

## **HYMN OF THE DAYS OF CREATION**

Sunday, The First Day:

### **The Resurrection of our Lord**

In the beginning the Word newly created  
the heaven of heavens out of nothing,  
and the celestial hosts  
of incorporeal intelligible watcher angels,  
and the sensible elements  
contrary one to the other and yet agreeing,  
by which the ineffable Trinity  
is ever glorified.

The thrice-holy one dominion  
and Godhead in one nature,  
the light uncreate that creates  
commanded that there be created light,  
which he made to shine  
on the first Lord's day that was Sunday  
by which the ineffable Trinity  
is ever glorified.

In wisdom let us unfold  
and recognize the hidden mystery,  
for the unseen intelligible light,  
visible only to pure souls,  
made on this first day of the week shine upon us  
the holy radiance of the resurrection;  
come ye that are saved,  
sing with the angel praises to him that is risen.

O thou love, in love didst thou humble thyself  
and wast incarnate for our salvation,  
in the same body thou wast crucified  
and laid in the tomb of death,  
this day as God didst thou arise  
and by angels wast thou proclaimed;  
come ye that are saved,  
sing with the angel praises to him that is risen.

Thou who didst appear to the thurifers  
with the tidings of gladdened life,  
and to the eleven apostles  
on the mount of Galilee,  
make us worthy together with them  
to see thee on the last day ;  
come ye that are saved,  
sing with the angel praises to him that is risen.

O sons of Sion, arise, awake,  
give the good news to the bride of light:  
thy groom is risen  
and has conquered death by his power,  
he will come to crown thee with glory,  
go forth before him bedecked with adornments;  
sing a new song to him that is risen,  
to the fruit of life for them that are asleep.

Monday, The Second Day:

**The Angelic Choirs**

The command of the creative Word,  
at the beginning of the second day,  
divided the waters from the waters  
and contained them within the firmament,  
thereby separating the world of the earthly  
from that of the fiery;  
with them, O sons of light,  
sing praises to the triune Light.

O choirs of cherubim with many eyes  
and of thrice-holy seraphim,  
uncreate thrones of the Godhead  
of the consubstantial Trinity,  
intercede for us with the Lord,  
for the children of the Church;  
with them, O sons of light,  
sing praises to the triune Light.

O supernal authorities  
and unchangeable dominions,  
invincible holy powers,  
that glorify the Creator,  
pray to the merciful Lord  
not to overlook his handiwork;  
with them, O sons of light,  
sing praises to the triune Light.

O choirs of incorporeal principalities  
and archangels of the heights,  
fiery spirits and ministrants  
and hosts of angels,  
pray to the Lord of lords  
for us men of the earth;  
with them, O sons of light,  
sing praises to the triune Light.

Of the heavenly supernal choirs,  
the watcher-angels who praise thee,  
may the voice of supplication for us  
be pleasing to thee, O thou merciful,  
and grant them to us as guardians  
from henceforth for evermore;  
with them, O sons of light,  
sing praises to the triune Light.

Through the pleadings of the powers,  
dominions, authorities  
and principalities and of all names  
that are named in heaven,  
receive us, O Christ, in gladness  
in the day of death and resurrection;  
that with them we may bless thee  
and glorify thee with the Father and the Spirit.

Tuesday, The Third Day:

**St. John the Forerunner**

The divine Word, who is equal with the Father  
in creation and in power,  
in the third day divided the waters  
and made crops and plants spring up,  
and again in the third age  
he dried up the flood of the waters,  
he saved Noah through the Ark  
and increased the kinds of living creatures;  
sing praises to the ineffable Light,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Together with the sensible trees  
he also planted intelligible plants,  
he made the flood of sins subside  
and multiplied the ranks of the righteous,  
of whom is the one great among the offspring of women,  
the mediator between the grace and the law;  
sing praises to the ineffable Light,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

O soldier of the heavenly King  
and harbinger of the Kingdom,  
pray the Lord to make us mindful  
of the departure from this valley of sorrows  
to the place appointed of the Lord  
and promised to the sons of men;  
sing praises to the ineffable Light,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

O ministrant to the heir of the Father  
and worshipper of him from the womb,  
forerunner and baptizer of him  
who is the expiator of our sins,  
intercede for us with the compassionate One  
that he may blot out the record of our transgressions;  
sing praises to the ineffable Light,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Thou didst shine forth as light from the Father,  
giving life to our mortal nature,  
and didst send as precursor  
Saint John, the herald of life,  
through whose entreaties, O Almighty  
receive our supplications;  
sing praises to the ineffable Light,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Of the luminous paths of the earthly holy angel,  
by which he went up to heaven,  
and of the narrow and strait way,  
make us worthy, O Lord,  
that we may be followers of him  
into the supernal mansions of thy Father,  
and with the blessed sons of light  
sing hymns of glory to thee.

Wednesday, The Fourth Day:

**The Mother of God**

The original darkness devoid of existing things  
was dispelled in the first day;  
the bright light was gathered in the fourth day  
to form the matter of the sun;  
the moon was created to reflect the light  
and clusters of stars were fashioned,  
through which is praised the Creator of all beings  
by his reasonable servants.

The hidden mystery -was made known  
in the fourth age through Isaac,  
and again in the fourth day  
the angel gave the tidings to the Virgin  
saying: "the light illimitable  
will be contained by thee in the flesh";  
sing praises to the fruit of the Virgin,  
in whom ye were blessed, O generations of the earth-born.

Of the virgin of old, Mother Eve,  
through whom old Adam became a debtor,  
the grievous curse was lifted  
by thine holy birth-giving, O virgin Mary;  
pray to thine only-begotten  
to forgive the sins of their children;  
sing praises to the fruit of the Virgin,  
in whom ye were blessed, O generations of the earth-born.

O thou bride, presented from the earth to heaven,  
where unto thee we lift up our souls,  
in the day when thou wilt hear the good news  
plead for us that we too may hear  
the voice of the tidings of thine only-begotten  
saying: "Come, O blessed of my Father";  
sing praises to the fruit of the Virgin,  
in whom ye were blessed, O generations of the earth-born.

With our voice, Lord, we implore thee,  
and fall before thee in worship,  
through the supplications of the God-bearer  
quench within us the flames of the furnace  
and grant us the cleansing of sins with our tears  
that we may again be renewed;  
sing praises to the fruit of the Virgin,  
in whom ye were blessed, O generations of the earth-born.

O thou pilot and master shipbuilder,  
that hast passed through the trackless sea of life,  
lift us up together with Peter  
from the waves of the sea of sins,  
through the supplications  
of thy exalted and immaculate Mother;  
sing praises to the fruit of the Virgin,  
in whom ye were blessed, O generations of the earth-born.

Thursday, The Fifth Day:

**The Apostles and Church Fathers**

The Word radiating from the Father  
ordered in the fifth day  
that creeping things spring up from the waters  
and winged creatures of the air;  
and in the fifth age old Israel  
was baptized in the cloud and in the sea;  
let us give honour and glory  
to the Word uncreate, who worketh wonders.

That was the figure of the cleansing  
of the apostles of Christ,  
who were called to the heavenly places  
from the Tiberian Sea;  
they passed through the sea of this world  
and were baptized in the Spirit;  
let us give honour and glory  
to the Word uncreate, who worketh wonders.

To the everlasting joys  
of the undefiled wedding feast  
the Father of glory has sent you  
to invite the sorrowful;  
pray to the Lord that in the same wedding feast  
we may join your company;  
let us give honour and glory  
to the Word uncreate, who "worketh wonders.

Renewers of the world  
from the sin of the forefather,  
you that have adorned with new wings  
the churches of nations,  
implore the merciful One  
to renew us from our sin of old;  
let us give honour and glory  
to the Word uncreate, who worketh wonders.

O Maker of all beings and creatures  
out of nothing,  
thou didst build the Church,  
the rock upon the rock of the Word,  
on the foundation laid in new Sion,  
join us together and build us thereon;  
let us give honour and glory  
to the Word uncreate, who worketh wonders.

With the flow of rivers the city built by thee  
has been gladdened, O Jesus;  
brooks of grace spring therefrom  
and water the souls of men;  
make us also drink from the water of life  
through the supplication of the cupbearers of the Spirit,  
that this thy reasonable world  
may bear fruit for thy glory.

Friday, The Sixth Day:

**The Crucifixion of our Lord**

He who is good by nature,  
not enduring to have alone the ineffable good,  
created man in his own image  
in the morning of the sixth day;  
and in the third hour he gave the one born of the ribs  
as helper to the one born of the earth  
and he put them in paradise to enjoy,  
but he forbade them the fruit of death.

After the transgression Adam of old  
was struck dumb before the Judge  
putting the blame on the woman for the guile  
and the woman on the treacherous serpent,  
because of which this earth was cursed,  
thorns and thistle grew therein,  
sentence of death was given to man  
that he should return to earth from which he was created.

The Father of glory made haste to abolish  
the record of our debt of transgressions,  
therefore the merciful Son in the sixth age  
took upon himself the body of sin;  
according to the good pleasure of the Father  
he came willingly to the death of the Cross on Friday,  
the Lamb was slain on the old Passover,  
instead of the Lambs that prefigured him.

By the luminous way of the commandment  
and by the path of righteousness  
thou, lifting thyself up on the Cross,  
didst lift us up to heaven;  
through thine unspeakable humility  
and crucifixion willingly suffered,  
O Lord, be reconciled with us in thy compassion  
and in thy mercy forgive us our sins.

O Lord, who art terrible to the seraphim  
and fearful to the cherubim,  
thou didst humble thyself to endure sufferings  
in the passible human nature;  
thou didst kill sin on the Cross  
and didst make void the sentence of death;  
reconcile with us. Lord, in thy compassion  
and in thy mercy forgive us our sins.

Thou art supreme over the natures of beings  
and art the Maker of all;  
when thou wilt raise up the sign of thy Cross  
in thy second coming,  
them that now worship thee in faith  
enlighten with the light of thy Cross,  
so that in concord with them that have put on the Cross  
we may bless thee for evermore.

Saturday, The Seventh Day:

**The Martyrs and Christians Asleep**

The Lord, after the creation of all creatures,  
rested from his work in the seventh day;           !  
he who is the rest of the all that labour  
and who wills that creatures should work,  
gave us a firm hope  
in the rest of the Sabbath day,  
that in this world we shall do God's work  
and in the world to come we shall rest with God.

We are taught by our Teacher  
and are instructed by the example of the Lord,  
who, after completing the economy  
in the second creation,  
descended into the sepulcher in the body  
in the seventh day of rest,  
and raised up the souls that were bound  
and prepared for us the everlasting rest.

The dew that has issued from thy side  
shall heal them that are in rest;  
it will descend on the dust of their grave  
and will make them spring up in the last day;  
with thy quickening voice, O Lord,  
call them into thy life,  
and number them in the ranks of the just  
that they may sing thy glory with the angels.

Our nature of infirmity that holds our life  
the transgression turned into the dust of death;  
but thy death, O Immortal, gave us again immortal life;  
them that have been buried with thee  
in the death of the baptism of the font,  
raise up with thee in thy glory  
bright with light like the day star.

The righteous shine in the Kingdom  
and the ascetics in heavenly rest;  
martyrs are crowned  
and the lamps of virgins are alight;  
number those who confess thee God,  
among their ranks, O Lord,  
and do not judge them with justice  
but forgive them by compassion.

With thine unspeakable humility  
thou wast buried in death  
and thou didst raise those of the sons of men  
who in faith cast themselves upon thee;  
raise us up also in righteousness  
and them that are asleep in Thy mercy,  
that by the mouth of the living  
glorified be thou with the Father and the Spirit.