*After the Thrice Holy Hymn…*

***Deacon****: Let us attend.*

***Priest****: Peace be unto all!*

**Reader**: **And to your spirit!**

***Deacon****: Wisdom!*

**Reader**: **The Prokeimenon in the 8th tone:**

(Tone 8) **This is the day that the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

***Choir****: (Repeats Prokeimenon)*

**Reader**: **O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good, for His mercy endures forever!**

***Choir****: (Repeats Prokeimenon)*

**Reader**: **This is the day that the Lord has made!**

***Choir****: (Let us rejoice and be glad in it!)*

***Deacon****: Wisdom!*

**Reader**: **The reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles**

***Deacon****: Let us attend.*

**Reader**: The former account I have made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began to do and to teach, until the day on which, giving commandments by the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom He had chosen, He was take up; to whom He also presented Himself alive after His Passion by many infallible proofs, appearing to them for forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the Kingdom of God; and eating together with them, He commanded them, that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but should wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days hence.” They therefore who were come together, asked Him, saying, “Lord, wilt Thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?” But He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or the seasons which the Father has put in His own power. But you shall receive power at the coming of the Holy Spirit upon you; and you shall be witnesses unto Me in both Jerusalem, and in all Judea and in Samaria, and even to the uttermost parts of the earth.”

***Priest****: Peace be unto you Reader*

**Reader**: **And to your spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

***Choir****: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

**Reader*:* You did arise, O Lord, and have mercy on Zion.**

***Choir****: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*

**Reader**: **The Lord looked down from heaven upon the earth.**

***Choir****: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*