

## **October 1**

### **The Protection of the Most Holy Mother of God; Holy Apostle Annias, on the the Seventy Disciples; Venerable Father Roman who sang Sweetly (560)**

#### **GREAT VESPERS**

*The first kathisma is sung*

#### **AT PSALM 140**

*In Tone 1*

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6. The wondrous prophet Isaiah foretold:  
The mountain of the Lord will be revealed in the last days,  
and the house of the Lord will be upon the mountain.  
O Queen and Lady, we have seen this prophecy truly fulfilled in you,  
because the mountains and hills have been adorned  
by the many churches named after your feasts.  
Therefore, we joyfully sing out to you:  
Rejoice, O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you,  
and through you He grants great mercy to the world.

5. O awesome beauty,  
you are the true prophetic fulfillment for all the faithful.

You are the glory of the apostles and the joy of the martyrs,  
the pride of virgins and a wondrous protection for the whole world.  
O Lady, with the mantle of your mercy,  
protect our Church and all the people who sing out to you:  
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*In Tone 4*

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2. Heaven and earth are sanctified.  
The Church is radiant and all the people are rejoicing.  
Behold, the Mother of God,  
together with the angelic hosts, the Forerunner, and the Theologian,  
with the prophets and the apostles has invisibly entered.  
She prays to Christ in behalf of all Christians  
that He may have mercy on our city and all people  
who glorify the feast of her Protection.

1. O Theotokos, you are the beauty of Jacob;  
you are the heavenly ladder  
by which Christ came down to earth.  
Indeed, those images signify your honour and glory.  
The angels in heaven and all people on earth praise you,  
for you have given birth to the God of all.  
We honour you as you pray for the whole world  
and cover with your mantle  
all those who observe your holy feast.

*In Tone 8, Glory...*

All the leaders of the heavenly armies  
form a spiritual choir and rejoice with all of us

when they see the Lady and Queen of all praised by the faithful.  
The spirits of the just also rejoice  
as they witness the vision of the Queen praying with outstretched arms.  
She asks for peace in the world,  
power and strength for our Church,  
and salvation for our souls.

*Now...(Dogmatikon, Tone 8 from Saturday evening)*

Out of his love for mankind the King of heaven appeared on earth and dwelt with men, for He assumed a human body from the pure Virgin and was seen in the flesh He received from her. He is the One and only God having two natures but not two persons. Wherefore we profess and declare the truth that Christ our God is perfect God and perfect Man. O Mother, who knew not carnal union, intercede with Him that He may have mercy on our souls.

## **READINGS**

Genesis 28: 10-17  
Ezekiel 43: 27 - 44: 4  
Proverbs 9: 1 -11

## **LYTIA**

*In Tone 3*

The glorious feast of your Holy Protection has come, O most pure Virgin.  
Illuminate more brightly than the sun all your people  
who with faith and with a pure heart  
proclaim you to be truly the Mother of God.  
They likewise sing out to your Son:  
O Christ our God, through the prayers of the ever-Virgin,  
who immaculately gave You birth in the flesh,  
let not your inheritance be vanquished by the enemy;  
but because You are the merciful One,  
save our souls in peace.

*In Tone 4*

The people desire to sing to you, most pure Lady,  
but they cannot sing praises worthy of your Son.  
For you always intercede for all the faithful  
and embrace them with your holy protection.  
You pray that all will be saved,  
all who honour you with faith,  
O most pure Mother of God.

*In Tone 2*

Let us assemble today, O faithful,  
and praise the immaculate Queen of all,  
the most pure Virgin, the Mother of Christ our God;  
for she always mercifully extends her hands to her Son.  
In amazement, Andrew saw her in a cloud,  
protecting the faithful with her mantle.  
Let us fervently sing to her:  
Rejoice, O protection, defense, and salvation of our souls.

*Glory... Now...*

Having purified our minds and souls,  
we also rejoice with the angels,  
joyously singing the hymn of David  
to the virgin bride of Christ our God, the King of all:  
Arise, O Lord, in the place of your dwelling,  
You and the ark of your majesty.  
Because You have adorned her as a beautiful palace,  
receive her into your city  
that through her prayers, O Lord, and with your almighty power,  
she will order our lives and protect our Church from its enemies.

**APOSTICHA**

*In Tone 2*

Higher than all beings in heaven or on earth,  
more glorious than the Cherubim,  
and more honourable than all creation,  
Christ has given you as the powerful protection of the Christian people  
to protect and save all sinners who hasten to you.  
Therefore, O Lady, we sing hymns to you  
because you are the refuge of all people,  
and we gloriously celebrate the honourable feast of your Protection.  
We ask Christ to grant us great mercy through you.

*In Tone 5*

*Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words.*

O people, let us gloriously sing David's song to the young bride,  
to the mother of Christ our God and the King of all.  
O Master, the Queen stood at your right hand,  
clothed in golden robes and adorned with celestial beauty.  
You have affirmed her, chosen from among women,

and deigned to be born of her because of your great mercy.  
You have given her as a help to your people  
to build up and protect your servants  
from all misfortunes, O only-blessed One.

*In Tone 7*

*The richest of people shall seek your favour.*

O Theotokos, you are a mountain greater and more glorious than Mount Sinai.  
It could not bear God's glory coming down in images and tents.  
It caught fire and shook with thunder and lightning.  
You likewise had the Divine Fire in you.  
Through the will of Him who holds all in the palm of his hand,  
you bore the Word of God in your womb without being burned.  
Since you have a mother's confidence before Him, O Lady,  
help those who faithfully celebrate your precious feast.  
Do not forget in your mercy to visit us,  
for you have received a gift from God  
to build up and protect the Christian flock of your servants.

*In Tone 2, Glory...*

O all-pure Mother of God,  
the Church is clothed with your honourable protection  
as with a most glorious wreath.  
It radiantly rejoices today.  
It mystically dances with joy and sings to you, O Lady:  
Rejoice, honourable raiment and crown of God's glory.  
Rejoice, unique perfection of glory and eternal joy;  
rejoice, refuge of all who hasten to you;  
rejoice, our salvation and deliverance.

*Now...*

We now behold a new wonder,  
greater than the wonders of old.  
For who has ever known a mother to bear a child without the help of man?  
Who has known a mother to hold in her arms the Source of all Creation?  
It was God's own will to be born in this manner;  
and you, O most pure Virgin, carried Him as an infant in your arms.  
Because of this, you can approach God with the boldness of a mother.  
Therefore, we venerate you, and ask you to always beseech Him  
to have mercy on us and save our souls.

## TROPARIA

### *In Tone 4*

Today we believers radiantly celebrate,\* flooded in light by your coming to us, O Mother of God;\* beholding your pure image,\* we say with contrition:\* shelter us with your precious protection\* and deliver us from every evil,\* entreating Your Son, Christ our God, to save our souls. (2x)

### *In Tone 1*

Rejoice Virgin Mary, Mother of God, full of grace\* the Lord is with you!\* Blessed are you among women,\* And blessed is the Fruit of your womb.\* For you have given birth to Christ\* the Saviour and Deliverer of our souls.