We bow before your sacred image, O gracious Lord, and beg forgiveness for our offenses, O Christ our God; for you, of your own good will, ascended the cross in your human nature to deliver from the enemy's bondage those whom you created. Therefore, we gratefully cry out to you: By your coming to save the world, O Savior, you have filled all with joy.

Cantor: (Tone 2) Glory… now and ever…

Festal theotokion in the same tone (Tone 2, p. 100).

The service continues as usual for Sunday. After Psalm 50, the penitential stichera are sung (p. 317).
When ancient Israel crossed the depths of the Red Sea as if on dry land, the pow'r of Amalek was put to flight in the desert because of the hands of Moses which were extended in the form of a cross.

Let us exult with joy, O faithful, and let us sing on this day: How wonderful are your works, O Christ, and how great is your power, O Lord; for you have established harmony among us. Refrain

Come, let us celebrate this day with joy and divine fervor. Heaven and earth rejoice; the choirs of angels and the multitudes on earth sing with festive melodies. Refrain

Come, O faithful, let us clap our hands at this great sight! The divided members of Christ have found their unity. Let us praise the Lord who grants us peace. Refrain

Today the Church is given the reward of its victory by the order and divinely inspired decision of the gracious emperors, Michael and Theodora.

Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spir - it; now and ev - er
and forever. Amen.

The sword of heresy has vanished, and we feel a holy joy, when, in faith, O most pure Virgin, we see your temple completely adorned with the holy icons.

Katavasia Repeat Irmos from above.

Ode 3
Irmos

Your Church, O Christ, rejoices in you and cries out:

O Lord, you are my strength, my support, and my refuge.

Refrain

Glory to you, our God, glory to you.

The impious heretics no longer raise their heads on high, for the power of God has exalted the true faith. Refrain

Today, as in days of old, let the clouds pour forth on us the life-giving dew for the renewal of the faith! Refrain

Let the mystical trumpet of the apostles of Christ joyfully ring out for the restoration of the holy icons! Refrain

Let us praise Christ, who has given us a devout and holy Empress, together with her son who is crowned by God.
Glorify to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and for ever.
and for ever. Amen.

We, the faithful, praise you in your temple, O most pure Virgin; make your light shine upon us.

**Katavasia** Repeat Irmos from above.

**Sessional Hymn - Tone 1 podoben: Lik anhelskij**

Depicting your divine image on the icons, O Christ, we praise your luminous Nativity and your striking miracles, together with your voluntary crucifixion;
the demons are driven back and terrified while the impious wail with tears.

Cantor: Glory...
saints, adorn the heavenly Jerusalem which shines with the spiritual beauty of the Bridegroom and the spotless Virgin.

Cantor: Now and ever...

O Virgin, be the rampart and strong protection of those who venerate your holy icon with love. They proclaim you as truly the Theotokos, and in faith bow down before you.

Ode 4

Irmos Tone 4

Seeing you hanging upon the cross, O Sun of Justice, the Church cried out to you: Glory to your power, O Lord!

Refrain

Glory to you, our God, glory to you.
By the visitation of the Paraclete, sanctify the Temple which is consecrated to you; and by the coming of the Spirit, dispel error and heresy, O most merciful Word of God. Refrain

You have saved the people who belong to you from the violence of the ungodly; grant that they may now sing to you in the zeal of their devotion: Glory to your power, O Lord. Refrain

In the holy portrayal of the icons of Christ and the Theotokos, we see the heavenly dwelling-places brilliantly represented; and we exult with a holy joy. Refrain

The crowned Empress, who loved and cherished the true kingdom of Christ, once again portrayed the icons of Christ and of the saints.

Having given birth in the flesh to the Word of God, O full of grace, you have appeared as the sanctuary worthy of him. We also make your temple resplendent with a new brightness.

Katavasia: Repeat Irmos from above.

Ode 5
Irmos

O Lord, our life, you have come as the light into this world, the light that draws out of the darkness of ignorance all those who sing to you in faith.
Glo-ry to you, our God, glo-ry to you.

O Lord, strengthen your Church so that, in the face of the tempest of heresies, it may remain unshakable forever. *Refrain*

The joy and the divine protection that the faithful receive from on high have made the whole earth resplendent. *Refrain*

O only Lord of goodness and source of every good, O Christ, raise the head of Christians of the true faith who venerate your holy image. *Refrain*

The unsetting light of our faith is risen over us by divine inspiration and by the ordinance of the faithful emperors.

Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spir-it; now and ev-er


Renew the former majesty for us, O most pure Theotokos, and by your grace sanctify your dwelling place.

*Katavasia*   *Repeat Irmos from above.*

*Ode 6*  
*Irmos*  

Your Church cries out to you in full voice, O Lord: I of-fer

you my sacri-fice of praise. In your com-pas-sion you have pu-ri-fied it
from the blood of demons by the blood that flows from your side.

The image of the Lord is depicted, honored, and faithfully adorned; the Church once again takes courage and piously glorifies the Savior. \textit{Refrain}

Sadness and the darkness of heresy now cease for the Church of Christ; she is clothed in the garment of joy and is surrounded by divine grace and brightness. \textit{Refrain}

The people of the true faith have again found the glory of their former brightness, thanks to the Empress Theodora and the pious ruler Michael.

He who formerly ordered the Ark of the Covenant to be set up, now makes his dwelling in you as a spiritual ark; the only Lord, who is filled with glory, now glorifies your holy temple, O Virgin.

\textbf{Katavasia:} Repeat Irmos from above.

\textbf{Kontakion - Tone 8}

\textit{O The-o-to-kos, the indescribable Word of the Fa-ther be-came describable}
when he took flesh from you. our soiled image was restored to its original form,  

commingled with divine beauty. This is the very salvation we profess,  

depicting it in word and deed.  

Ikos: The mystery of our salvation was announced in times of old by the divinely inspired prophets. They foretold this illumination for us who have come to these last days. Through this we come to the knowledge of God, one God and Lord, glorified in three Persons, the only one whom we serve. Having one faith and one baptism, we have been clothed with Christ. May we, who believe in salvation, clothe ourselves in the same image both in word and deed.  

Ode 7  
Irmos  

In the furnace of the Persians, the children of Abraham were set on fire more by their devotion than by the heat of the flames, and they cried out:  

Blessed are you, O Lord, in the temple of your glory.  

Refrain  

Glory to you, our God, glory to you.
The armies of angels in heaven rejoice festively together with the Church, as they sing with devotion: Blessed are you, O Lord, in the temple of your glory!  

Refrain

The Church of the firstborn now rejoices as they see the people of God singing with one heart: Blessed are you, O Lord, in the temple of your glory!  

Refrain

Delivered from the darkness of heresy by the decision of the Empress Theodora, we cry out: Blessed are you, O Lord, in the temple of your glory!

Katavasia  Repeat Irmos from above.

Ode 8
Irmos

Stretching out his hands, Daniel shut the mouths of lions in the den;

filled with the zeal of their faith and girded with virtue.

the Youths extinguished the power of the fire while they cried out: Bless the Lord,

all you works of the Lord!
Glo-ry to you, our God, glo-ry to you.

Following the tradition of our holy Fathers, we paint the images of Christ and all the saints, and with our lips, our heart and spirit, we venerate these icons as we cry out: Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord. Refrain

The honor and veneration of the icon truly pass over to the prototype, following the teaching of the holy theologians; and in faith we sing to Christ: Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord. Refrain

Enlightened by the Holy Spirit, the pious Empress truly cherished the splendor and beauty of the Church of Christ; and with the faithful, she blessed Jesus, who is God in human form.

Let us bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spir-it, Lord. Now and ev-er


Illumined by the rays of spiritual brightness, O Theotokos, your holy temple overshadows us with the cloud of the Spirit and sanctifies the faithful who sing with one voice: Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord.

Let us praise, bless, and worship the Lord, sing-ing and highly exalting him a-bove all

for-ev-er.

Katavasia  Repeat Irmos from above.
The Canticle of the Theotokos is sung (p. 34).

Ode 9
Irmos

Christ the corner-stone not hewn by human hands, was hewn of you,

O Virgin and untouched mountain; It is He who rejoins our separated natures. Therefore, filled with joy, we extol you, O Theotokos.

Refrain

Glo - ry to you, our God, glo - ry to you.

Contemplating the Church once again adorned with the holy icons, in faith we hasten to sing out joyfully: We extol you, O thrice-holy Lord. Refrain

Possessing your precious Cross and the venerable icons of the saints as a high honor, the Church extols you with a joyful heart, O Lord. Refrain

Let our Church shine with your divine glory, O merciful Lord; surround it with angelic protection as with a rampart, and put an end to the arrogance of the pagans.

Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spir - it; now and ev - er

The condemnation of the first mother is wiped out, O holy Mother of God, for you have given birth in an ineffable manner to the Master of the universe, whose image we now venerate in his icon.

**Katavasia** *Repeat Irmos from above.*

**Hymns of Light**

"*Holy is the Lord our God*” is sung in the Tone of the Week, and the Sunday Resurrection Gospel is read. Then continue with the Hymns of Light from the Triodion:

Let us exult in joy and clap our hands, and in joy, let us sing: How wonderful are your works, O Christ! Who can tell of your power, O Lord? For you gather your Church in peace and harmony.

Glory…now and ever…

The sword of heresy has disappeared and its memory has forever vanished; and when we see your temple, O Theotokos, adorned with the grace of the venerated icons, we are filled with joy and delight.

**Psalms of Praise (148, 149, 150)**

*The Psalms of Praise are sung in the Tone of the Week, with the first five stichera of the Resurrection.*

Then we continue with the following stichera from the Triodion:
The Church now re-joic-es in you, O Lord and Lov-er of us all, its Spouse and Cre-a-tor; for you have saved it from the deceit of idols by your di-vine will and u-nit-ed it to you by your pre-cious blood. Your Church ac-cepts the restoration of the ho-ly i-cons and prais-es and glo-ri-fies your name.

I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart; I will recount all your wonders.

Ex-po-sing your bodily image for ven-e-ra-tion, O Lord, we proclaim the great mystery of your work of sal-va-tion. O Christ and Lov-er of us all, you have been shown to our eyes, not mere-ly as an appearance as the Manichaeans false-ly be-lieve, but in the real-i-ty of the flesh, whose na-ture brings us
Cantor: I shall rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

To-day is a day of joy and gladness, for the truth shines brightly.

The Church of Christ is resplendent with the brilliance of the holy icons that have been restored, and peace reigns among the faithful.

Cantor: (Tone 6) Arise, then, Lord, lift up your hand! O God, do not forget the poor!

Mo-ses re-ceived the Law while fast-ing; E-lijah, by fasting, closed the heav - ens;

and the three ho - ly chil - dren of A - bra - ham were vic - to - rious over the evil tyrant through their ab-stin-ence. By fasting, grant that we may partake in your Re - sur - rec - tion, as we sing aloud, O God and Sav - ior:
Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have mercy on us.

Cantor: Glory...

Repeat the previous sticheron: “Moses receive the Law while fasting...”

Cantor: (Tone 2) Now and ever...

The service continues with the Sunday theokion in Tone 2, “You are truly most blessed...” (p. 40).