

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, Octoechos Tone 4

The Holy Unmercenaries and Wonderworkers Cosmas and Damian

GREAT VESPERS

Kathisma Reading

"Blessed is the man..." is sung.

At Psalm 140

In Tone 4

10.

We never cease to adore Your life-giving Cross, O Christ our God,
And we glorify Your resurrection on the third day.
For You, Almighty One, have thereby restored the corrupted nature of all
and reopened the way to heaven,
since You alone are gracious and You love mankind.

9.

O Saviour, You have absolved the penalty of disobedience,
committed through the tree of Eden,
by willingly being nailed to the tree of the Cross.
As Almighty God, You descended into Hades
and broke asunder the bonds of death.
We, therefore, venerate Your resurrection from the dead,
and joyfully cry out to You:
Almighty Lord, glory to You!

8.

O Lord, You have battered down the gates of Hades,
and by Your death You have dissolved the realm of death.
You have freed mankind from corruption,
bestowing life, incorruption, and Your great mercy upon the world.

7.

Come, all you people,
let us sing the praises of our Saviour's resurrection on the third day.
For we have, thereby, been delivered from the invincible bonds of Hades,
and we have received incorruption, together with eternal life.
Therefore, we cry out to You
after Your crucifixion, burial, and resurrection:
Save us by Your resurrection, for You love mankind.

6.

O Saviour, with the angels we sing the praises of Your resurrection on the third day.
For the very ends of the universe have, thereby, been enlightened,
and we have been saved from the deceit of the enemy.
Therefore, we cry out to You,

Almighty Saviour, Giver of Life, and Lover of Mankind:
Save us by Your resurrection.

5.

O Christ our God, You have demolished the brazen gates of Hades.
You have broken asunder the bonds of death,
and lifted up the fallen human race.
Therefore, we cry out with one accord:
O Lord, Who arose from the dead, glory to You!

4.

O Lord, Your birth from the Father is timeless and eternal;
Your incarnation from the Virgin is beyond the understanding of all,
and beyond the expression of our words.
Your descent into Hades and victory over Death
caused Satan and his angels to tremble with fear.
Your resurrection on the third day
brought to mankind incorruption and great mercy.

In Tone 4

3.

You were seen as spiritual rivers filled and overflowing,
watering creation with the knowledge of God,
and with gifts of healing you dried up soul-destroying passions,
healing sickness and driving away the demons.
God-bearing unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian,
ever pray for our souls.

2.

Since you overcame unreasoning passions with strength of soul,
grant bounties to all creatures, holy ones!
You were enriched by Christ with the grace of healing,
therefore as we celebrate your sacred and radiant memorial,
we pray to you for the purification of our souls.

1.

Your holy tabernacles were light-bearing, saving heavens,
and now your relics shine as the sun,
radiant with the working of healing miracles, countless as the stars!
Blessed Cosmas and most glorious Damian,
ministers of the Lord, and intercessors for our souls!

In Tone 8, Glory...

Who would not wonder and magnify,
who would not sing hymns in faith
at the miracles of the wise and glorious unmercenaries, Cosmas and Damian?
After their holy death they still grant abundant healing

for all who turn to them and their holy relics!
Holy twins! Honoured heads!
What grace and wisdom was given you!
Therefore in songs we cry out to the Benefactor,
the God Who granted them to us for the healing of our souls and bodies!

In Tone 4, Now...

O Mother of God, because of You David the Prophet
became an ancestor of God;
he foretold and sang a joyous hymn of praise
and cried out to Him who worked wonders in you:
"The Queen stood at your right hand."
God revealed you as a life-giving mother,
when He chose to be incarnate of you without a father.
He renewed in man His image which the passions had corrupted.
He found the lost sheep in the mountains, carried it on His shoulders,
offered it to the Father, generously numbered it among the powers of heaven,
and saved the whole world, since He is Christ of great and rich mercy.

Aposticha

In Tone 4

In being lifted upon the Cross, O Lord,
You abolished the curse which we had inherited from our ancestors.
By going down into Hades,
You freed from eternal captivity those imprisoned there,
and granted incorruption to the human race.
We, therefore, praise Your life-giving and redeeming resurrection.

The Lord reigns, He is clothed in majesty. Robed is the Lord, and girt about with strength.

By hanging on the Cross, O Almighty One,
You shook the whole creation to its foundations.
When You Yourself were laid in the grave,
You raised to life those who had been lying in the graves,
and You granted life and incorruption to mankind.
We, therefore, praise and glorify Your resurrection on the third day.

For He has made the world firm, which shall not be moved.

O Christ, the lawless people showed their ingratitude to You, their Benefactor,
by delivering You to Pilate who condemned you to be crucified.
But You willingly suffered death and burial;
and, as God, You rose by Your own power on the third day,
granting us everlasting life and great mercy.

Holiness befits Your house, O Lord, for length of days.

The women, shedding bitter tears, came to see You in Your tomb;
and not finding Your body, they lamented, saying:
O Saviour and King of All, how were You stolen?
What place holds Your life-bearing body?
An angel answered them, saying:
Do not weep, but go and proclaim that the Lord is risen,
filling our hearts with joy;
for He alone is most compassionate.

In Tone 6, Glory...

Possessing Christ the Saviour, the source of healing,
you grant health to all who ask.
Holy unmercenary, Cosmas and Damian,
you were made worthy of the greatest gifts!
For the Lord spoke to you, as those who followed the apostles:
Behold, I give you power over unclean spirits, to cast them out,
and to heal all kinds of illness and disease.
Therefore, since you lived according to His precepts,
you freely gave as you freely received,
healing the illness of our souls and bodies!

Now...

Christ the Lord, our Creator and Redeemer,
came forth from your womb, O most pure Virgin.
He clothed Himself in our human flesh
to set us free from the original curse of Adam.
Therefore, O Mary, we praise you, without ceasing,
as the true Virgin Mother of God,
and we sing with the angels:
Rejoice, O Lady, advocate, protector, and salvation of our souls.

Troparia

In Tone 4

When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel* the glorious news of the resurrection*
and cast off the ancestral condemnation,* they proudly told the apostles:* "Death has been
plundered!* Christ our God is risen,** granting to the world great mercy."

In Tone 8, Glory...

Holy selfless physicians and wonderworkers, Cosmas and Damian, visit our infirmities.* Freely
you have received, freely give to us.

Now...

O gracious Lord, for the sake of mankind You were born of a virgin;* through Your death on the cross You conquered death;* and through Your resurrection You revealed yourself as God.* O merciful Lord, do not disdain those whom You have created with Your own hands,* but show forth Your love for mankind.* Accept the intercession which the Mother, who bore You, makes in our behalf.** O Saviour, save Your despairing people!