

there to worship You together with the Father and the Son, as the Trinity That is One in Essence and Indivisible, unto the ages of ages. Amen.

The 4th Prayer, to the Most Holy Trinity

O Most Holy Trinity, the Consubstantial Sovereignty and Cause of All Good Things! What shall we offer unto You for all that which You have bestowed upon us, sinners and unworthy ones such as have not previously been born into this world, or for all those things which You give us each every day and those which You have prepared for us all in the age yet to come? It is fitting therefore, that to give thanks to You for such benefactions and generousities, words should not be enough; but deeds would be even better, as in the keeping and fulfilling of Your commandments: Yet we have been caught up in our passions and evil habits, having been subverted even from-our youth through countless sins and transgressions. Therefore, as we have manifested ourselves shamelessly as both impure and befouled, not only before Your Triply Radiant Face, but we have demeaned Your Most Holy Name for having spoken it circumspectly among ourselves: Yet even so, You were so benevolent that to our delight You Yourself "heralded the Good News" that just as You love the pure and the righteous, You will yet take pity upon sinners who repent, for then You will receive them with joy. Look down therefore, O Most Divine Trinity, from the heights of Your holy glory upon-us who have sinned much and accept our expressions of Goodness in lieu of good deeds, and bestow upon us the spirit of true repentance; that having come to despise all sin, we can live in purity and righteousness to the end of our days, performing Your most' holy will and giving glory with pure thoughts and Gracious deeds to Your Most Holy and Magnificent Name unto the ages of ages. Amen.

The Dismissal Follows

The above text was translated by the late Sub-Deacon David T. Fritz of Wilkes-Barre, PA.

May his memory be eternal!

AKATHIST TO THE MOST HOLY AND LIFE-CREATING TRINITY

Priest: Blessed is our God always, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Priest: Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

Heavenly King, Comforter, the Spirit of truth who are present everywhere and fill all things, Treasury of good things and Giver of life, come and dwell in us. Cleanse us of every stain, and save our souls, gracious Lord.

People: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (3)

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

All-holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, forgive our sins. Master, pardon our transgressions. Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities, for Your name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. (3)

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Priest: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

(read, not chanted) Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us, for we are empty of all defense, as sinners we offer this supplication to

You, O Master, have mercy on us.

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Lord, have mercy on us, for in You we have put our trust; be not exceedingly angry with us, nor remember our many iniquities, but look upon us now as the Compassionate, and deliver us from our enemies; for You are our God, and we Your people, we are all the work of Your hands, and upon Your Name we have now called.

Now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

The doors of caring do now open unto us, O most blessed Theotokos, so that hoping in you we shall not fail; through you we may be delivered from adversities, for you are the salvation of the Christian faith.

I believe in one God, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all ages. Light of Light, true God of true God, begotten not created, of one essence with the Father through Whom all things were made. Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became man. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And He rose on the third day, according to the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge the living and dead. His kingdom shall have no end. And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Creator of life, Who proceeds from the Father, Who together with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke through the prophets. In one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the age to come. Amen.

Kontakion No. 1

Eternal King and Lord of the ages, Maker of all things visible and invisible, glorified as God in the Holy Trinity and before Whom bows every knee in heaven and on earth, and even in the depths of hell; we too who have been baptized in Your Holy Name, unworthy though we are, make bold in offering to You this hymn of praise. So then, as our Creator, Pro-

estrangle ourselves from our passions and sins to move toward righteousness and virtue; and, then "with much pleasure" we can love every gift of Grace that comes from You. For You have also seen, O Most Gracious One, how great the weakness of our flesh is; even as our Enemy is strong and crafty at wickedness, going about like a roaring lion and seeking out one whom he will devour: So then may You not abandon us with Your almighty aid; but be with us always, defending and protecting, directing and strengthening, gladdening our souls and making them jubilant. And then we, casting ourselves upon the bosom of Your love and kindheartedness, shall offer over to You our whole life, both temporal and eternal, as to our Master, Redeemer and Lord; entreating from the depths of our souls that even though ones whose judgments are known to You, You will yet allow us to pass through the dark valley of this earthly life unharmed and then attain to the chamber of Your divine beauty; which You have promised to make ready for all them that believe on Your Name and follow in the footsteps of Your Godliness. Amen.

The 3rd Prayer, to the Holy Spirit

O Heavenly King, the Most Gracious Comforter and Spirit of Truth, even before the ages do You from the Father and rest forever in the Son! O inexhaustible source; of the endowments of Godliness, Who divides them unto whom-so-ever You will; for thereby have we unworthy ones also been sanctified, as they were signed upon us on the day of our baptism! Take regard then for the prayer of Your servants, come to us, dwell among us, and cleanse our souls; that we may be made ready as dwelling-places of the Most Holy Trinity! Yes, O Most Gracious One! Be not reviled at our impurities and wounds of sin, but cleanse them with the total healing of Your chrismation. Enlighten our minds that we can comprehend both the vanity of the world, and of those which are in the world; vitalize our consciousness, that in never being silent it will advise us to work at eliminating those things which demote us; direct and renew our heart, that it will no longer be a source of evil thoughts and unfit desires; and, extinguish the flames of our passions with Your dew-bearing breath, that the blessed image of the Divine will not be darkened within us. Drive away from us the spirit of boastfulness, of melancholy, of ambition and of vain talk; endow us with a spirit of love and patience, a spirit of meekness and of humble wisdom, a spirit of purity and of righteousness; that then, our feeble hearts having been set aright, we may progress along the path of Your holy commandments without laziness: So then, having toppled every sin and worked in total righteousness, we may be accounted an end that is peaceful and without shame; to enter into the heavenly Jerusalem, and

of Christ's teaching the whole world might be enlightened. Therefore, may You Yourself, O Master and Lover of mankind; hearken now to this humble prayer of us as Your unworthy children, and even as You have made us in accord with Your Goodness, and even as You have redeemed us in accord with Your great mercy, so then may You save us in accord with Your unyielding kind-heartedness: Because against our own works we have no salvific wall, neither hope of a stand for justification, nor absence from Your all-radiant Presence which holds mastery of our souls. So then, how could we men be able to offer so much as one boastful word on the Day of Judgment, when the innumerable transgressions which we have sinned before You shall give reply? Thereby, expecting no justification for our works at all, we take refuge solely before Your Goodness which far surpasses all thought and every word; and then holding this as a firm foundation, we entreat You: Cleanse us who have sinned, O Lord! Pardon us who have been iniquitous, O Master! Make peace with us who have angered You, O Long-suffering One! And then, furthermore; defend our thoughts, consciences and hearts against the foulness of the world; deliver and save us from the greatly turbulent storms of the passions and fallings into sin, both willful and unwilling, known and unknown, and guide us to the tranquil haven of faith, love and hope for life eternal. Be mindful of us in Your Mercy, O Lord; bestow upon us all things which petition our salvation, and regulate our lives so as to be pure and without sin; account for us to love You with all our heart and to do Your holy will in all things; through the prayers of our most pure Mistress the Theotokos and of all Your Saints: For You are a Good God Who loves mankind, and unto You do we address glory, thanksgiving and worship; together with Your Only-begotten Son and Your Most Holy, Good and Life-Creating Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

The 2ndPrayer, to God the Son

O Only Begotten Son and Word of God, for the sake of our salvation have You willed to be incarnate and endure death; and now, together with Your most pure Body You sit with the Father on the throne in the heavens, directing the whole world in righteousness! Be not forgetful of us below who are tempted by many perils and sorrows; for even though we are thoroughly unclean and unworthy, none-the-less we do believe in You as our Lord and Savior, and we know none other mediator or hope for salvation. So then, O most gracious Redeemer, give us the memory of Your most precious and fearsome Passion, and of how in Your most pure Soul You descended even into hell; that we might be set free from hell's powers and torments. Then, let all these things be laid up in our hearts that we may

vider and Judge; may You attend to the cry of Your servants, and not withhold Your mercy from us, that from the depths of our souls we can ever cry to You: Holy, holy, holy, are You, O Lord our God; take pity upon us, Your fallen creation, for the sake of Your Holy Name!

Oikos No. 1

The Archangels and the Angels, the Principalities and the Authorities, the Thrones and the Dominions, who stand before the very throne of Your glory, cannot express the magnitude of Your perfections; and the many-eyed Cherubim and six-winged Seraphim, veiling their faces, merely call to each other with trembling and love: Holy, holy, holy, the Lord Sabaoth! Yet for us then, who are but dust and ashes, how much more fitting it is to keep silence! Even so, not to appear unmindful or ungrateful for so great a generosity as that which has been lavished upon us in our creation and redemption, imitating then the celestial adorations, with faith and love we call out: Holy, holy, holy are You, O Lord our God; the ineffable height of perfections and the unfathomable depth of mysteries! Holy are You, O Lord our God, Who are present everywhere and fill all things; One and the Same, yesterday, today and for ever! Holy are You, O Lord our God Almighty, Who name even the non-existent into existence; Who lead down into hell, and life up once more! Holy are You, O Lord our God, Who search the hearts and minds of men; Who count the stars and gives names to them all! Holy are You, O Lord our God, all of Whose ways are the ways of Truth; and Whose judgments are at once just and desirable! Holy are You, O Lord our God, Who do remit the sins of fathers to (their) children; and Who show mercy and reward unto the generations of generations! Holy, holy, holy, are You, O Lord our God; take pity upon us, Your fallen creation, for the sake of Your Holy Name!

Kontakion No. 2

Beholding You as upon a high and lofty throne, Isaiah said: Woe is me, for I am a man of unclean lips, and my eyes have beheld the Lord of Hosts! But when a live coal, borne by Angels, had touched his mouth, it was made pure and gave praise to You; the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the One God. So then, O Most Holy Trinity, may You consume with the fire of Your Divinity also the thorns of our many iniquities; that with a pure heart we can cry to You: Alleluia!

Oikos No. 2

In seeking to comprehend the incomprehensible Mind, the great Prophet

Moses said: Show me Your Face, that I may see You with understanding. But Your answer was: You shall see my Back, but My Face shall not be revealed to you; for no man can see My Face and live. Yet to us, unworthy as we are, You were pleased to appear in the Person of Your Only-Begotten Son; and so with gratitude do we sing: Holy, holy, holy are you, O Lord our God, the flaming love of the Seraphim and the shining wisdom of the Cherubim! Holy are You, O Lord our God, the most high King of the Heavenly Thrones and most true Lord of the super terrestrial Dominions! Holy are You, O Lord our God, the invincible strength of the highest Powers and the Almighty Ruler of the Authorities above! Holy are You, O Lord our God, the all-jubilant tidings of the Archangels and the never-silent heralding of the Angels! Holy are You, O Lord our God, the supreme Source of the intelligent Principalities and the mighty Ruler of all the other celestial orders! Holy are You, O Lord our God, Who alone possess immortality and dwell in the unapproachable light; speaking with Your elect face to face, as with Your friends! Holy, holy, holy are You, O Lord our God; take pity upon us, Your fallen creation, for the sake of Your Holy Name!

Kontakion No. 3

By the power of Your unspeakable might do You hold all things, by the Word of Your unfathomable wisdom do You build all things, by the Spirit of Your Mouth do You make all things alive and be glad; so then, O thrice-shining Sun and Author of all, You have measured the heavens with Your Hand and the earth with Your Span, even as You support and nourish every creature, You call all things by name, and none can hide from Your gaze or Your powerful Hand; therefore, falling down in tender compunction, with all the highest and lowest of the powers, we cry out to You: Alleluia!

Oikos No. 3

Holding all creation as subject to Your command, in all places do You show the traces of Your Providence and countless perfections. Therefore, seeing Your invisible attributes and eternal power and Divine Existence as discernible through Your works, with amazement and joy we cry: Holy, holy, holy are You, O Lord our God, Sovereign Creator of things visible and invisible; and most loving Architect of things both present and yet to come! Holy are You, O Lord our God, Who have formed creation from the four elements and crowned the cycle of the year with four seasons! Holy are You, O Lord our God, Who have commanded the sun

mighty, Who name even the non-existent into existence; Who lead down into hell, and life up once more! Holy are You, O Lord our God, Who search the hearts and minds of men; Who count the stars and gives names to them all! Holy are You, O Lord our God, all of Whose ways are the ways of Truth; and Whose judgments are at once just and desirable! Holy are You, O Lord our God, Who do remit the sins of fathers to (their) children; and Who show mercy and reward unto the generations of generations! Holy, holy, holy, are You, O Lord our God; take pity upon us, Your fallen creation, for the sake of Your Holy Name!

Eternal King and Lord of the ages, Maker of all things visible and invisible, glorified as God in the Holy Trinity and before Whom bows every knee in heaven and on earth, and even in the depths of hell; we too who have been baptized in Your Holy Name, unworthy though we are, make bold in offering to You this hymn of praise. So then, as our Creator, Provider and Judge; may You attend to the cry of Your servants, and not withhold Your mercy from us, that from the depths of our souls we can ever cry to You: Holy, holy, holy, are You, O Lord our God; take pity upon us, Your fallen creation, for the sake of Your Holy Name!

PRAYERS TO THE MOST HOLY AND LIFE-CREATING TRINITY

The 1st Prayer, to God the Father

O Almighty Master, Lord All-Wise and Most Gracious, the all-inoriginate Begetter of the Son and Principle of Light, and, the eternal and everlasting disseminator of Your life-creating Spirit; Whose Majesty is boundless, Whose glory is ineffable, and Whose mercy is immeasurable! We give thanks to You for You have summoned us forth from non-existence and accounting to us Your most precious image, You have then bestowed it upon us though we are unworthy; so as not only to know You and to love You, but also to declare Yourself our Father. So then do we give thanks to You, O God of kind heartedness and generosity, for though we have transgressed Your Commandments, You have yet not abandoned us in the midst of our sins and before the shadow of death; but You have been so benevolent as to send down Your only-begotten Son, Who was with You even before the ages were created, to earth for the sake of our salvation: That through His God-man status, His all-honorable Passion and His Resurrection we would be redeemed from the torments of the Devil and mortal corruption. We give thanks to You, O God of love and powers, for after our Savior's Ascension to heaven You were so urged to mercy through His Cross that You also sent down Your All Holy Spirit upon His chosen disciples and Apostles; that through the words

ity, and we believe in but One God; the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit; and we know no other God than You. So then, before You do we fall down, and to You do we pray, crying out: Holy, holy, holy are You, O Lord our God; be our health and salvation that we may fear no evil, and be the protection of our life that we may fear no enemy! Holy are You, O Lord our God; Who does save the repentant sinners! Holy are You, O Lord our God; who multiplies Your mercy for all: Multiply then Your mercy unto us also, and take pity upon us for we are sick! Holy are You, O Lord our God; prolong our life for penance and condemn us not to be cut down the barren fig tree! Holy are You, O Lord our God; deliver us from temptations which come to us from the world, the flesh and the evil; and strengthen our faith and love for You! Holy are You, O Lord our God; grant for us to see You face-to-face, and then to enter Your glorious Bridal Chamber, as prepared for the marriage of the Lamb! Holy, holy, holy are You, O Lord our God; take pity upon us, our fallen creation, for the sake of You Holy Name!

Kontakion No. 13

O Most Holy, Life-Creating, Indivisible and All-Accomplishing Trinity; the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, our One True God and Creator! Accept our present thanksgiving, send do upon us Your Grace and power from the height of Your holy Throne; that we may vanquish all the lusts of the flesh, and live in all piety and purity to the end of our days; ever praising Your Most Holy Name and crying: Alleluia!

(This Kontakion is taken thrice. Then, we return to repeat the 1st Oikos and Kontakion.)

The Archangels and the Angels, the Principalities and the Authorities, the Thrones and the Dominions, who stand before the very throne of Your glory, cannot express the magnitude of Your perfections; and the many-eyed Cherubim and six-winged Seraphim, veiling their faces, merely call to each other with trembling and love: Holy, holy, holy, the Lord Sabaoth! Yet for us then, who are but dust and ashes, how much more fitting it is to keep silence! Even so, not to appear unmindful or ungrateful for so great a generosity as that which has been lavished upon us in our creation and redemption, imitating then the celestial adorations, with faith and love we call out: Holy, holy, holy are You, O Lord our God; the ineffable height of perfections and the unfathomable depth of mysteries! Holy are You, O Lord our God, Who are present everywhere and fill all things; One and the Same, yesterday, today and for ever! Holy are You, O Lord our God Al-

to illumine the night! Holy are You, O Lord our God, Who send forth winds from Your treasures; array the heavens with clouds, and send rain and dew for refreshment in the heat! Holy are You, O Lord our God, Who have girdled the hills with joy and the valleys with gladness; Who adorn the meadows with flowers, and crown the fields with ears of corn! Holy are You, O Lord our God, Who send food to the fledglings of the raven; Who give drink to all the wild beasts and fill all Your works with Your blessings! Holy, holy, holy are You, O Lord our God; take pity upon us, Your fallen creation, for the sake of Your Holy Name!

Kontakion No. 4

Possessing an inner storm of soul-killing heresy, the madman Arius, that second Judas, denied You to be the Son of God, as the Only-Begotten of the Most Divine Trinity. But we say One Person of the Father, Another of the Son and Another of the Holy Spirit; yet with heart and mouth we confess One Divinity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, equal in honor and co-equal in majesty; and thus then having been illumined in the baptismal font by the light of the Threefold Sun, we worship the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, One God, crying: Alleluia!

Oikos No. 4

Hearing that Arius, like a ferocious beast, had broken into the spiritual flock of Christ, snatching away the sheep from the true confession of the Orthodox Faith, the pastors and teachers of the Holy Church met at the Council of Nicea, and, confessing Christ as God and not as a creature, honoring the Son and Holy Spirit equally with the Father; with thundering voices they exclaimed: 'Holy, holy, holy are You, O Lord our God; God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit; One True God and not three Gods! Holy are You, O Lord our God; the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, and the Holy Spirit uncreated, One single uncreated; and not three separate uncreateds! Holy are You, O Lord our God; the Father eternally begetting the Son, the Son timelessly born of the Father and the Holy Spirit ever proceeding from the Father, but not born! Holy are You, O Lord our God; the Father Who calls us from non-existence, the Son Who redeems us fallen men by His Cross, and, the Holy Spirit Who sanctifies and enlivens all through His Grace! Holy are You, O Lord our God, Who have graciously willed to establish in our spirit, soul and body a threefold temple for Your dwelling; and have not permitted its destruction in us through our unending sin! Holy are You, O Lord our God, who have put a sign of Your Tri-Personal Being upon all the works of Your Hands, both

in the visible and in the invisible worlds! Holy, holy, holy are You, O Lord our God; take pity upon us, Your fallen creation, for the sake of Your Holy Name!

Kontakion No. 5

O eternal and all-activating Trinity, having created us in Your image and likeness, You have then commanded us to do what is pleasing to You; but we, in our wretchedness, cherishing our evil will, have renounced our baptismal vows and so have darkened Your image. But now we return to You again and pray; grant us Your Grace, rescue us from the hands of our enemies visible and invisible, and save us by the ways known but to You; that for ever we may cry to You: Alleluia!

Oikos No. 5

When the intellect sees Your most surpassing perfections and Your ineffable benefits to the poor sons of Adam (for through truly believing in You, the Triune God, those dead in spirit are revitalized, those defiled in conscience are cleansed and even those perishing are saved), with grateful mind, thankful heart and grateful lips, as created by You, we bend our knees and say: Holy, holy, holy are You, O Lord our God; Who in Your Counsel of Three Persons have decided to create man; and into his body, taken from earth, have breathed the breath of life from Your lips! Holy are You, O Lord our God; Who have honored us all in the person of Adam with Your image and likeness, and have then made us heirs to the delights of Paradise! Holy are You, O Lord our God; Who by the gift of reason have raised us up above all that is visible, and have subjected beneath our feet all the lower creation! Holy are You, O Lord our God; Who have given us the Tree of Life for food and have enriched us with the gift of immortality! Holy are You, O Lord our God; Who did not abandon our first-parents, though they disobeyed Your command and fell into sin; but settled them at once in Eden with the hope of salvation! Holy are You, O Lord our God; Who have drawn us forth from our mother's womb, and after Your birth have sanctified us with the Grace of the Gospel! Holy, holy, holy are You, O Lord our God; take pity upon us, Your fallen creation, for the sake of Your Holy Name!

Kontakion No. 6

The preacher of truth and zealot of Your Holy Name, the wonderful Elias, having been summoned by an Angel, then stood on Mt. Horeb. There was a strong wind beating against the mountains, and a great earthquake and a

Kontakion No. 11

Every song fails that aspires to offer proper thanksgiving in behalf of everyone and everything before You, our God glorified in the Trinity; for there can be found no mind capable of stretching in thought to the multitude of Your bounties as showered upon us, nor words which can express them worthily. Yet, for all that we see and which has been granted to us, thanksgiving, honor and glory be to You, O Most Holy Trinity; for You Yourself know what is worthy of Your greatness and then pleasing to You: And, adoring You, with humility and love we cry out: Alleluia!

Oikos No. 11

In gratefully confessing that You have appeared like a shining beacon-lamp in Your promises to us in the darkness of our ignorance concerning our future, yet wishing to receive even one of the blessings announced by Your only-begotten Son, with total compunction and faith we call out: Holy, holy, holy are You, O Lord our God; Who have prepared for Your chosen ones blessings which the eye has not seen, nor ear has heard, nor even have entered the imagination of the human heart! Holy are You, O Lord our God; Whom all the pure of heart shall see as You are, and know as they themselves are known by You! Holy are You, O Lord our God; in Whom all them that hunger and thirst for righteousness shall attain to never-failing satisfaction! Holy are You, O Lord our God; by Whom the peacemakers, as all imitators of Your only-begotten Son, the Peacemaker, shall be called beloved sons! Holy are You, O Lord our God; through Whom the meek shall inherit the earth and the poor in spirit shall possess the never-ending Kingdom of Heaven! Holy are You, O Lord our God; Who have promised eternal mercy to the merciful and endless joy to them that weep! Holy, holy, holy are You, O Lord our God; take pity upon us, Your fallen creation, for the sake of Your Holy Name!

Kontakion No. 12

Bestow upon us Your all-powerful Grace, O Most Holy Trinity; accept the confession of our sins in the presence of Your glorious Majesty; hear our sighs; send us the spirit of compunction and generosity so that, purified in heart and soul, we can blamelessly call to You on earth even as the Angels call in heaven: Alleluia!

Oikos No. 12

In praising Your all-loving Providence, we all glorify You, O Eternal Trin-

by My Father, and inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world!" Holy are You, O Lord our God; from Whom the unrepentant sinners will then hear with terror: "Be gone from Me, you accursed ones, into the eternal fire prepared for the Devil and his angels!" Holy are You, O Lord our God; Who have promised to keep Your Church unshaken till the end of the world, that the gates of hell may not prevail against it! Holy, holy, holy are You, O Lord our God; take pity upon us, Your fallen creation, For the sake of Your Holy Name

Kontakion No. 10

In wishing to save the world, You have manifested Yourself at the River Jordan, O Most Holy and All Divine Trinity; the Father in the voice from heaven bearing witness to the Beloved Son, the Son in the image of man receiving Baptism from His servant, the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove descending upon Him Who was baptized. Thus then, in the Name of the One God in three Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we were taught to enlighten through Baptism every human being that comes into the world, crying: Alleluia!

Oikos No. 10

O Eternal King, Who cause Your sun to shine upon both the good and bad alike, Who loves the righteous and takes pity on sinners; wash away our bodily and spiritual impurity, and deign to make Your dwelling within us, Your unworthy servants. Destroy our unclean thoughts, blot out our vile deeds and guide our tongue to speak what is pleasing to You; that with a pure heart and lips we may cry out in compunction: Holy, holy, holy are You, O Lord our God; of Whom the choir of Apostles openly speaks, and upon Whom the council of Prophets ever gazes! Holy are You, O Lord our God; Whom the army of Martyrs gloriously confesses, and Whose Most Holy Name is extolled by the hosts of venerable monks! Holy are You, O Lord our God; to Whom a multitude of hermits ever aspires and by Whom the struggling of the fasters are crowned! Holy are You, O Lord our God; to Whom the holy hierarchs and pastors offer hymns of gratitude, and from Whom the Ecumenical Teachers of our salvation receive their divine wisdom! Holy are You, O Lord our God; accept the prayers and intercessions of all the Saints in our behalf, and still more those of the most pure Virgin whom stretched out her hands for us before You! Holy are You, O Lord our God; surround us with Your holy Angels and drive away from us the infernal spirits of evil! Holy, holy, holy are You, O Lord our God; take pity upon us, Your fallen creation, for the sake of Your Holy Name!

burning fire, yet not in these things did he see You; but after the fire came the whisper of a gentle breeze, and there was the Lord. So, covering his face with a sheepskin, with fear and gladness he cried out: Alleluia!

Oikos No. 6

With the Light of Your thrice-radiant Divinity have You enlightened the whole world, You have banished all the delusions of the idols, O God and Lord in Three Persons; and the whole race of mankind have You then led from the long darkness of paganism to the wondrous light of the Gospel; and so then being illumined with it, we glorify Your Sovereign Providence in our regard, crying: Holy, holy, holy are You, O Lord our God; Who by the waters of the flood destroyed Your creation which had been utterly corrupted by sin, and in the person of Noah have then renewed the whole of mankind! Holy are You, O Lord our God; Who withdrew Abraham, the father of the faithful, from the confusion of tongues and then founded his posterity in the True Church! Holy are You, O Lord our God; Who have led Your people out of Egypt, fed them with manna in the wilderness and then brought them to the land flowing with milk and honey! Holy are You, O Lord our God; Who have raised up David, filled the Prophets with Your Spirit, and have thus preserved in Israel the faith in the promised Redeemer! Holy are You, O Lord our God; Who did punish Your sinful people with the Babylonian captivity, and when it was finished You commanded them once again to settle in Jerusalem! Holy are You, O Lord our God; Who kept the Maccabees unshaken in their faith and the traditions of their fathers even till their death, and did preserve the Church intact under the Law as Your bride, until the coming of the beloved Bridegroom! Holy, holy, holy are You, O Lord our God; take pity upon us, Your fallen creation, for the sake of Your Holy Name!

Kontakion No. 7

Wishing to show the greatness of Your love and compassion for the fallen human race, when the appointed time came, You sent Your only-begotten Son, born of a woman, born under the Law; and having lived with us on earth as a man and redeemed us by His Cross, He then ascended into heaven, and from there, in fulfillment of His promise, He send down His Most Holy Spirit, that we may all cry: Alleluia!

Oikos No. 7

A new and truly amazing wonder have You shown forth, O Lord, astonishing even the Hosts on High, when after sending down the Most Holy Spirit

upon Your Chosen Disciples and Apostles, You then led them out to preach to the whole world, to proclaim the great Name of the Most Holy Trinity and to take all nations captive under obedience to the Faith; and so, wondering at the power and influence of their divinely-inspired words, we cry out in joy: Holy, holy, holy are You, O Lord our God; Who have chosen the weak, the low-born and the foolish of the world to put to shame the strong, the renowned and the wise! Holy are You, O Lord our God; Who have inspired countless hosts of Martyrs, that through their myriad tortures and deaths they might seal with their blood the truth of the Gospel and the power of Christ's Grace! Holy are You, O Lord our God; Who through the sign of the Cross have converted the heart of Constantine, the peer-to-the-Apostles, and did thereby put an end to the fierce persecution of the Christians! Holy are You, O Lord our God; Who by the Seven Ecumenical Councils of the God-bearing Fathers have walled the Church as with seven pillars, and so rendered it impregnable to the disturbance of heretics! Holy are You, O Lord our God; Who have granted for the divinely-wise teachers and great spiritual heroes of piety to shine like stars in the firmament of the Church! Holy are You, O Lord our God; Who have guided Vladimir, the Prince of the land of Rus, to the light of the true faith and have thus freed the whole land from the delusions of polytheism! Holy, holy, holy are You, O Lord our God; take pity upon us, Your fallen creation, for the sake of Your Holy Name!

Kontakion No. 8

Strangely and wondrously in the form of three persons did Abraham see You at the oak of Mamre, though he conversed as but with one, saying: My Lord, if I have found favor in Your sight, do not pass by Your servant. Then, to the three who appeared to him in three persons; the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, yet to God as but One Being, he bowed himself to the earth, crying out: Alleluia!

Oikos No. 8

You are everywhere wholly and always, not only through the might of Your incalculable power; but also by the wealth of Your all-accomplishing creation. And so then, as for us, as has been told by Your Son, all the hairs of our head are numbered by You; that not one of them may fall without Your will. So, trusting in Your Providence, with love and confidence we cry: Holy, holy, holy are You, O Lord our God; Who have been pleased to divide the whole of the human race into tribes and nations, and to show each one of them its place

and span of life! Holy are You, O Lord our God; by Whom kings reign and the mighty write laws, and Who yet keep Your chosen ones as the apple of Your eye! Holy are You, O Lord our God; from Whom comes all wisdom and knowledge, all strength and power, all health and beauty! Holy are You, O Lord our God; Who overrules and ends all wars, crowning those in the right with victory, but assigning those in the wrong to destruction even in the midst of their victories! Holy are You, O Lord our God; Who shows forth signs in the heavens and upon the earth, sending fire, plague, famine and hunger to people, I that they may not stray utterly from Your ways! Holy are You, O Lord our God, Who raise up the humble from the earth to seat them with the princes of Your people, and who subdues the proud that not trace of them is yet to be found! Holy, holy, holy are You, O Lord our God; take pity upon us, Your fallen creation, for the sake of Your Holy Name!

Kontakion No. 9

All of nature, both the seen and the unseen, unceasingly glorifies You as the eternal God and Creator. In heaven some cry day and night: Holy, holy, holy! Others lay their crowns at Your feet, While on earth, in union with all creation, we who are adorned with the image of Your eternal glory pray to You and await expectantly Your great and rich mercies, crying: Alleluia!

Oikos No. 9

Even the most eloquent of orators, if they were to devote themselves to much intellectual research in the study of the Most Holy Trinity, could not comprehend how God is but One in Nature and Essence, and in three perfect Persons. But we believe and confess this exactly, yet as to the how, we do not pry into; knowing well the countless benefits to each of us from the three Divine Persons, and so with faith and thanksgiving we cry: Holy, holy, holy are You, O Lord our God; Who by Your just judgments have appointed for us all to return to the earth from which we were taken, and to rise again from it on the day of resurrection! Holy are You, O Lord our God; Who have fore-ordained that the sun, the moon and the stars will sometime be darkened, and, that the earth with everything on it will be transfigured by fire; that in their place may appear the new heaven and the new earth! Holy are You, O Lord our God; Who have fixed that day when all the races and nations shall be gathered together before You for judgment; that each may receive in accord to his deeds! Holy are You, O Lord our God; Who on the day of reward will say to the righteous: "Come, you that are blessed