Aposticha  
Tone 4

By ascending the Cross, O Lord, You have annulled our ancestral curse. By descending to hell, You have freed the eternal prisoners, granting incorruption to the human race.//

Therefore in songs we glorify Your life-creating and saving Resurrection. ☩ The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty!
By hanging upon the tree, O only powerful Lord,
You shook all of creation. By being laid in the tomb
You have raised those who dwelt in the tombs, granting life and incorruption to the human race.// Therefore in songs we glorify Your rising on the third day.

For He has established the world, so that it shall never be moved.
Sticheron 3

The lawless people, O Christ, handed You over to Pilate
condemned to be crucified, thus prov-ing them-selves ungrateful be-
fore their Benefac-tor. But voluntarily You en-dured
burial, rising by Your own power on the third day
as God,// granting us life everlasting and great mer-

♀ Holiness befits Your house, O Lord, forevermore!
With tears the women reached Your tomb, searching for You,

but not finding You. They wept with wailing and lamented:

"Woe to us! Our Savior, King of all, how were You stolen?"

What place can hold Your life-bearing body?" An Angel replied to them: "Do not weep, but go and proclaim that
Then "Glory..." and the rest.
If there is a Doxastichon appointed from the Menaion:
   "Glory...," Doxastichon, "Now and ever...," Theotokion.
If not, then:
   "Glory...now and ever..." and the Theotokion.
The tone of the Aposticha Theotokion typically follows
   the tone of the preceding sticheron.