

# Hymns for Sundays and Feast-days

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Newly-Composed Hymns for the Liturgical Year

Based on the Byzantine Lectionary and Liturgy

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## **Preface**

The Byzantine (Ruthenian) Catholic Church possesses as a rich inheritance a large collection of hymns to the Holy Trinity, to the Mother of God, and to the saints. These hymns are sung before and after services, at pilgrimages and parish events, and have been collected in *Traditional Hymns of the Byzantine Catholic Archeparchy of Pittsburgh*.

However, this body of traditional hymns included very little material for the Sundays and major feast days of the liturgical year. So from 2001 to 2007, the Metropolitan Cantor Institute prepared and published new hymns for each Sunday of the year, based on the Sunday epistle and Gospel readings, as added new spiritual songs for major feasts based on the prayers of Vespers. These hymns are gathered in this volume, along with a hymn for each day of the week and for a few additional occasions.

### **The Sunday Hymns and the “Lucan Jump”**

For most Sundays, the first verses of the Sunday hymn are based on the Gospel reading of the day, while the final verse summarizes the theme of the day’s epistle reading. Thus, the faithful can hear, in different words, the message of the Sunday, to prepare them for the readings they will hear during the Divine Liturgy.

In the Byzantine tradition, beginning immediately after the Sunday following the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (September 14), we begin reading the Gospel of Luke at the Divine Liturgy. This means that from this point on, there may be a 1- to 3-week discrepancy between the “week” of the Gospel readings and the rest of the service (epistle reading, tone of the week). When this occurs, the final verse of the Sunday hymn may be omitted if desired. But it may also be sung, since the message of Christian discipleship found in the apostolic writings is always relevant.

### **The melodies used here**

Many of these hymns were initially set to existing traditional Rusyn melodies, following the pattern widely used in our church in Europe. This dependence on “traditional” tunes meant that a large fraction of these hymns were originally set to a single melody, *Pod tvoj pokrov* (*We hasten to your patronage*).

In this collection, care has been taken not to rely too much on any one melody. Some well-known Christmas melodies, already sung in our church and included among the “traditional hymns” as

Christmas carols, are used here for hymns of the Christmas Pascha (from December 6 to February 2), to mark the liturgical unity of this season. Other melodies from the English singing tradition have also been used, as follows:

- *Forest Green* for feasts associated with the Incarnation
- *Kingsfold* for feasts of apostles
- *Ellacombe* for feasts of monastic saints

In many cases, cantors *can* choose to sing these to traditional Rusyn melodies such as *Pod tvoj pokrov* (*We hsten to your patronage*) if desired.

### Other considerations

In the course of assembling this hymnal, many cantors and choir directors have asked for 3-part or 4-part arrangements for singing by a choir or congregation. The Metropolitan Cantor Institute plans to produce a set of harmonizations that includes each of the melodies used in this collection.

Use of these hymns is, of course, optional! Cantors and pastors may print out individual hymns or incorporate them into parish bulletins if desired.

We hope that this collection provides additional opportunities for the faithful to see the year's services "through the mind of the Church", and that it may lead others to prepare new hymns or hymn translations to grace the liturgical year. May God be glorified in all things!

## Hymn for Presbyteral Ordination



1. That first Pas - chal night, ga - thered in their fright, the dis - ci - ples
2. Now, as Christ com - mands, his dis - ci - ple stands, rea - dy to re -
3. Called to preach and bless, aid - ing in dis - tress, called to of - fer



saw their Lord. "Peace to you!" he said; "See my hands that bled!"  
ceive God's grace— as the Spi - it's pow'r, pre - sent at this hour,  
sac - ri - fice, bring - ing to re - birth ev - 'ry child of earth,



They re - joiced with one ac - cord! "As the Fa - ther once sent me,  
Fills the lacks in ev - 'ry place.  
Called to be "a - noth - er Christ!"



so I send you forth," said he. "Take the Spi - rit's grace! Go forth from this place,



Bind - ing sins and set - ting free!"

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on John 20: 19-23  
Melody: *Anhel Božij / When the angel came* (traditional)

# Hymn for Monastic Profession



1. Take the hel - met of sal - va - tion, take the Spi - rit's sword,  
 2. Round your waist now bind for - e - ver truth that ne'er shall cease;  
 3. Dai - ly take your cross up glad - ly! Fol - low in my way!



Take faith's shield which wards off e - vil; take God's ho - ly Word!  
 For your shoes, the grace to spread the Gos - pel of Christ's peace.  
 Turn from all your earth - ly bond - ing, each and ev - 'ry day.

## Refrain



Come to me, you wea - ry; my yoke now glad - ly take!



Gen - tle, hum - ble you will find me, as your vow you make.

Text: J. Michael Thompson

Melody: *Palomniki Uniontowns'ki / Come to Uniontown* (traditional)

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1. The Spir - it of the Lord Most High will be poured out on us.  
2. Dis - miss all fear - ful, anx - ious thoughts and drive them from your ranks;  
3. Once "eye for eye" and "tooth for tooth" were meas - ures we could keep;



Then will the de - sert come to bloom and or - chards come from dust.  
In - stead, pre - sent your needs to God with pray'r that's full of thanks.  
But Christ com - mands, "Give love to all," a mys - ter - y so deep!



With - in the de - sert, right will dwell and jus - tice there a - bide;  
Then God's own peace, in Je - sus Christ, will fill your heart and mind;  
Thus, prov - ing to the world that we are Fa - ther's chil - dren true,



From right will come se - cu - ri - ty, and peace, from jus - tice's side.  
Then hon - est, de - cent, wor - thy things will be the gifts you'll find.  
We seek to live as Christ has taught; thus taught, so may we do!

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on Isaiah 32: 15-20; Phil. 4:6-9; Matt. 5:38-48  
Melody: *Pod tvoj pokrov / We hasten to your patronage* (traditional)

## Hymn for Evening



1. In your Name, your Church has ga - thered; day now fades a - way.
2. Grant to us a peace - ful ev - 'ning, pas - ture now your sheep.
3. Teach us through your strong com - mand - ments how to be your own.



Turn our hearts to true re - pen - tance; lead us in your Way!  
 With your an - gels' guard - ing round us, care - ful watch they keep.  
 Through this life of sin and sor - row, bring us to your throne.



As we come to day's end, the eve - ning light we see.



Stay with us, O bles - sed Je - sus! Hear your Church - 's plea.

Text: J. Michael Thompson

Melody: *Christijane, proslavl'ajme / All the faithful come before you* (traditional)

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## Saturdays of the Departed (All Souls Saturdays)



1. With your most ho - ly Blood You re - deemed us,  
 2. Your Re - sur - rec - tion, Je - sus, has con - quered  
 3. Weep - ing, la - ment - ing, when we con - si - der



Pur - chased our life from Death by Your death!  
 Death's pow'r for all who've fal - len a - sleep.  
 Our fi - nal end: a grave in the earth!



Give rest, O Sav - ior, to all the faith - ful  
 Thus, we be - seech you, rest all the faith - ful;  
 Help us to know and live out our Bap - tism,



Whom you have made, to whom you gave breath.  
 In light and peace, their souls may you keep.  
 Death to the flesh and glo - rious re - birth!

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on the stichera and readings for the departed

Melody: *Krestu Tvojemu* / *At the most holy cross* (from *Grekokatolicki Duchovni Pisni*, 1969)



## Hymn for Saturdays



1. O Sav - ior, Je - sus, Lord of all, save us from sin - ful ways  
 2. We beg you, proph - ets of our God, a - pos - tles of the Word:  
 3. O men and wom - en, vir - gins strong, who gave all to the Lord,  
 4. To God the Fa - ther who cre - ates, to Christ, His on - ly Son,



And through your Vir - gin Moth - er's pray'rs may we now sing your praise.  
 O pray that we may hear that Voice and by it be re - stored.  
 Now help us to sur - ren - der all to meet our Bride - groom - Lord!  
 To Spir - it, bless - ed Par - a - clete, e - ter - nal Three - in - One,



We call on you, O sov - 'reign Pow'rs, the ar - mies of the Light:  
 O pray, you mar - tyrs of the Lord, whose blood pro - claimed God's Son,  
 May all the pow'rs of night be crushed that we at last be free  
 From all the Church that's here be - low, from choirs of saints a - bove,



From pre - sent, past, and fu - ture sins pro - tect us all this night.  
 O pray, all you that spread His Word and lived to see it come!  
 To leap with joy and praise our God whose Son died on the Tree.  
 We sing to you with hearts a - flame in an - swer to Your love.

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on the Vespers hymns of Friday evening  
 Melody: *Pod tvojoj pokrov / We hasten to your patronage* (traditional)

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## Hymn for Fridays

1. When you were cru - ci - fied, O our Sav - ior,  
 2. Lov - er of Man - kind, when you were lift - ed  
 3. Lord of Cre - a - tion, lift - ed for our sake,

From that dread sight, the sun veiled its face;  
 Up on the cross, cruel death to de - stroy,  
 Pierced by a lance and nailed to a Tree:

Earth quaked in fear, when see - ing its Mak - er  
 Loosed then the fear - some sen - tence of Ad - am!  
 Your cru - ci - fix - ion we praise, O Sav - ior!

Nailed to the cross for our law - less race.  
 Fit us, your peo - ple, for heav - en's joy!  
 Through this, Your death, Your peo - ple are free!

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on the Vespers aposticha of Thursday evening in Tone 2  
 Melody: *Krestu Tvojemu* / *At the most holy cross* (*Grekokatolicki Duchovni Pisni*, 1969)

## Hymn for Thursdays



1. You have mag - ni - fied, O Sav - ior, through the world th'A - pos - tles' name.  
 2. Your a - pos - tles healed the suf - f'ring, cured the sick and those in need.  
 3. In the foot - steps of th'A - pos - tles, good Saint Nicho - las served the Lord,



Hav - ing learned the things of heav - en, they spread far their Mas - ter's fame.  
 They pro - claimed to all the na - tions Christ: both God and man in - deed  
 In his works the faith - ful bish - op in the poor did Christ a - dore.



For their sakes, Lord, grant grace; Let us all see your face;



For their sakes, Lord, grant us grace.

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on the Vespers aposticha of Wednesday evening in Tone 2

Melody: *Veselisja vo čistot'i / Rejoice, O purest Mother* (traditional)

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## Hymn for Wednesdays



1. Christ our Sav - ior, save me by the pow - er of the cross,  
 2. Since your mar - tyrs in their wit - ness sought not joys of earth,  
 3. Sor - row - ing, your Moth - er stood by, wit - ness to your pain;



As you saved th'a - pos - tle Pe - ter, doubt - ing and storm - tossed.  
 You have deigned them wor - thy of your bliss and heav - en's mirth.  
 Through your cross, for fall - en Ad - am vic - to - ry you gain.

### Refrain



As we come to mid - week, your cross we glad - ly see;



Hear your Moth - er's in - ter - ced - ing that we faith - ful be!

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on the Vespers aposticha of Tuesday evening in Tone 2  
 Melody: *Palomniki Uniontowns'ki / Come to Uniontown* (traditional)

## Hymn for Tuesdays



1. O bles - sed John, the Mas - ter's friend, the Fore - run - ner of Christ,  
2. You spring from pa - rents' bar - ren loins, the Mas - ter's gar - den chaste,  
3. First came the lamp, and then the Light; first voice, and then the Word.



At Jor - dan's stream, you touched the head be - yond all na - ture's price.  
The Bap - tist of the Christ, our Lord, and glo - ry of our race.  
The Bride-groom's friend, and then the Groom; his end - less cry is heard:



By your sin - cere and con - stant pray'r, raise my soul to the Lord,  
We praise you, great Fore - run - ner John, O guar - dian of our life:  
Re - pent, O peo - ple, change your ways, the Bride-groom will ap - pear!



Put out the flames of pas - sion's fire that Christ be e'er a - dored.  
Re - pel the Ser - pent's fierce at - tacks de - fend us in all strife.  
Cast sin a - side, and safe - ly bide, seek Christ in faith and fear!

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on the Vespers stichera at Psalm 140 from the common of the Forerunner  
Melody: *Forest Green*

## Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee



1. Lord of all mer - cy, each year you bring us  
2. Turn us from pride, from be - ing ex - alt - ed  
3. Phar - i - see's haugh - ty at - ti - tude taints us;  
4. Soon will ar - rive the sea - son of fast - ing;



In - to this time of your bound - less grace.  
By our own deeds that turn us from you;  
In our con - ceit, we scorn you, O Lord.  
Pray'r and good works will fill ev - 'ry day.



Grant that your peo - ple, drawn by your Spir - it,  
Grant us re - pent - ance! Hum - ble our spir - its,  
Fill us in - stead with Pub - li - can's pen - ance  
Give us your grace to have the right spir - it,



O - pen their hearts and seek now your face.  
That to your Word we stand ev - er true.  
That in our lives you may be a - dored.  
That in our deeds, your law we o - bey.

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on Luke 18: 10-14 (vv. 1-3)  
Melody: *Krestu Tvojemu / At the most holy cross* (from *Grekokatolicki Duchovni Pisni*, 1969)

## Sunday of the Prodigal Son



1. Hear now, you faith - ful, once more the sto - ry  
 2. Hear how the fa - ther, long - ing and yearn - ing,  
 3. See, too, the broth - er, pout - ing in si - lence,  
 4. Ev - 'ry - thing's law - ful, so says the Scrip - ture;  
 5. Soon will ar - rive the sea - son of fast - ing;



Of the young man whose prod - i - gal ways  
 Ran out to meet the pen - i - tent boy:  
 Jeal - ous of fa - ther's heart full of love.  
 Not all is good, or done at our whim.  
 Pray'r and good works will fill ev - 'ry day.



Led him to sin and then to re - pent - ance:  
 Hugged him and clothed him, shoes and ring gave him,  
 Thus we are of - ten guilt - y of mal - ice,  
 This mor - tal bod - y, pur - chased at great price  
 Give us your grace to have the right spir - it,



God's bound - less grace is theme for our days!  
 Set out a feast to show forth his joy!  
 Not un - der - stand - ing grace from a - bove.  
 By Christ the Lord, should glo - ri - fy him!  
 That in our deeds, your law we o - bey.

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on Luke 15: 11-32 (vv. 1-3), 1 Corinthians 6: 12-20 (v. 4)  
 Melody: *Krestu Tvojemu* / *At the most holy cross* (from *Grekokatolicki Duhovni Pisni*, 1969)

## Hymn for Mondays



1. Re - joice with us, you an - gel ranks! Your lead - ers in - ter - cede  
 2. You make your an - gels mes - sen - gers, and won - drous flames of fire;  
 3. The Lead - ers of the heav'n - ly hosts, the Pow - ers from on high,



And join us in the tem - ple now. Oh, hear us as we plead:  
 With Mi - chael and with Ga - bri - el as cap - tains of this choir.  
 Shout joy - ful - ly this hymn of praise; we join now in the cry:



“Pro - tect us, an - gels; guard us ‘neath the shad - ow of your wings,  
 At your com - mand, O Lord of hosts, they trav - el to earth's end.  
 All ho - ly are you, Fa - ther great! All ho - ly are you, Son!



O Cap - tains of the heav'n - ly hosts,” the Church in con - cert sings.  
 Your ev - 'ry wish to car - ry out, your peo - ple to be - friend.  
 All ho - ly are you, Par - a - clete!— in God - head, ev - er one!

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on the Vespers stichera at Psalm 140 from the common of the holy angels  
 Melody: *Pod tvoj pokrov* / *We hasten to your patronage*

# The Beheading of Saint John the Baptist

AUGUST 29



1. To - day in your fore - run - er's praise your Church will raise its voice;  
 2. While in the midst of na - tal feast, King Her - od— at the sight  
 3. Caught 'twixt two e - vils, Her - od chose to keep his cra - ven vow;



And once a - gain we tell the tale of awe - some, lov - ing choice:  
 Of danc - ing, schem - ing Sa - lo - me— gave pro - mise to de - light.  
 He had the Bap - tist mur - dered then; and John, though voice - less now,



How John the Bap - tist, speak - ing truth, to Her - od gave of - fense;  
 And she, in an - swer to his oath, spurred on by mo - ther's spite,  
 Still calls us each to pe - nance from his place in hea - ven's rest,



And thus was shut in pri - son cell with - out a sure de - fense.  
 Asked for the se - vered head of John as boon that fate - ful night.  
 Where he sings songs of glo - ry to the Tri - ni - ty most blest.

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on the Vespers texts for August 29

Melody: *Forest Green*

# Sunday of Meatfare

Commemoration of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ as Judge



1. When you shall come to ren - der just judg - ment,  
 2. Books shall be o - pened, se - crets made pub - lic;  
 3. Trum - pets shall sound, and tombs shall be o - pened.  
 4. Soon will ar - rive the sea - son of fast - ing;



O right - eous Judge, en - throned be - fore all,  
 Judg - ment shall come from you, ho - ly Son:  
 You shall di - vide the goats and the sheep.  
 Pray'r and good works will fill ev - 'ry day.



At that last hour, Sav - ior, oh place us  
 Those who have loved by serv - ing their neigh - bor  
 Those who have scorned you by scorn - ing oth - ers,  
 Give us your grace to have the right spir - it,



At your right hand! O God, hear our call!  
 Shall find their place with you, Right - eous One!  
 Sent forth from you, have tor - ment so deep.  
 That in our deeds, your law we o - bey.

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on the Vespers stichera at Psalm 140 for Meat-fare Sunday  
 Melody: *Krestu Tvojemu / At the most holy cross* (from *Grekokatolicki Duchovni Pisni*, 1969)

## Sunday of Cheese-fare

### Commemoration of the Expulsion of Adam and Eve from Paradise



1. Lord and Cre - a - tor, from clay you formed me,  
2. Stripped of my heav - n'ly gar - ment through sin - ning,  
3. In dis - o - be - dience, Ad - am was ban - ished;  
4. As we be - gin this sea - son of fas - ting,



Gave me a soul through life - giv - ing breath;  
Clothed now with leaves and gar - ments of skin,  
Par - a - dise closed! He sat there and cried.  
Thus sanc - ti - fy - ing bod - y and soul,



O - ver cre - a - tion made me a rul - er!  
I eat my bread through work - ing and swea - ting.  
Give us your grace to wel - come this sea - son;  
Flee - ing from pas - sions, vir - tues e'er seek - ing,



But Sa - tan tempt - ed, lured me to death.  
Your voice is deaf - ened through e - vil's din.  
Fast - ing and pray'r will hum - ble our pride.  
We set Christ's Pas - cha as fi - nal goal!

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on the Vespers stichera at Psalm 140 for Cheese-fare Saturday and Sunday  
Melody: *Krestu Tvojemu / At the most holy cross* (from *Grekokatolicki Duchovni Pisni*, 1969)

## Dormition of the Theotokos

AUGUST 15



1. Death de - feat - ed! Love is reign - ing o'er the pow'rs of sin and hell!  
2. As the Ark was brought in tri - umph to the place which Da - vid planned,  
3. Praise to Fa - ther, Source of bles - sing; praise to Christ, true Light from Light;



Let the songs of all the faith - ful with the hymns of an - gels swell.  
So has Mar - y, Tab - er - na - cle, come at Christ's right hand to stand.  
Praise to Spir - it, life's own Giv - er: God of love and God of might!



Mar - y, The - o - to - kos bless - ed, now with Christ in tri - umph reigns.  
Im - mor - tal - i - ty has clothed her who, as mor - tal, had to die;  
As Our La - dy has been grant - ed life a - bun - dant at your side,



She in heav - en, both soul and bod - y, has es - caped cor - rup - tion's chains.  
Now the Church, God's faith - ful peo - ple, sing this end - less hymn on high:  
Lead us on in faith - ful serv - ice till we all in heav - en bide.

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on the stichera and readings of the feast  
Melody: *Mother of God* (JMT)



# The Transfiguration of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ

AUGUST 6



1. The Mas - ter came with his three friends to climb Mount Ta - bor's height;
2. As Dan - iel, seer of old, had seen one like a Son of Man,
3. Let us con - firm our call from God with works that show his light,



There he was changed, trans - fig - ured with God's un - cre - a - ted Light.  
On whom were king - ship, sov-'reign - ty, and place at God's right hand,  
Trans - fig - ured from our for - mer selves by his most awe - some might!



"This is my Son," the Fa - ther said, "In him is my de - light!  
So too, said Pe - ter, we have seen his glo - ry, come from God,  
Bring us, O Lord, to hear your Son, that, walk - ing in his ways,



So give him ear that all your ways may be with - in my light!"  
Re - vealed to us, who with him lived and walked in ways un - trod.  
We, as your daugh - ters and your sons, may praise you all our days.

Text: JMT, based on the stichera and readings of the feast

Melody: *Pod tvoj pokrov / We hasten to your patronage* (traditional)

# Vespers on the Afternoon of Cheesefare Sunday (Forgiveness Vespers)



1. "For - give our sins as we for - give," You taught us, Lord, to pray,
2. In blaz - ing light your Cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew:
3. As we be - gin the Fast once more, we pray you, Lord of all:



But You a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.  
What triv - ial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you!  
Take far from us in - dif - fer - ence, de - spair, and pow - er's call.



How can Your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart  
Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls and bid re - sentment cease;  
In - stead, be - stow in - teg - ri - ty, hu - mil - i - ty and love;



That broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?  
Then, bound to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread your peace.  
Let me not judge my neigh - bor's fault! Grant mer - cy from a - bove.

Text: vv. 1-2: Rosamund Herklots, b. 1905; © Oxford University Press; v. 3: JMT

Melody: *Pod tvoj pokrov / We hasten to your patronage* (traditional)

## First Sunday of the Great Fast Sunday of Orthodoxy



1. With joy we keep the ho - - - ly Fast  
 2. Now is the time ac - cep - - - ta - ble!  
 3. You took our flesh, O Christ our God,  
 4. To God, the bless - ed Three - - - in - One,



And gath - er on the Lord's own Day  
 To - day, the day our Sav - ior calls!  
 That we be saved from death and sin.  
 Who made and saves and sanc - ti - fies,



That through His Word and Sac - - - ra - ment,  
 Let us cast off the weight of sin  
 In i - cons, we this faith ex - press,  
 All praise in heav - en now is sung,



We may give thanks to Christ, the Way.  
 And rise a - gain from e - vil's falls.  
 As we our Pas - chal fast be - gin.  
 While earth with thanks and love re - plies!

Text and melody: J. Michael Thompson

## The Transfiguration of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ

AUGUST 6



1. O Lord, when you were shown in your glo - ry,  
 2. There with you on the mount— in wit - ness  
 3. There, too, came Mo - ses and— E - li - jah,  
 4. O Christ, the light, all lights— out - shin - ing,



Ta - bor be - came like heav - en that day.  
 Were Pe - ter, James, and John, who came  
 Wit - ness - es to your com - ing death,  
 Call us from sin to fol - low you,



A cloud of daz - zling bright - ness came o'er you;  
 To see you there in trans - fig - ured splen - dor,  
 Thus tes - ti - fy - ing, Law— and Proph - ets,  
 That we, trans - fig - ured by— our - Bap - tism,



Then came the Fa - ther's voice, heard to say:  
 Giv - ing them strength to spread your— Name.  
 Of your great love, to your last— breath.  
 May in our lives be ev - er— true.



This is my Son, in whom I re - joice!



Lis - ten to him! Make him your heart's own choice!

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on the stichera and readings of the feast  
 Melody: *Kol' slaven naš / So great is God* (Dmitri Bortniansky, 1751-1825)

# Our holy father and confessor Basil Hopko, Bishop of Medila

JULY 23



1. The Church of God with an - gel ranks com - bines to sing the praise  
2. A scho - lar from his ear - ly youth, he heard your priest - ly call,  
3. When vi - cious per - se - cu - tion came, u - pon him, hands were laid,  
4. O Fa - ther, lov - er of us all, O Christ, our Mas - ter true,



Of Ba - sil, shep - herd of the flock who served Christ all his days!  
And from his or - di - na - tion day, he gave to you his all.  
And he was made a bi - shop then, a lead - er firm and staid.  
O Spi - rit, ho - ly Pa - ra - clete: all praise we sing to you!



With no re - gard for life or wealth he preached the Word most true;  
By pas - tor - ing and teach - ing, too, his pa - tient, faith - ful life  
Though seized, im - pri - soned, sick and worn, he ne - ver turned a - way,  
O Tri - une God, O One - in - Three, we give you thanks to - day:



As he so brav - ely lived and died, may we thus al - so do!  
Be - came a shin - ing mo - del for his Church in times of strife.  
And through his good ex - am - ple, helped all those who thought to stray.  
As bles - sed Ba - sil fol - lowed you, help us to walk his way!

Text: J. Michael Thompson

Melody: *Ellacombe*

# Second Sunday of the Great Fast Commemoration of Saint Gregory Palamas



1. With joy we keep the ho - - - ly Fast  
2. Now is the time ac - cep - - - ta - ble!  
3. We praise you, un - cre - a - - - ted Light,  
4. To God, the bless - ed Three - - - in - One,



And gath - er on the Lord's own Day  
To - day, the day our Sav - ior calls!  
Who fill the u - ni - verse with joy,  
Who made and saves and sanc - ti - fies,



That through His Word and Sac - - - ra - ment,  
Let us cast off the weight of sin  
And give You thanks for Gre - - go - ry,  
All praise in heav - en now is sung,



We may give thanks to Christ, the Way.  
And rise a - gain from e - vil's falls.  
Whose teach - ings wise we e'er em - ploy.  
While earth with thanks and love re - plies!

Text and melody: J. Michael Thompson

## Third Sunday of the Great Fast Veneration of the Holy Cross



1. With joy we keep the ho - - - ly Fast  
 2. Now is the time ac - cep - - - ta - ble!  
 3. Be - fore your cross we bow to - day,  
 4. To God, the bless - ed Three - - - in - One,



And gath - er on the Lord's own Day  
 To - day, the day our Sav - ior calls!  
 And hail you, Christ, our sav - ing Lord.  
 Who made and saves and sanc - ti - fies,



That through His Word and Sac - ra - ment,  
 Let us cast off the weight of sin  
 With mid - Lent come, we claim your grace;  
 All praise in heav - en now is sung,



We may give thanks to Christ, the Way.  
 And rise a - gain from e - vil's falls.  
 Your peo - ple aid, your help af - ford!  
 While earth with thanks and love re - plies!

Text and melody: J. Michael Thompson

## The glorious prophet Elijah

JULY 20



1. Let all Christ's Church as - sem - bled here and ga - thered in his Name,  
 2. The pro - phet heard the voice of God— not in the quake or fire—  
 3. By grace, he raised the wi - dow's son; re - buked the roy - al wrongs;  
 4. For all the gra - ces you have giv'n through what he did for you,



Keep sol - emn, joy - ful fes - ti - val and sing E - li - jah's fame.  
 But in the cool - ness of the breeze, God spoke his heart's de - sire.  
 His deeds and words for ag - es since have been the theme of songs!  
 Your Church on earth gives end-less praise, and hon - ors, as is due,



Of all the pro - phets who fore - told God's hid - den plan of grace,  
 Once fed by ra - ven in the wilds, he served the Lord in might;  
 When earth - ly tasks for him were done, you called him from this life;  
 E - li - jah, pro - phet of your Name! We praise you ev - er - more,



He is the chief— and un - to him we give the fore-most place.  
 Pre - vent - ing rain from fall - ing down; called fire from hea - ven's height!  
 A fier - y cha - riot came for him— re - leas - ing him from strife.  
 O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, the God whom we a - dore.

Text: J. Michael Thomspson

Melody: *Pod tvojoj pokrov / We hasten to your patronage* (traditional)

# Our holy father and confessor Paul Gojdič, Bishop of Prešov

JULY 17



1. Come, all you lo - vers of the feasts, with joy now ga - ther round  
 2. Born to a priest - ly fa - mi - ly he heard Christ's lov - ing call  
 3. Then, armed with bi - shop's staff, he sought to feed his Pre - šov flock  
 4. Through war and foes who sought to kill the Church with - in his care,  
 5. He gave his life for Je - sus' sake for u - ni - ty and truth,



To praise this glor - ious man of God and fill this place with sound!  
 Which bade him come and fol - low him as priest, to give his all.  
 With truth of Je - sus, God-made man, to tend the wound - ed stalk  
 To cut it loose from Pe - ter's throne, he taught most brave - ly there  
 As he had done with faith - ful - ness e'en from his ear - liest youth.



For on this day we cel - e - brate the bi - shop - mar - tyr brave,  
 Then, af - ter that, he sought the peace of the Ba - sil - ian life.  
 And nour - ish it with pas - tor's care, with mer - cy and with love.  
 Which caused him to be pri - so - ner de - fen - ding Gos - pel truth  
 So now to God the Tri - ni - ty we raise this joy - ful song:



True shep - herd of the Sa - vior's flock who strove his sheep to save.  
 His name was changed to Paul, fore - tell - ing of the com - ing strife.  
 In this, he sought to turn all hearts from earth to heav'n a - bove.  
 And shield - ing the Greek Cath - 'lic Church, the Jews, the poor, the youth.  
 Bring us, with Bles - sed Paul, to heav'n with you for a - ges long!!

Text: J. Michael Thompson

Melody: *Pod tvoj pokrov / We hasten to your patronage* (traditional)

# Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast Commemoration of our Venerable Father John Climacus



1. With joy we keep the ho - - - ly Fast  
 2. Now is the time ac - cep - - - ta - ble!  
 3. O Mas - ter, as we keep this Fast,  
 4. To God, the bless - ed Three - - - in - One,



And gath - er on the Lord's own Day  
 To - day, the day our Sav - ior calls!  
 We hear the words of good Saint John  
 Who made and saves and sanc - ti - fies,



That through his Word and Sac - - - ra - ment,  
 Let us cast off the weight of sin  
 And climb the lad - der of the cross,  
 All praise in heav - en now is sung,



We may give thanks to Christ, the Way.  
 And rise a - gain from e - vil's falls.  
 Which to your glo - ry leads us on.  
 While earth with thanks and love re - plies!

Text and melody: J. Michael Thompson

## Akathistos Saturday



1. Through you, joy will shine; ev - 'ry gift be - nign comes as you  
 2. Foun - tain - head of truth, tea - cher of our youth, giv - ing light  
 3. Might of Mar - tyrs strong! Vir - gins' ho - ly song! key to doors



im-plore God's aid. Star that shows the Sun, Hope of ev - 'ry - one,  
 to faith - ful minds, In - cense of our pray'r, Love - ly flow'r most rare,  
 of Par - a - dise! Through you, Death has died; and the an - gels cried



ne - ver will your glo - ry fade. All Christ's peo-ple sing, "Re-joice!",  
 God, through you, each sin un-binds.  
 with the words that can't suf - fice:



prais - ing you with heart and voice! Hope of all the earth, boast and



joy and worth, to the Sa - vior you gave birth!

Text: JMT, based on the Akathistos Hymn

Melody: *Anhel Božij / When the Angel came* (traditional)

## Sunday of the Fathers at the Six Ecumenical Councils

JULY 13-19



1. O Word of God and Lov - er of Man - kind,  
 2. O glo - rious Fa - thers of the Coun - cils,  
 3. In - spired by God, the Fa - thers in coun - cil  
 4. O bless - ed Trin - i - ty of per - sons,



You took our flesh and came to earth;  
 You fought with vig - or all the lies  
 Taught that the Lord had two per - fect wills,  
 One on - ly God, in na - ture di - vine,



The Fa - thers taught that You are one per - son—  
 That sought to un - der - mine the Gos - pel.  
 One is di - vine and one is hu - man—  
 We praise you for the Fa - thers who teach us



Both end - less God and hu - man in birth.  
 You told the truth that nev - er dies!  
 By this, the Christ God's plan - ful - fills!  
 The truth that's old - er than all time!



O Christ, true God and man in one!



We sing this truth, as ag - es long have done!

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on the Vespers stichera for the Sunday of the Council Fathers

Melody: *Kol' slaven naš / So great is God* (Dmitri Bortniansky, 1751-1825)

## The holy apostles Peter and Paul

JUNE 29



1. Let us with crowns of prai - ses crown Saint Pe - ter and Saint Paul  
 2. Let us, now joined in glad - some hymns, praise their a - pos - to - late,  
 3. With end - less glo - ry let us now praise Fa - ther and the Son



Who, se - pa - rate in bo - dy, were both joined in faith - ful call.  
 Come sing of their e - pis - tles bold, and praise their mar - tyr's fate.  
 And with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, God, the Three who are but One!



Saint Pe - ter, Gos - pel wit - ness chief, Saint Paul, with work now ceased  
 Saint Pe - ter, who for love of Christ took death u - pon the cross,  
 From mouths of Pe - ter and of Paul, from choirs of saints as - cend



Both stand, ar - rayed in white, be - fore the throne of  
 And heads - man's cruel sword - stroke brought for Paul his  
 Our hymns of glo - ry and of praise sung now and



Christ, our Priest.  
 gain, not loss.  
 with - out end.

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on the Vespers stichera for June 29

Melody: *Kingsfold*

## Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast

### Commemoration of our Holy Mother Mary of Egypt



1. With joy we keep the ho - - - ly Fast  
 2. Now is the time ac - cep - - - ta - ble!  
 3. No soul so sick You can - - - not save,  
 4. To God, the bless - ed Three - - - in - One,



And gath - er on the Lord's own Day  
 To - day, the day our Sav - ior calls!  
 No life so foul you can - not cleanse;  
 Who made and saves and sanc - ti - fies,



That through his Word and Sac - - - ra - ment,  
 Let us cast off the weight of sin  
 As with Saint Mar - y, turn us 'round,  
 All praise in heav - en now is sung,



We may give thanks to Christ, the Way.  
 And rise a - gain from e - vil's falls.  
 And give us grace to work a - mends.  
 While earth with thanks and love re - plies!

Text and melody: J. Michael Thompson

## Lazarus Saturday



1. Je - sus our life came to the tomb where his friend was bur - ied  
2. Mar - tha cried out to \_\_\_ her Lord: "Lord, if you had been here  
3. Je - sus, when led to \_\_\_ the tomb, wept with tears of sad - ness,  
4. Sav - ior, who brought back \_\_\_ to life Laz - a - rus the dead man,



To strength - en faith for \_\_\_ us all in his na - tures mar - ried:  
Our broth - er dear would not have died!" Christ made an - swer most clear:  
Then called his friend back \_\_\_ to life, gave the sis - ters glad - ness!  
We are bound up in chains of sin! Loos - en us, in Your plan,



As a man, he sought the grave; as di - vine, new life He gave!  
"I am Re - sur - rec - tion, Life! Death will lose this fi - nal strife!"  
Forth he came, with grave - cloths bound; back from death, his Lord he found!  
That re - born in wa - t'ry grave, we shall know your pow'r to save!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: J. Michael Thompson

Melody: *Radujsja z'ilo* / *Rejoice today* (traditional)

## Our Lady of Perpetual Help

JUNE 27



1. God of end - less love and mer - cy, ne - ver ceas - ing aid in need,  
2. As she stood on Cal - v'ry's hill - side, Ma - ry faith - ful there did bide,  
3. Ho - ly Fa - ther, source of bles - sing, ho - ly Son, who came to save,



Hear the prayers of all your peo - ple, joined with Ma - ry, we now plead:  
Lost in pain and great de - vo - tion while her Son for man - kind died.  
Ho - ly Spi - rit, font of gra - ces: grant us what the spi - rits crave—



Through our Mo - ther's in - ter - ces - sion, bring us all to know your Son;  
Faith - ful wit - ness to his ris - ing, there in joy at his right hand,  
That, with Ma - ry, bles - sed mo - ther, and the saints' and an - gels' throng,



As she mo - dels faith - ful ser - vice, keep us in your Spi - rit one!  
She as mo - ther joins in cease - less pray'r in hea - ven's grace - filled land.  
We be part of end - less prais - ing when in heav'n we raise our song!

Text: J. Michael Thompson

Melody: *Mother of God* (JMT)



# The Nativity of the holy prophet John the Forerunner

JUNE 24



1. The God-named Voice, lamp of the Light, who told the Mas-ter's way,  
2. Since Za - cha - ry re - ceived with doubt the pro-mise from on high,  
3. To God, the bles - sed Tri - ni - ty to Fa - ther and to Son



O John the Bap - tist, pro - phet great, your birth we hymn to - day.  
Nine months was he com - plete - ly mute, till your birth bid him cry:  
And Ho - ly Spi - rit, Pa - ra - clete, our God, the Three - in - One:



To Za - cha - ry the priest was brought the mes - sage of your birth,  
"Blest be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free;  
For ho - ly John's na - ti - vi - ty all glo - ry be ad - dressed



Send from on high as joy - ful news by Ga - briel, come to earth.  
And blest are you, O child of mine; Christ's pro - phet you will be."  
Now from the Church both ga - thered here and from the saints at rest!

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on the Vespers texts for June 24

Melody: *Forest Green*

# Thomas Sunday Second Paschal Sunday



1. The eve - ning of the day he rose, the Sav - ior  
2. When eight days passed, Christ came a - gain, and Thom - as  
3. All glo - ry, Lord, to you we pay a - ris - en



stood with those he chose! But Thom - as was not  
stood a - mong them then. "Stretch forth your hand - no  
from the grave this day, whom with the Fa - ther



there that night and doubt - ed all those tid - ings bright.  
long - er doubt." "My Lord and God!" was Thom - as' shout.  
we a - dore, and Par - a - clete, for ev - er - more!



The Lord is ris'n! Chris - tos vos - kres! The Lord is



ris'n! Chris - tos vos - kres!

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on John 20: 19-31

Tune: *Christos voskres! Pid neba zvid* (from *Cerkovni Pisni*, 1926)

## Sunday of the Myrrh-bearers Third Paschal Sunday

1. The first day of the week at dawn, the wom-en  
 2. "Why seek the Liv-ing in a tomb? He is not  
 3. All glo-ry, Lord, to you we pay a-ris-en

bear-ing myrrh rush on to find the stone all  
 here! A-ban-don gloom! As he fore-told, he  
 from the grave this day, whom with the Fa-ther

rolled a-way, with two men clothed in white who say:  
 was be-trayed but now, be-hold the place he laid!"  
 we a-dore, and Par-a-clete, for ev-er-more!

The Lord is ris'n! Chris-tos vos-kres! The Lord is

ris'n! Chris-tos vos-kres!

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on Mark 15:43-16:9  
 Tune: *Christos voskres! Pid neba zvid* (from *Cerkovni Pisni*, 1926)

## The holy apostle Jude

JUNE 19

1. O Lord, to you we raise a hymn of thanks and high-est praise  
 2. For Jude (your cou-sin), now we raise our voice in hap-py praise!  
 3. O Fa-ther, source of ev-'ry good, O ris-en, glo-rious Son,

That your a-pos-tles, leav-ing all, were faith-ful all their days,  
 One of the Twelve, he fol-lowed you and preached you all his days.  
 O Spir-it, Giv-er of new life, O bless-ed Three-in-One:

Pro-claim-ing Gos-pel truth and love to far-thest ends of earth,  
 At sup-per, he in-quired of you, and you in turn re-plied:  
 With Jude and with th'a-pos-tles' choir, we bless your ho-ly name;

All preach-ing you, Lord Christ, and lead-ing all to your new birth.  
 "Who-ev-er loves Me, keeps my word; with him will God a-bide."  
 Grant us your grace, that in our lives we serve you just the same.

Text: J. Michael Thompson  
 Melody: *Kingsfold*

# Our holy fathers Cyril and Methodius, Apostles of the Slavs

MAY 11



1. Our Church, in joy - ful cho - rus, now rai - ses  
 2. Two bro - thers, called from home and com - fort,  
 3. Through strife and con - flict, their work was cease - less,  
 4. May we, their sons and daugh - ters, e'er che - rish



from hearts and minds o'er - flow - ing with love  
 brought Gos - pel joy to peo - ples un - taught.  
 teach - ing the Slavs in words all their own  
 strong in their faith, the Church of their dream,



our hymns of thanks, full - throat - ed with prai - ses,  
 Through Word and Sa - cra - ment, they taught of  
 of God the Three - in - One, whose bles - sings  
 that, grow - ing dai - ly in love and wit - ness,



for our A - pos - tles, guard - ing from a - bove!  
 Christ, whose dear Blood their ran - som had  
 made, with Christ's grace, their cor - ner - stone.  
 our Church may thrive, in spite of plot and scheme.



For Cyr - il and Me - tho - di - us, Lord,



Your Church on earth will e - v'ry praise af - ford!

Text: J. Michael Thompson

Tune: *Kol' slaven naš / So great is God* (Dmitri Bortniansky, 1751-1825)

# Sunday of the Paralytic Fourth Paschal Sunday



1. Beth - es - da's pool was oft a place where sick folk  
 2. When Je - sus asked the crip - pled man if he would  
 3. All glo - ry, Lord, to you we pay a - ris - en



met God's heal - ing grace. A crip - ple lay there  
 want to walk and stand, "No one has helped me,"  
 from the grave this day, whom with the Fa - ther



end - less days, who longed for heav - en's heal - ing ways.  
 was his cry, till grasped by Christ and raised up high!  
 we a - dore, and Par - a - clete, for ev - er - more!



The Lord is ris'n! Chris - tos vos - kres! The Lord is



ris'n! Chris - tos vos - kres!

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on John 5: 1-15

Tune: *Christos voskres! Pid neba zvid* (from *Cerkovni Pisni*, 1926)

## Mid-Pentecost Wednesday



1. At fes - tal mid - point, Je - sus went to preach the  
2. "We know this man, and where he's from, but not of  
3. All glo - ry, Lord, to you we pay a - ris - en



mes - sage God had sent. His lov - ing Word brought  
Christ! The word is dumb!" "I come not of my  
from the grave this day, whom with the Fa - ther



strife se - vere di - vid - ing those who'd come to hear.  
own ac - cord, but am the Fa - ther's liv - ing Word!"  
we a - dore, and Par - a - clete, for ev - er - more!



The Lord is ris'n! Chris - tos vos - kres! The Lord is



ris'n! Chris - tos vos - kres!

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on John 7: 14-30

Tune: *Christos voskres! Pid neba zvid* (from *Cerkovni Pisni*, 1926)

## The holy apostle Simon the Zealot

MAY 10



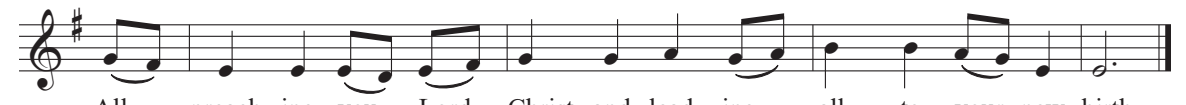
1. O Lord, to you we raise a hymn of thanks and high - est praise  
2. For Si - mon, called the Ca - naan - ite, the Zea - lot, prai - ses be!  
3. O Fa - ther, source of ev - 'ry good, O ris - en, glo - rious Son,



That your a - pos - tles, leav - ing all, were faith - ful all their days,  
You called him, and he fol - lowed you, that he might tru - ly see  
O Spir - it, Giv - er of new life, O bless - ed Three - in - One:



Pro - claim - ing Gos - pel truth and love to far - thest ends of earth,  
The won - drous works of Is - rael's God, the tri - umph of your love;  
With Si - mon and th'a - pos - tles' choir, we bless your ho - ly name;



All preach - ing you, Lord Christ, and lead - ing all to your new birth.  
May all your Church, led on by him, seek truth that's from a - bove.  
Grant us your grace, that in our lives we serve you just the same.

Text: J. Michael Thompson

Melody: *Kingsfold*

## Translation of the relics of Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra, to Bari in Italy

MAY 9



1. Crowns of praise now let us bring, mak - ing Pas - chal glad - ness;  
2. Loy - al teach - er of the Faith, hum - ble, pi - ous pas - tor,  
3. Glo - ry be to God the Son, who (from heav'n de - scend - ing)



Nich - o - las, God's lov - ing saint, bids us leave our sad - ness!  
To the poor and need - y, friend - near to Christ, our Mas - ter;  
Joined both God and hu - man - kind, ev - 'ry bless - ing send - ing:



Faith - ful shep - herd of his flock, true and ho - ly Fa - ther,  
Through your zeal and ho - ly life which we seek to fol - low,  
Glo - ry to the Fa - ther give, and the Spir - it, rais - ing



Lead our songs to God Most High, as with you we gath - er.  
Help us strive to love the Lord, thus his Name to hal - low!  
From the Church and Nich - o - las hon - or, joy, and prais - ing!

Text: J. Michael Thompson

Melody: *Tempus adest floridum/ Good king Wenceslas* (13th century carol)

## Sunday of the Samaritan Woman Fifth Paschal Sunday



1. While in Sa - ma - ria, Je - sus came to rest by  
2. "How is it, sir, you ask of me, Sa - ma - ri -  
3. "Those drink - ing here will thirst a - gain; those drink - ing  
4. All glo - ry, Lord, to you we pay a - ris - en



well with Ja - cob's name. A wom - an let her  
tan? How can it be?" "If you but knew Who  
liv - ing wa - ter, then, will nev - er thirst; this  
from the grave this day, whom with the Fa - ther



buck - et sink, and Je - sus said, "Give me a drink."  
speaks to you, you'd beg for liv - ing wa - ters, too."  
Foun - tain brings e - ter - nal life where - 'er it springs!"  
we a - dore, and Par - a - clete, for ev - er - more!



The Lord is ris'n! Chris - tos vos - kres! The Lord is



ris'n! Chris - tos vos - kres!

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on John 4: 5-42

Tune: *Christos voskres! Pid neba zvid* (from *Cerkovni Pisni*, 1926)

## Sunday of the Man Born Blind Sixth Paschal Sunday



1. As Je - sus walked, he saw a man who, blind from  
 2. As he was told, so did he then. His sight re -  
 3. All glo - ry, Lord, to you we pay a - ris - en



birth, ful - filled God's plan. He spat, a - noint - ed  
 stored, he came a - gain where, in the face of  
 from the grave this day, whom with the Fa - ther



eyes with clay, and then to wash sent him a - way.  
 spite and scorn gave praise which did Christ's deed a - dorn.  
 we a - dore, and Par - a - clete, for ev - er - more!



The Lord is ris'n! Chris - tos vos - kres! The Lord is



ris'n! Chris - tos vos - kres!

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on John 9: 1-38  
 Tune: *Christos voskres! Pid neba zvid* (from *Cerkovni Pisni*, 1926)

## The holy apostle and evangelist John the Theologian

MAY 8



1. O come you now; with prai - ses crown Saint John, loved by the Lord,  
 2. Saint John, the lyre of hea - ven, sang of Christ, our God and Lord,  
 3. Of Ma - ry, faith - ful guar - di - an, good pas - tor to his flock,  
 4. In days of Pas - chal beau - ty, let our hymns of glo - ry rise;



Whose Go - spel thun - ders loud - ly: "In Be - gin - ning was the Word!"  
 Who came to give a - bun - dant life; great praise let us af - ford!  
 Saint John in - spires us each to cling to Christ, the migh - ty Rock.  
 With John and hea - ven's ar - mies, we on earth now fill the skies:



From lean - ing on the Ma - ster's breast came wis - dom so pro - found;  
 His let - ters preach our du - ty, God and neigh - bor both to love;  
 O Lov - ing God, both One - and - Three, pro - claimed in words of flame,  
 To God and Fa - ther, glo - ry be! To Je - sus, Lord and King;



His wri - tings of the God - Man spread this truth the world a - round.  
 With - in this tea - ching, let us aim from earth to heav'n a - bove.  
 Let us be faith - ful as he taught, in praise of your great Name!  
 To Spi - rit, who in - spires us all: God's glo - ry let us sing!

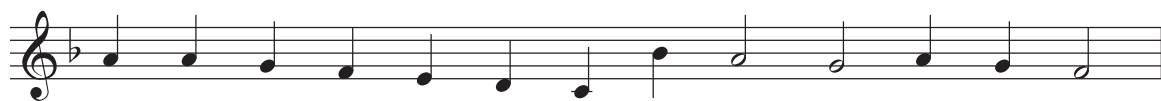
Text: J. Michael Thompson  
 Melody: *Kingsfold*

# Our venerable father Theodosius of the Monastery of the Caves

MAY 3



1. From earl - iest youth you heard the call of the Lord,  
2. You sought the coun - sel of the wise An - tho - ny,  
3. Your meek - ness and as - ce - tic life awed your peers,  
4. So teach us, too, to seek Christ's will in our life,



Leav - ing home and fa - mi - ly to serve with one ac - cord.  
Turn - ng from all earth - ly cares to live life full and free.  
Call - ing them to leave the world and cast a - side all fears.  
Bid - ing faithf - ul to his Word de - spite all stress and strife.

## Refrain



The - o - do - si - us, fa - ther of mo - nas - tic ways,



Pray to Christ that we serve him all our days.

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on the stichera and readings of the feast

Melody: *O Marije Mati Boža / O Mary, Mother of our God* (traditional)

# The Ascension of Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ



1. Christ told the Twelve, "You must pro - claim to all the  
2. He led them then to Beth - a - ny; he raised his  
3. All glo - ry, Lord, to you we pay a - ris - en



world the Gos - pel's fame, and wit - ness bear to  
hands for all to see, and, bless - ing them, rose  
from the grave this day, whom with the Fa - ther



all I wrought, that ris - ing from the dead has bought!"  
from their sight; was car - ried up to heav - en's height.  
we a - dore, and Par - a - clete, for ev - er - more!



The Lord as - cends to heav - en high! The Lord as -



cends to heav - en high!

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on Luke 24: 36-53

Tune: *Christos voskres! Pid neba zvid* (from *Cerkovni Pisni*, 1926)

## Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Nicene Council



1. Then, lift - ing up his eyes to you, the Lord said  
 2. "E - ter - nal life means know - ing you and me as  
 3. "Now keep all those you gave to me, that they, with  
 4. All praise, O ris'n, as - cend - ed Lord, from all Your



to his Fa - ther true: "The time has come! Now  
 Christ, Mes - si - ah true. All you have giv - en,  
 you and me, may be u - nit - ed in our  
 Church with one ac - cord; thus to the Fa - ther,



glo - ri - fy your Son with joy that can - not die."  
 I have done; now glo - ri - fy me as your Son."  
 bonds of love, both here on earth and in heav'n a - bove!"  
 glo - ry be, and to the Spir - it: One - in - Three!



Your Spir - it send, O Fa - ther, Lord! Your Spir - it



send, O Fa - ther, Lord!

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on John 17: 1-13

Tune: *Christos voskres! Pid neba zvid* (from *Cerkovni Pisni*, 1926)

## The holy apostle James, brother of John the Theologian

APRIL 30



1. O Lord, to you we raise a hymn of thanks and high - est praise  
 2. For James the Great, the thun - der's son, the bro - ther of St. John,  
 3. O Fa - ther, source of ev - 'ry good, O ris - en, glo - rious Son,



That your a - pos - tles, leav - ing all, were faith - ful all their days,  
 Who left his fa - ther's boats and nets that he might strug - gle on  
 O Spir - it, Giv - er of new life, O bless - ed Three - in - One:



Pro - claim - ing Gos - pel truth and love to far - thest ends of earth,  
 With all the Twelve to fol - low you, we give you thanks and praise!  
 With James and with th'a - pos - tles' choir, we bless your ho - ly name;



All preach - ing you, Lord Christ, and lead - ing all to your new birth.  
 As on the Mount he saw your light, so lead us, all our days.  
 Grant us your grace, that in our lives we serve you just the same.

Text: J. Michael Thompson

Melody: *Kingsfold*



# The holy apostle and evangelist Mark

APRIL 25



1. O Lord, to you we raise a hymn of thanks and high - est praise  
 2. For good Saint Mark, e - van - gel - ist, we raise our voi - ces high,  
 3. O Fa - ther, source of ev - 'ry good, O ris - en, glo - rious Son,



That your a - pos - tles, leav - ing all, were faith - ful all their days,  
 Who preached the Gos - pel of the suff - 'ring Christ who came to die  
 O Spir - it, Giv - er of new life, O bless - ed Three - in - One:



Pro - claim - ing Gos - pel truth and love to far - thest ends of earth,  
 And then to rise a - gain to life, thus free - ing us from death.  
 With Mark and with th'a - pos - tles' choir, we bless your ho - ly name;



All preach - ing you, Lord Christ, and lead - ing all to your new birth.  
 As bi - shop, Mark pro - claimed the truth un - til his fi - nal breath.  
 Grant us your grace, that in our lives we serve you just the same.

Text: J. Michael Thompson  
 Melody: *Kingsfold*

# Pentecost Sunday



1. Up - on the last, great fes - tal day, the Lord stood  
 2. He spoke of Spir - it, we be - lieve, whom all his  
 3. O Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest, to you be



up and then did say: If you are thirs - ty,  
 fol - l'wers would re - ceive; and on this fif - tieth,  
 end - less praise ad - dressed. To you, the Three - in -



come to me - drink of the liv - ing wa - ter free!  
 joy - filled day on bend - ed knee, the Church will pray:  
 One, we bring our praise and thanks, O God our King!



O Spir - it of the Lord, de - scend! O Spir - it



of the Lord, de - scend!

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on John 7: 37-53  
 Tune: *Christos voskres! Pid neba zvid* (from *Cerkovni Pisni*, 1926)

## All Saints Sunday

1. Through faith, the Saints have con - quered king - doms;  
 2. "If for your faith you each give wit - ness  
 3. "Pick up your cross and fol - low Me dai - ly;

Shut li - ons' mouths, found strength in trial, were  
 Be - fore the world, I prom - ise you, that  
 If you do not, un - wor - thy you'll be to

flogged, de - rid - ed, sawed a - sun - der,  
 I will wit - ness to the Fa - ther  
 join the throngs of ran - somed in glo - ry,

Held high the cross through hate and guile.  
 Of your strong faith and love so true."  
 Bought by my death for vic - to - ry!"

For these, your saints, we praise you, Christ; your  
 pre - cious Blood has paid our ran - som's price.

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on Hebrews 11: 33-39, 12: 1-2; Matthew 10: 32-33, 37-38  
 Tune: *Kol' slaven naš / So great is God* (Dmitri Bortniansky, 1751-1825)

## The Meeting of the Lord with Simeon and Anna

FEBRUARY 2

Zi - on, see your Sav - ior come, now of old and new the sum;  
 See the old man; hear him cry: "Now, Lord, let Your ser - vant die!  
 Lord, we too shall bear your light in a world so filled with night;

Not as mon - arch, grand and great, not with king - ly pomp and state:  
 Your sal - va - tion you have shown, Light for ev - 'ry na - tion know!"  
 Saved by you, our in - fant Lord, now we sing with one ac - cord:

But as child of pov - er - ty, in His mo - ther's arms is He:  
 An - na, too, takes up the song, prais - ing God both loud and long,  
 Fa - ther, who has sent your Son, Son, who has the vic - 'try won,

Law ful - filled, His ran - som paid, now in Sim - eon's arms is laid.  
 Thank - ing God for faith - ful Word, tell - ing what they'd seen and heard.  
 Spi - rit blest, the source of grace, bring us all to see your face!

Jes - us, light! Your praise we sing, Isr - ael's Lord and Gen - tiles' King!

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on the stichera and readings of the feast  
 Melody: *Mendelssohn* ("Hark! The herald angels sing")

# Gregory the Theologian, archbishop of Constantinople

JANUARY 25



Ho - ly fa - ther Gre - go - ry, the grave sealed not your voice,  
In the cha-riot of the vir - tues, you took heav'n-ward flight  
Lov - er of the Tri - une God - head, "son of thun - der" true,  
Un - like Ser - a - phim with tongs to take the fier - y coal,



Which taught of the Lord so sweet - ly that we all re - joice!  
From the war - ring of the pas - sions in - to Beau-ty's light!  
(As was John) a the - o - lo - gian, brought forth old and new!  
With your hand you touched the Lamb who feeds our ve - ry soul!

## Refrain



Fa - ther, bi - shop, teach - er, our pray'r and plead - ing hear.



In - ter - cede for us, your chil - dren; through your teach - ing clear,



Help us in our lives as Chris - tians, Fa - ther ev - er dear.

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on the Vespers stichera at Psalm 140 for January 25

Melody: *Christijane, proslavl'ajme* / *All the faithful come before you* (traditional)

# Second Sunday after Pentecost



1. As Je - sus walked the beach - es of the Sea of Ga - li - lee,  
2. Both James and John were called a - like, and fol - lowed Christ that day.  
3. Christ calls us each to fol - low him, to lis - ten and o - bey.



He called to Pe - ter and to An - drew: "Come and fol - low me!  
They toured the whole of Ga - li - lee, and heard the Mas - ter say:  
There will be glo - ry and great peace for all who walk his way.



Leave boat and net; in days to come, you'll go forth once a - gain;  
"Re - pent! The King - dom is at hand! The Good News is for all!"  
God has no pets, no fa - vor - ites; no mat - ter what our past,



Formed by my word, you'll cast your nets - not seek - ing fish, but men!"  
In ev - 'ry place, he cured the sick and heard the sin - ners' call.  
If we will live as Je - sus taught, we'll join him at the last.

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on Matthew 4: 18-23 (vv. 1-2), Romans 2: 10-16 (v. 3)

Melody: *Pod tvoj pokrov* / *We hasten to your patronage* (traditional)

## Third Sunday after Pentecost



1. The birds a - loft, the grass be - neath show God's\_\_\_ love.
2. God feeds the birds and clothes the flow'rs ev - 'ry\_\_\_ day.
3. Is not the life God gives to us worth more than food?
4. Now jus - ti - fied by faith in Christ Je - sus the Lord,



Food and cloth - ing, all things need-ful, come from heav'n a - bove.  
Since we know this, why do we then fear and go a - stray?  
Let the cares of life from heav-en's van - tage all be viewed!  
In our lives, through grace, we're giv - en peace and great re - ward.



Stop your wor - ry - ing; seek God's King - dom first of all!



Then his lov - ing care guards, what - e'er be - fall!

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on Matthew 6: 22-34 (vv. 1-3), Romans 5: 1-10 (v. 4)

Melody: *O Marije Mati Boža / O Mary Mother of our God* (traditional)

## Our venerable father Euthymius the Great

JANUARY 20



1. Come let us join the heav'n - ly host and with them raise a song:
2. His name means "cheer - ful tem - p'ra - ment," and thus he passed his days,
3. Like Sam - u - el, from mo - ther's womb, you cleaved to God from birth;
4. O Fa - ther, Son, and Pa - ra - clete, O Tri - une God of love,



Our fa - ther, good Eu - thy - mi - us, we praise this whole day long!  
In self - less pray'r, as - ce - tic - 'ly he lived in Christ's own ways.  
Like John the Bap - tist, you pro - claimed the Son of God on earth.  
Join now our song of praise and joy with an - gels' choirs a - bove.



A tea - cher tru - ly or - tho - dox, who taught Christ, God and Man,  
As fa - ther of a tribe of monks, he shone with God's own light;  
You made your heart a dwel - ling place for Spi - rit's grace with - in;  
We thank you for Eu - thy - mi - us, who fol - lowed on - ly You:



And lived a life of strength and grace with - in God's lov - ing plan.  
He cared for both the poor and sick what - e'er their woe or plight.  
You spurned the de - vil's crafts and wiles, and turned a - way from sin.  
May we, in all we do or say, be ev - 'ry bit as true!

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on the Vespers texts for January 20

Melody: *Ellacombe*

# Our venerable father Anthony the Great

JANUARY 17



1. "If you would fol - low me, give all your wealth a - way;"
2. With hum - ble - ness of life in E - gypt's de - serts wild
3. A - round him, all un - sought, dis - ci - ples came to find
4. For An - tho - ny this day we give our thanks, and plead



In faith - ful - ness did An - tho - ny claim Christ in po - ver - ty.  
 He fled the world, the flesh, and all that dai - ly him be-guiled.  
 A fel - low - ship with Je - sus, Light who gives sight to the blind.  
 That God, the ho - ly Three - in - One, would find us true in deed.

Text: J. Michael Thompson  
 Melody: *Franconia*

# Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



1. As the Lord was walk - ing, came a sol - dier in dis - tress.
2. Je - sus said, "I'll come to you and cure him; have no fear."
3. Quite a - mazed, the Mas - ter told him: "Go off home in peace;
4. Freed from sin and slave to jus - tice, striv - ing with each breath;



"Sir," he said, "my serv - ant's dy - ing. Cure him, make him blest."  
 "Lord," the sol - dier said, "it's not fit; or - der it from here."  
 Through your faith, this is ac - com - plished; he shall have re - lease."  
 God's own gift is life in Je - sus; sin's sole wage is death!

## Refrain



Lord, I am not wor - thy, that you should come to me;



Speak the word of heal - ing, Je - sus; set my spir - it free!



In your love re - born, for - giv - en, ev - er let us be!

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on Matthew 8: 5-13 (vv. 1-3), Romans 6: 18-23 (v. 4)  
 Melody: *Christijane, Proslavl'ajme / All the faithful come before you* (traditional)

## Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



1, As he walked the land where the pa-gans lived, Jes-us came up - on two men.  
 2. De - mons knew his voice, and our souls re - joi-ce as we see his might now shine:  
 3. When the pigs, un-clean, van-ished from the scene, herd-ers ran, spread tid - ings true;  
 4. Lips' and heart's ac - cord, "Je - sus Christ is Lord!" This is our sal - va - tion's song.



They were sore op - pressed and, in-deed, possessed; strange be-yond the pow'r of pen!  
 Cast - ing, by his pow'r, in that ve - ry hour, dev - ils in - to herds of swine!  
 Then the town came out, said in pan-ic's rout, "We shall have no part in You!"  
 Heart's faith makes us right; standing in the light, we con-fess our whole life long:



1, 2, 3 "Have you come to med - dle here, Son of God, or make us fear?"  
 4. You have come in - to our fear, feed - ing us who gath - er here!



We pro-claim you "Lord," Son of God a-dored, strong-er than the de-mons' jeer!  
 We pro-claim you "Lord," Son of God a-dored, Je - sus, our Redeem - er dear!

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on Matthew 8: 28-34 (vv. 1-3), Romans 10: 1-10 (v. 4)

Melody: *Anhel Božij / When the Angel came* (traditional)

## Sunday after Theophany

JANUARY 7-13



1. When John was placed in pris - on by Her - od,  
 2. The gos - pel preached by Je - sus the Sav - ior  
 3. For each of us by God has been giv - en



Je - sus then left for Gal - i - lee,  
 Stirs still the hearts of those who hear:  
 Grace in the gen - rous mea - sure of Christ!

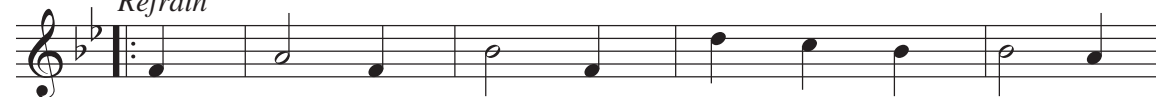


For - sak - ing Na - za - reth, he dwelt in  
 "Re - pent! the reign of God is com - ing!  
 The same Lord Christ whose pres - ence is fill - ing



Ca - per - na - um, be - side the sea:  
 God's love and care for all is clear!"  
 heav - en and earth, who paid sin's price.

### Refrain



"All those who walked in dark - ness and shad - ow



Now by the light of God's own glo - ry see!"

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on Matthew 4: 12-17

Melody: *Kol' slaven naš / So great is God* (Dmitri Bortniansky, 1751-1825)

## Post-festive days of Theophany

JANUARY 7-13



God him-self is ma-ni-fest, by his love we all are blest!  
 To the Jor-dan, Christ our God comes and shat-ters Sa-tan's rod.  
 See the Spi-rit as a Dove, rend the hea-vens from a-bove!  
 Glo-ry now to God on high, who in love has now come nigh!



Washed in Jor-dan's stream, all are made clean and in  
 Now by John bap-tized, Hear! our God cries: This is  
 Christ re-news this day, mold-ing our clay in-to  
 Washed in Jord-an's stream, all are made clean and in



him en-light-ened!  
 my be-lov-ed!  
 grace-filled ves-sels.  
 him en-light-ened!

Text: J. Michael Thompson

Melody: *Divnaja novina* / *Wondrous news* (traditional)

## Sixth Sunday after Pentecost



1. Peo-ple brought to Je-sus a cri-ple in his pain,  
 2. Je-sus said, "Take cour-age! Your sins are cleansed a-way!"  
 3. Je-sus said, "What e-vil with-in your minds re-mains!"  
 4. Je-sus stretched his hand out, cried, "Stand and go your way!"  
 5. Dif-f'ring gifts, one Giv-er; our love must be sin-cere.



Hav-ing faith that heal-ing could give him strength a-gain.  
 Some near-by were shak-en, said "He's blas-phemed to-day!"  
 Cur-ing or for-giv-ing, both come from God, 'tis plain!"  
 All the crowd was awe-struck to see God's pow'r that day.  
 Pa-tient and re-joic-ing, in pray'r, we per-se-vere.



"Your sins are for-giv-en!" Hear the words of Je-sus;



Call-ing us to new life who put our faith in him.

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on Matthew 9: 1-8 (vv. 1-4), Romans 12: 6-14 (v. 5)

Melody: *Prizri, o Marije* / *Mary, look upon us* (traditional)

## Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



1. Two blind men, search - ing Je - sus out, made this their heart-felt plea:  
 2. He turned to leave, and sud - den - ly a crowd hemmed him a - round:  
 3. The strong in faith should bear with grace the scru - ples of the weak.



O Son of Da - vid, pit - y us! Cure us and let us see!  
 They brought a man pos - sessed to him, who could not make a sound.  
 Build up your neigh - bor, do him good - let each God's glo - ry seek.



Said Je - sus, "Are you con - fi - dent that this work I can do?  
 At Je - sus' word, the de - mon left; the mute man gained his voice.  
 All Scrip - ture, writ - ten long a - go, is giv'n that we might find



They an - swered, "Yes!" and Je - sus said, "It shall be done for you."  
 The crowd, a - mazed, said "Ne'er be - fore were deeds like this! Re - jice!"  
 In God the source of pa - tient hope. Be of one heart and mind!

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on Matthew 9: 27-35 (vv. 1-2), Romans 15: 1-7 (v. 3)

Melody: *Pod svoj pokrov / We hasten to your patronage* (traditional)

## The Theophany of the Lord

JANUARY 6



1. O come, all you faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant: O  
 2. See heav - en o - pened, hear the voice like thun - der:  
 3. In the a - bun - dance of your ten - der mer - cy,  
 4. Yes, Lord, we greet you, bap - tized on this morn - ing:



come ye, O come ye to Jor - dan's shore!  
 "See: my be - lov - ed, my on - ly Son!"  
 You have shown forth your love, O Lord,  
 Je - sus to you be all glo - ry giv'n.



Here is Christ Je - sus, bap - tized in the wa - ters!  
 See, like a dove, the Spir - it now de - scend - ing!  
 To ev - 'ry sin - ner, giv - ing Light in dark - ness!  
 Teach us, the bap - tized, how much God loves us!



O come, let us a - dore Him! O come let us a - dore Him!



O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

Text: J. Michael Thompson

Melody: *Adeste fideles / O come, all ye faithful*



## Sunday before Theophany

JANUARY 2-5



1. Thus says the Lord: "I send be - fore you  
2. "For af - ter me, An - oth - er is com - ing,  
3. For those who wait the man - i - fes - ta - tion



My mes - sen - ger, your way to pre - pare!"  
Might - ier than I, our God's on - ly Son;  
Of Je - sus Christ, that day will shine



Now hear the voice of some - one shout - ing:  
He will bap - tize with God's Ho - ly Spir - it,  
and crowns of righ - teous - ness and glo - ry



Make for the Lord a path straight and fair!"  
And with Them both is tru - ly One!"  
Wait there for all of A - bra - ham's line!

### Refrain



"For One is com - ing, great - er than I;



Come and re - pent!" was John the Bap - tist's cry!

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on Mark 1: 1-8

Melody: *Kol' slaven naš / So great is God* (Dmitri Bortniansky, 1751-1825)

## Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



1. On see - ing throngs who sought him out, Christ's heart was moved.  
2. As eve - ning came, they told the Lord, "Send them a - way  
3. In - dig - nant - ly, they showed the mea - ger food they pos - sessed.  
4. Christ raised his eyes and blessed his God, then broke the bread.  
5. Let fac - tions cease! Be one in mind, in Je - sus' name.



He then healed the sick and suf - f'ring; thus his care he proved.  
So that they might eat!" Said Je - sus, "Give them food to - day."  
Je - sus took the bread and fish and bid the crowds to rest.  
Serv - ing all, the loaves and fish - es let them all be fed!  
We preach one Gos - pel and one Lord, one Cross, e'er the same.

### Refrain



Je - sus, Bread of Life, feed each hun - gry soul in need!



Show us all your love; be our Food in - deed.

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on Matthew 14: 14-20 (vv. 1-4), 1 Corinthians 1: 10-17 (v. 5)

Melody: *O Marije Mati Boža / O Mary Mother of our God* (traditional)

## Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



1. Send - ing his dis - ci - ples sail - ing, Je - sus went to pray.  
 2. Then came Je - sus, walk - ing toward them on the storm - y wave.  
 3. Je - sus has - tened to as - sure them: "Fear not! It is I!"  
 4. Je - sus said, "How lit - tle faith you've come to place in me."  
 5. Each of us is God's own tem - ple, where the Spir - it lives;



Waves be - gan to toss their ves - sel; skies turned dark and grey.  
 Think - ing him a ghost, in ter - ror they be - gan to rave.  
 Pe - ter said, "Then call me to you 'cross the wa - ters high."  
 Then he turned, re - buked the wa - ter - qui - et was the sea!  
 And God's tem - ple is most ho - ly - ho - li - ness God gives!

### Refrain



Pe - ter cried, "Lord, save me!" as he be - gan to fall;



Je - sus stretched His hand and res - cued him from faith so small.



As you did for him, O Mas - ter, hear and save us all.

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on Matthew 14: 22-34 (vv. 1-4), 1 Corinthians 3: 9-17 (v. 5)

Melody: *Christijane, proslavl'ajme / All the faithful come before you* (traditional)

## The Circumcision of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ Our holy father Basil the Great, bishop and ecumenical teacher

JANUARY 1



1. In his love for the hu - man race, the Sav - ior came to earth,  
 2. For each of us is cir - cum - cised and each with Christ has died  
 3. But when they left, he stayed be - hind; they went to tem - ple, where,  
 4. For Ba - sil, too, who taught your Church, who led your flock with care,



Was cir - cum - cised as Mo - ses taught the eighth day af - ter birth.  
 In Bap - tis - m, and al - so rose; and put our sins a - side!  
 With doc - tors of the Law, he spoke "his Fa - ther's busi - ness" there.  
 We give you thanks for all he did, for words and deeds so fair!



The Lord, the Ma - ker of the Law ful - filled the Law's com - mands  
 This Child, with - in His par - ents' care, was filled with strength and grace;  
 For Ma - ry, Mo - ther of our God, who pon - dered in her heart  
 You crown the year with good - ness, Lord; now bless the com - ing year,



That we, who could not save our - selves, be saved from sin's de - mands.  
 When twelve, his par - ents and his kin brought him to keep the feast.  
 All things con - nect - ed with her Son, we all our thanks im - part!  
 That lov - ing neigh - bor and our God, we live in grace and fear!

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on the Vespers texts for January 1

Melody: *Forest Green*

## Sunday after the Nativity

The Commemoration of the Holy and Righteous Joseph the Betrothed,  
David the King, and James the Brother of God

DECEMBER 26-31



1. Glo - ry to the Lord of all, born in cave to save us all,  
2. For Saint Jo - seph, right-eous one, guard-ian of the Vir-gin's Son;  
3. Hail, O Christ, our Sav - ior - Lord! Ev - 'ry praise let us af - ford



He, the sole-be - got - ten One, born the Vir-gin's on - ly Son!  
For King Da - vid, bold and strong, sing - er of the Lord's new song;  
For your com - ing as a man to ful - fill the Fa - ther's plan!



Change-less God a Man is made, sav - ing us, the sore a - fraid!  
For the broth - er of the Lord, James, the preach - er of the Word:  
By your birth, you set us free, new - born souls in you to be!



Glo - ry to your birth, O Lord! By your Church be e'er a - dored!  
Thanks and praise your Church shall bring to your throne, O in - fant King!  
Guard us, keep us free from fear; grant us peace, a glad new year!



Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing: "Glo - ry to the new - born King!"

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on the Vespers stichera for the Sunday after Nativity  
Melody: Mendelssohn ("Hark! The herald angels sing")

## Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



1. To the Mas - ter's side came a man, who cried:  
2. Stum - bling in their shame, his dis - ci - ples came;  
3. The a - pos - tle's word, seem - ing - ly ab - surd,



"Lord, take pit - y on my son!" Je - sus heard his pray'r  
all their striv - ing had been vain. Je - sus said at last,  
shows the path that leads to God: Seen by all as fools,



and, with might so rare, made the de - mon's work un - done.  
"On - ly pray'r and fast could this vic - to - ry at - tain."  
used by Christ as tools to de - stroy our sin's fa - çade.



Faith the size of mus - tard seed has the pow'r to con - quer need.



Moun - tains large and grand move at faith's com - mand; noth - ing stands



a - gainst faith's plead.

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on Matthew 17: 14-22 (vv. 1-2), 1 Corinthians 4: 9-16 (v. 3)  
Melody: Anhel Božij / When the Angel came (traditional)

## Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



1. Je - sus told this sto - ry: God's reign can be com-pared  
 2. One man, debt - en - cum-bered, could not re - pay the loan.  
 3. "Lord, be pa - tient with me, and I will pay in full."  
 4. Leav - ing, that same serv - ant found one who owed him less.  
 5. Though im - plored for mer - cy, the serv - ant, hard of heart,  
 6. Told of this, in an - ger the king called that man in.  
 7. Sow - ing in the spir - it, Paul reaped a Church for God,



To a king who sum-moned his serv - ants for reck-'ning there.  
 So the king said, "Sell him, his fam - 'ly and all he owns."  
 Moved to ten - der pit - y, the king for - gave him all.  
 "Pay me what you owe me!" he cried, with curse and stress.  
 Threw the man in pris - on, till full re - pay-ment start.  
 "Your whole debt was lift - ed; why then so hard with him?"  
 Put - ting up with hard - ships, that naught im - pede the Word.

### Refrain



As we treat each oth - er, harsh - ly or with mer - cy,



So our heav'n - ly Fa - ther will treat us in re - turn.

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on Matthew 18: 23-35 (vv. 1-6), 1 Corinthians 9: 2-12 (v. 7)

Melody: *Prizri, o Marije / Mary, look upon us* (traditional)

## Sunday before the Nativity Sunday of the Ancestors

DECEMBER 18-24



1. O come, you lov - ers of the feasts! With glad-ness let us raise  
 2. Be - liev - ers, let us praise this day the fa - thers on faith's trek;  
 3. For Mi - riam, Sar - ah, Ra - chel fair, for Han - nah and for Eve,  
 4. O Beth - le - hem, pre - pare your - self, O Eph - ra - thah, re - joice!



For Pa - tri - archs and Proph - ets blest a hymn of thank - ful praise!  
 For Ad - am, E - noch, No - ah and the great Mel - chiz - e - dek!  
 For all the moth - ers who con - ceived and bore those to be - lieve  
 The gate of E - den's o - pen wide! Cry out with joy - filled voice:



For A - bra - ham and I - saac and Ja - cob and his seed  
 For proph - ets like I - sai - ah, for Dan - iel and the youths  
 That God would keep his prom - ise, we give you thanks this day;  
 Our Christ makes haste to come now and brings us back to grace.



Whose cov - e - nant with God en - dured, we give you praise, in - deed!  
 Who, in the face of e - vil, still pro - claimed your ho - ly truths.  
 So give us grace, in all our deeds, to serve you, as did they!  
 Pre - pare your hearts, your homes, your lives! Give Christ the fin - est place!

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on the Vespers stichera for the Sunday before Nativity

Melody: *St. Louis (O little town of Bethlehem)*

## The holy prophet Daniel and the three holy youths, Hananiah, Azariah, and Mishael

DECEMBER 17



1. As a star, re-splen-dent, an - noun - ces the break of day,  
2. Through the fi - rey fur - nace, O youths, you blessed your fa - thers' God.  
3. For - ti - fied by fast - ing, you ho - ly ones were bold and brave,

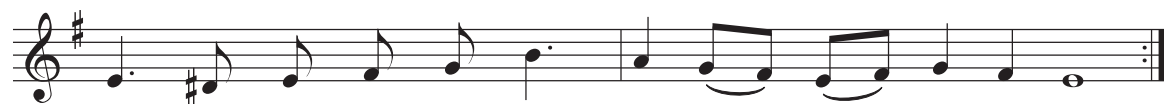


We praise you, O Dan - iel, who pro - phe - cied Mes - si - ah's way.  
Heed - less of temp - ta - tion, in pu - ri - ty God's path you trod.  
Kept safe by you, Lord God, who show your - self as strong to save!

### Refrain



As the feast ap - proach - es, we are filled with glad - ness!



Hear your saints, O Mas - ter, who join us as we pray.

Text: J. Michael Thompson

Melody: *Prizri, o Marije / Mary, look upon us* (traditional)

## Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



1. A man came up to Christ and said, "O Teach - er, tell me  
2. The man re - plied, "But of them all, which stat - utes do you  
3. He heard and then went sad a - way, for he had wealth un -  
4. This is the Good News preached to you, by which you all are



true: If I would see e - ter - nal life, what good then  
mean?" "Don't kill or steal; give par - ents hon - or; keep your  
told. The Lord ob - served: "It is so hard for rich men  
saved: As Scrip - tures told, Christ died for sin, was bur - ied



should I do?" The Lord re - plied: "There's One who's  
con - science clean." "But, Lord," said he, "I've done all  
to be bold And leave their wealth and earth - ly  
in a cave, And rose a - gain (as Scrip - ture



good, who tells you how to live: If you will keep his  
this; what fur - ther can there be?" Said Je - sus, "Give a -  
pride to find the realm of light. For man, 'tis hard, but  
said) that we might be made new; This is the Gos - pel



stat - utes, then e - ter - nal life He'll give."  
way your wealth; then come and fol - low me."  
not for God, who does all things in might.  
which we preach, that we've made known to you.

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on Matthew 19: 16-26 (vv. 1-3), 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 (v. 4)

Melody: *Pod tvoj pokrov / We hasten to your patronage* (traditional)

## Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



1. The Lord said, "There was once a man plant - ing vines,  
 2. The own - er rent - ed out his land; went a - way.  
 3. The rent - ers seized and beat the slaves, hurt them sore;  
 4. At last he said, "I now will send my own son."  
 5. What will the own - er of the vine - yard do in turn?  
 6. Stand firm in faith and be on guard: act like men!



Hedged his vine-yard, built a tow - er, saw his work was fine!  
 Come the har - vest, sent his slaves to take his share a - way.  
 When the own - er sent out oth - ers, they were hurt the more.  
 Then the rent - ers seized and killed him, think - ing they had won.  
 He will take a - way the land and give to those who'll learn!  
 In a word, be strong! and let Christ's love guide you a - gain.



The re - ject - ed stone Has be - come the cor - ner - stone!



Won - drous in our eyes, Done by God a - lone!

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on Matthew 21: 33-42 (vv. 1-5), 1 Corinthians 16: 13-24 (v. 6)  
 Melody: *O Marije Mati Boža Prečista / O Mary, Mother of our God* (traditional)

## Second Sunday before the Nativity Sunday of the Forefathers

DECEMBER 11-17



1. Let us now praise fa - mous men, tell their stor - ies once a - gain.  
 2. Those were hon - ored in their age— priest and mon - arch, proph - et, sage—  
 3. These, the god - ly ones, we praise, who en - dured the dark - est days,



Rul - ing king - doms in their might, known for val - or in men's sight.  
 And have left be - hind a name, which their chil - dren e'er can claim.  
 Cov - en - ant - ed, Lord, with you, and whose grace has seen them through.



Those with coun - sel true and wise, those who saw with proph - et's eyes—  
 Oth - ers, though, have run this race, van - ished, leav - ing not a trace,  
 All our hymns of praise we bring for their stead - fast - ness, O King!



Those who wrote the psalms we sing; those who taught the sage and king.  
 As if they had nev - er been, they and chil - dren af - ter them.  
 From their seed, up - on this earth, you have tak - en hum - ble birth.



For their gifts and wit - ness, Lord, we sing praise with one ac - cord.

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on Ecclesiasticus 44: 1-10, 13-14  
 Melody: *Mendelssohn* ("Hark! The herald angels sing")

# The Theotokos of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas

DECEMBER 12



1. Come, all you lov - ers of the feasts: sing won - ders done this day;
2. She asked him to con - vey her words; she asked a church be built
3. Re - turn - ing to that lone - ly place, the sad one told his queen,
4. A - me - ri - cas' great pa - tron - ess, O Vir - gin, Mo - ther kind,



How God dis - played His lov - ing care in such a lov - ing way:  
U - pon the moun - tain's lof - ty top, where so much blood was spilled.  
"Un - less my til - ma's filled with flow'rs, he'll scorn what I have  
Re - ceive the hymn we raise to you; teach us your Son to find!



To Te - pe - yac, in Mex - i - co, the The - ot - o - kos came,  
Re - spon - ding to these lov - ing words he went in - to the town  
His cloak with flow - ers Ma - ry filled, sent him in - to that place;  
To Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blessed, to God, the Three - in - One,



Ap - pear - ing to a na - tive son, Juan Die - go was his name.  
And to the bi - shop took the tale, re - ceived harsh words and frown.  
When o - pened there, the flow'rs spilled out and there was Ma - ry's face!  
Be all our hymns of praise ad - dressed, from souls your grace has won.

Text: J. Michael Thompson

Melody: *Forest Green*

# Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



1. Je - sus said: God's reign is like a king who gave a feast
2. But when sum - moned to the wed - ding, they re - fused to come.
3. When the king came in, he saw a man not clad a - right.
4. God it is who firm - ly sets us, seals us in His Son,



For a wed - ding, and in - vit - ed all, from great to least:  
Said the king, "Fill up my feast with an - y - one who'll come."  
"How is it you're robed so poor - ly? Throw him from my sight!"  
With the Spi - rit as first pay - ment; by this, we're made one.

## Refrain



Tell all those in - vit - ed: My din - ner is pre - pared!



Ev - 'ry - thing is read - y for you at this wed - ding fair!



Man - y are in - vit - ed; few, the cho - sen seat - ed there.

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on Matthew 8: 5-13 (vv. 1-3), 2 Corinthians 1: 21-2:4 (v. 4)

Melody: *Christijane, proslavl'ajme* / *All the faithful come before you* (traditional)

## Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



1. Once a law - yer said to Je - sus, "Mas - ter, tell me true;  
 2. In his turn, he asked the law - yer, "Tell me, if you can,  
 3. God, who called the light from dark - ness, shines with - in our heart



Of the laws of God, which is the great - est one to you?"  
 How can Da - vid call the Christ his son, with - in God's plan?"  
 That we, too, make known the glo - ry Christ had from the start.

### Refrain



You shall love the Lord God with all your heart and soul;



You shall al - so love your neigh - bor: make this law your goal!



Lov - ing God and lov - ing neigh - bor: these two make one whole!

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on Matthew 22: 35-46 (vv. 1-2), 2 Corinthians 4: 6-15 (v. 3)

Melody: *Christijane, proslavl'ajme / All the faithful come before you* (traditional)

## Maternity of Holy Anna

DECEMBER 8 OR 9



1. All Christ's faith - ful come to - ge - ther join - ing here in joy - ful song,  
 2. See this mys - t'ry: all God's peo - ple are in this con - cep - tion blessed;  
 3. Praise the Fa - ther, source of be - ing; praise Christ Je - sus, God the Son;



Giv - ing God all thanks and ho - nor that the ves - sel (planned so long)  
 For in Ma - ry's sin - less bo - dy, God's own Son would take His rest.  
 Praise the Spi - rit, font of bles - sing; glo - ry to the Three - in - One!



In the womb of mo - ther An - na now is bles - sed - ly con - ceived,  
 Saved by Je - sus, Ma - ry mo - dels how we, too, may keep God's Word;  
 Joined as one with sin - less Ma - ry and the saints and an - gels' throng,



Sin - less kept at her con - cep - tion through the Fa - ther's grace re - ceived.  
 Fo - cused on o - be - dient wit - ness, faith - ful to the Gos - pel heard.  
 Let us raise to God most lov - ing here on earth our joy - ful song!

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on the stichera and readings of the feast

Melody: *Mother of God* (JMT)



# Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra

DECEMBER 6



1. Crowns of praise now let us bring, mak - ing win - ter glad - ness;  
 2. Loy - al teach - er of the Faith, hum - ble, pi - ous pas - tor,  
 3. Glo - ry be to God the Son, who (from heav'n de - scend - ing)



Nich - o - las, God's lov - ing saint, bids us leave our sad - ness!  
 To the poor and need - y, friend - near to Christ, our Mas - ter;  
 Joined both God and hu - man - kind, ev - 'ry bless - ing send - ing:



Faith - ful shep - herd of his flock, true and ho - ly Fa - ther,  
 Through your zeal and ho - ly life which we seek to fol - low,  
 Glo - ry to the Fa - ther give, and the Spir - it, rais - ing



Lead our songs to God Most High, as with you we gath - er.  
 Help us strive to love the Lord, thus his Name to hal - low!  
 From the Church and Nich - o - las hon - or, joy, and prais - ing!

Text: J. Michael Thompson

Melody: *Tempus adest floridum* / *Good king Wenceslas* (13th century carol)

# Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



1. Once there was a man, who had made a plan, had to trav - el  
 2. Two men took this wealth, bet - tered it them - selves, thus re - paid their  
 3. When the man re - turned, of their skills he learned, and commend - ed  
 4. Now, the time and day! Cast your sin a - way! Do not waste God's



far a - way. He called to his side serv - ants who, in pride,  
 mas - ter's choice. One, who lived in dread, hid the wealth in - stead,  
 those who planned; But from him whose fear made no ef - fort here,  
 gen - 'rous grace! E - ven in our woes, wres - tling with our foes,



each were giv - en funds that day. Faith - ful serv - ant, work - ing hard,  
 left it with no in - t'rest paid.  
 all was tak - en from his hand.  
 we can see Christ's lov - ing face!



bring - ing in your great re - ward, You have worked with less; now with



more you're blest: Come and share your mas - ter's joy!

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on Matthew 25: 14-30 (vv. 1-3), 2 Corinthians 6: 1-10 (v. 4)

Melody: *Anhel Božij* / *When the angel came* (traditional)

## Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



1. Je - sus went through Si - don and Tyre, a - long the sea.
2. "Lord, O Son of Da - vid, my daugh - ter is pos - sessed."
3. "Food that's meant for child - ren is not thrown to the hound!"
4. Je - sus said, "O wo - man! Your faith is great in - deed!"
5. We are God's own tem - ple, his sons and daught - ers free;



To him came a wo - man, who shout - ed this, her plea:  
 Though Christ gave no an - swer, she plead - ed, none - the - less:  
 "True, Lord, but the dog eats the crumbs dropped on the ground!"  
 At that ve - ry in - stant, the wo - man's child was freed.  
 Trust - ing in His pro - mise, let us all faith - ful be!

### Refrain



Lord, O Son of Da - vid! Show to me your pi - ty!



Hear the pray'r I of - fer! Give heed and set me free!

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on Matthew 15: 21-28 (vv. 1-4), 2 Corinthians 6: 16b-7:1 (v. 5)  
 Melody: *Prizri, o Marije / Mary, look upon us* (traditional)

## Our venerable father, Sabbas the Sanctified

DECEMBER 5



1. O fa - ther of th'an - ge - lic life, and fe - llow of the saints,
2. As you, through dis - ci - pline, re - stored the flesh for Spi - rit's task,
3. In midst of win - ter fast and prayer we raise our song of praise



You have your dwel - ling now with Christ the Goal of your re - straint.  
 So guide us now who look to you, each dead - ly sin un - mask.  
 To Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit, God, who bles - ses all our days.



O light of tem - p'rance, monks' de - fense, we hon - or you each year;  
 Pray for all monks and nuns this day that they might heed God's call,  
 As we pre - pare for Christ - mas now, give us the grace to grow



Pray to the Christ who was your Light, that we be saved from fear.  
 And for the folk who sing your praise, that they give God their all.  
 In know - ledge and in love of you, that we your grace may show!

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on the Vespers texts for December 5  
 Melody: *Ellacombe*

# The holy apostle Andrew, the first called

NOVEMBER 30



1. O Lord, to you we raise a hymn of thanks and high - est praise  
 2. A - pos - tle An - drew heard John say, "Be - hold, the Lamb of God!"  
 3. O Fa - ther, source of ev - 'ry good, O ris - en, glo - rious Son,



That your a - pos - tles, leav - ing all, were faith - ful all their days,  
 And went to Christ and, hear - ing him, for - sook the way he'd trod;  
 O Spir - it, Giv - er of new life, O bless - ed Three - in - One:



Pro - claim - ing Gos - pel truth and love to far - thest ends of earth,  
 He told his broth - er, Si - mon: "See! Mes - si - ah we have found!"  
 With An - drew and th'a - pos - tles' choir, we bless your ho - ly name;



All preach - ing you, Lord Christ, and lead - ing all to your new birth.  
 He preached in Greece, and to a cross, like Je - sus, he was bound.  
 Grant us your grace, that in our lives we serve you just the same.

Text: J. Michael Thompson

Melody: *Kingsfold*

# Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



1. When walk - ing by the lake - side, there the Mas - ter saw two  
 2. The nets were full to break - ing, and they dragged their catch to  
 3. The one who shall sow spar - ing - ly will reap a small re -



boats. At his re - quest, the own - er Si - mon sailed him  
 land. Then Si - mon said, "O leave me Lord, for I'm a  
 ward; If boun - ti - ful, then great will be the bles - sings



out from shore. There, seat - ed, Je - sus taught the crowds; then  
 sin - ful man." The Lord re - plied, "Be not a - fraid. From  
 of the Lord! Be neith - er sad nor grudg - ing in your



said, "Put out to sea; Cast out your nets this one time  
 this time on, you'll see Your catch will not be fish, but  
 giv - ing, for we know God loves a cheer - ful giv - er!



more, the works of God you'll see."  
 men! Leave all and fol - low me."  
 Thus we serve him, high and low.

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on Luke 5: 1-11 (vv. 1-2), 2 Corinthians 9: 6-11 (v. 3)

Melody: *Pod tvoј pokrov / We hasten to your patronage* (traditional)

## Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



1. Do un - to oth - ers what you would have them do.
2. Love all your en - e - mies though their love is small;
3. "My grace shall be e - nough for you, all your days.



Lov - ing on - ly those who love you? Where's the cred - it due?  
 Give your help to all who need, and God will bless it all.  
 For when you are weak, the pow'r of Christ fills all your ways."

### Refrain



Be com - pas - sion - ate As your Fa - ther is to you:



Chil - dren of our God, this we all must do!

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on Luke 6: 31-36 (vv. 1-2), 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9 (v. 3)

Melody: *O Marije Mati Boža / O Mary, Mother of our God* (traditional)

## Thanksgiving Day

THURSDAY AFTER NOVEMBER 21



1. We plow the fields and scat - ter the good seed on the land,
2. He on - ly is the Mak - er of all things near and far;
3. We thank you then, O Fa - ther, for all things bright and good,



But it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand;  
 He paints the way-side flow - er, He lights the ev'n - ing star.  
 The seed-time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food:



He sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,  
 The winds and waves o - bey him, by him, the birds are fed;  
 No gifts have we to of - fer for all your love im - parts,



The breez - es and the sun - shine, the soft, re - fresh - ing rain.  
 Much more to us, his chil - dren, he gives our dai - ly bread.  
 But that which You de - sire of us— our hum - ble, thank - ful hearts.

### Refrain



For all good gifts a - round us are sent from heav'n a - bove;



Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all His grace and love.

Text: Matthias Claudius, 1782; tr. J. M. Campbell, 1861

Melody: *Pod tvoj pokrov / We hasten to your patronage* (traditional)

## Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

NOVEMBER 21



1. Come, all you lov - ers of the feasts: with joy now greet the day  
2. To - day the tem - ple of our God re - ceives the per - fect Ark



When Jo - a - chim and An - na came up o'er the moun - tain way.  
Pre - pared a - fore - hand to re - ceive the Law's ful - fill - ment, Christ.



They jour - neyed on to keep a vow made to our God, the Lord;  
For this glad feast of En - trance now we sing with prai - ses meet



They brought their on - ly child to him, best gift they could af - ford.  
With Ma - ry, to the Fa - ther, Son, and to the Pa - ra - clete.

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on the Vespers texts for November 21

Melody: *Forest Green*

## Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost



1. In the town of Naim, a wid - ow lost her on - ly son.  
2. Je - sus saw and, moved to pi - ty, told her, "Do not cry."  
3. I as - sure you that the Gos - pel did not come from men,



Griev - ing with her, crowds of towns - folk walk and mourn as one.  
Then he raised the man and gave him back to her a - live!  
But from Christ him - self, re - veal - ing God's good will a - gain!

*Refrain*



In our midst a Proph - et has ris - en, called by God!



God has vis - it - ed his peo - ple, walked where we have trod!



Life and death do what he bids them: Glo - ry be to God!

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on Luke 7: 11-16 (vv. 1-2), Galatians 1: 11-19 (v. 3)

Melody: *Christijane, proslavl'ajme* / *All the faithful come before you* (traditional)

## Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost



1. Out the farm - er went (so the tale is spent) sow - ing seed up -  
 2. Some in shal - low soil sprout - ed from his toil; lack - ing mois - ture,  
 3. Some of this new seed found rich soil in - deed and pro - duced a  
 4. We are cru - ci - fied! With Christ, we have died, so that we may



on the ground. Some fell on the path, where it could not last;  
 it soon died. Some grew in the weed, stran - gling it in - deed,  
 hun - dred - fold! When we hear the Word, and live what we've heard  
 live a - new. Life is not our own; by faith we are shown



grabbed by birds or trod - den down. Je - sus told these tales, it's plain,  
 though to live it brave - ly tried.  
 we bear fruit, as Christ has told!  
 Christ with - in us lives! It's true!



God's own Kingdom to ex - plain. Come and lend an ear! Think of what you hear!



Learn the se - crets of God's reign!

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on Luke 8: 5-15 (vv. 1-3), Galatians 2: 16-20 (v. 4)

Melody: *Anhel Božij / When the angel came* (traditional)

## The holy apostle and evangelist Matthew

NOVEMBER 16



1. O Lord, to you we raise a hymn of thanks and high - est praise  
 2. A - pos - tle Mat - thew heard with joy your sum - mons, "Fol - low me!"  
 3. O Fa - ther, source of ev - 'ry good, O ris - en, glo - rious Son,



That your a - pos - tles, leav - ing all, were faith - ful all their days,  
 And left his tax col - lect - or's job that he Your friend might be.  
 O Spir - it, Giv - er of new life, O bless - ed Three - in - One:



Pro - claim - ing Gos - pel truth and love to far - thest ends of earth,  
 He wrote of You in death - less words that sum - mon and com - pel;  
 With Mat - thew and th'a - pos - tles' choir, we bless your ho - ly name;



All preach - ing you, Lord Christ, and lead - ing all to your new birth.  
 And told of judg - ment just and great that we re - mem - ber well.  
 Grant us your grace, that in our lives we serve you just the same.

Text: J. Michael Thompson

Melody: *Kingsfold*

## Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost



6. To hum-ble sheph-herds with their flocks, this news they will an-nounce:  
 7. O Ma-gi from the East, you bring gold, frank-in-cense and myrrh,  
 8. O Jos-eph, you pro-ject and watch the in-fant Son of God,  
 9. Em-man-u-el, Christ God the Lord, is born for us this day.



6. The Sav-ior's born in Bet-le-hem, in swad-dling clothes he's found.  
 7. and search-ing for the new-born King these gifts you will con-fer.  
 8. in con-ster-na-tion pon-der-ing the mys-t'ries of His Word.  
 9. We come now to a-dore our King, this good news we all say:



1-8. He shall be born un-to us, and God will be with us;  
 9. He has been born un-to us, and God is now with us;



and we shall find Him in the cave of Beth-le-hem.  
 and we have found Him in the cave of Beth-le-hem.

Text: Msgr. Russell Duker, alt.

Verse melody: unknown

Refrain melody: Adam Kemner and Christine Lehman, alt.



1. Once there was a rich man, who ate well ev-'ry day,  
 2. Laz-a-rus, the beg-gar, all cov-ered up with sores,  
 3. When they died, the beg-gar was car-ried to heav-en's joy  
 4. A-bra-ham, my fa-ther, I still have broth-ers three;  
 5. A-bra-ham most sad-ly, said, "If they will not heed,



Dressed in fin-est lin-ens, who scorned those in his way.  
 Longed to taste the leav-ings that fell up-on the floor.  
 While in fier-y tor-ment the rich man was em-ployed.  
 If a dead man came back, they sure-ly then would see!  
 Mo-ses and the proph-ets, a ris-en one they'll scorn in-deed."

### Refrain



In the cross of Je-sus I will glad-ly glo-ry,



Through the cross I tri-umph, and peace and grace I see.

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on Luke 16: 19-31 (vv. 1-6), Galatians 6: 11-18 (refrain)

Melody: Prizri, o Marije / Mary, look upon us (traditional)

## Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost



1. As he walked the land where the pa - gans lived,  
 2. De - mons knew his voice, and our souls re - joice  
 3. When the pigs, un - clean, van - ished from the scene,  
 4. Brought with Christ to life - dead to sin's own strife -



Je - sus met a man in need; He was sore op - pressed  
 As we see his might now shine: Cast - ing, by his pow'r,  
 Herd - ers ran, spread tid - ings true; Then the town came out,  
 those with faith can clear - ly see: This is gift of God,



and, in - deed, pos - sessed; nak - ed, strong, and strange in - deed!  
 in that ve - ry hour, dev - ils in - to herds of swine!  
 said in pan - ic's rout, "We shall have no part in you!"  
 not our works' re - ward; God's own han - di - work are we!

### Refrain



1-3. "Have you come to med - dle here, Son of God, or make me fear?"  
 4. You have come in - to our fear, Feed - ing us who gath - er here!



We pro - claim you "Lord," Son of God a - dored, strong - er than the de - mons' jeer!  
 We pro - claim you "Lord," Son of God a - dored, Je - sus, our Re - deem - er dear!

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on Luke 8: 26-39 (vv. 1-3), Ephesians 2: 4-10 (v. 4)

Melody: *Anhel Božij / When the Angel came* (traditional)

*Note: this hymn is similar to, but different from, the hymn for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, which is based on the same event as related by Saint Matthew.*

## The ancient prophecies foretold

PHILIPPIAN FAST



1. The an - cient pro - phe - cies fore - told the com - ing of the birth  
 2. The ho - ly Vir - gin Ma - ry now ful - fills the will of God,  
 3. O star of Beth - le - hem, you shine with bril - liance in the sky,  
 4. The low - ly town of Beth - le - hem, a - mong Ju - de - an hills,  
 5. The an - gels now pre - pare to sing glad ti - dings of the birth,



1. of God's a - noint - ed Sa - vior who brings peace u - pon the earth.  
 2. ac - cept - ing His di - vine re - quest to bear the Son of God.  
 3. to lead us all to God's own Son who comes to save man - kind.  
 4. will be ex - alt - ed won - drous - ly by God's own Gift of Love.  
 5. pro - claim - ing glo - ry in the heights for God's Son born on earth.



He shall be born un - to us, and God will be with us;



and we shall find Him in the cave of Beth - le - hem.

*Sing verses 1-8 beginning on November 15; add one verse each week if desired.*

*Sing verse 9 and its refrain December 25.*



## Hymn for the Christmas Fast (Saint Philip's Fast)

NOVEMBER 15 - DECEMBER 24



1. Truly, Zi-on's peo-ple, now you shall weep no more.  
 2. No more shall your Teach-er hide him-self from your face,  
 3. Earth, with fruits a-bun-dant, shall blos-som forth for you.



God will hear your cry-ing, and o-pen heav-en's door.  
 But your eyes shall see him! Cast i-dols from this place!  
 God will bind your wounds up; his word of life is true!

### Refrain



Lib-er-ty for cap-tives, good news for the out-cast,



Com-fort for the mourn-er, re-demp-tion at the last!

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on on Isaiah 30:19-26 and Isaiah 61: 1-3

Melody: *Prizri, o Marije / Mary, look upon us* (traditional)

## Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost



1. One day a man named Jai-rus\* came and fell at  
 2. "Who touched me?" Je-sus asked the crowd. The wom-an,  
 3. "Fear not!" said he, "but trust that God will bring forth  
 4. Christ is our peace, the one who broke the wall of



Je-sus' feet. "My daugh-ter's at the door of death; come  
 long so mute, Then told why she had touched his cloak, how  
 life from death." With Pe-ter, James and John, the Lord came  
 ha-tred down, And on the cross u-nit-ed us; may



save!" did he en-treat. As Je-sus went through  
 heal-ing's grace took root. The Lord said, "Daugh-ter,  
 with them to the bed, And there he took her  
 Christ be e'er a-dored! So strang-ers, a-lie-



crush-ing crowds, a wom-an touched his hem; The pow'r of  
 go in peace; your faith has been your cure." While he still  
 by the hand; "O lit-tle girl, a-rise!" The Lord re-  
 ns no more-but ci-ti-zens and saints, all joined to-



God went forth from him and made her whole a-gain.  
 spoke the mes-sage came, "The child now breathes no  
 stored the girl to life be-fore their won-d'ring eyes.  
 geth-er by his love, a tem-ple in the Lord!

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on Luke 8: 41-56 (vv. 1-3), Ephesians 2: 4-10 (v. 4)

Melody: *Pod tvoj pokrov / We hasten to your patronage* (traditional)

\* Note: Jairus is pronounced "JI-rus", with a long I.

## Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost



1. A law - yer said to Je - sus once, "Teach - er true,  
 2. Then he re - plied, "What is the law? What's writ - ten there?"  
 3. To prove a point, the law - yer asked of the Lord,  
 4. There was a man who, on a trip, once was robbed.  
 5. Then came a - long a for - eign - er, saw his need,  
 6. Said Je - sus, "Who was neigh - bor then to this one?"



If I seek e - ter - nal life, please tell me what to do!"  
 Then the law - yer an - swered with these words, so wise and fair:  
 "Tell me, who is then my neigh - bor? Who can be ig - nored?"  
 Priest and Le - vite saw him, left him there be - side the road.  
 Gave as - sis - tance to the man and was his friend in - deed.  
 "Him who pit - ied!" Je - sus said, Then go, do like - wise, son!"

### Refrain



Love the Lord your God! Love with heart and mind and soul!



And love neigh - bor, too; Make this law your goal!

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on Luke 10: 25-37

melody: *O Marije Mati Boža / O Mary Mother of our God* (traditional)

## The holy apostle Philip

NOVEMBER 14



1. O Lord, to you we raise a hymn of thanks and high - est praise  
 2. A - pos - tle Phil - ip heard with joy your sum - mons, "Fol - low me!"  
 3. O Fa - ther, source of ev - 'ry good, O ris - en, glo - rious Son,



That your a - pos - tles, leav - ing all, were faith - ful all their days,  
 And to Na - than - iel, cu - ri - ous, he told him, "Come and see!"  
 O Spir - it, Giv - er of new life, O bless - ed Three - in - One:



Pro - claim - ing Gos - pel truth and love to far - thest ends of earth,  
 When Greeks said, "We would see the Lord!" he worked at their be - hest;  
 With Phi - lip and th'a - pos - tles' choir, we bless your ho - ly name;



All preach - ing you, Lord Christ, and lead - ing all to your new birth.  
 In far - off E - thi - o - pi - a, he preached the mes - sage blest.  
 Grant us your grace, that in our lives we serve you just the same.

Text: J. Michael Thompson

Melody: *Kingsfold*

## Our holy father John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople

NOVEMBER 13



1. For Chrys-os - tom, the gold - en - tongued, we give you praise, O Lord;  
2. His gift of preach-ing caused the Word to be a liv - ing thing,  
3. O Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest, O God-head, one - in - three,



Through min - is - try of spok-en word he made your Name a - dored.  
And through his awe-some gift of words he bade his peo - ple sing.  
May songs of praise be now ad - dressed from those your grace set free.



As bish - op, John has fed your flock, not flee - ing as hired hand;  
He loved the poor and need - y, Lord; he pas - tored well your sheep;  
With ho - ly fa - ther Chrys - os - tom and saints' and an - gels' throng,



And through de - ri - sion, ex - ile, loss, come at your side to stand.  
Though ex - iled for his ob - stin - ance, your Church he safe did keep.  
We set a - side all earth - ly cares to praise in mys - tic song.

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on the stichera and readings of the feast  
Melody: *Pod tvoj pokrov / We hasten to your patronage* (traditional)

## Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost



1. Je - sus told this par - a - ble: "There once was a rich man.  
2. Said the man, "What shall I do? My barns will hold no more.  
3. Then the man said to him-self, "Re - lax! Eat well and drink!  
4. On that night God said to him, "Oh fool, what can you know?  
5. Je - sus said, "It works that way when grow - ing rich for self;



Full and plen-teous were his har - vests, more than was his plan."  
I will build far larg - er ones and there place all my store."  
I have bles - sings in re - serve for man - y years, I think!"  
When I call you from this life, where will these rich - es go?"  
Heed this, all who hear my words: in God place all your wealth!"

### *Refrain*



Wake, a - wake, O sleep - er! and rise now from the dead!



Je - sus Christ will give you light, our ris - en, glo - rious Head!



Live as chil - dren of the Light, and by the Lord be led!

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on Luke 12: 16-21 (vv. 1-5), Romans 6: 18-23 (refrain)  
Melody: *Christijane, proslavl'ajme / All the faithful come before you* (traditional)

## Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost



1. On a Sab - bath day, Je - sus went his way,  
 2. See - ing her dis - tress, Je - sus called and blessed:  
 3. When the head - man saw works a - gainst the Law,  
 4. Christ said in re - ply, "Hyp - o - crites! your eye



Teach - ing in the syn - a - gogue. There a wom - an, bent,  
 "From your ill - ness you are freed!" Stand - ing straight a - gain  
 He re - buked the crowd and said: "Work has six days blest;  
 Can - not see the jus - tice here: Ox and ass you'll feed;



eight - een years had spent, meet - ing Christ in e - vil's fog.  
 in the sight of men, she re - joiced in God in - deed!  
 Sab - bath is for rest! Come those days for cures in - stead!"  
 one who should be freed is de - serv - ing more, I fear!"

### Refrain



Take the truth as belt for you; Jus - tice as your breast-plate true;



Faith, as might-y shield, won't to e - vil yield; Gos-pel's zeal as stur-dy shoe!

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on Luke 13:10-17 (vv. 1-4), Ephesians 6: 10-17 (refrain)  
 Melody: *Anhel Božij / When the angel came* (traditional)

## The priest martyr Josaphat, archbishop of Polotsk

NOVEMBER 12



1. God, of all your mar - tyr, crown, hear the hymn we  
 2. Jo - sa - phat, a preach - er bold, was a bish - op  
 3. Strong de - fend - er of his Church, Lov - er of the  
 4. God the Fa - ther, God the Son, God the Spir - it,



raise in glad-ness, prais-ing good Saint Jo - sa - phat,  
 strong and fear-less; in his love for all his flock  
 East - ern teach-ing, faith - ful priest and lead - er true  
 take our prais - s with our hymns on this glad day



Who (in midst of earth - ly sad-ness) fol - lowed Christ, the  
 And his ar - dor, he was peer-less; "that in Christ we  
 Urged his peo - ple through his preach-ing, and, by God's mys-  
 Which your Church in glo - ry rais - es; with our Pa - tron



Way, the Life, brav - ing trou - ble, scorn, and strife.  
 one may be" was his earn - est, heart - felt plea.  
 te - rious grace, took in heav'n a mar - tyr's place.  
 joined in song, ech - o - ing the ag - es long!

Text: J. Michael Thompson

Melody: *Grosser Gott, wir loben Dich / Holy God, we praise thy name* (Katholisches Gesangbuch, Vienna, 1774)

## The Synaxis of the holy archangel Michael and all the angelic powers

NOVEMBER 8

Arch-an-gel Mi-chael, Prince of all an-gels, Lead-er, de - fend-er  
of the heav'n-ly hosts. You are re - nowned for your might - y  
pow - er, Ev - er swift to o - bey the Lor'd com - mands.  
You cast out Sa-tan with his e - vil spir-its, be our pro - tec-tor a -  
gainst his wick-ed ways. Arch-an-gel Mi-chael, glo - ri-ous lead-er,  
Guide us to serve the will of the Lord.

Text and melody: Professor John Kahanick

## Twenty-eighth Sunday after Pentecost

1. Once there was a ban - quet pre - pared for man - y guests.  
2. Some said, "I have pur - chased some land I now must see."  
3. Hear - ing this, the mas - ter grew an - gry at the slight.  
4. Once this was ac - com-plished, there still was ta - ble space.  
5. Je - sus is the im - age of God who is un - seen.  
When the meal was read - y, the host his wish ex - pressed:  
Oth - ers said, "New ox - en keep me from be - ing free."  
"Go and find the crip-pled, the poor and blind this night!"  
"Go in - to the high-ways, and fill up ev - 'ry place!"  
First - born of all crea-tures, the first - born of the dead!  
Come, for all is read - y! Come and take your plac - es!  
All who've been in - vit - ed, Come feast with me to - day!

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on Luke 14: 16-24 (vv. 1-4), Colossians 1: 12-18 (v. 5)  
Melody: *Prizri, o Marije / Mary, look upon us* (traditional)

## Twenty-ninth Sunday after Pentecost



1. As Je - sus neared a vil - lage, there ten lep - ers raised a cry;  
 2. As they be - gan to leave the place, they knew that they were free;  
 3. Of ten men cured of lep - ro - sy, the on - ly one who came  
 4. When Christ our life ap - pears, with him in glo - ry you shall be;



“O Mas - ter Je - sus, pi - ty us! Hear us who sob and  
 One of the men then hur - ried back with shouts of praise and  
 Was a des - pised Sam - a - ri - tan, to praise God’s ho - ly  
 So put to death the things of earth, from sin and fault be



sigh!” He saw them and then in re - ply he said, “Go  
 glee. He threw him - self at Je - sus’ feet, with thank - ful  
 Name. Christ said, “Stand up and go your way! Your faith has  
 free. The old self has been put a - side; the new man



on your way, and show your - selves un - to the priests, that  
 heart in - clined; the Lord then said, “Were ten not cured? Where  
 made you whole.” The man stood up and went a - long, with  
 is put on, who grows in knowl - edge and in truth, for



they may have their say.”  
 are the oth - er nine?”  
 praise in heart and soul.  
 Christ is all in all.

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on Luke 17: 12-19 (vv. 1-3), Colossians 3: 4-11 (v. 4)

Melody: *Pod tvoj pokrov / We hasten to your patronage* (traditional)

## The holy priest-martyr Theodore Romža, bishop of Mukačevo

OCTOBER 31



1. Chris - tians, come with hymns of glad - ness; for this day, with  
 2. The - o - dore, our faith - ful shep - herd, on this day was  
 3. The - o - dore was ev - er faith - ful in the face of  
 4. Give us grace, his zeal to cop - y; as he strove the  
 5. In com - mun - ion with our mar - tyr, we this song of



joy o’er - flow - ing, bids us set a - side all sad - ness:  
 crowned with glo - ry; hav - ing suf - fered for his Mas - ter,  
 all temp - ta - tion to his Church and to his peo - ple,  
 faith to nour - ish, so in - spire us by his ac - tions  
 praise now ren - der to you, Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it,



God his peace is here be - stow - ing.  
 Now his peo - ple tell his sto - ry.  
 Through the fier - cest tri - bu - la - tion.  
 That we each your Church will cher - ish.  
 Tri - une God, in heav - en’s splen - dor.

Text: J. Michael Thompson

Melody: *Christijane prib’ihajte / Christians, join in our procession* (traditional)

## The holy great-martyr Demetrius

OCTOBER 26



1. De - me - tri - us, Christ's mar - tyr great, you shine like star so bright:  
2. Like Christ, a spear once pierced your side, like him, you once were slain,  
3. As you in - hab - it heav - en now, so draw us all to you,



Pre - serve us all from e - vil's strength and from the dev - il's might.  
And now with Christ, in heav-en's height, en - throned, with him you reign.  
That dai - ly liv - ing Christian lives God's grace shall us re - new.



Your wit - ness for the Lord re - calls his Pas - sion for our sake;  
Teach us to fol - low Christ our Lord not count - ing price too steep;  
Give praise to God the Trin - i - ty: to Fa - ther and to Son



And fills us all with joy, and helps us, too, our cross to take.  
Help us to wit - ness, day by day, to all of Love so deep.  
And to the Ho - ly Spir - it, Lord, E - ter - nal Three - in - One.

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on the Vespers stichera for October 26

Melody: *Pod tvoј pokrov / We hasten to your patronage* (traditional)

## Thirtieth Sunday after Pentecost



1. A law - yer said to Je - sus once, "Teach - er true,  
2. Then Je - sus said, "Why call me 'good?' That's God a - lone!  
3. The man re - plied, "I've done those things ev - 'ry day."  
4. On hear - ing this, the man grew sad, went a - way;  
5. Since you are God's own cho - sen ones, deep - ly loved,

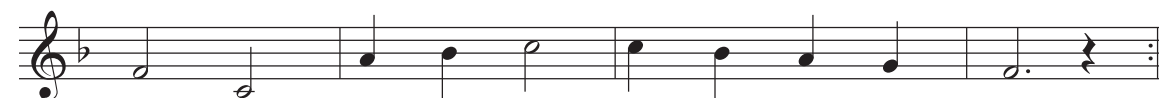


If I seek e - ter - nal life, please tell me what to do!"  
You know all of God's com - mands, those carved in - to the stone!"  
So that he might grow, the Sav - ior bid him live this way:  
Je - sus said, "How hard it is for rich folk to o - bey!"  
Clothe your - self in mer - cy, kind - ness, pa - tience from a - bove!

### Refrain



"One thing more there is: Sell, and give the poor your all.



Give heav'n all your store; Come and hear my call."

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on Luke 18: 18-27 (vv. 1-4), Colossians 3: 12-16 (v. 5)

Melody: *O Marije Mati Boža / O Mary Mother of our God* (traditional)

## Thirty-first Sunday after Pentecost



1. Down the road to Je - rich - o, a beg - ging blind man sat.  
 2. Hear - ing this, the man cried out with loud and fer - vent plea.  
 3. Je - sus stopped and asked the blind man what his wish would be.  
 4. Je - sus said, "Re - ceive your sight!" and then the man could see.  
 5. To the King, the on - ly God, un - seen and death - less Lord



Hear - ing crowds, he turned and asked the peo - ple, "What is that?"  
 Though the crowd soon tried to shush, he cried in - sis - tent - ly:  
 Came the an - swer from a true heart: "Lord, I want to see!"  
 He be - gan to fol - low Je - sus, for this gift so free!  
 We give glo - ry and due hon - or! May he be a - dored!

### Refrain



"Je - sus, Son of Da - vid, have pi - ty now on me!



Stop and give me back my vi - sion; save me, set me free!



You have come to save the sin - ner; I the first must be!"

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on Luke 18: 35-43 (vv. 1-4), 1 Timothy 1: 15-17 (v. 5)

Melody: *Christijane, proslavl'ajme / All the faithful come before you* (traditional)

## The holy apostle and evangelist Luke

OCTOBER 18



1. O Lord, to you we raise a hymn of thanks and high - est praise  
 2. For Luke, the great ev - an - gel - ist, whose Gos - pel teach - es true  
 3. O Fa - ther, source of ev - 'ry good, O ris - en, glo - rious Son,



That your a - pos - tles, leav - ing all, were faith - ful all their days,  
 Of you, th'in - car - nate, heal - ing Lord, we give you thanks that's due,  
 O Spir - it, Giv - er of new life, O bless - ed Three - in - One:



Pro - claim - ing Gos - pel truth and love to far - thest ends of earth,  
 For his ac - counts, both of your works and of the Church - 's youth,  
 With Luke and with th'a - pos - tles' choir, we bless your ho - ly name;



All preach - ing you, Lord Christ, and lead - ing all to your new birth.  
 Have formed our faith and led us on to you, the on - ly Truth.  
 Grant us your grace, that in our lives we serve you just the same.

Text: J. Michael Thompson

Melody: *Kingsfold*



## Sunday of the Fathers at the Seventh Ecumenical Council

OCTOBER 11-17

1. Come, all you faith - ful, sing praise with glad - ness!  
2. As in the Law the Sab - bath was hon - ored,  
3. The Fa - thers taught that Je - sus our Sav - ior  
4. Give grace, O God, that in our liv - ing

On this glad day our hymns we raise  
So in the Sev - en Coun - cils we see  
Was tru - ly God and tru - ly a man;  
We live these teach - ings out ev - 'ry day,

For those who taught the True Faith with bold - ness,  
The teach - ings blest which coun - sel and guide us,  
The use of i - cons in our wor - ship  
Pro - claim - ing Christ to ev - 'ry per - son,

For their strong wit - ness all their days.  
Preach - ing the Ho - ly Trin - i - - - ty!  
Now shows our faith in God's great plan.  
Show - ing Your love in ev - 'ry way.

*Refrain*

O Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it,  
As we were taught, so now do we wor - ship you!

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on the Vespers stichera for the Sunday of the Fathers  
Melody: *Kol' slaven naš / So great is God* (Dmitri Bortniansky, 1751-1825)

## Thirty-second Sunday after Pentecost Sunday of Zacchaeus

1. When trav - el - ing through Jer - i - cho, the crowd knew Je - sus' name,  
2. Zac - chae - us hur - ried down and bid the Mas - ter come and dine.  
3. The Lord ap - proved: "This day sal - va - tion comes with - in these walls!  
4. All of our hopes are fixed on God, the sav - ior of all men,

And spoke of him and gath - ered there, drawn by the Teach - er's fame.  
The crowd, re - pulsed, said: "Look, he treats a sin - ner like he's fine!"  
This day, a son of A - bra - ham has heard his fa - ther's calls!  
Es - pe - cial - ly those who be - lieve, that we may live a - gain!

Zac - chae - us, short of stat - ure, climbed a tree that he might see:  
Zac - chae - us stood his ground and said, "My Lord, I swear this day:  
The Son of Man has come to earth to search out and to save  
To each be - liev - er, show your - self in pu - ri - ty and love

When Je - sus passed, he looked and called, "Come down from there to me."  
Half of my goods I give as alms, and all my fraud re - pay."  
All of the lost. Give thanks to God who loves both rich and slave!"  
And faith as an ex - am - ple sent for all from God a - bove.

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on Luke 19: 1-10 (vv. 1-3), 1 Timothy 4: 9-16 (v. 4)  
Melody: *Pod tvoj pokrov / We hasten to your patronage* (traditional)

# The Indiction, or Beginning of the Church Year

SEPTEMBER 1



1. In wis - dom you have fash - ioned all things,  
2. O Lord, the Mak - er of the cos - mos,  
3. In faith your peo - ple bow be - fore you,



O Fa - ther's Word be - fore there was time;  
Sea - sons and times are in your hand;  
For with com - pas - sion you are re - plete!



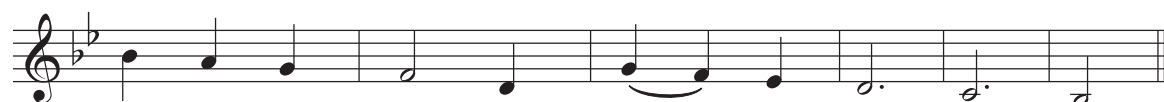
Cre - a - tion's or - der you have es - tab - lished,  
Pre - serve our coun - try in Your good - ness,  
Crown this new year with good - ness and mer - cy!



Source of all things, and God sub - lime:  
Keep us in peace by Your strong hand.  
We come be - fore your mer - cy - seat.



O Christ, now bless the year's be - gin - ning,



For you are good, the Lov - er of us all.

Text : J. Michael Thompson

Melody: *Kol' slaven naš / So great is God* (Dmitri Bortniansky, 1751-1825)

# The holy apostle James Alpheus

OCTOBER 8



1. O Lord, to you we raise a hymn of thanks and high - est praise  
2. A - pos - tle James, com - mis - sioned to call ev - 'ry land to Christ,  
3. O Fa - ther, source of ev - 'ry good, O ris - en, glo - rious Son,



That your a - pos - tles, leav - ing all, were faith - ful all their days,  
You taught of him, God's well - be - loved, who paid our sin - ning's price.  
O Spir - it, Giv - er of new life, O bless - ed Three - in - One:



Pro - claim - ing Gos - pel truth and love to far - thest ends of earth,  
You caught the na - tions in your net of Gos - pel truth and light,  
With James and with th'a - pos - tles' choir, we bless your ho - ly name;



All preach - ing you, Lord Christ, and lead - ing all to your new birth.  
Il - lu - mi - na - ting those who lived in sin's con - straint and night.  
Grant us your grace, that in our lives we serve you just the same.

Text: J. Michael Thompson

Melody: *Kingsfold*

## The holy apostle Thomas

OCTOBER 6



1. O Lord, to you we raise a hymn of thanks and high - est praise  
2. A - pos - tle Tho - mas touched your side and knew the height of Good;  
3. O Fa - ther, source of ev - 'ry good, O ris - en, glo - rious Son,



That your a - pos - tles, leav - ing all, were faith - ful all their days,  
Through lack of faith, he streng - thened all, con - fes - sing you as Lord.  
O Spir - it, Giv - er of new life, O bless - ed Three - in - One:



Pro - claim - ing Gos - pel truth and love to far - thest ends of earth,  
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried; both na - tures he pro - fessed;  
With Tho - mas and th'a - pos - tles' choir, we bless your ho - ly name;



All preach - ing you, Lord Christ, and lead - ing all to your new birth.  
To far - off coasts of In - di - a he preached the mes - sage blest.  
Grant us your grace, that in our lives we serve you just the same.

Text: J. Michael Thompson

Melody: *Kingsfold*

## Nativity of the Theotokos

SEPTEMBER 8



1. With the choirs of saints and an - gels, let the church be joined as one,  
2. On this sol - emn, joy - ful feast day let us sing a song of praise,  
3. Glo - ry now to God the Fa - ther, who has made us for his own;



Bind - ing earth to high - est hea - ven, prais - ing Je - sus, Ma - ry's Son,  
Thank - ing God for Ma - ry's wit - ness faith - ful kept through all her days.  
Glo - ry now to Christ our Sa - vior, who has raised us to his throne;



Son of God - the Fa - ther's glo - ry who took flesh that we might be  
From her birth to bles - sed An - na, Ma - ry lis - tened to God's Word,  
Glo - ry now to God the Spi - rit, who re - news us in His grace:



Re - con - ciled, re - born, for - giv - en, from the pow'r of sin set free.  
And (when sum - moned by the an - gel) lived in faith what she had heard.  
Laud and hon - or, ne - ver cea - sing, be to God from all our race!

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on the stichera and readings of the feast

Melody: *Mother of God* (JMT)

## Sunday before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



1. God loved the world so much, he gave his own Son,
2. As Mo - ses raised the ser - pent up, shown on high,
3. The Christ was not sent to the world to con - demn,



That e - ter - nal life might be his gift to ev - 'ry - one.  
So the Son is lift - ed high that we may nev - er die.  
But that all, be - liev - ing him, might find their life in him.

### *Refrain*



Boast of noth - ing less than the Cross of Christ our Lord!



In it, we are blessed; life is our re - ward!

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on John 3: 13-17

Melody: *O Marije Mati Boža / O Mary, Mother of our God* (traditional)

## Protection of the Theotokos

OCTOBER 1



1. Sure de - fense of all who sor - row, O pure Mo - ther of our God,
2. Strong pro - tec - tress of God's peo - ple, Depth of mer - cy, Font of grace,
3. Awe - some beau - ty, true ful - fill - ment of the things the pro - phets told,



Read - y help to those in trou - ble, be for us both staff and prod.  
Through your womb has been born for us Christ, the Sa - vior of our race.  
Joy of mar - tyrs, pride of vir - gins, o'er us now your man - tle hold!



Ma - ry, full of grace, be joy - ful! for with you is God, our Lord,



And through you grants his great mer - cy to the world with grace out - poured.

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on the Vespers stichera for October 1

Melody: *Mother of God* (JMT)

## Our venerable father Chariton the Confessor

SEPTEMBER 26



1. By tem - per - ance and con - stant pray'r you wore the pas - sions down,
2. By toil - ing in as - ce - tic works, you put out pas - sion's fire;
3. You fled to moun-tain wil - der - ness that, joined to God a - lone,
4. God - bear - ing fa - her Cha - ri - ton, u - pon your death, you saw



And with your tears of pe - nit - ence you made the Ser - pent drown.  
When judged by those who scorned your way, you showed that your de - sire  
You might be - come his dwel - ling - place, your heart, his ho - ly throne.  
Christ Je - sus at the gate of heav'n, who gave us his new law.



As you were made ac - cep - ta - ble to God, who made you whole,  
Was to con - fess the love of Christ in - car - nate for our sake;  
Three sketes of monks grew in that place, which wit - nessed to God's love  
For his sake you had cru - ci - fied your - self to for - mer things;



So you were decked with gifts by Christ, the Sa - vior of your soul.  
Thus you be - came a wit - ness bold that you might Christ's marks take.  
And brought the bles - sings of the Lord to earth from heav'n a - bove.  
Now with you, earth and hea - ven join your prai - ses loud to sing.

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on the Vespers texts for September 28

Melody: *Ellacombe*

## Exaltation of the Holy Cross

SEPTEMBER 14



1. Life - giv - ing Cross, the pow - er of mar - tyr's,
2. In all the Scrip - tures, you were pre - fig - ured:
3. An - gels sur - round you as you are lift - ed;
4. Come, all you peo - ples, bow down in wor - ship



Glo - ry of priests, and wea - pon of peace!  
Mo - ses out - stretched his arms in the fight;  
You lift the poor and sin - bound from earth.  
Here where our sen - tence has been crossed out!



We bow be - fore you, and praise your vic - t'ry!  
Ja - cob in bless - ing crossed hands o'er off - spring;  
Con - quer - ing death, you raised our first pa - rent  
E - vil de - feat - ed! Joy reigns for - e - ver!



Our thank - ful sing - ing ne - ver shall cease!  
Show - ing to us your pow - er and might!  
From Ha - des' chains to glo - rious re - birth!  
Let all Christ's Church in tri - umph now shout!

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on the stichera and readings of the feast

Melody: *Krestu Tvojemu* / *At the most holy cross* (from *Grekokatolicki Duchovni Pisni*, 1969)

## Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



1. Christ called the crowd to him and said, "If you would fol - low me,  
2. What prof - it, then, to gain the world and then to lose one's soul?  
3. For I am dead to my old self; with Christ I'm cru - ci - fied;



De - ny your - self, take up your cross, and my dis - ci - ple be!  
What can be giv - en in ex - change that still would keep us whole?  
The life I live is not my own - yes, to my "self" I've died!



For those who seek to save their life will lose it at the end;  
If we be - have a - shamed of Christ, with wit-ness far from grand,  
Christ lives in us; a life of faith—from sin and death set free,



But life lost for the Gos-pel's sake will live on as my friend."  
Christ will dis - own us each when we're be - fore the judg-ment - stand.  
That I may know that lov - ing Lord, who gave him-self for me.

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on Mark 8: 34 - 9:1 (vv. 1-2) and Galatians 2: 16-20 (v. 3)  
Melody: *Pod tvoј pokrov / We hasten to your patronage* (traditional)

## The passing of the holy apostle and evangelist John

SEPTEMBER 26



1. O come you now; with prai - ses crown Saint John, loved by the Lord,  
2. Saint John, the lyre of hea - ven, sang of Christ, our God and Lord,  
3. Of Ma - ry, faith - ful guar - di - an, good pas - tor to his flock,  
4. In days of au - tumn beau - ty, let our hymns of glo - ry rise;



Whose Go - spel thun - ders loud - ly: "In Be - gin - ning was the Word!"  
Who came to give a - bun - dant life; great praise let us af - ford!  
Saint John in - spires us each to cling to Christ, the migh - ty Rock.  
With John and hea - ven's ar - mies, we on earth now fill the skies:



From lean - ing on the Ma - ster's breast came wis - dom so pro - found;  
His let - ters preach our du - ty, God and neigh - bor both to love;  
O Lov - ing God, both One - and - Three, pro - claimed in words of flame,  
To God and Fa - ther, glo - ry be! To Je - sus, Lord and King;



His wri - tings of the God - Man spread this truth the world a - round.  
With - in this tea - ching, let us aim from earth to heav'n a - bove.  
Let us be faith - ful as he taught, in praise of your great Name!  
To Spi - rit, who in - spires us all: God's glo - ry let us sing!

Text: J. Michael Thompson  
Melody: *Kingsfold*