TON 3: Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad. For the Lord has done a mighty act with His own arm. He has trampled down death by death and has become the firstborn from the dead. He has delivered us from the depth of hades, granting the world the great mercy.

TON 4: Having learned the joyful message of the resurrection from the angel, the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation and proudly broke the news to the disciples, saying: Death has been spoiled! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!

TON 5: Let us believers praise and worship the Word, coeternal with (†) the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For He took pleasure in ascending the cross in the flesh, to suffer death, and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

TON 6: When Mary stood at Your grave, looking for Your sacred body, angelic powers shone above Your revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. You led hades captive and were not tempted thereby. You met the Virgin and gave life to the world. O You Who are risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to You!

TON 7: You shattered death by Your cross. You opened paradise to the thief. You turned the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy and commanded Your apostles to proclaim a warning that You have risen, O Christ, granting to the world the great mercy.

TON 8: From the heights You descended, O compassionate One, and You submitted to the three-day burial, that You might deliver us from passion. You are our life and our resurrection, O Lord, glory to You!

Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word. For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Your people Israel.

Through the prayers of our holy fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.

(If you are planning to receive Holy Communion at the Divine Liturgy in the morning it is very appropriate to prepare yourself by also praying the Pre-Communion Prayers. When finished, go to Scripture Readings on p. 28.

A Prayer of St. Basil to the Holy Spirit

We bless You, O God most high and Lord of mercies, Who always work great and mysterious deeds for us, glorious, wonderful and numberless; Who provide us with sleep as a rest from our infirmities and as a repose for our bodies tired by labor. We thank You that You have not destroyed us in our transgressions, but in Your love toward mankind You have raised us up, as we lay in despair, that we may glorify Your Majesty. We entreat Your infinite goodness, enlighten the eyes of our understanding and raise up our minds from the heavy sleep of indolence; open our mouths and fill them with Your praise, that we may unceasingly sing and confess You, Who are God glorified in all and by all, the all-holy and good and life-giving Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

(On Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday read Psalm 50 [51] on p. 4 instead of the Nicene Creed.)

Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed

I believe in One God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Only-begotten, Begotten of the Father before all worlds; Light of Light, Very God of Very God; Begotten, not made; of one essence with the Father, by 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 was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered and was buried; And the third day He arose again, according to the Scriptures; And ascended into Heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead, Whose Kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets;

And I believe in One Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.
PSALM 50 [51]

1 Have mercy on me, God, according to your loving kindness. According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions.² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity. Cleanse me from my sin.³ For I know my transgressions. My sin is constantly before me.⁴ Against You, and You only, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in your sight; that you may be proved right when you speak, and justified when you judge.

5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity. In sin my mother conceived me.⁶ Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts. You teach me wisdom in the most secret place.⁷ Purify me with hyssop, and I will be clean. Wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness, that the bones which You have broken may rejoice.⁹ Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all of my iniquities.

10 Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a right spirit within me.¹¹ Do not throw me from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.¹² Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold me with a willing spirit.¹³ Then I will teach transgressors Your ways. Sinners shall be converted to You.¹⁴ Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, the God of my salvation. My tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness.

15 Lord, open my lips. My mouth shall declare Your praise.¹⁶ For You do not delight in sacrifice, or else I would give it. You have no pleasure in burnt offering.¹⁷ The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit. A broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.¹⁸ Do good in Your good pleasure to Zion. Build the walls of Jerusalem.¹⁹ Then You will delight in the sacrifices of righteousness, in burnt offerings and in whole burnt offerings. Then they will offer bulls on Your altar.

the forest creep forth. The young lions roar for their prey, seeking their food from God. When the sun rises, they get them away and lie down in their dens. Man goes forth to his work and to his labor until the evening. O LORD, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all; the earth is full of Your creatures. Yonder is the sea, great and wide, which teems with things innumerable, living things both small and great. There go the ships, and Leviathan which You formed to sport in it. These all look to You, to give them their food in due season. When You give to them, they gather it up; when You open Your hand, they are filled with good things.

When You hide Your face, they are dismayed; when You take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. When You send forth Your Spirit, they are created; and You renew the face of the ground. May the glory of the LORD endure for ever, may the LORD rejoice in His works, Who looks on the earth and it trembles, Who touches the mountains and they smoke! I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to Him, for I rejoice in the LORD. Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more! Bless the LORD, O my soul! Praise the LORD!

(†) Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, (†) Glory to You, O God. (3x) O our God and our Hope, glory to You!

(Then the Troparion of the Resurrection in the proper tone, as indicated on your church calendar:)

**TONE 1:** While the stone was sealed by the Jews and the soldiers were guarding Your most pure body, You arose on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world; for which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto You, O giver of life. Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your kingdom! Glory to Your providence, O You Who alone are the lover of mankind!

**TONE 2:** When You submitted Yourself unto death, O You deathless and immortal One, then You destroyed them with Your godly power. And when You raised the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of heaven cried aloud unto You: O Christ, You giver of life, glory to You!