

THE ELEVEN GOSPELS AND EXAPOSTILARIONS
AS APPOINTED FOR SATURDAY EVENINGS
AT MATINS

1st RESURRECTION GOSPEL AND EXAPOSTILARION

The 1st Gospel (Matthew 28:16-20)

At that time: the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw him* they worshipped him: but some doubted. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying. All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Exapostilarion of the 1st Gospel:

At the Mountain of Galilee let us join with the disciples * and with the eyes of faith see Christ telling them * that He hath been granted all authority both on earth and in heaven. * Come let us learn how He teacheth them * to baptize all the nations in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit, * and that, as He promised, * He is with His Saints even unto the end of the ages.

Theotokion:

With the disciples didst thou rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, * having seen thy Son and Christ resurrected from the grave on the third day as He hath foretold, * appearing and teaching them things divine, * commanding them to baptize in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, * in order that we might have faith in His resurrection from the dead * and glorify thee, O holy Maiden.

Eothinon, Glory ..., Tone I:

When the Disciples made haste and went up into a mountain * to witness the Lord's ascension from the earth, * He appeared unto them. * and seeing Him they worshipped Him, * receiving instruction concerning the omnipresent authority that had been granted unto Him, * whereupon they were sent throughout all the earth under heaven * to preach the resurrection from the dead and the restoration of the kingdom of heaven, * and He promised that He would ever be with them, * as Christ our God and the Savior of our souls.

2nd RESURRECTION GOSPEL AND EXAPOSTILARION

The 2nd Gospel (Mark 16:1-8)

At that time, the sabbath having past: Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun. And they said among themselves. Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre? And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great. And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted. And he saith unto them. Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him. But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you. And they went out quickly, and fled from the sepulchre; for they trembled and were amazed: neither said they any thing to any man; for they were afraid.

Exapostilarion of the 2nd Gospel :

The myrrh-bearing women rejoiced when they beheld the great stone rolled away from the tomb, * and a young man seated therein on the right side, addressing them and saying: * Lo, Christ is risen from the dead. * Go and tell His disciples and Peter, that He goeth before you into Galilee unto the mountain, * for there He shall appear unto you His friends, as He hath foretold you.

Theotokion:

Prior to thy conception an Angel conveyed unto the Virgin the salutation, "Rejoice", * and now, O Christ, an Angel hath rolled away the stone from Thy tomb. * The one, instead of sorrow, brought tokens of ineffable joy; * the other instead of death, heralded Thee the Giver of life * magnifying Thee and telling of the resurrection unto the women and unto Thy Apostles.

Eothinon, Glory ..., Tone II :

With their spices the women attending Mary * made haste unto the tomb, * wondering among themselves how they could accomplish their desire. * There they beheld the stone rolled away, * and a divine young man calmed the confusion within their soul, saying; * Jesus the Lord is risen. * go therefore unto His disciples and tell them to make haste unto Galilee; * there they will see Him resurrected from the dead * as the Lord and the Giver of life.

3rd RESURRECTION GOSPEL AND EXAPOSTILARION

The 3rd Gospel (Mark 16:9-20)

When Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils. And she went and told them that had been with him, as they mourned and wept. And they, when they had heard that he was alive, and had been seen of her, believed not. After that he appeared in another form unto two of them, as they walked, and went into the country. And they went and told it unto the residue: neither believed they them. Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen. And he said unto them. Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

Exapostilarion of the 3rd Gospel :

Let none doubt and believe not that Christ hath been resurrected from the dead, * for He appeared unto Mary, * and afterwards He was seen clearly by those walking into the country, * and unto the eleven Apostles He appeared again while they sat at meat, * and having sent them to baptize the nations, * He ascended into heaven from whence He came, * confirming with abundant miracles their preaching.

Theotokion :

O Sun that hath arisen today like a Groom from his chamber, * the all-holy sepulcher, * plundering Hades, and nullifying death: * hearken unto the supplications of her who hath given birth to Thee, * and send down upon us Thy divine light, * the light that illumineth hearts and souls, * the light that leadeth all peoples laying in the darkness of ignorance * to walk in the way of Thy commandments * and upon the path of peace.

Eothinon, Glory ..., Tone III:

Mary Magdalene announced unto the disciples * the good tidings of the resurrection of the Savior from the dead * and His appearance unto her, * yet the disciples did not believe, * wherefore they were upbraided for their hardness of

heart, * upon which Thou didst send them forth empowered to preach * and arrayed with signs and miracles, * but Thou, O Lord, wast taken up unto Thy Father, the Source of Light, * while they preached the word of the Gospel unto the ends of the world, * the signs and miracles confirming them, * wherefore we who through them have been illumined glorify Thy resurrection from the dead, * O Lord who alone lovest mankind.

4th RESURRECTION GOSPEL AND EXAPOSTILARION

The 4th Gospel (Luke 24:1-12)

At that time it being: the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them. And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre. And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus. And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments: And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them. Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee, Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again. And they remembered his words. And returned from the sepulchre, and told all these things unto the eleven, and to all the rest. It was Mary Magdalene and Joanna, and Mary the mother of James, and other women that were with them, which told these things unto the apostles. And their words seemed to them as idle tales, and they believed them not. Then arose Peter, and ran unto the sepulchre; and stooping down, he beheld the linen clothes laid by themselves, and departed, wondering in himself at that which was come to pass.

Exapostilarion of the 4th Gospel :

Let us behold the two men standing in the life-bearing sepulcher * resplendent with virtue, adorned with shining garments, * and the myrrhbearing women bowing down their faces to the earth. * Let us learn from them the rising of Him who ruleth over the heavens, * and let us also make haste to see Christ * the life Who dwelt within the tomb, * and with Peter marvel at what has occurred.

Theotokion:

When Thou didst pronounce the word 'Rejoice,' O Lord, * thou didst exchange the ancestral sorrow, * for the joy Thy resurrection hath brought to all the world. * Wherefore, O Life-giver, send forth its light, * the light of Thy compassion, * which ever illumineth our hearts through the intercessions of her who gave birth to Thee, * so that we may cry aloud: * O God, Lover of mankind, glory be to Thine arising.

Eothinon, Glory ..., Tone IV:

At the deep dawn of morning, * the women came to the sepulcher, O Christ, * seeking Thy life-giving body, * but it was nowhere to be found. * Standing perplexed before the tomb, * there appeared beside them two men in shining garments, saying to them: * "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He hath arisen as He foretold you. * Why do you not remember the words He hath spoken

to you?" * And they believing them, proclaimed to all what they had beheld. * But these tidings of gladness seemed to all to be an idle tale. * For the disciples were slow to comprehend. * Yet Peter arose and ran to the tomb; * and when he beheld what had taken place, * he returned glorifying Thy wondrous miracles.

5th RESURRECTION GOSPEL AND EXAPOSTILARION

The 5th Gospel (Luke 24:12-35)

At that time: Peter arose, and ran unto the sepulchre; and stooping down, he beheld the linen clothes laid by themselves, and departed, wondering in himself at that which was come to pass. And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them. But their eyes were holden that they should not know him. And he said unto them. What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad? And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him. Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days? And he said unto them. What things? And they said unto him. Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people: And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him. But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, to day is the third day since these things were done. Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulchre; And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive. And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found it even so as the women had said: but **him** they saw not. Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and he made as though he would have gone further. But they constrained him, saying. Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them. And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them. And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight. And they said one to another. Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures? And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them, Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon. And they told what things were done in the way, and how he was known of them in breaking of bread.

Exapostilarion of the 5th Gospel :

When Christ who is the way and the life * hadst arisen from the dead, * He journeyed with Luke and Cleopas, * who recognized Him upon breaking bread in Emmaus. * They recalled how their hearts and souls burnt within them * while He conversed with them on the way * opening unto them the scriptures concerning the things which He had suffered. * Let us with them cry aloud and proclaim * that He hath arisen and appeared unto Peter.

Theotokion:

I hymn Thine inexhaustible mercy, O my Creator. * For Thou hast emptied Thyself, O Lord, * putting on the nature of mortals and saving that which had been smitten. * And though Thou art God, Thou didst accept to become liken to me, * coming forth from the pure Maiden, * and descending unto Hades, * and willing that I should be saved, * O all-compassionate Master, * through the prayers of Thy most pure Mother.

Eothinon, Glory ..., Tone V:

Oh! how wise are Thy judgments, O Christ! * For how is it that Thou didst grant unto Peter to comprehend Thy resurrection * by seeing the grave clothes alone? * But to Luke and Cleopas Thou didst speak while walking together with them, * and though speaking Thou didst not immediately reveal thyself to them. * For which cause they upbraided Thee * as if Thou wert the only one visiting Jerusalem * without knowledge of the things that had happened of late therein. * But, O Master, as Thou dost always arrange things for the benefit of Thy creatures, * Thou didst open unto them the understanding of the prophecies concerning Thee, * and when Thou didst bless the bread they recognized Thee. * Yet even before this, as a token that it was Thee, their hearts did burn within them. * Then they proclaimed all unto the disciples who had gathered together, * who upon hearing this clearly proclaimed Thy resurrection; * by which have mercy on us.

6th RESURRECTION GOSPEL AND EXAPOSTILARION

The 6th Gospel (Luke 24:36-53)

As the Apostles spake: Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them. Peace be unto you. But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. And he said unto them. Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them his hands and his feet. And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them. Have ye here any meat? And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb. And he took it, and did eat before them. And he said unto them. These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures. And said unto them. Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things. And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high. And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy: And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.

Exapostilarion of the 6th Gospel :

Revealing that Thou art man by nature, O Savior, * Thou didst stand amidst Thy disciples and partake of food with them, * after Thine arising from the grave, * teaching them concerning the baptism of repentance. * After which, being straightway taken up to the heavenly Father, * Thou didst promise to send the Paraclete, the Holy Spirit unto Thy disciples. * O God, beyond divine, and man, * glory to be to Thine arising.

Theotokion:

The Maker and creator of all, * God of all creation * took flesh from thy most pure and immaculate blood, * O all-holy Virgin Mary. * And our entire nature which had been corrupted * hath He made anew, * leaving thee after childbirth as thou wast before childbirth. * Hence we ever praise thee and cry out faithfully: * Rejoice, O Sovereign Lady.

Eothinon, Glory ..., Tone VI:

○ Christ, Thou art truly the peace of God, * given freely to mankind. * For Thou didst give peace unto Thy disciples * after Thy resurrection from the dead. * However, thinking they had seen a ghost, * they became afrightened, * whereupon Thou didst quieten the agitation of their souls * by showing them Thy hands and Thy feet, * yet they still did not believe, * wherefore Thou didst partake of food and repeat Thy teachings, * opening their minds to comprehend the Scriptures. * Then didst Thou announce unto them the promise of the Father, * and after blessing them, * Thou didst depart unto heaven. * Wherefore we with them worship Thee, * glory be to Thee, O Lord.

7th RESURRECTION GOSPEL AND EXAPOSTILARION

The 7th Gospel (John 20:1-10)

At that time, it being: the first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre. Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them. They have taken away the LORD out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him. Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre. So they ran both together: and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre. And he stooping down, and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in. Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie. And the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself. Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed. For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead. Then the disciples went away again unto their own home.

Exapostilarion of the 7th Gospel :

When Mary Magdalene had spoken saying that the Lord had been taken, * Simon Peter ran to the tomb * as did also the other Disciple of Christ, who was the beloved one. * Running together they found the linen cloths laying inside, * and laying separately from them the rolled up napkin from His head. * They then returned in peace awaiting the time to behold the Lord Christ.

Theotokion:

Great and extraordinary things hast Thou accomplished for me, * O my most compassionate Christ. * For inexplicably wast Thou born of a virgin maiden, * and the Cross didst Thou accept, * and death didst Thou endure, O Savior, * and arising in glory after three days, * liberating our nature from death, * O Christ, glory be to Thy glory, * and glory be to Thy power.

Eothinon, Glory ..., Tone VII:

Behold, it being very early and still dark, * O Mary, why dost thou stand outside the tomb * with thy mind filled with much gloom, * inquiring where Jesus hath been laid? * But look to the disciples who run together, * and behold how they came to understand the resurrection * from observing the linen cloths and the napkin, * and remembering the scriptures concerning these things. * And we with them have believed through their witnessing, * wherefore we sing in praises unto Christ the Giver of life.

8th RESURRECTION GOSPEL AND EXAPOSTILARION

The 8th Gospel (John 20:11-18)

At that time: Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre. And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. And they say unto her. Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them. Because they have taken away my LORD, and I know not where they have laid him. And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus. Jesus saith unto her. Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him. Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away. Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say. Master. Jesus saith unto her. Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God. Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the LORD, and that he had spoken these things unto her.

Exapostilarion of the 8th Gospel :

When Mary Magdalene beheld two Angels inside the tomb, * she was struck with astonishment, * not knowing that it was Jesus standing outside she supposed Him to be the gardener, * and questioned Him, saying "Sir, where hast thou laid the body of my Jesus?" * Then He called her, and she knew that it was the Savior himself. * whereupon she heard, * "Touch me not, but go and tell my brothers * that I ascend unto the Father."

Theotokion:

O maiden, thou didst ineffably give birth unto one of the Trinity, * in two natures, and with two wills, * but one in His hypostasis. * Do thou therefore ever entreat Him * on behalf of those who faithfully reverence thee * that we may be delivered from every scheming of the adversary * against us thy people. * For we all run to thee for refuge, O Lady Theotokos.

Eothinon, Glory ..., Tone VIII:

The tears of Mary were not warmly shed in vain, * for behold she was deemed worthy of having angels as instructors * and of-seeing Thee O Jesus. * But her worldly mind was weakened by her womanhood, * wherefore O Christ you forbade her to touch Thee, * and she was sent away. * But even so, she was sent as a harbinger of good tidings unto Thy disciples, * announcing Thine ascent to the Father's inheritance. * O Lord, deem us also with her to be worthy of Thine appearance, * O Sovereign Master.

9th RESURRECTION GOSPEL AND EXAPOSTILARION

The 9th Gospel (John 20:19-31)

The same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the LORD. Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Spirit: Whosoever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whosoever sins ye retain, they are retained. But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the LORD. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe. And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you. Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas answered and said unto him, My LORD and my God. Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed. And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

Exapostilarion of the 9th Gospel :

Thou didst enter where the Apostles were gathered, * the doors being closed shut, * and bestow upon them peace O Master, * whereupon Thou didst breathe upon them granting them the Holy Spirit, * instructing them concerning the binding and loosing of sins. * Eight days later Thou didst come and show Thy side and Thy hands to Thomas as proof, * wherefore we with him cry aloud: * 'Thou art our Lord and our God'.

Theotokion:

When Thou didst behold thy Son and God * resurrected from the tomb on the third day, O Bride of God, * thou didst put aside O all-holy Virgin Mary, * all the motherly grief thou hadst suffered upon seen Him suffering, * and thou wast filled with joy together with His disciples * worshipping and praising Him. * Do thou now save us who declare thee to be the true Mother of God.

Eothinon, Glory ..., Tone V:

In the latter times, it being evening on the first day of the week, * Thou didst come and stand among Thy friends, O Christ, * and by the miracle of Thy entrance through the closed doors, * Thou didst verify the wonder of Thy resurrection from the dead, * filling Thy Disciples with joy, * and conferring the Holy Spirit upon them, * granting them the authority to forgive sins. * And Thou didst not abandon Thomas to drown submersed by the waves of disbelief, * wherefore we beseech Thee to grant us true knowledge and forgiveness of sins, * O compassionate Lord.

10th RESURRECTION GOSPEL AND EXAPOSTILARION

The 10th Gospel (John 21:1-14)

After these things: Jesus showed himself to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias, and on this wise showed he himself. There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two other of his disciples. Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing. But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore: but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus. Then Jesus saith unto them, Children, have ye any meat? They answered him, No. And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes. Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved saith unto Peter, It is the Lord. Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he girt his fisher's coat unto him, (for he was naked,) and did cast himself into the sea. And the other disciples came in a little ship; (for they were not far from land, but as it were two hundred cubits,) dragging the net with fishes. As soon then as they were come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread. Jesus saith unto them, Bring of the fish which ye have now caught. Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land full of great fishes, an hundred and fifty and three: and for all there were so many, yet was not the net broken. Jesus saith unto them, Come and dine. And none of the disciples durst ask him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord. Jesus then cometh, and taketh bread, and giveth them, and fish likewise. This is now the third time that Jesus shewed himself to his disciples, after that he was risen from the dead.

Exapostilarion of the 10th Gospel :

At the Sea of Tiberias Peter went fishing * with Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael, the sons of Zebedee, and two other of his disciples. * At Christ's command they let down the net on the right side * and caught a great multitude of fish. * Recognizing the Lord, Peter hastened to meet Him. * This being the third time He hath appeared unto them, * showing them bread and fish on the fire of coals.

Theotokion:

O Virgin, on behalf of those who sing thy praises * and lovingly call thee blessed * do thou fervently intercede before the Lord * who didst arise from the tomb on the third day, O Lady, * for we all flee unto thee as a refuge for salvation, * and as our mediatrix before Him; * for we are thine inheritance, and thy servants, O Theotokos, * and we all look toward thee as our fervent hope and support.

Eothinon, Glory ..., Tone VI:

After Thy descent into Hades * and the resurrection from the dead, * Thy
disciples were discouraged * at being parted from Thee, O Christ our God, *
wherefore they turned to labor once more. * Returning to their boats and nets
again, * but nowhere was a catch to be found, * but when Thou didst appear, O
Savior, * as the Master of all creation, * commanding them to cast the nets on the
right side of the boat, * then straightway wast Thy command fulfilled, * and they
caught a great multitude of fish; * whereupon a mysterious banquet was prepared
on the land. * This banquet of which Thy disciples partook, * count us also
worthy now to spiritually take delight, * O Lord who alone lovest mankind.

11th RESURRECTION GOSPEL AND EXAPOSTILARION

The 11th Gospel (John 21:15-25)

At that time, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep. He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep. Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdest thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not. This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me. Then Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved following; which also leaned on his breast at supper, and said, Lord, which is he that betrayeth thee? Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do? Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? follow thou me. Then went this saying abroad among the brethren, that that disciple should not die: yet Jesus said not unto him, He shall not die; but, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? This is the disciple which testifieth of these things, and wrote these things: and we know that his testimony is true. And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.

Exapostilarion of the 11th Gospel :

After the divine arising from the dead * the Lord inquired of Peter three times "Dost thou love me?", * upon which He appointed him to be the chief shepherd of His rational sheep. * Upon seeing the disciple whom Jesus loved following them, * Peter questioned the Master saying, "and what shall this man do?" * where upon Jesus answered and said, * " If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee?"

Theotokion:

O Word, what an awesome mystery! * Oh incomprehensible wonder! * For by death hath death been wholly destroyed. * Who will not glorify, and who will not rightly worship * Thy crucifixion, burial, and Resurrection on the third-day, * and who also will not praise her who as Theotokos didst in purity bear Thee. * Harkening unto her supplications do Thou redeem us all From the place of fiery torments.

Eothinon, Glory ..., Tone VIII:

Having revealed thyself to Thy disciples * after Thy resurrection O Lord, *
Thou didst forgive Simon Peter * for the sake of his expression of love for Thee,
* and appoint him to lead Thy flock, * asking him to shepherd them saying: * "If
thou lovest me Peter, be a shepherd of my lambs, and a protector of my sheep", *
whereupon Peter, displaying his own brotherly affection, * inquired about the
other disciple. * By their entreaties, O Christ our Savior, * protect Thy flock and
guard it from all those wolves who seek to bring it harm.