The prophets, inspired by Thy Spirit, O Lord, foretold that Thou, whom nothing can contain or grasp, and who hast shone forth in eternity before the morning star from the immaterial and bodiless womb of the Father, wast to become a child.

Tone 6: "Having set all your hope..."

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taking flesh from the Virgin, being joined to men and seen from the Virgin, being joined to men and seen by those on earth. At the prayers of these Thy prophets, 

in Thy compassion count us worthy of Thy light, 

for we sing the praises of Thine ineffable and holy Resurrection.
Sunday of Orthodoxy

Vespers Stichera at "Lord, I have cried..."

Sticheron 2

Tone 6: "Having set all your hope..."

The divinely inspired prophets preached Thee in word and honored Thee in works, and they received as their reward life without end.

For they steadfastly refused, O Master, to worship the creation instead of Thee, the Creator.
they renounced the whole world for the Gospel's sake, and in their suffering they were conformed to Thy Passion which they had foretold.

At their intercessions count us worthy to pass through the period of the Fast without offence.

for Thou alone art rich in mercy.
Thou who art un-cir-cum-scribed, O Mas-ter, in Thy di-vine na-
ture,
wast pleased in the last times to take flesh and be

cir-cum-scribed; and in assum-ing flesh, Thou hast
also ta-ken on Thy-self all its dis-tinc-tive pro-
per-ties.
Therefore we depict the likeness of Thine outward form, venerating it with an honor that is relative. So we are exalted to the love of Thee, and following the holy traditions handed down by the apostles, from Thine icon we receive the grace of healing.
Sunday of Orthodoxy
Vespers Stichera at "Lord, I have cried..."

Sticheron 4

As a precious adornment the Church of Christ has received

the venerable and holy icons of the Saviour Christ, of God's Mother and of

all the saints. Celebrating now their triumphant restoration,

she is made bright with grace and splendor,

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and drives away all heretics.

With great rejoicing she gives glory unto God

who loves mankind, and who for her sake

has endured His voluntary Passion.