ceive the voice of my pray'r when I call up - on you.  
Hear me, O Lord! Let my pray'r ascend to you like in - cense  
and the lifting up of my hands like an eve-ning sac - ri - fice. Hear  
me, O Lord!

O Lord, set a guard before my mouth  
and set a seal on the door of *my* lips.

Let not my heart be inclined to evil,  
nor make excuses for sins I *commit*.

Let me never share in sinners' feasting.  
If a just man strikes or reproveth me it *is* kindness

but let the oil of the wicked not anoint my head.  
Let my prayer be ever against *their* malice.

The princes were thrown down by the side of the rock;  
then they understood that my words *were* kind.

As a millstone is shattered to pieces on the ground,  
so their bones were strewn at the mouth of *the* grave.

To you, Lord God, my eyes are turned;  
in you I take refuge; spare *my* soul!

From the trap they have laid for me keep me safe;  
keep me from the snares of those who *do* evil.

Let the wicked fall into the traps they have set  
while I pursue my way *un*harméd.

**Psalm 141** With all my voice I cry to the Lord,  
with all my voice I entreat *the* Lord.

I pour out my trouble before him;  
I tell him all my distress while my spirit faints *with*in me.

But you, O Lord, know my path.  
On the way where I shall walk they have hidden a snare to *en*trap me.

Look on my right and see:  
there is no one who takes *my* part.

I have no means of escape,  
not one who cares for *my* soul.

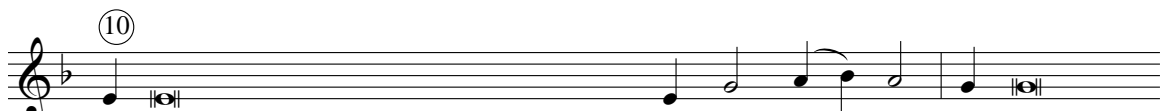
I cry to you, O Lord.  
I have said: "You are my refuge, all I have in the land of *the* living."

Listen, then, to my cry  
for I am in the depths of *dist*ress.

Rescue me from those who pursue me  
for they are stronger *than* I.

**Cantor:**  
(on 10) Bring my soul out of this prison  
and then I shall praise your name.

(10)



We bow constantly to your life-creating Cross, O Christ our God, we glorify your

resurrec-tion on the third day; for by it, O all-pow-er - ful One, cor - rupt  
 hu - man nature has been re - newed, and you have indicated our as - cent to  
 heav - en. For you a - lone are good and love us all.

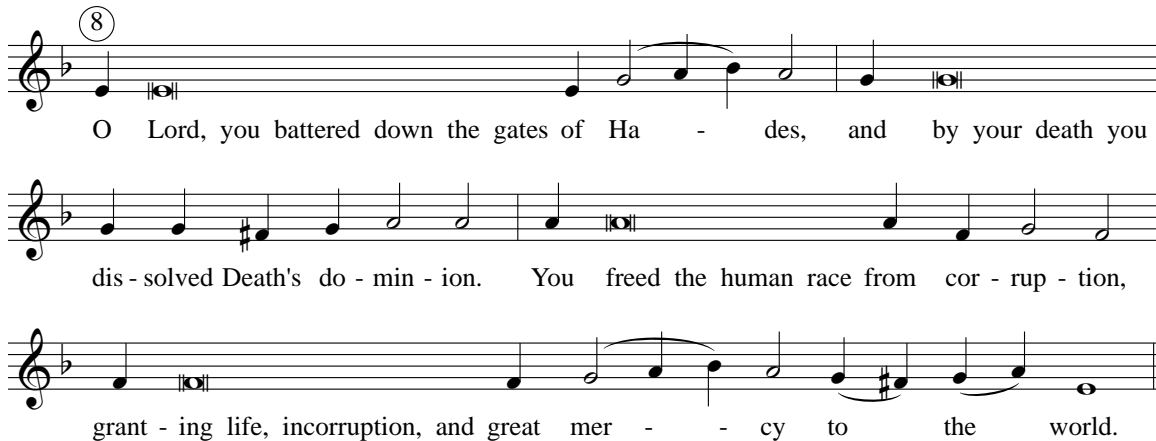
**Cantor:** Around me the just will assemble  
*(on 9)* because of your goodness to me.

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O Savior, you absolved the penalty of the tree of dis-o - be - di - ence, will-ing-ly  
 nail-ing it to the tree of the cross. When you descended into Hades, O Pow-er - ful  
 One, you broke the bonds of Death a - sun - der, O God. There-fore we  
 wor - ship your resur-rec - tion from the dead, cry - ing out and re - joic - ing:  
 All - pow - er - ful Lord, glo - ry to you!

**Cantor:** Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; **Psalm 129**  
*(on 8)* Lord, hear my voice!

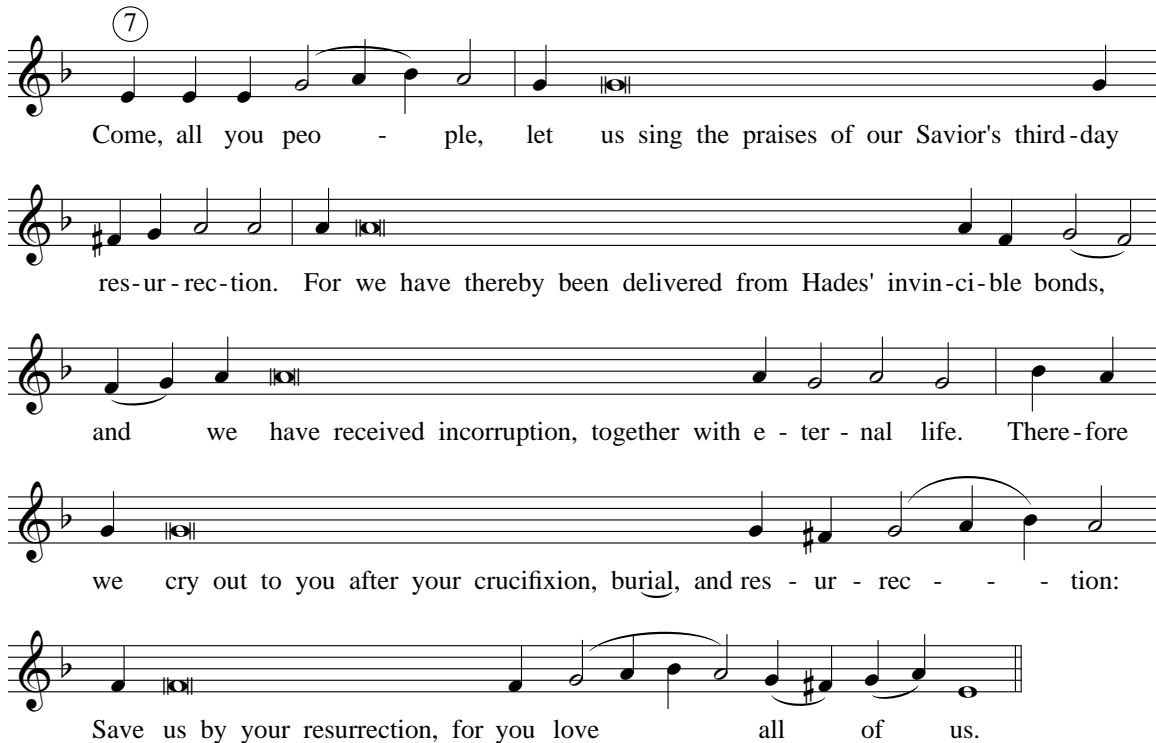
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O Lord, you battered down the gates of Ha - des, and by your death you  
dis - solved Death's do - min - ion. You freed the human race from cor - rup - tion,  
grant - ing life, incorruption, and great mer - - cy to the world.

**Cantor:** Let your ears be attentive  
(on 7) to the voice of my pleading.

⑦



Come, all you peo - ple, let us sing the praises of our Savior's third-day  
res - ur - rec - tion. For we have thereby been delivered from Hades' invin - ci - ble bonds,  
and we have received incorruption, together with e - ter - nal life. There - fore  
we cry out to you after your crucifixion, burial, and res - ur - rec - - - tion:  
Save us by your resurrection, for you love all of us.

**Cantor:** If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?  
(on 6) But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.

⑥

O Savior, with the an - gels, we sing the praises of your resurrec-tion on the

third day. For the very ends of the earth have been enlight-ened there - by.

and we have been saved from the deceit of the en - e - my. There - fore to you

we cry out: Al - mighty Savior, Giv-er of Life and Lov-er of us all,

by your Res - ur - rec - - - tion, save us.

**Cantor:** My soul is waiting for the Lord. I count on his word.  
 (on 5) My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.

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O Christ, our God, you have demolished the bronze gates of Ha - des.

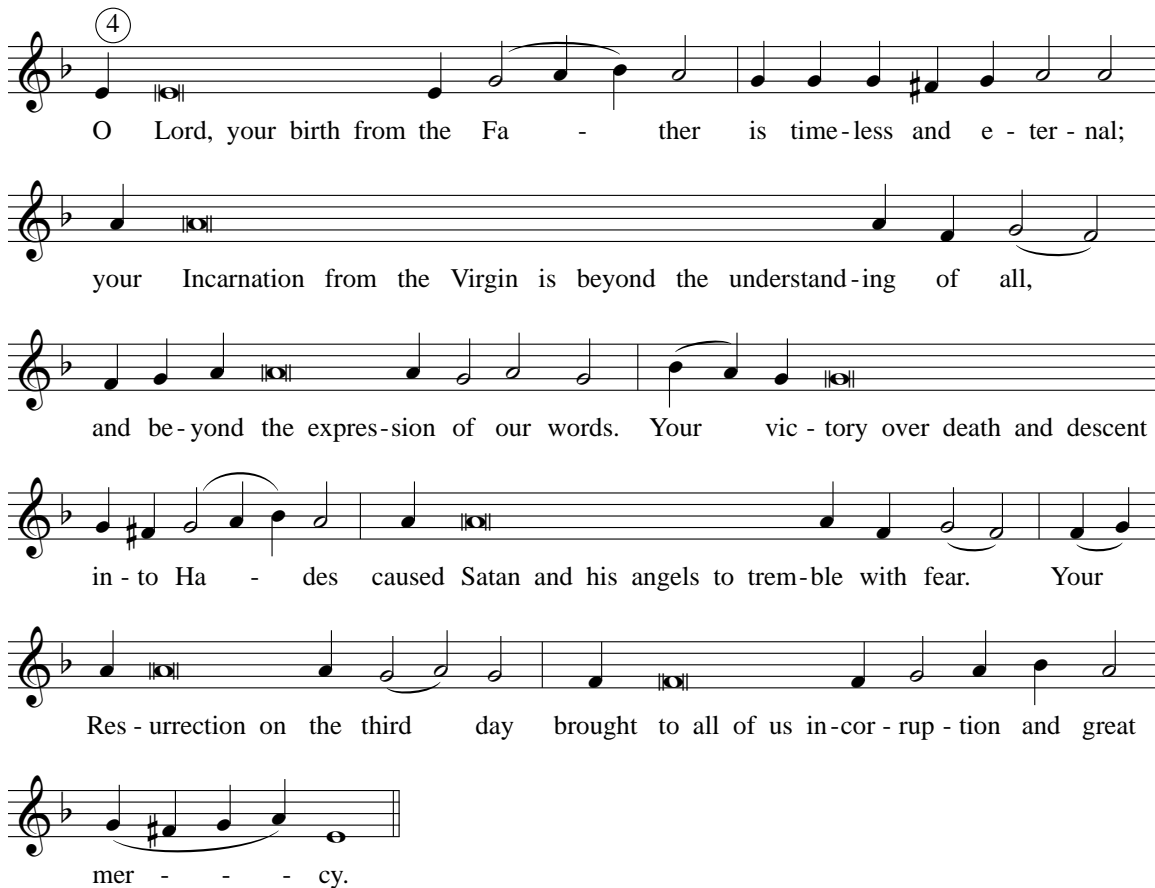
You have broken asunder the bonds of death, and lift - ed up the fall-en

hu - man race. There - fore we cry out to you with one ac - cord: O Lord, who

a - rose from the dead, glo - ry to you.

**Cantor:** Let the watchman count on daybreak,  
(on 4) and Israel on the Lord.

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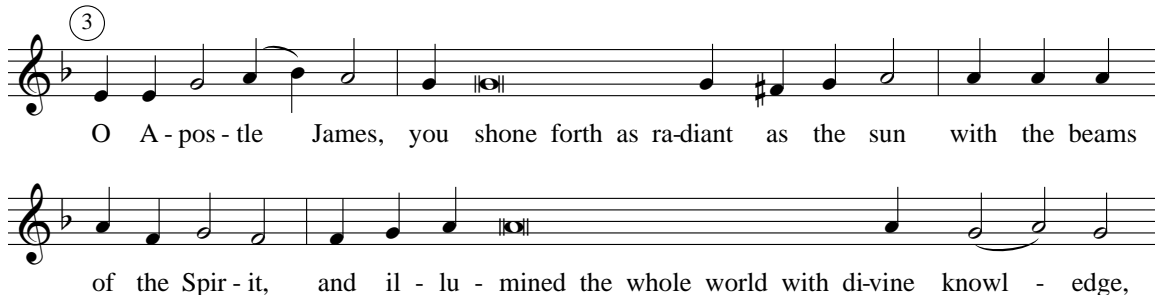


O Lord, your birth from the Fa - ther is time-less and e - ter - nal;  
your Incarnation from the Virgin is beyond the understand - ing of all,  
and be - yond the expres - sion of our words. Your vic - tory over death and descent  
in - to Ha - des caused Satan and his angels to trem - ble with fear. Your  
Res - urrection on the third day brought to all of us in - cor - rup - tion and great  
mer - - - cy.

**Cantor:** Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,  
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

**Stichera of the Apostle James Alpheus - Tone 4**

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O A - pos - tle James, you shone forth as ra - diant as the sun with the beams  
of the Spir - it, and il - lu - mined the whole world with di - vine knowl - edge,

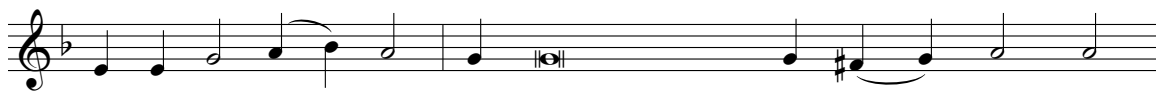
and drove away the darkness of i - dol - a - try with your preaching of the  
 di - vine Word. There - fore, cel - ebrating your all - splen - did feast to - day,  
 we glo - ri - fy you with pi - e - ty.

**Cantor:** Praise the Lord all you nations; **Psalm 116**  
*(on 2)* acclaim him all you peoples.

<sup>2</sup>  
 You have thun - dered forth sa - cred and sav - ing doc - trine on the whole world, O all -  
 wise a - pos - tle, and have cleansed all creation of the madness of i - dol - a - try,  
 and en - light - ened all the peo - ple with the radiance of the knowl - edge  
 of God. And, de - mol - ishing the temples of i - dols through grace,  
 you raised up church - es for the praise of our God.

**Cantor:** Strong is the love of the Lord for us;  
*(on 1)* he is faithful forever.





O a - pos - tle James, seat - ed in the heights of di - vine knowl - edge,



you received the grace of the Spir-it, which ap-peared to you in the form of fire,



and con-sumed all the filth of impie-ty with tongues of flame. There-fore, we praise



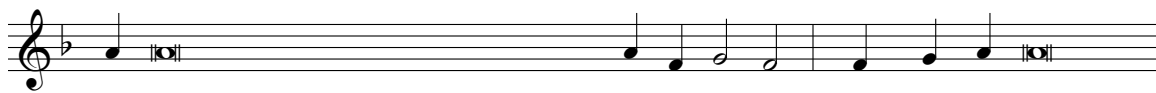
you as an apostle and her-ald of God, cel-e-brat-ing your ho-ly feast to - day.

**Cantor:** Glory...

**Doxastikon - Tone 4**



O James, son of Al-phae - us, hav-ing received the grace of the di-vine Spir-it,



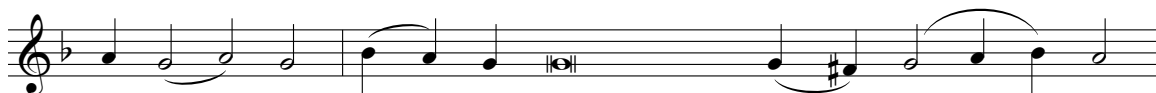
you were numbered among the sacred choir of a - pos-tles. Where-fore, by his descent



from heav - en, and his might-y in - spi - ra - tion, he illumined



you with a tongue of fire, and you have consumed the thorny ungodliness of



the hea - then. En - treat Christ God, O di-vine her - - ald,

that he might in love save our souls.

**Cantor:** Now and ever...

**Dogmatikon - Tone 4**

O The-o - to - kos, Da - vid the prophet and ancestor of God an - nounced in song

to the One who would do great things for you: The Queen stands at your

right hand. He re - vealed you as the Mother of Life and In - ter - ces - sor.

God was pleased to become man from you with-out a fa - ther so that he might

re - store the image which pas-sions had de - formed and find the sheep stray - ing

in the hills, lift it on his shoulders, and bring it to his Fa - ther, u - nit-ing


it to the heaven-ly pow - ers. Thus Christ will save the world,

for he has a - bun - dant and great mer - - - cy.


*The service continues with the Hymn of the Evening.*

## Aposticha

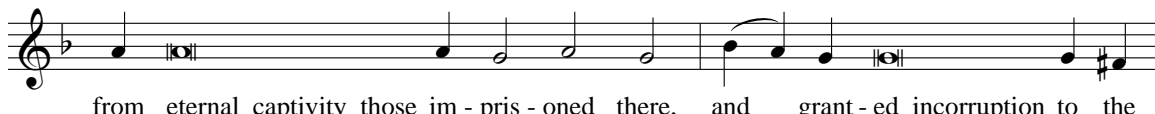
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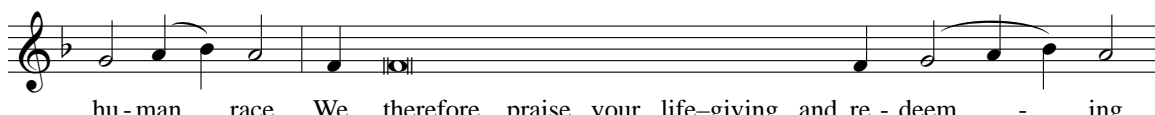
In being lifted upon the Cross, O Lord, you abolished the curse which we had



inherit-ed from our fore-bears. By go-ing down to Ha-des, you freed



from eternal captivity those im-pris-oned there, and grant-ed incorruption to the




hu-man race. We, therefore, praise your life-giving and re-deem-ing



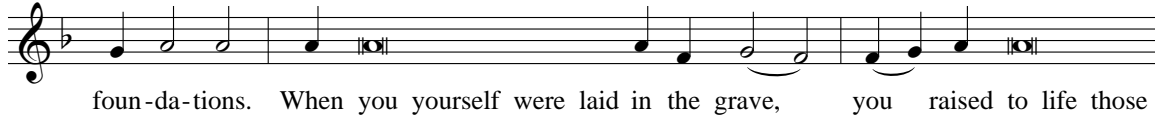
res-ur-rec-tion.

**Cantor:** The Lord reigns, he is clothed in majesty.


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By hanging on the Cross, O Al-might-y One, you shook the whole creation to its



foun-da-tions. When you yourself were laid in the grave, you raised to life those



who had been ly-ing in the graves, and you grant-ed life and incorrup-tion to

all of us. We therefore praise and glorify your third - day res - ur - rec - tion.

**Cantor:** The world he made firm, not to be moved.

③

O Christ, the lawless people showed their ingratitude to you, their ben - e - fac - tor,

by delivering you to Pilate who condemned you to be cru - ci - fied. But you

will - ingly suffered death and bur - ial, and as God, you rose by your own

power on the third day, grant - ing us everlast - ing life and great mer - cy.

**Cantor:** Holiness is fitting to your house O Lord until the end of time.

④

The women, shedding bitter tears, came to see you in your tomb; and not finding

your body, they la - ment - ed, say - ing: O Savior and King of all, how were you

stol - en? What place holds your life - giv - ing bod - y? An an - gel



an - swered them, say - ing: Do not weep! but go and proclaim that the Lord is



risen, fill - ing our hearts with joy, for he alone is most com - pas - sion - ate.

**Cantor:** (Tone 5) Glory...

**Doxastikon - Tone 5**



With faith we celebrate the most cher - ished day of your me - mo - ri - al, O



glo - rious James, hon - or - ing you, not as the son of Al - phae - us, but as



one of Christ's A - pos - tles and as preach - er of his ineffa - ble in - car - na - tion.



Where - fore, ev - er standing with the ho - ly an - gels, with the choirs



of the apos - tles and mar - tyrs, be - fore the throne of Christ our Mas - ter,



pray earn - est - - ly that Christ may save us.

**Cantor:** Now and ever...

**Aposticha Theotokion - Tone 5**



O most pure Vir - gin, you are the tem - ple, the gate, the pal - ace, and the throne of the King. Christ, our Re - deem - er and Lord, ap - peared through you to those who stum - bled in dark - ness. For he, as the Sun of Right - eous - ness, wished to en - light - en those whom he creat - ed with his own hands ac - cord - ing to his own im - age. There - fore we beseech you to intercede with Christ for our soul's sal - va - tion; for as his Moth - er you can ap - proach him with the great - est con - - - fi - - - dence.

*The service continues with the Prayer of Simeon.*

**Troparia**

**Of the Resurrection - Tone 4**



The joy - ful mes - sage of the Res - ur - rec - tion was heard by the women disci - ples

from the an - gel, and be - ing freed from the an - ces - tral curse, they boast - ed  
to the a - pos - tles: Death is de - spoiled; Christ our God is ris - en,  
giv - ing great mer - cy to the world.

**Cantor:** (Tone 3) Glory...

**Troparion of the Apostle James Alpheus - Tone 3**

O ho - ly A - pos - tle James, in - ter - cede with the mer - ci - ful God  
that he may grant our souls for - give - ness of sins.

**Cantor:** Now and ever...

**Festal Theotokion - Tone 3**

We sing your prais - es, O Vir - gin; for, as the The - o - to - kos,  
you al - ways intercede for the salvation of the hu - man race. It is from you  
that our God and your Son took flesh. Then, by suf - fer - ing the Pas - sion

