Vespers of Thomas Sunday

After the blessing, the Priest chants, "Christ is Risen..." 2 ½ times and the choir completes the hymn. The Proemial Psalm (103), the Great Litany, and the 1st Kathisma as usual for Saturday evening.

Stichera on "Lord I have cried", Tone 1 (Idiomela)

(10) Reader: Bring my soul out of prison:

When the doors were shut, and the disciples were gathered together, / Thou didst suddenly enter in, O almighty Jesus our God, / and standing in their midst and granting them peace, / Thou didst fill them with the Holy Spirit, / and didst command them to wait, and in nowise to depart from Jerusalem, / until they were invested with power from on high. / Wherefore, we cry out to Thee: //
O our Enlightenment, Resurrection and Peace, glory to Thee!

(9) Reader: The righteous shall wait patiently for me

Repeat: When the doors were shut...
(8) Reader: Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord;

Eight days after Thine arising, O Lord, /  
Thou didst appear to Thy disciples / in the place where they were gathered; / and having proclaimed to them "Peace be unto you!", / Thou didst show Thy hands and all-pure side / to the unbelieving disciple; / and believing, he cried out to Thee: // "My Lord and my God, glory to Thee!"

(7) Reader: Let thine ears be attentive

Repeat: Eight days after Thine arising, O Lord...
(6) Reader: If thou shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, O Lord, who shall stand?

For with Thee there is forgiveness.

Thomas, who is called the twin, / 
was not with them when Thou didst enter in, / 
while the doors were shut, O Christ; / 
wherefore, he did not believe the things that were said unto him, / 
by his disbelief confirming our faith. / 
But Thou, O Good One, didst not fail to show him Thine all-pure side, / 
and the wounds of Thy feet and hands; / 
and touching and beholding them, / 
he confessed Thee to be not God alone, nor merely man, and cried out: // 
"My Lord and my God, glory to Thee!"

(5) Reader: For Thy name's sake have I patiently waited for Thee, O Lord, 
my soul hath waited patiently for Thy word,

My soul hath hoped in the Lord.

Repeat: Thomas, who is called the Twin,...
(4) Reader: From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch

Let Israel hope in the Lord.

When the disciples doubted, /  
on the eighth day the Savior stood before them where they were assembled, /  
and granting them peace, cried out to Thomas: /  
"Come, O apostle, and touch the hands which the nails have pierced!"  
O the goodly unbelief of Thomas! /  
He brought the hearts of the faithful to knowledge, /  
and cried out with fear: //  
"My Lord and my God, glory to Thee!"

(3) Reader: For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption;

And He shall redeem Israel out of all his iniquities.

Repeat: When the disciples doubted, on the eighth day...
2nd Tone

(2) Reader: In the 2nd Tone: O praise the Lord, all ye nations;

After Thine arising, O Lord, / when Thy disciples were assembled together and the doors were shut, / Thou didst stand in their midst, granting them peace. / And even Thomas, convinced by the sight of Thy hands and side, / confessed Thee to be the Lord and God Who saveth those who hope in Thee, // O Thou Who lovest mankind.
Reader: For He hath made His mercy to prevail over us,

And the truth of the Lord abideth forever.

When the doors were shut, / 
Jesus, standing in the midst of the disciples, / 
gave them peace and release from fear. / 
Then He said unto Thomas: / 
"Wherefore dost thou not believe that I have risen from the dead? / 
Reach hither thy hand, / 
and thrust it into my side, and behold; / 
for as thou believest not, / 
all have learned of My sufferings and resurrection, and to cry out with thee: // 
'My Lord and my God, glory to Thee!'"
6th Tone

Glory, both now, in the 6th Tone:

When the doors were shut, /
Thou didst come unto the disciples, O Christ. /
Then was Thomas providentially not among them. /
For he said: "I will not believe /
if I do not see the Master myself; /
If I do not behold the side /
from whence the baptism of blood and water issued forth; /
If I do not see the wound /
whereby the great wound of man hath been healed; /
If I do not see that He hath not become a spirit, /
but is flesh and bone." //
O Lord, Who didst trample down death and convince Thomas, glory to Thee!

Entrance. "O gladsome Light..." Prokeimenon: "The Lord is King..."