

God is the Lord, Troparion and Theotokion for the sanctity of life

Priest: In the 2nd Tone: God is the Lord and hath appeared unto us. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Stichos 1: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endureth forever.

Choir: [in the 2nd tone] God is the Lord and hath appeared unto us. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. *(This is sung after each stichos.)*

Stichos 2: Surrounding me they compassed me, and by the name of the Lord I warded them off.

Stichos 3: I shall not die, but live, and I shall tell of the works of the Lord.

Stichos 4: The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner. This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

Troparion:

O Lord the Creator and Giver of Life, In Thine inexhaustible love Thou didst fashion us and give us the sacred gift of life. And when we had corrupted Thy gift Thou didst take on human flesh to restore our humanity. Like wise O Savior remind Thy people darkened by ignorance that in all ages, // every child that opens the womb is sacred to God.

(Twice)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Theotokion:

O Theotokos joy of creation; thy parents though advanced in years had only begun to fulfill their ordained role in our salvation. For despite old age they bore thee and reared thee in righteousness, preparing thee to be the one through whom Christ restored our humanity // O most glorious Mother of Life.