Slow Stichera

Second Mode

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Verse #1

Ἐξάγαγε ἐκ φυλακῆς

Bring my soul out of prison that I may confess Thy Name.

Stichera #1

Τὸν πρὸ αἰώνων

Come, let us worship God the Word, Who was begotten of the Father before ages, and was incarnate of the Virgin Mary; for having endured the Cross, He was delivered over to burial,
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Verse #2

 Emmanuel υπομνῄσκει

The righteous shall wait patiently for me until Thou
shall reward me.

Stichera #2

Χριστός ὁ Σωτήρ ἡμῶν

av- ing nailed to the Cross the hand-writing
that was a- gainst us, Christ our Saviour hath
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Verse #3

'Ek baßëon

Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord; O Lord, hear my voice.

Stichera #3

Σύν Άρχαγγέλοις

With the Archangels let us praise the Resurrection of Christ; for He is the Redeemer and Saviour of our souls. And in awesome glory...
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Verse #4

Γενηθήτω τά ὄτα σου

Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplementation.

Stichera #4

Σὲ τὸν σταυρωθέντα

hee, the Crucified and Buried, did the Angel proclaim as Master; and he said unto the woman: Come behold where the Lord lay, for as the Almighty, He is risen as He said.
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Verse #5

'Εάν ἀνομίας

Stichera #5

'Εν τῷ σταυρῷ σου
For Thy Name's sake have I patiently waited for Thee, O Lord; my soul hath waited patiently for Thy word, my soul hath hoped in the Lord.
Stichera #6

'Ηνοίγησόν σοι Κύριε

Out of fear, the gates of death opened unto Thee, O Lord; and on beholding Thee,

the gate-keepers of Hades trembled; for Thou didst crush the brazen gates, and didst break the iron bars. And Thou didst lead us out of darkness and the shadow of death,

and didst break our bonds a sunsh.
Verse #7  
'Από φυλακής προίας

from the morn-ing watch un-til night from the morn-ing watch let

Is-ra-el hope___ in the__ Lord.

Stichera #7  
Τὸν σωτήριον ύμνον

chant-ing the hymn of sal-va-tion, with our mouths

let us__ sing: Come____ ye__ all, let____ us__ fall pros-

- - - trate in the House____ of the Lord,____ say-

ing: Thou Who wast cru-ci-fied up-- on the___ Tree, and didst

a- rise_____ from_____ the____ dead, and art in the bos-om_

_ of_____ the Fa- ther, be__ gra-cious un- to____
Verse #8

For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plentiful redemption; and He shall redeem Israel out of all his iniquities.

Verse #9

Praise the Lord, all ye nations; praise Him, all ye peoples.
Verse #10

"O ti ekpataiōthē"

For He hath made His mercy to prevail over us, and the truth of the Lord abideth for ever.

In the churches there are vigils, and David is first and middle and last. In the singing of early morning hymns David is first and middle and last. In the tents at funeral processions David is first and middle and last. What a thing of wonder! Many who have not even made their first attempt at reading know all of David by heart and recite him in order. Yet it is not only in the cities and the churches that he is so prominent on every occasion and with people of all ages; even in the fields and deserts and stretching into uninhabited wasteland, he rouses sacred choirs to God with greater zeal. In the monasteries there is a holy chorus of angelic hosts, and David is first and middle and last. In the convents there are bands of virgins who imitate Mary, and David is first and middle and last. In the deserts men crucified to this world hold converse with God, and David is first and middle and last. And at night all men are dominated by physical sleep and drawn into the depths, and David alone stands by, arousing all the servants of God to angelic vigils, turning earth into heaven and making angels of men.

—St. Chrysostom