

Commemoration of St. Xenia of Petersburg.

After the Trisagion Prayers and 6 Psalms

Plagal of the Fourth Mode

God is the Lord, and He revealed Himself to us. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Verse 1: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon His holy name.

Verse 2: All the nations surrounded me, but in the name of the Lord I defended myself against them.

Verse 3: And this came about from the Lord, and it is wonderful in our eyes.

Dismissal Hymn

In you, O wandering stranger, Christ the Lord has given us an ardent intercessor for our kind. For having received in your life sufferings and grief and served God and men with love, you did acquire great boldness. Wherefore, we fervently hasten to you in temptations and grief, crying out from the depths of our hearts: Put not our hope to shame, O Blessed Xenia.

Glory; both now. Theotokion

O You Who for our sakes were born of a Virgin, and did suffer crucifixion, O Good One, and did despoil death by death, and as God did reveal the Resurrection: Disdain them not which You have fashioned with Your hand; show us Your love for mankind, O Merciful One; accept the Theotokos that gave You birth, who intercedes for us; and do You, our Saviour, save a despairing people.

Small Litany

Deacon Again and again in peace let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon Remembering our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

Choir: To You, O Lord.

Priest For Yours is the dominion, and Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Plagal of Fourth Tone. By conceiving the Wisdom

With that rending of heart at your husband's death * came the tearing-away of the heavy veil * of life's deep deceitfulness * and its transient vanity; * and by sorrow illumined in soul to seek after Christ, * you did win Him as Bridegroom, betrothed to Him by His Cross. * Now, as you enjoy grace and life everlasting * and boldness before the Lord, * Mother Xenia, remember us, * who sing your praise while crying out: * Intercede with Christ our God * that forgiveness of all their transgressions be * granted to them that with longing * keep your holy memory.

Glory. Repeat the Same.

Both now. Theotokion

By conceiving the Wisdom and Word of God * in your womb, without being consumed thereby, * you bore ineffably * the Creator Who made all things; * in your arms, you have held Him Who fills the universe, * and have fed at your breast Him Who feeds the world entire. * Wherefore, I beseech you, O you all-holy Virgin * and Mother of God, that I * be redeemed from my many sins * when I shall have to stand before * the Face of my Creator and God; * O pure Lady Virgin, help me in that hour, * for you canst do whatsoever * you do will, O spotless one.

Same Melody

In your life, you were dead unto earthly joys; * after death, you are living to hear our cries, * O Xenia, elect of God; * and your tomb is become a torch * that doth light up the way for all seeking your help in life * and that burns away all the darkness of maladies. * Wherefore, in thanksgiving for the gifts you have shown us, * we laud you with sacred hymns, * as we plead that your sympathy * ever be shown to them that cry: * Intercede with Christ our God * that forgiveness of all their transgressions be * granted to them that with longing * keep your holy memory.

Glory. Repeat the Same.

Both now. Theotokion

You do all generations of mankind bless * as the Virgin and only in womankind * who seedlessly brought to birth * God incarnate upon the earth. * For in you is the fire of the Godhead come down to dwell, * and you suckle the Maker and Lord as a little babe. *

Wherefore, we, the race of man, with all of the Angels, * befittingly glorify * the all-holy Child born of you, * and with one voice we cry to you: * Entreat your Son and God that He grant * the forgiveness of transgressions unto them * that sing the praise of your glory * as is meet, O spotless Maid.

With a stick in your hand, you did walk with toil, * while supporting the world by your mighty prayers, * O Xenia, belov'd of God, * and no stranger to His commands. * In the day, you did light them benighted by sins and cares, * and by night you did shine with great labours to serve your Lord. * Now, you are a proven intercessor and champion * for all in perplexity, * caught in sin or infirmity, * when they cry out to you with faith: * Intercede with Christ our God * that forgiveness of all their transgressions be * granted to them that with longing * keep your holy memory.

Glory. Repeat the Same.

Both now. Theotokion

The Creator and Master of all that is, * on assuming our flesh from your spotless womb, * made you, O all-blameless one, * the protectress of all mankind. * For this reason, we all flee for refuge and help to you, * and, O Lady, we ask the forgiveness of trespasses, * and that we be rescued from eternal affliction, * and torment of every kind * that is found yonder, we entreat, * and we cry unto you with faith: * Entreat your Son and God that He grant * His remission unto them that piously * draw nigh to your divine shelter, * O all-holy Virgin Maid.

Small Litany

Priest Again and again in peace let us pray to the Lord.

Choir Lord, have mercy.

Priest Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

Choir Lord, have mercy.

Priest Remembering our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

Choir To You, O Lord.

Priest For blessed is Your name, and glorified is Your kingdom, of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

Choir : Amen.

Choir Hymns of ascent 4th mode

From my youth, many passions war against me. O my Savior, I implore You, uphold me and save me. (2)

You who hate Zion, be shamed by the Lord; for you will be withered like grass in the fire. (2)

Glory.

By the Holy Spirit every soul is animated, and when purified, it is mystically uplifted and brightened by the triune Godhead.[GOASD]

Both now.

From the Holy Spirit the streams of grace well forth; they water all creation, so that life be engendered.

Prokeimenon. Fourth Tone

With patience I waited patiently for the Lord, and He was attentive unto me.

Verse: He set my feet upon a rock, and He ordered my steps aright.

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest For You, our God, are holy, and You rest among the holy ones, and to You we offer up glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord (3)

Gospel

Deacon Let us pray to the Lord our God that we may be made worthy to hear the holy Gospel.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (3)

Deacon Wisdom. Arise. Let us hear the holy Gospel.

Priest: Peace be with all.

Choir: And with your spirit.

Priest

The reading is from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Deacon: Let us be attentive.

Choir Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You.

At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight the cry rang out: "Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!"

Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out."

"No," they replied, "there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves."

But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

Later the others also came. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us!"

But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I don't know you."

Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

50th Psalm (read)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your great mercy; and according to the abundance of Your compassion, blot out my transgression. Wash me thoroughly from my lawlessness and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my lawlessness, and my sin is always before me. Against You only have I sinned and done evil in Your sight; that You may be justified in Your words, and overcome when You are judged. For behold, I was conceived in transgressions, and in sins my mother bore me. Behold, You love truth; You showed me the unknown and secret things of Your wisdom. You shall sprinkle me with hyssop, and I will be cleansed; You shall wash me, and I will be made whiter than snow. You shall make me hear joy and gladness; my bones that were humbled shall greatly rejoice. Turn Your face from my sins, and blot out all my transgressions. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your guiding Spirit. I will teach transgressors Your ways, and the ungodly shall turn back to You. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, the God of my salvation, and my tongue shall greatly rejoice in Your

righteousness. O Lord, You shall open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise. For if You desired sacrifice, I would give it; You will not be pleased with whole burnt offerings. A sacrifice to God is a broken spirit, a broken and humbled heart God will not despise. Do good, O Lord, in Your good pleasure to Zion, and let the walls of Jerusalem be built; then You will be pleased with a sacrifice of righteousness, with offerings and whole burnt offerings; then shall they offer young bulls on Your altar.

Glory. Second Tone

By the intercessions of Your Saint, O Merciful One, blot out the multitude of mine offences.

Both now. Theotokion

By the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Merciful One, blot out the multitude of mine offences.

Verse: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your great mercy; and according to the multitude of Your compassions blot out my transgression.

Second Tone

YOU have cultivated the fruits of the life in Christ with great labour and wisdom, and with them you sustain the minds of the faithful in the Holy Spirit, O God-inspired Mother Xenia. For being deemed worthy of strange gifts from Christ, you make us strangers to the present world, and do intercede for the salvation of our souls.

Priest O God, save Your people and bless Your inheritance. Look upon Your world with mercy and compassion. Raise the Orthodox Christians in glory, and send down upon us Your rich mercies: through the intercessions of our all-immaculate Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, by the power of the precious and life-giving Cross, the protection of the honorable, heavenly, bodiless powers, the supplications of the honorable, glorious prophet and forerunner John the Baptist, the holy, glorious, and praiseworthy apostles, our fathers among the saints, the great hierarchs and ecumenical teachers, Basil the Great and John Chrysostom, Athanasius, Cyril, and John the Merciful, patriarchs of Alexandria, Nicholas, bishop of Myra, Spyridon, bishop of Trimythous, Nektarios of Pentapolis, the wonderworkers; the holy, glorious, great martyrs George the triumphant, Demetrios the myrrh-streamer, Theodore the soldier, and Theodore the general; Menas the wonderworker; Charalampus and Eleutherius, the hieromartyrs; the holy, glorious, and victorious martyrs; the glorious great Martyr and all-laudable Euphemia; the holy and glorious Martyrs Thecla, Barbara, Anastasia, Catherine, Kyriaki, Photini, Marina, Paraskevi and Irene; our venerable and God-bearing fathers; (local patron saint); the holy and righteous ancestors of God Joachim and Anna; our father among the saints Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of

Constantinople, whose memory we celebrate; and all Your saints: We beseech you, only merciful Lord, hear us sinners who pray to you and have mercy on us.

Choir Lord, have mercy. (12)

Priest Through the mercy, compassion, and love for humankind of Your only-begotten Son, with whom You are blessed, and Your all-holy, good and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

KONTAKION

Third Tone

Having been as a wandering stranger on earth, sighing for the Heavenly homeland, you were known as a fool by the senseless and unbelieving, but as most wise and holy by the faithful, and were crowned by God with glory and honour, O Xenia, manly-minded and divinely wise. Wherefore, we cry to you: Rejoice, for after earthly wandering you have come to dwell in the Father's house.

OIKOS

Who is this knocking upon the gates of the Kingdom of the Heavens, her garments white, her face shining brighter than the sun? Where doth she come from, asking for such great things? It is the daughter of the Heavenly Father, the faithful handmaid of the Son of God, and the chosen vessel of the Holy Spirit, who has been wandering on the earth like a stranger. Now is she translated to the heavenly homeland; wherefore, quickly open the doors for her, and greet her with rejoicing, crying out: Rejoice, O Xenia, for after earthly wandering you have come to dwell in the Father's house.

SYNAXARION

+ On the twenty-fourth of this month we commemorate our righteous Mother, Blessed Xenia, the Fool for Christ's sake and Wonderworker of Saint Petersburg.

Verses

They that are at a loss invoke Blessed Xenia,

Who having lost all things, won Christ as her Bridegroom.

On the twenty-fourth Xenia was in Heaven.

BY her holy intercessions, O God, have mercy on us. Amen.

Katavasia of the Meeting

Ode i. Mode 3.

Sunlight once hovered over the abyssal plain that was rendered dry of old. * For the water like a wall on either side became solid, * and people walked across on dry land and sang an ode, pleasing to God, * “Sing to the Lord, who triumphed; for He is greatly glorified.”[GOASD]

Ode iii.

As the firm support of those who hope in You firmly, * O Lord and our Savior, support us, Your holy * Church You purchased * with Your most precious blood, O Christ.[GOASD]

Ode iv.

The heavens were covered by Your virtue, O Christ. * For coming forth from the Ark of Your holiness, Your Mother who sustained no corruption, * You appeared today in Your glorious Temple, as an infant held in arms. * And the entire creation was filled with Your praise.[GOASD]

Ode v.

Isaiah had a mystical vision of God * sitting on a throne lifted up, * and around Him stood the glorious Seraphim. * The Prophet cried out, “Woe is me! * With my eyes I have foreseen incarnate God; * and He is the Master of never-setting light and peace.”[GOASD]

Ode vi.

To You, the Elder cried out, on seeing * with his own eyes the salvation that You prepared for all people, * “God from God are You, Christ my Savior.”[GOASD]

Ode vii.

Servants in the furnace spoke of God. * You bedewed them, O God the Logos; * and You dwelt in the womb of the immaculate, holy Virgin. We praise You * and sing to You devoutly: * Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of our fathers.[GOASD]

Ode viii.

We praise and we bless and we worship the Lord.

Unharméd were the young men, who were champions * of belief in God, when they were thrown into the furnace * and they faced unbearable fire; and they sang a hymn to God: * “All you works of the Lord, bless the Lord, * and exalt Him beyond measure unto all the ages.”[GOASD]

Deacon Let us honor and magnify in song the Theotokos and the Mother of the light.

Choir

Ode ix.

The Magnificat. Mode 3.

Verse: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.[NKJV]

Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and in glory greater beyond compare than the Seraphim; you without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos. You do we magnify.[GOASD]

Verse: For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; for behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed.[NKJV]

Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and in glory greater beyond compare than the Seraphim; you without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos. You do we magnify.[GOASD]

Verse: For He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name. And His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.[NKJV]

Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and in glory greater beyond compare than the Seraphim; you without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos. You do we magnify.[GOASD]

Verse: He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.[NKJV]

Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and in glory greater beyond compare than the Seraphim; you without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos. You do we magnify.[GOASD]

Verse: He has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent away empty.[NKJV]

Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and in glory greater beyond compare than the Seraphim; you without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos. You do we magnify.[GOASD]

Verse: He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy, as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.[NKJV]

Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and in glory greater beyond compare than the Seraphim; you without corruption gave birth to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos. You do we magnify.[GOASD]

Ode ix. Katavasia. Mode 3.

Theotokos, as the hope of us Christians, one and all, * guard and shelter and protect those who put their hope in you.

In the shadow and the letter of the Law, * we the faithful perceive the decree: * Consecrate to God every male, the first-born opening the womb. * Now the unoriginate Father's first-born Logos and Son * is also first-born of a virgin Mother, and we magnify Him.[GOASD]

SMALL LITANY

Priest Again and again in peace let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest Remembering our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

Choir: To You, O Lord.

Priest For all the powers of heaven praise You, and to You they offer up glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

EXAPOSTILARIA

Second Tone. Hearken, you women

Translated from a foreign land, * come from her wearied wanderings, * the blessed Xenia doth cry out: * Open, O house of the Father, * open your doors to me at last, * who lived a stranger on the earth, * who as a pauper scorned of all * knocked at the gates of the Kingdom * with prayer and sighing and weeping.

Theotokion

O Gate of Heaven given men, * O palace of the King of all, * O mighty rampart of Christians, * O swift uprighting of sinners, * stretch forth your hands which carried God * and lead us

from our banishment * to where the joy doth never end, * where all praise you as their Lady
* and laud your Son as their Saviour.

Praises

Lauds. Mode PL of the 4th.

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him
in the highest. It is fitting to sing a hymn to You, O God.[SAAS]

Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all you stars and light.

Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, and you waters above the heavens. Let them praise
the Lord's name.

For He spoke, and they were made; He commanded, and they were created.

He established them forever and unto ages of ages; He set forth His ordinance, and it shall
not pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you dragons and all the deeps.

Fire and hail, snow and ice, stormy wind, which perform His word.

Mountains and all the hills, fruitful trees and all cedars.

Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds.

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all judges of the earth.

Young men and maidens, elders with younger, let them praise the Lord's name, for His
name alone is exalted.

His thanksgiving is in earth and heaven. And He shall exalt the horn of His people.

A hymn for all His saints, for the children of Israel, a people who draw near to Him.

Sing to the Lord a new song, His praise in the assembly of His holy ones.

Let Israel be glad in Him who made him, and let the children of Zion greatly rejoice in their
King.

Let them praise His name with dance; with tambourine and harp let them sing to Him.

For the Lord is pleased with His people, and He shall exalt the gentle with salvation.

The holy ones shall boast in glory, and they shall greatly rejoice on their beds.

The high praise of God shall be in their mouth and a two-edged sword in their hand.

To deal retribution to the nations, reprovng among the peoples.

To shackle their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron.

To fulfill among them the written judgment: this glory have all His holy ones.

Praise God in His saints; praise Him in the firmament of His power.

Praise Him, all you His angels; praise Him, all you His hosts. It is fitting to sing a hymn to You, O God.

Praise Him for His mighty acts; praise Him according to the abundance of His greatness.

Praise Him with the sound of trumpet; praise Him with the harp and lyre.

Plagal of Fourth Tone. O strange wonder

Toiling with labours both night and day, * O Xenia, you built up * the divine temple of the Lord: * with the bricks, a comely church, * and with prayer, your most blessed soul, * wherein the Lord God Almighty took His rest * and gave you strength passing nature to travail * unto the benefit * of your neighbour and the glory of your Lord, * with Whom never cease to plead for them that honour you.

Praise Him with the sound of trumpet; praise Him with the harp and lyre. **REPEAT SAME HYMN**

Praise Him with timbrel and dance; praise Him with strings and flute.

You for a season did disappear * out of the sight of the world, * to return as a shining light * hid beneath the bushel of * your ostensible foolishness; * but beams of miracles made you known to all; * in your dark sayings, great wisdom brightly shone; * and with your prophecies, * you did guide the lives of those who honoured you, * for they knew the Spirit of the Lord abode in you.

Praise Him with resounding cymbals; praise Him with triumphant cymbals; let everything that breathes praise the Lord.

He that in your lifetime gave you strength * to pass the limits of man * after death made your sepulchre * an abundant store of grace * with the cure fit for each distress. * And since you live eternally in Christ, * you do appear in all quarters of the earth, * showing what gifts you have * to assist them that invoke your name in faith, * O all-lauded Xenia, glory of the Orthodox.

Glory. Plagal of Second Tone

After your beloved husband's death, desiring to follow Christ in poverty, you did scatter all your riches; and made rich in grace by your heavenly Bridegroom, you did hide your wealth in the rags of your feigned foolishness, O venerable Mother Xenia. Wherefore, enduring mockery and hunger, you did attain to even greater heights of holiness, becoming a universal treasury of blessings for all, made perfect in the love of God; and now as you stand in boldness before the Trinity on high, and go about among us invisibly on earth, you grant peace, mercy, and salvation to all who keep your festival with faith and love.

Both now. Theotokion

O Theotokos, you are the true vine that has blossomed forth the Fruit of Life. You do we supplicate: Intercede, O Lady, together with the righteous one and all the Saints that our souls find mercy.

Great Doxology

Glory be to You who showed the light. Glory in the highest to God. His peace is on earth, His good pleasure in mankind.[SD]

We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks to You for Your great glory.

Lord King, heavenly God, Father, Ruler over all; Lord, only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; and You, O Holy Spirit.

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us, You who take away the sins of the world.

Accept our supplication, You who sit at the right hand of the Father, and have mercy on us.

For You alone are holy, You alone are Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. men.

Every day I will bless You, and Your name will I praise to eternity, and to the ages of ages.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, this day, that we be kept without sin.

Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name to the ages. Amen.

Let Your mercy be on us, O Lord, as we have set our hope on You.

Blessed are You, O Lord. Teach me Your statutes.

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Blessed are You, O Lord. Teach me Your statutes.

Lord, You have been our refuge from generation to generation. I said: Lord, have mercy on me. Heal my soul, for I have sinned against You.

Lord, I have fled to You. Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God.

For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light we shall see light.

Continue Your mercy to those who know You.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (3)

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

Both now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

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Dismissal Hymn

In you, O wandering stranger, Christ the Lord has given us an ardent intercessor for our kind. For having received in your life sufferings and grief and served God and men with love, you did acquire great boldness. Wherefore, we fervently hasten to you in temptations and grief, crying out from the depths of our hearts: Put not our hope to shame, O Blessed Xenia.

Liturgy Variable Parts

Verse 1: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and everything within me, bless His holy name.[SAAS]

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us.

Verse 2: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His rewards.

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us.

Verse 3: The Lord prepared His throne in heaven, and His Kingdom rules over all.

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us.

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

Both now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us.

Antiphon 2. Mode 2.

Verse 1: Praise the Lord, O my soul! I shall praise the Lord while I live; I shall sing to my God as long as I exist.[SAAS]

Save us, O Son of God, who are wondrous in the saints. We sing to You, Alleluia.

Verse 2: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob; his hope is in the Lord his God.

Save us, O Son of God, who are wondrous in the saints. We sing to You, Alleluia.

Verse 3: The Lord shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, to all generations.

Save us, O Son of God, who are wondrous in the saints. We sing to You, Alleluia.

Glory, Both Now...O Only Begotten Son...

Epistle:

Wondrous is God in His saints, even the God of Israel.

Verse: In congregations bless you God, the Lord from the well-springs of Israel.

The First Epistle of Saint Paul to the Galatians (3:23-4:5)

Brethren, before faith came, we were confined under the law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. So that the law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be

justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no better than a slave, though he is the owner of all the estate; but he is under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; when we were children, we were slaves to the elemental spirits of the universe. But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

The Communion Hymn

In everlasting remembrance shall the righteous be. Alleluia.