The Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the week is sung twice. Then:

**Troparion of our Holy Father Gregory, Bishop of Thessalonika - Tone 8**

Cantor: (Tone 8) Glory... now and ever...

*Festal theotokion in the same tone (Tone 8, p. 281).*
In days of old, Pharaoh, who was at the head of his chariots, was drowned because of the staff of Moses; in a wondrous way, he struck the sea in the form of a cross and it divided. But he saved Israel who was able to flee as on dry ground, singing a hymn to the Lord.

Glory to you, our God, glory to you.

With heartfelt tears, let us make our own the words of the prodigal, We fall before you, O Father of all and God, saying: we have sinned, for we fled far from you and became enslaved to lust, but now accept our repentance. Refrain

I cared little for the royal birthright that you bestowed by becoming human for my sake. I have cruelly condemned myself to feed pigs, tasting sin, but, in your mercy, take pity on me, O Savior. Refrain

O Master and Lord, I fall on my knees like the prodigal of old. Run to receive me, hold me in your arms, form in me the image of your salvation in place of slavery, and make me your child again, O Lover of us all.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever-

and for ever. Amen.

O Virgin full of grace, through you human nature was made worthy of the appearance of God, for you were the one mediatrix between God and humankind. Therefore, we all glorify you worthily as the Theotokos.

Katavasia - Tone 4 samopodoben

I will open my mouth; it will be filled by the Holy Spirit, and I will offer my praise to the Queen Mother. I will celebrate in joy;

in my rejoicing I will sing of these wonders.

Ode 3

Irmos

In the beginning, you made the skies firm in your wisdom,

and you founded the earth upon the waters. O Christ, make me
firm up-on the rock of your command- ments, for none is ho- ly but you,
O on-ly Lov-er of us all.

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

I am seized with fear because of my deeds, for I have run far from you and have squandered your riches, spending them in reckless haste, yet I cry out to you in penance: I have sinned, my Father and my God, save me. Refrain

I fear heaven, because I have sinned on earth: this will be the judgment that rejects me, when all creatures stand up to be judged with your righteous judgment, O Word. Refrain

When I played the prodigal, fleeing far from you, I fed myself on dark and shameful thoughts; but now I cry to you: I have sinned, I have sinned; in your loving mercy save me as I hasten to you.

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


O Virgin, the disordered nature of Adam has been made Godlike, for from your womb God appeared in the flesh. We have been liberated from the ancient judgment when we were deceived by a false hope of deification.
O Theotokos, life-giving source of blessings, grant strength to those united in faith who sing hymns of praise to you.

In your glory, grant them the crowns of victory.

You are my strength, O Lord; you are my power; you are my God, and you, O Lord, are my joy! Without leaving the Father's bosom, you have visited our poverty. Therefore, with the prophet Habbakuk, I cry out to you: Glory to your power, O only Lover of us all.

Glory to you, our God, glory to you.
I threw away the riches of the Father's commandments you gave me, spending them on sensual delights and proving myself poor in divine gifts. Therefore, I cry to you in confession: Do not despise me, Master and Lord. *Refrain*

As God who loves us all, you accepted my poverty. Though I had wandered far from you, you made my nature your own, and you set me apart for happiness, O Word, making your divine body my restoration and my joy. *Refrain*

Like the prodigal, let us cry out from afar with constant tears: O Father, we have sinned against you; welcome us who hasten to your mercy. May we thus be saved from the eternal torments God has prepared for the evil spirits.

Katavasia

The Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, was born of the unwed Virgin outside the laws of nature. He remains God, but remains also what he has received from us. He is one Son in two natures, keeping what is natural to each.
Ode 5
Irmos

Why have you driven me far from your face, O inaccessible Light?

The outer darkness has enveloped me, wretched creature that I am.

Make me return, I pray you, and direct my paths toward the light of your law.

Refrain

Glory to you, our God, glory to you.

Having squandered God's riches and gifts, I have come into a country ravaged by famine; yet, O Father, because you are good, in your loving kindness, fill me with the former glory and delight. Refrain

Having spent our life in self-indulgence, we must now make the same resolve as the prodigal. We will run to the merciful Father. with sure faith and contrite hearts, so that we may receive forgiveness of our sins. Refrain

O my soul, do not linger in a far country, but run quickly to our God and Father, confessing: Grant me forgiveness, for I have wasted my life in doing evil.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever
and for ev er. A men.

O most pure Virgin, you are a bright cloud, for you bore within yourself the Sun of righteousness. He drives out the dark ignorance of idolatry, and enlightens us with his true understanding.

Katavasia

All na tions mar velled at your di vine glo ry, for you,

O Virgin who have not known wed lock, car ried with in your womb the

God of all, the eternal Son to whom you gave birth; he grants sal va tion

to all who sing your prais es.

Ode 6

Irmos

Grant your for give ness, O Sav ior, de spite the num ber of my sins;

draw me out of the a byss of e vil, I pray you; for it is to you

that I cry: Hear me, O God of my sal va tion.
I was your younger child, I spent your inheritance in evil. I left you for an evil life and squandered my gifts, O Lover of us all. I come back to you, my father and my God, and beg your forgiveness. *Refrain*

I have wandered into a harsh land and am condemned to feed pigs, for I have wasted the riches which you had so kindly just given me, and I am stripped of everything; yet be merciful to me, for you are God. *Refrain*

I have no confidence before you, O Lover of us all. Look down and see, I have sinned before heaven and before the hights above. I am unworthy to be called your child; but be merciful to me freely, for your mercy is without end.

The manner in which you gave birth, O Virgin, is indescribable in words or images, for you remained a pure virgin when God was born in a way beyond understanding. Therefore, we all worthily glorify you as the true Theotokos.

*Katavasia*

Come, all you faithful, and clap your hands, as we celebrate this holy and solemn feast of the Theotokos. Glorify him who was born of her.
Kontakion - Tone 4

Now the season for virtues has arrived and the Judge is at the door.

Without looking gloomy, let us fast, offering tears, vigils, and alms, and let us exclaim: Our sins exceed the grains of sand by the sea.

But forgive us all, O Creator of All, that we may receive the incorruptible crown.

Ikos

I have loved the fleeting pleasures of the earth and have thrown away eternal blessings, O Christ Jesus. You alone love us all, and you do not cut off sinners without hope, pouring out mercy upon those who repent. O Jesus, do not turn from me now as I repent, but see in me the thief who was saved by his confession, the tax-collector who was cleansed by mercy, and the prodigal who resolved to weep, for in all these you have instilled a pattern of repentance. When you see me from afar repenting and running to you as Father, come out with warm and tender mercy. If you wish, you can forgive the sins by which I have polluted myself after baptism and my promise to lead a blameless life: but forgive us, O Creator of all, that we may receive the incorruptible crown.
Ode 7
Irmos

The con-de-scen-sion of God brought fear to the fire of Bab-y- lon in days of old; thus the Youths danced with joy in the fur-nace as in a flow-er-y mead-ow, and they sang:

Bless-ed are you, O God of our fa-thers.

I no longer have the courage to call myself your child, Father and Lover of us all. I beg you to let me be one of your hired hands. Do not scorn me as I cry out: Blessed are you, O God of our fathers. Refrain

Defiled by our former way of life in which we destroyed our original nobility, let us hasten to our only God and Father with fervent repentance, that we may find salvation. Refrain

The citizen that I am condemned to serve is a harsh master, and the famine that I suffer, while feeding pigs, is unbearable; but I will return begging: O Savior, have mercy on me.

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

You have given life to our nature that was dead, for you alone gave birth to Life, Virgin Theotokos. Therefore, we recognize in you the salvation of the faithful, as you gave birth in human flesh to the God of our fathers.

Katavasia

The three youths courageously walked about in the flaming furnace, preferring to worship the Creator rather than created things, and they sang out in joy: Blessed are you and praised above all, O God of our fathers.

Ode 8
Irmos

In his fury, the tyrant of the Chaldeans had the furnace heated seven times hotter than usual for the faithful servants of the Lord;
but when he saw them saved by a more powerful force,

he cried out: O Youths, bless the Lord; praise him, you priests;

and all you people, exalt him for all ages.

Refrain

Glor-y to you, our God, glor-ry to you.

O Master, we, your faithful, know the depths of your infinite and great mercy. Therefore, we fervently prostrate vefore you with the prodigal. Receive us sinners as we hasten to you, for there is no sin at all that can conquer your love for all of us. Refrain

O Master, in your mercy you humbled yourself before your fallen son when he approached you. O Lover of us all, you kissed him and gave him salvation, for you love people and show mercy and not anger to those who fall. Refrain

A very terrible judgment will be passed on me, O Master, for though I see that you are a merciful and gracious Lover of us all, I do not hasten to you repeating the words of the prodigal, but instead spend my life in laziness. However, be merciful to me, compassionate Lord, and save me from this judgment through repentance.

Let us bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Lord.
We do not glorify three gods, but only one Divinity. In truth, we honor three Persons: the Father unbegotten, the Son begotten from the Father, and the Holy Spirit proceeding from the Father, the Trinity of one God, and in faith, we glorify each with the name of God.

Now and ever and forever. Amen.

O all-pure Theotokos, by your prayers save me from the onslaught of temptations and the tempest of sorrows that threaten to drown me. O refuge of salvation, by your prayers, deliver me from all these evils and grant that I may worthily glorify you forever as my faithful guardian.

Let us praise, bless, and worship the Lord, singing and highly exalting him above all for ever.

The three youths in the furnace were saved by the Offspring of the Theotokos. He who was foretold has been born on earth, and he joins together all creation to sing: All you works of the Lord, bless the Lord and praise him above all forever.

Katavasia

Tone 4
Heaven was seized with wonder and the ends of the earth struck with astonishment when God revealed himself to us clothed in our flesh. And your womb has become more spacious than the heavens; O Theotokos, the assembly of angels and people exalt you.

Refrain

Glory to you, our God, glory to you.

My soul puts its trust in you, O God: fill me with joy and gladness, kill the fattened calf. I have gone astray, welcome me back; I was dead, raise me up to life, and clothe me in the divine garment of salvation and purity. Refrain

O souls far from God and deprived of his gifts, come with fervor and imitate the conversion of the prodigal, crying out: Good Father, who are in heaven, we have all sinned against you; purify and save us as we hasten to your mercy. Refrain
O Lord, O Lord, your mercy is abundant beyond measure, but I have spent these riches in many pleasures. Do not turn from me, as now I run to you and cry out with the words of the prodigal: I have sinned before you, save me as I flee to your mercy.

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

and for·ev·er. A·men.

You are a refuge of salvation for me, your servant. You are my guide and protectress, the opponent of all cruelty. As our blessed Lady, pray to God for my salvation, for in you I place all my hope, and in love and faith proclaim your greatness.

Katavasia

May ev·ry child of the earth ex·ult in spir·it and hold a·loft the burn·ing lamp; may the an·gels in heav·en praise with joy the ho·ly feast of the Theoto-kos and sing to her: Re·joice, O blessed and ev·er-Vir·gin, ho·ly The·o·to·kos.
The Hymns of Light

“In this season of abstinence, you have risen as light, O Christ, upon those who walk in the darkness of sin. Let us see the glorious day of your Passion, so that we may sing to you: Arise,

Glory...now and ever...

O Virgin and Queen of the universe, come to our aid in peril and affliction; help us in times of distress; rescue us from the Devil, from Hades and perdition; make us worthy to stand fearlessly before the awesome judgment seat of your Son, through your prayers, O Theotokos.

Psalms of Praise (148, 149, 150)

The Psalms of Praise are sung in the Tone of the Week, with eight stichera of the Resurrection, concluding with:

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...

Doxastikon - Tone 6 samohlasen

In this season of abstinence, you have risen as light, O Christ, upon those who walk in the darkness of sin. Let us see the glorious day of your Passion, so that we may sing to you: Arise,
O God, have mercy on us.

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

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