

LITURGICAL TEXTS FOR SUNDAY
June 29, 2008
2nd Sunday after Pentecost Sts. Peter and Paul,
Patron Saints of the Patriarchate of Antioch
Tone 1 / Eothinon 2

Saints of the Day: Apostles Peter and Paul.

GREAT VESPERS

1.) We say the Sunset Psalm 104(103)

2.) We chant "O Lord, I have cried ..." in Tone 1 with ten stichera:

Four stichera for the Resurrection from the Octoechos (Nassar, 137; Kazan, Vesp., 5)

Six prosomia for Sts. Peter and Paul in Tone 2 (Nassar, 548)

Tone 1

Resurrection

Verse 10: Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise Thy name.

O Holy Lord, accept our evening prayers. Grant us forgiveness of our sins; for thou alone art he who didst reveal the Resurrection in the world.

Verse 9: The righteous shall wait for me until Thou recompense me.

O ye peoples, encircle Zion and surround it; give ye glory therein to him who is risen from the dead; for he is our God who has delivered us from our sins.

Verse 8: Out of the depths have I cried to Thee, O Lord, Lord hear my voice.

Come, ye peoples, let us praise Christ and bow down to him, glorifying his Resurrection from the dead; for he is our God who delivered the world from the deception of the enemy.

Verse 7: Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

Rejoice, O heaven, blow the horn, ye foundations of the earth, and cry, O mountains, with joy; for behold, Emmanuel hath nailed our sins upon his Cross; and the Life-giver hath caused death to die, raising Adam; for he is the Lover of mankind.

Tone 2

Sts. Peter and Paul

Verse 6: If Thou, O Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? For with Thee there is propitiation.

With what crowns of paeans shall we crown Peter and Paul, separated in the body, united in the spirit, the one foremost among the proclaimers of God, the other because he labored more than the others? These two were crowned with the crowns of incorruptible glory, as is truly meet, by Christ our God who possesseth the Great Mercy.

Verse 5: Because of Thy name have I waited for Thee, O Lord; my soul hath waited upon Thy word, my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

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Verse 4: From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch let Israel trust in the Lord.

With what delightful songs of praise shall we extol Peter and Paul, those two wings of divine knowledge, flying in the four quarters of the earth and ascending unto heaven, those two hands of the gospel of grace, those two feet of the preaching of the truth) those two rivers-of wisdom, those two horns of the Cross through which Christ, who possesseth the Great Mercy, did demolish the haughtiness of devils?

Verse 3: For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is abundant redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all His iniquities.

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Verse 2: Praise the Lord, all ye nations. Praise Him, all ye people.

With what spiritual panegyrics shall we laud Peter and Paul, the undulled edges of the drawn sword of the Spirit, slaughtering infidelity, the open adornment of Rome, and the bliss of the whole world, the God- inscribed tablets of the New Covenant,, known in Zion, according to their call by Christ who possesseth the Great Mercy?

Verse 1: For His mercy is great towards us, and the truth of the Lord endureth forever.

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Tone 4

Sts. Peter and Paul

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

Christ, by enquiring three times, Peter, lovest thou me? did make right the three denials. Wherefore, Simon cried unto the Lord who knoweth all secrets, saying, Thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. After this the Savior said unto him; Feed my sheep, feed my ewes, feed my sheep which I have fashioned for salvation with my own blood. Beseech thou him, therefore, O Apostle blessed of God, to grant us the Great Mercy.

Tone 1

Resurrection (Nassar, 138)

Both now and ever and unto ages of ages, Amen

Let us praise Mary the Virgin, the glory of the whole world, branching from human seed and mother of the Master, the heavenly gate, the praise of the incorporals and the beauty of believers; for verily she did appear as a paradise and tabernacle of Divinity. She did tear down the middle wall of partition, the intervening enmity, bringing safety instead thereof, and did open the kingdom. Therefore, let us hold fast to her; for she is the anchor of faith; and let us accept the Lord, the child whom she bore, as our helper. Be of good cheer now, O people of God, and have faith; for he shall fight against our enemies; for he is Almighty.

3.) The Entrance is made with the censer, and we chant "O gladsome Light ..." followed by the Prokeimenon "The Lord is King ..." in Tone 6 with its stichoi.

4.) Old Testament Readings

- a. 1Peter 1:3-9
- b. 1Peter 1:13-19
- c. 1Peter 2:11-24

1Peter 1:3-9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

1Peter 1:13-19

¹³Therefore prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed. ¹⁴Like obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires that you formerly had in ignorance. ¹⁵Instead, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; ¹⁶for it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

¹⁷If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish.

1Peter 2:11-24

¹¹Beloved, I urge you as strangers and pilgrims to abstain from the desires of the flesh that wage war against the soul. ¹²Conduct yourselves honorably among the gentiles, so that, though they malign you as evildoers, they may see your honorable deeds and glorify God when he comes to judge. ¹³For the Lord's sake accept the authority of every human institution, I whether of the emperor as supreme, ¹⁴or of governors, as sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to praise those who do right. ¹⁵For it is God's will that by doing right you should silence the ignorance of the foolish. ¹⁶As servants of God, live as free people, yet do not use your freedom as a pretext for evil. ¹⁷Honor everyone. Love the family of believers. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

¹⁸Slaves, accept the authority of your masters with all deference, not only those who are kind and gentle but also those who are harsh. ¹⁹For it is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

²²"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

²³When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body On the cross, I so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

5.) After the daily Prokeimenon and the usual Petitions, sing the following Litya.

Tone 2

by Andrew of Jerusalem

Come today with gladness, ye assembly of the faithful, let us crown with fitting praises Peter and Paul, the weavers of the doctrines of grace, for they have sown the word for all with abundance, and have become rich in the Grace of the Holy Spirit. And being branches of the True Vine, they have produced for us a cluster of ripe grapes which bringeth joy to our hearts. Let us cry to them with pure hearts and faces unashamed, let us cry to them saying: Rejoice! ye who destroy the irrational and are servants of the Rational. Hail! O ye chosen gladly by the Creator of all Who careth for them. Rejoice! Ye mediators of good and expellers of error. Let us beseech them to interceed endlessly with the Creator and Teacher, to grant the world firm peace and to our souls the Great Mercy.

Tone 2

by Arsenius:

O all the world, Let us praise the Chiefs of the Apostles: Peter and Paul, the disciples of Christ, the foundation of the Church, the true pillars and support of the Church, Divine trumpets of the doctrines of Christ and His Passion. For they have travelled throughout the world, sowing the faith as with a plow; and have planting for all the knowledge of God; revealing the Word of the Trinity. O Peter, the Rock and Foundation; O Paul, the Chosen Vessel; Yoked together in the bonds of Christ, they have drawn all to the knowledge of God: gentiles and Jews, cities and islands, they have led to Christ; and they interceed with Christ for the salvation of our souls.

Tone 2

by Germanos

O Peter, Chief of the honored Apostles, and rock of faith; O Paul the wondrous, orator and star of the Holy Churches: since ye stand before the Throne of God, intercede with Christ for our souls.

Tone 2

O Paul, blessed Mouth of the Lord, foundation of doctrines; O thou who wast once a persecutor of Jesus the Savior; and art now among the first throned of the Apostles: Wherefore, ascending, O Wise One, into the third Heaven, thou hast seen ineffable things; and hast cried out, saying: Come with me, and we shall not lack any good thing.

Tone 3

by John the Monk

The citizens of Jerusalem on high, the Rock of Faith and the Orator of the Church of Christ, the two servants of the Trinity, the fishers of the world, having forsaken today that which is on earth, have gone through martyrdom to God, and intercede with Him for the Salvation of our souls.

Tone 5

by Byzantius

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

The wisdom of God and the Word of the Father co-eternal with Him hath verily foretold you, O all-extolled Apostles, in His Gospel, that ye are the two vines of good fertility who bore in your branches the ripe, delightful cluster whereof as we believers eat, we feel the pleasure-giving taste. Wherefore, O Peter, the rock of faith, and Paul, the pride of the universe, strengthen the flock which became yours through your teachings.

Theotokion

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

We the Faithful beatify Thee, O Virgin Theotokos, and we glorify thee as is meet: O unshakeable city, impregnable rampart, never-failing intercessor and refuge for our souls.

- 6.) At the Aposticha, we chant four stichera for the Resurrection from the Octoechos in Tone 1
(Nassar, 138; Kazan Vesp., 118)

Tone 1

O Christ, by thy Passion we have been saved from passion, and by thy Resurrection we have been saved from corruption. O Lord, glory to thee.

Verse 1: The Lord is King and hath put on glorious apparel, The Lord hath put on His apparel and hath girt Himself with strength.

Let creation rejoice and the heavens have joy; and let the nations clap their hands together with gladness; for Christ our Savior did nail our sins upon his Cross: and in causing death to die, did grant us life and did raise the fallen Adam and all his descendants; for he is the Lover of mankind.

Verse 2: For He hath made the round world so sure that it shall not be moved.

O inscrutable Creator, the King of heaven and earth, thou who for love of mankind didst accept crucifixion willingly; verily, hades when it met thee below did murmur; and the souls of the righteous when they received thee did rejoice. And Adam, when he saw thee beneath the earth did stand up and arise. How wonderful it is that he who is the Life of all did taste death, and that of his own will, for the lighting of the world, which crieth out saying, O thou who didst rise from the dead, O Lord, glory to thee.

Verse 3: Holiness becometh Thy house, O Lord, forever.

Yea, the ointment-bearing women carried ointment and hurried diligently, crying, and reached thy grave. And when they could not find thy pure body, learning from the angel the great and new happening, they did tell the Disciples that the Lord had risen, granting the world the Great Mercy.

Tone 6

Sts. Peter and Paul

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

Today hath shone forth to the ends of the earth a delightful Feast by the all-solemn memorial, the memorial of the all-wise Apostles, the heads of the Apostles, Peter and Paul. Wherefore, let Rome receive the glad tidings rejoicing, and let us, brethren, feast this all-solemn day, crying unto them, Rejoice, O Peter the Apostle and the especial friend of the Teacher Christ our God. Rejoice, O truly beloved Paul, preacher of the Faith and teacher of the universe.. And because of your privilege, O sanctified pair, beseech Christ God to save our souls.

Tone 6

Resurrection (Nassar, 178)

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

O Most pure one, when Christ the Lord, my Creator and Savior, came forth from thy womb, putting me on, he did free Adam from the ancient curse. Wherefore, O most pure one, since thou art the Theotokos and a Virgin in truth, we shout to thee untiringly with the angels, saying, Rejoice, Lady, O thou who art the helper, the cover, and the salvation of our souls.

7.) St. Simeon's Prayer and Holy God...

8.) At the Apolytikia, we chant:

Tone 1

The Resurrection from the Octoechos (Nassar, 139; Kazan Vesp., 161)

The stone being sealed by the Jews, and thy pure body being guarded by the soldiers, thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. Wherefore, the heavenly powers acclaimed thee, O Giver of life, crying, Glory to thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to thy kingdom! Glory to thy gracious providence, O thou only Lover of mankind.

Tone 4

Sts. Peter and Paul (Nassar, 550)

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

O Foremost in the ranks of Apostles, and teachers of the world, intercede with the Master of all to grant safety to the world and to our souls the Great Mercy.

Theotokion of the Resurrection (Nassar, 162; Kazan Vesp., 168)

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

The mystery which was hidden from everlasting and was unknown of the angels, O Theotokos, was revealed through thee to those who dwell upon earth, in that God, having become incarnate in unconfused union of His own good will, accepted the Cross for our sake, whereby He raised again the first created and hath saved our souls from death.

9.) At the Great Dismissal we say, “May Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-immaculate and all-blameless holy Mother, ... Through the prayers

ORTHROS

- 1.) At the beginning of Orthros the Troparia and Theotokion
("O Lord, save Thy people... Do Thou who of Thine own good will... O champion dread...")
are always said/intoned and are NEVER chanted.
- 2.) All six of the Orthros Psalms must be said in their entirety.
(*Note: In the Kazan Byzantine Music volume for Orthros, there is an omission in the first introductory stichos. It should read, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men." Please make this correction in your books.*)
- 3.) After the Litany of Peace and the exclamation "For unto Thee are due..."
Chant "God is the Lord..." with its stichoi

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The Resurrection from the Octoechos (Nassar, 139; Kazan Sun. Mat., 9)

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Tone 4

Sts. Peter and Paul (Nassar, 550)

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Theotokion of the Resurrection (Nassar, 162; Kazan Mat., 19)

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- 4.) The Little Ektenia is intoned with the exclamation "For Thine is the might..."
- 5.) The Kathismata are all from the Octoechos. Tone 1 (Nassar, 140; Kazan Sun. Mat., 33)

Tone 1

Resurrection (Nassar, 140)

The soldiers who kept watch over thy grave, O Savior, became as dead from the shining of the appearing angel who told the good tidings of the Resurrection to the women. Thee, therefore, do we glorify, O Remover of corruption, and to thee do we bow, O thou who didst rise from the grave, O thou, our only Lord.

Tone 8

Sts. Peter and Paul (Nassar, 551)

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

Having abandoned the fishing grounds thou didst receive from the Father himself the revelation of the Word's Incarnation, and as one who is privileged thou didst cry to all, saying unto thy Creator, I have known thee as Son of God, consubstantial with him. Wherefore, thou wast truly revealed as the rock of faith, as is meet, and a trustee of the keys of grace. Intercede, therefore, O Apostle Peter with Christ God to grant forgiveness of iniquities to those who eagerly celebrate thy memorial.

Tone 1

Resurrection (Nassar, 140)

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

We have all known thee as Theotokos, and after giving birth thou didst appear truly virgin. We who eagerly seek refuge in thy goodness, have thus known thee; for we sinners have taken thee as intercessor, and in temptations have possessed thee as our salvation, O thou who alone art blameless.

Second Kathisma

Verily did the women proceed to the grave early, where they beheld an angelic scene, and did tremble. And when the grave shone forth with life they were struck with astonishment. Wherefore, they returned to the Disciples and did preach the Resurrection, saying, Verily Christ hath invaded hades; for He alone is the powerful and mighty One; and He raised with Him all those who were corrupt, and with the power of His Cross, He removed the fear of condemnation.

Tone 8

Sts. Peter and Paul (Nassar, 551)

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

From heaven, from Christ God, thou didst receive the call, thus appearing as the preacher of light, illuminating all with the teachings of grace; for having impugned the worship of the written law, thou didst cause to rise the knowledge of the Spirit for believers. Therefore, worthily thou didst ascend to the third heaven and attained paradise. Wherefore, O Apostle Paul, intercede with Christ God to grant forgiveness of iniquities to those who eagerly celebrate thy holy memorial.

Tone 1

Resurrection (Nassar, 140)

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

O Mary, the reverend abode of the Lord, lift us, who have fallen in the abyss of evil despair, trespasses, and sorrows; for thou didst give salvation to sinners. Thou art a helper and a strong intercessor, and dost save thy servants.

6.) Benedictions (Evlogetaria) in Tone 5.

7.) The Little Litany is intoned with the exclamation "For blessed is Thy Name ..."

8.) The Hypakoë, Anabathmoi and the Prokeimenon with its accompanying stichos are all from the Octoechos Tone 1. (Nassar, 141; Kazan, Sun. Mat., 46).

9.) The 2nd Eothinon Gospel (Nassar, 200) is chanted from the Holy Table.

10.) Following "In that we have beheld the Resurrection of Christ ..."
(Nassar, 113; Serv. Bk., 66; Kazan Sun. Mat., 66)

11.) Psalm 50 (Nassar, 82; Serv. Bk., 66; Kazan Sun. Mat., 66)

12.) Troparia following Psalm 50 (Serv. Bk., 67; Kazan Sun. Mat., 67-8)

13.) The Intercession then follows.

14.) Katabasia of Our Lady in Tone 4 (Nassar, 114; Kazan Sun. Mat., 72)

Tone 4

Ode 1. I shall open my mouth and it shall be filled with the Spirit; and I shall speak forth to the Queen and Mother. I shall be seen joyfully singing her praises, and I shall delight to sing of her wonders.

Ode 3. As a living and copious fountain, O Theotokos, do thou strengthen those who hymn thy praises, and are joined together in spiritual company for thy service; and in thy divine glory make them worthy of crowns of glory

Ode 4. He who sits in clouds of glory upon the throne of Godhead, Jesus the most high God, came with mighty hand and saved those who cried out unto him: "Glory to thy power, O Christ."

Ode 5. All creation was amazed at thy divine glory, for thou, O unwedded Virgin, didst hold in thee the God of all, and didst bear the Eternal Son, who rewards with salvation all those who hymn thy praises.

Ode 6. As we the Godly minded, celebrate this divine and all-honorable feast of the Mother of God: let us clap our hands together and glorify the God whom she bore.

Ode 7. The godly-minded children worshipped not the creature rather than the Creator, but trampling upon the threat of fire in manly fashion, they rejoiced and sang: "O All-praised Lord and God of our Fathers, blessed art thou."

Let us praise, bless, and worship the Lord.

Ode 8. The three holy children in the furnace the Child of the Theotokos saved; then was the type, now is its fulfillment, and the whole world gathers to sing: "All ye works praise the Lord and magnify him unto all ages."

15.) Magnification " More honorable..." with its verses; (Serv. Bk., 70; Kazan Sun. Mat., 76)

16.) Ninth Ode of Our Lady (Nassar, 114)

Tone 4

Let all the earth-born mortals rejoice in the Spirit, bearing lamps. And let the nature of disembodied Minds celebrate with honor the holy festival of the Mother of God, and cry out: "Hail! All-blessed, pure, and ever-virgin Theotokos!"

17.) The Little Litany is intoned with the exclamation "For all the powers of heaven..."

18.) Exaposteilaria we chant "Holy is the Lord our God. (thrice) ... Exalt ye the Lord our God and worship at His footstool for He is holy." Then we chant the following:

Tone 2

Eothinon 2 (Nassar, 201; Kazan Sun. Mat., 84)

Verily, when the ointment-bearing women saw the stone rolled, they rejoiced; for they saw a young man sitting at the grave who said to them, Behold, Christ hath risen, say to the Disciples with Peter to hasten to the mountain; for there He shall appear to you, O ye His beloved ones, as He foretold you.

Sts. Peter and Paul (Nassar, 552)

Come, let us all extol the Apostles Peter and Paul, those divine heads of the Apostles, luminaries of the universe and preachers of the Faith, those two trumpets declaring things divine and revealing doctrines, those two pillars of the Church, and refuters of error.

The great and amazing mystery of thy birth-giving, O virgin Theotokos, favored of God, was preached by the Prophets, taught by the Apostles, and confessed by Martyrs. Yea, it is praised by the angels and worshipped by men.

Eothinon 2 - Theotokion to Our Lady (Nassar, 201)

Before conceiving thee, O Christ, an angel hailed the Virgin; and an angel also rolled the stone away from the grave. The former, instead of sorrow, proclaimed signs of joy indescribable: and the latter, instead of death, proclaimed to the women and thy beloved ones thy Resurrection, magnifying thee, O Giver of life.

19.) Praises (Ainoi) in Tone 1 with eight stichera:

Four stichera for the Resurrection (Nassar, 142; Kazan, Sun. Mat., 104; Service Bk, 72)

Four prosomia for Sts. Peter and Paul (Nassar, 552)

Tone 1

Resurrection from the Octoechos (Nassar, 142; Kazan, Sun. Mat., 104; Service Bk, 72)

Verse 8: This glory shall be to all His saints.

O Christ, thy saving Passion do we praise; and thy Resurrection do we glorify.

Verse 7: Praise God in His sanctuary: praise Him in the firmament of His power.

O Thou who didst submit to the Cross and didst abolish death, who didst arise from the dead, preserve our lives, O Lord, since thou alone art almighty.

Verse 6: Praise Him for His mighty acts: praise Him according to His excellent greatness.

O Christ, who as a Destroyer didst invade hades, and who didst raise man by thy Resurrection make us worthy to praise thee with pure hearts, and to glorify thee.

Verse 5: Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet: praise Him with the psaltery and harp.

O Christ, we praise thee, glorifying thy condescension, which becometh God. O thou who wast born of a Virgin and wast yet inseparable from the bosom of the Father; who didst suffer like man, didst submit to the Cross willingly, didst arise from the tomb as from a chamber, that thou mightest save the world, glory to thee, O Lord.

Tone 4

Sts. Peter and Paul (Nassar, 552)

Verse 4: Praise him with the timbrel and dance; praise him with stringed instruments and organs.

When the Savior asked the rank of the twelve Disciples, Who do men say that I am? Then Peter, the forechosen of the Disciples and recipient of grace from heaven, proclaimed thee clearly, speaking of thy Godhead, and saying, Thou art Christ the Son of the living God. Wherefore, it is meet to beatify him, since he received the revelation from above and the gift to bind and loosen sins.

Verse 3: Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high-sounding cymbals. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.

O thou who wast called from above and not from man, when the earthly darkness covered the eyes of thy body, revealing the dismay of infidelity, then the heavenly light gleamed forth in thy mind's eye, revealing the splendor of true worship. Wherefore, thou didst know Christ our God, who bringeth out light from darkness. Plead thou with him to lighten and save our souls.

Verse 2: Arise, O my God, lift up thine hand, and forget not the humble.

Worthily thou wast called the rock, on which the Lord established the unshakable Faith of the Church, making thee the head shepherd of the sheep endowed with speech. And then, since thou art good, he appointed thee keeper of the keys of the heavenly gates, to open unto those who hasten thither with faith. Wherefore, thou wast counted worthy to be crucified as thy Master was crucified. Plead thou with him to lighten and save our souls.

Verse 1: I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart: I will show all thy marvelous works.

O preacher of Christ and proud bearer of his cross, thou didst sincerely prefer to all things the greatly desired divine love, since it linketh its lovers to the Beloved. Then thou wast called a captive of Christ, choosing the disasters of temptations, considering them sweeter than all bliss. Thus thou wast worthy of the precious dissolution, attaining thy Master. Wherefore, plead thou with him to lighten and save our souls.

Tone 6

Sts. Peter and Paul (Nassar, 553)

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

Verily, the all-solemn Feast of the two Apostles hath arrived bringing us salvation. Wherefore, let us mystically exult, crying unto them, Rejoice, O ye who have become luminaries to those in darkness two rays of the Sun! Rejoice, O Peter and Paul, adamant pillars of the divine doctrines, ye friends of Christ and two honored vessels. Be ye present among us in an invisible manner, and grant immaterial gifts to those who extol your feast with paeans.

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

Most blessed art thou, O Virgin Theotokos, for through Him that was incarnate of thee is Hades despoiled, Adam is recalled from the dead, the curse is made void, Eve is set free, death is slain, and we are endowed with life. Wherefore, in hymns of praise, we cry aloud: Blessed art thou, O Christ our God, who is thus well pleased, glory to thee.

20.) Great Doxology - Tone 6 (Serv. Bk.,75-6; Kazan Sun. Mat., 225, Nassar, 118)

21.) Troparion: "Today is salvation...", Tone 4 (Serv. Bk., 76)

Tone 4

Today is salvation come into the world. Let us sing praises to Him who arose from the grave, the Author of our life; for having by Death He hath destroyed death, He hath given us victory and Great Mercy.

DIVINE LITURGY

1.) During the Little Entrance: The troparion of the Resurrection in Tone 1

Tone 1

The Resurrection from the Octoechos (Nassar, 139; Kazan Sun. Mat., 9)

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2.) The Entrance Hymn(Eisodikon):

O come let us worship and fall down before Christ, O Son of God, who art risen from the dead, save us who sing unto thee: Alleluia

3.) After the Entrance we chant:

Tone 1

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Tone 4

Sts. Peter and Paul (Nassar, 550)

O Foremost in the ranks of Apostles, and teachers of the world, intercede with the Master of all to grant safety to the world and to our souls the Great Mercy. (Repeat)

Troparion of the Patron Saint or Titular Feast of the Church

Tone 4

Kontakion of the Theotokos (Nassar, 125)

O Undisputed intercessor of Christians, the mediatrix unrejected by the Creator, turn not away from the voice of our petitions, though we be sinners. Come to us in time, who cry to thee in faith, with assistance; for thou art good. Hasten to us with intercessions O Theotokos, who dost ever intercede for those who honor thee.

4.) The Trisagion (“Holy God ...”) as usual.

5.) Epistle

[2 Corinthians 11:21-33; 12:6-9 \(Saints Peter and Paul\)](#)

6.) Gospel

[Matthew 16:13-19 \(Saints Peter and Paul\)](#)

7.) The Megalyrnarion: "It is truly meet ... ”

8.) **The Koinonikon**: “Their sound hath going forth into all the earth. Alleluia.”

9.) Post-Communion: “We have seen the true Light ...”, as usual. ONCE.

10.) At the Great Dismissal we say, "May He Who rose again from the dead, Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-immaculate and all-blameless holy Mother, ... Through the prayers...".