Brief Stichera

Plagal First Mode

Verse #1

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

Stichera #1

Διά τοῦ τιμίου σου Σταυροῦ

Thy precious Cross, O Christ, Thou hast put the devil to shame;

and by Thy resurrection, Thou hast blunted the sting of sin;

and Thou hast saved us from the gates of death. We glorify Thee, O

On - ly - be - got - ten One.
Verse #2

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

Stichera #2

That granted the Resurrection unto the race of man was led as a sheep to slaughter; the princes of Hades were terrified of Him, and the grievous gates were lifted up; for Christ, the King of Glory, hath entered, saying to those in bonds: Go forth; and to those in darkness: Reveal yourselves.
Verse #3

'Εκ βαθῶν

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

Stichera #3

Μέγα θαύμα

great wonder! Having suffered in the flesh out of love for man, the Creator of things invisible, the immortal One, hath risen. Come, O ye kindreds of the nations, let us worship Him; for delivered from error by His compassion, we have learned to praise the one God in three Hypostases.
**Verse #4**

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

**Stichera #4**

Evening worship do we offer Thee, the unwaning Light, Who in the end of the ages, through the flesh as in a mirror, hast shined upon the world; and hast descended even unto Hades, and dispelled the darkness there, and hast shown the light of the Resurrection unto the nations. O Giver of light, Lord, glory be to Thee.
Verse #5

Εὰν ἀνομίας

If Thou should-est mark in-iqui-ties, O Lord, O Lord, who shall stand? For with Thee there is for-give-ness.

Stichera #5

Τὸν ἀρχηγὸν τῆς σωτηρίας

Let us glo-ri-fy Christ, the au-thor of our sal-vation; for when He a-rose_from the dead, the_world was saved from er-ror.

The choir of the an-gels re-joic-eth; the de-cep-tion of the de-mons doth flee; Ad-am, who was fall-en, is ris-en; the dev-il is de-stroyed.
Verse #6

For Thy Name's sake have patiently waited for Thee, O Lord; my soul hath waited patiently for Thy word, my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

Stichera #6

The guards were instructed by the lawless: Conceal the Resurrection of Christ; and take ye pieces of silver, and say: While we were sleeping, the corpse was stolen from the tomb. Who hath seen, who hath ever heard of a corpse being stolen? Especially one anointed with myrrh and nard, with the
From the morning watch until night, let Israel hope in the Lord.

Lord, Who hast despoiled Hades and hast trampled upon death; O our Saviour, Who hast enlightened the world by Thy precious Cross; have mercy on us.
Verse #8

"Oti para to Kuriw

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

Aiveite ton Kuriou

praise the Lord, all ye nations; praise Him, all ye peoples.

Verse #10

"Oti ekrateiath

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

Δόξα Πατρί

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

Both now...

Καὶ νῦν

Both now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Dogmatic Theotokion

Ἐν τῇ Ἑρυθρῇ Θαλάσσῃ

In the Red Sea there was once depicted an image of the unwedded Bride. There, Moses divided the water; here, Gabriël doth minister the wonder. Then the deep was trodden dry-shod
by Is-ra-el; now Christ is born seed-less-ly of the Vir-gin.

The sea, af-ter the pas-sage of Is-ra-el, re-mained un-trod-den; the blame-less one, af-ter the birth of Em-man-u-el, re-mained un-de-filed. O Thou Who art, and ev-er be-fore-didst ex-ist, and hast ap-peared as man, O God: have mer-cy on us.