Brief Stichera

Grave Mode

Verse #1

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

Stichera #1

Come, let us rejoice in the Lord Who crushed the dominion of death, and enlightened the race of man. Let us cry out with the bodiless hosts: O our Creator and Saviour, glory be to Thee.
Verse #2

με ὑπομενοῦσι

The righteous shall wait patiently for me until Thou shal
ward me.

Stichera #2

Σταυρὸν ὑπέμεινας

The Cross and buri-al hast Thou endured for us, O Sav-iour; and, as God, Thou hast slain death by death. Where-fore, we worship Thy Res-ur-rec-tion on the third day. Lord, glory be to Thee.
Verse #3

_out of the depths have I cried un - to Thee, O Lord; O Lord,_

___ hear my voice.

Stichera #3

_n see - ing the a - ris - sing of the Cre - a - tor,_

_the a - pos - tles mar - velled, cry - ing out____ with an - gel - ic praise: This is the

glo - ry of the Church; this is the wealth of__̃ the King - - dom! O

Thou____ Who didst suf - fer for us,___ Lord,___ glo - ry be____

to__ Thee.
Verse #4

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

Stichera #4

Though Thou wast taken captive by lawless men, O Christ, yet Thou art my God, and I am not ashamed. Thou wast smitten on the back; I do not deny it. Thou wast nailed to the Cross, and I conceal it not. In Thine arising do I boast, for Thy death is my life. O omnipotent and beneficent Lord, let glory be to Thee.
Verse #5

Ἐὰν ἁνομίας

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

Δαυίτικήν προφητείαν

in ful-fill-ment of Da-vid’s proph-e-cy, in Si-on Christ un-veiled His maj-es-ty to His dis-ci-ples, re-vealing Him-self as the One Who is praised and ev-er glo-ri-fied with the Fa-ther and the Ho-ly Spir-it; once, be-ing with-out flesh as the Word, but now for us be-com-ing in-car-nate, be-ing put to death as man, and a-ris-ing ac-cord-ing to His pow-er, as the Friend of man.
Verse #6

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

Thou didst descend into Hades, O Christ, as Thou didst will. Thou didst despoil death since Thou art God and Master; and Thou didst rise on the third day, and from the bonds of Hades and corruption didst Thou also raise up Adam, who cried out and said: Glory to Thy Resurrection, O only Friend of man.
Verse #7

"From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch let Israel hope in the Lord."

Stichera #7

"In the grave wast Thou laid as one that slept, O Lord; and Thou didst rise on the third day as One mighty in strength, raising up Adam with Thyself out of the corruption of death, since Thou art omnipotent."
Verse #8

"Οτι παρὰ τῷ Κυρίῳ

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

Verse #9

Αἰνεῖτε τὸν Κύριον

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

Verse #10

"Οτι ἐκραταῖοθη

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

Δόξα Πατρι

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

Μήτηρ μὲν ἐγνώσθης

Mother art known to be a mother surpassing nature,

O Theotokos; and surpassing reason and understanding, thou didst remain a virgin. And no tongue
can explain the miracle of thy child's birth; for even as

the conception was strange, O pure one, so the manner of birth is incomprehensible. For whatever God wills, the order of nature is overcome. Wherefore, knowing thee to be the Mother of God, we all beseech thee fervently: Intercede thou that our souls be saved.

Not if someone utters the words of the psalm with his mouth, does that one sing to the Lord; but, all who send up the psalmody from a clean heart, and who are holy, maintaining righteousness toward God, these are able to sing to God, harmoniously guided by the spiritual rhythms.

—St. Basil the Great