Commemoration of the Dedication of the Church of the Holy Resurrection

SEPTEMBER 13

1. The Law of old, in godly fashion,
2. King Solomon, before the altar,
3. A house of seven pillars is built here,
4. O Lord, you have shown forth the beauty

Told that the dedication feast
Spread out his hands toward heaven and prayed:
Wisdom has caused it here to stand.
Here where your glory deigns to dwell.

Be kept from year to year with gladness,
"O Lord our God, no house can suffice you;
"Come eat my bread, drink wine I have mingled!
Establish it for all the ages,

Both by the faithful and the priest.
Hear every prayer your people here have
Fear of the Lord begins wisdom's plan!
O Source of Grace, O mercy's Well.

So we, each year, renewed in spirit,
Bring praise to Christ, the price of our sin's release!

Text: JMT, is based on the propers (stichera, readings, troparion) from Vespers for this feast.
Tune: Kol slaven nas / How great is God (Dmitri Bortniansky, 1751-1825)