

THE STRUCTURE OF THE ORTHROS SERVICE

(When followed by the Divine Liturgy)

Priest: "Blessed is our God. . ."

"Glory to thee. . ."

"O heavenly King. . ." *(Not said from Easter to Pentecost)*

Chanter: "Amen," **Trisagion Prayers** ("Holy God. . ." through **Lord's Prayer**)

Priest: **Exclamation:** "For thine is the Kingdom. . ."

Chanter: "Amen."

"O Lord save thy people. . ."

Glory. . . "Do thou, who of thine own. . ."

Now. . . "O Champion dread, who cannot. . ."

Priest: **Ektenia:** "Have mercy on us. . ."

"Again we pray for pious. . ."

"Again we pray for our father and Metropolitan **PHILIP**. . ."

Chanter: "Amen."

"Glory to God in the highest. . ." (3 times)

Between Pascha and Ascension this should be replaced by, "Christ is risen from the dead."

"O Lord open thou my lips. . ." (2 times)¹

Six Psalms

Priest: **Great Ektenia**

Chanter: **God is the Lord**. . . preceded by the verses, "O give thanks unto the Lord. . ."

Proper **Apolytikion (Troparion and Theotokion)**

Priest: **Little Ektenia**

Chanter: Proper Kathismata

Evlogetaria *(not sung on certain Sundays)*

Priest: **Little Ektenia**

Chanter: Proper **Hypakoe, Anabathmoi, and Prokeimenon**

Priest: "Let us pray to the Lord."

Chanter: "Lord, have mercy."

Priest: "For Holy art thou. . ."

Chanter: "Amen." "Let everything. . ."

Priest: **READ THE MATINS GOSPEL**

Chanter: "In that we have beheld the Resurrection. . ." *(not said on certain Sundays)*

Psalm 50

Troparia

Priest: **Intercession:** "O God save thy people. . ."

Chanter: "Lord, have mercy." (12 times)

Priest: Exclamation: "Through the mercies. . ."

Chanter: "Amen." The Kontakion and the Ikos for the Tone or for the day and the Synaxarion are read and then the proper **Katabasia**.

Priest: **Little Ektenia**

Chanter: "Holy is the Lord. . ." (3 times)

¹Note: Substitute "Christ is risen" (three times) for these from Easter to Ascension eve.

"Exalt ye the Lord. . ." (*except from Good Friday until Pentecost*)

Proper **Exaposteilarion and Theotokion**

Proper **Praises** (*Ainoi*), preceded by the verses.

Proper **Doxastikon and Theotokion**

Great Doxology, in proper Tone

Proper **Troparion**