

"Lord I Call..." Tone 5

Lord, I call upon You, hear me!
Hear me, O Lord!
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Receive the voice of my prayer,
when I call upon You!!!
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and let the lifting up of my hands
be an evening sacrifice!!!
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Reader: (Reads text from service book)

v. (10) *Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Your name!*

By Your precious Cross, O Christ,
You have put the devil to shame.
By Your Resurrection, You have blunted the sting of sin
and saved us from the gates of death.//
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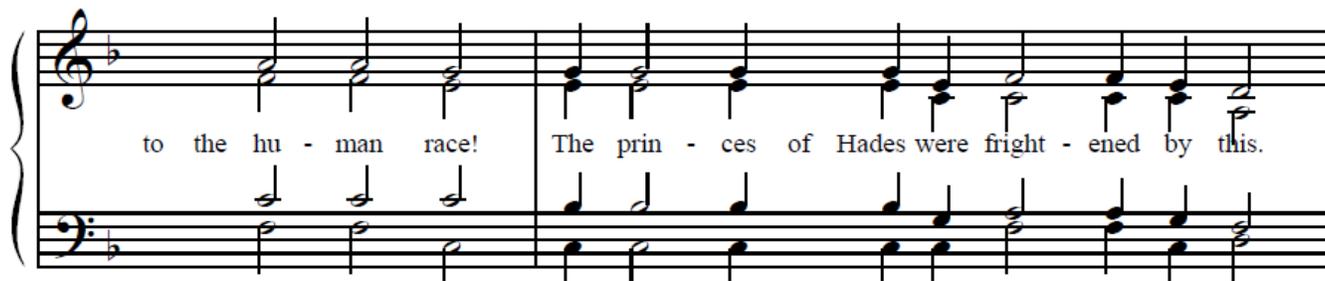
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v. (9) *The righteous will surround me; for You will deal bountifully with me.*

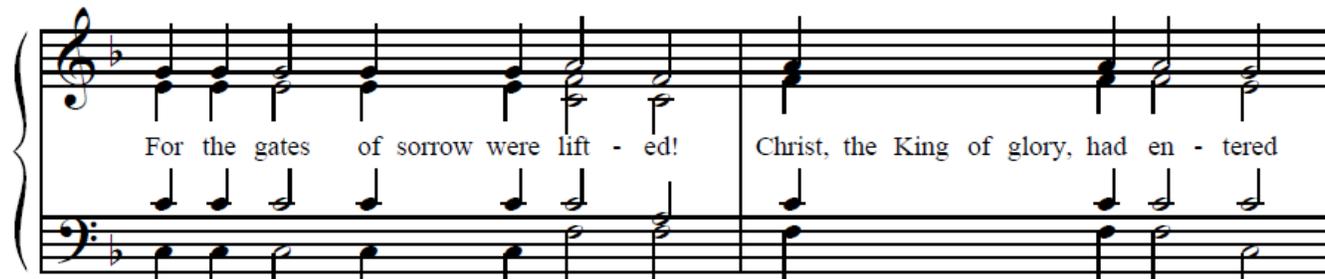
Christ was led as a sheep to the slaughter
in order to grant Resurrection to the human race.
The princes of hell were frightened by this,
for the gates of sorrow were lifted.
Christ the King of glory had entered,
saying to those in chains: "Go forth!"//
And to those in darkness: "Come to the light!"

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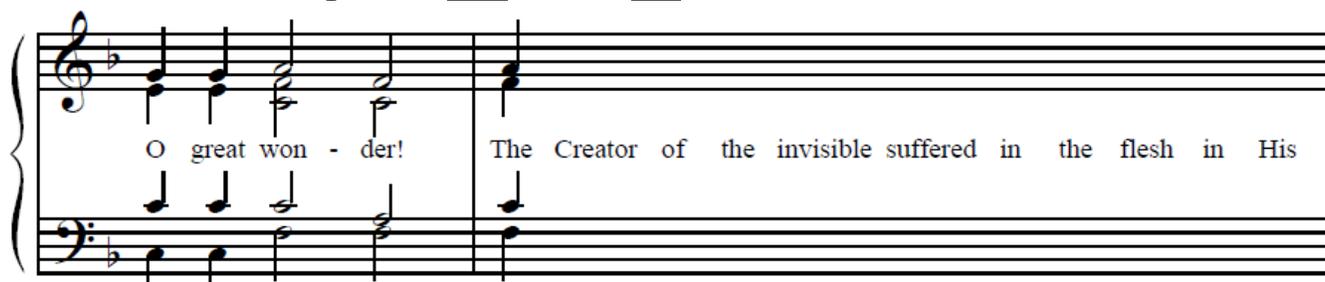
Oh, great wonder!

The Creator of the invisible suffered in the flesh in His love for mankind
and rose again immortal.

Come, O sons of nations,
let us worship Him,

for delivered from error by His compassion,//

we have learned to sing of one God in three Persons!



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v. (7) Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

We offer You our evening worship,
 O never setting Light,
 Who came in these last days to the world in the flesh;
 Who even descended to hell to dispel its darkness.
 You have revealed the light of Resurrection to the nations.//
 Glory to You, O Lord and Giver of light!

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Hades to dispel its dark - ness, and Who have revealed the light of resurrection

to the na - tions! Glory to You, O Lord and Gi - ver of Light!

v. (6) In the Sixth Tone, If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You.

Tone 6 (for the Fathers) (Despairing for her life)

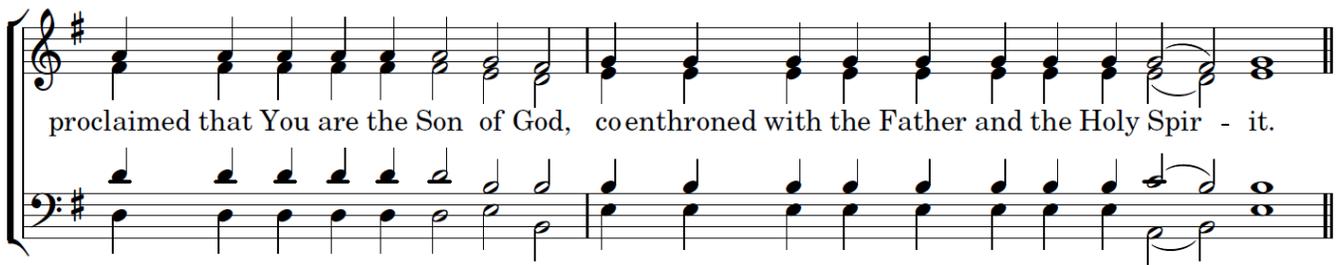
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 but Arius taught wrongly that You were created.
 In his ignorance he designated You as a creature,
 yet the Fathers of the Council in Nicea, O Lord,
 proclaimed that You are the Son of God, //
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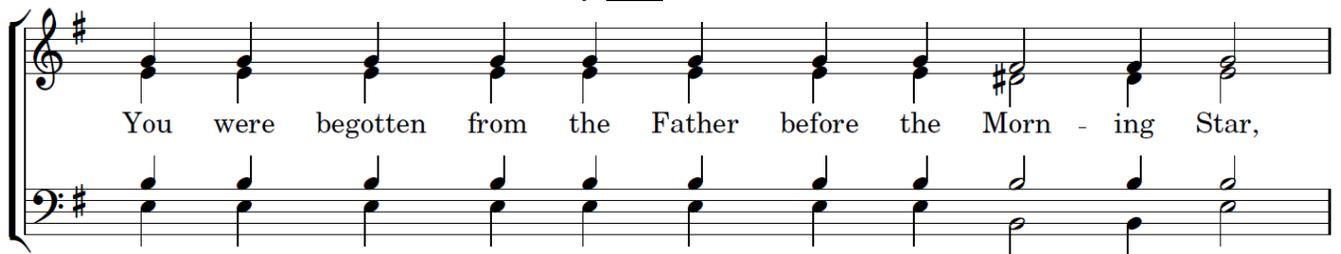
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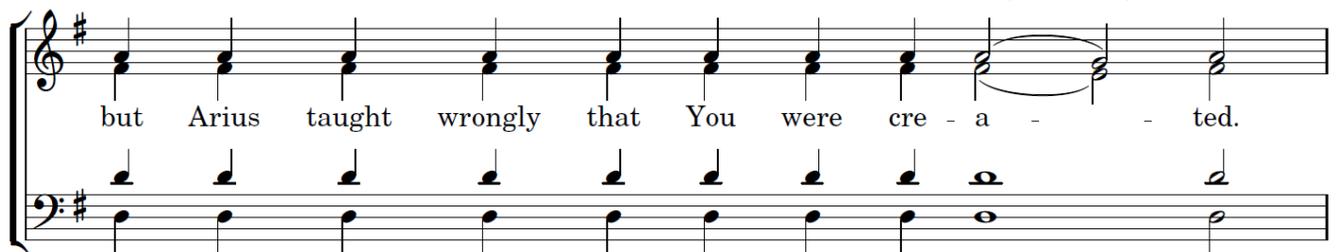
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v. (5) For Your name's sake I have waited for You, O Lord, my soul has waited for Your word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.

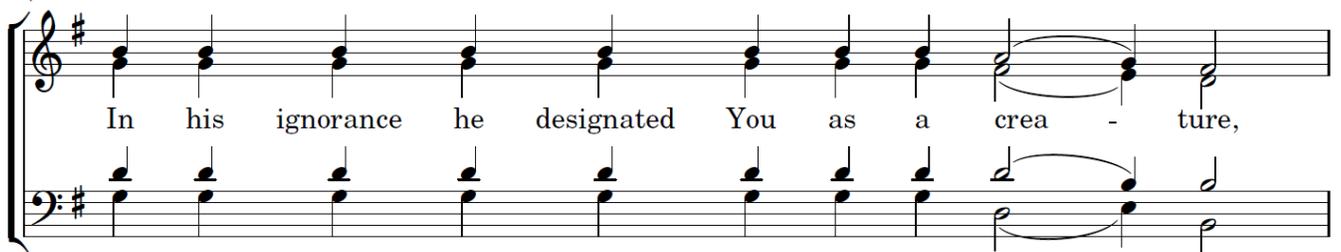
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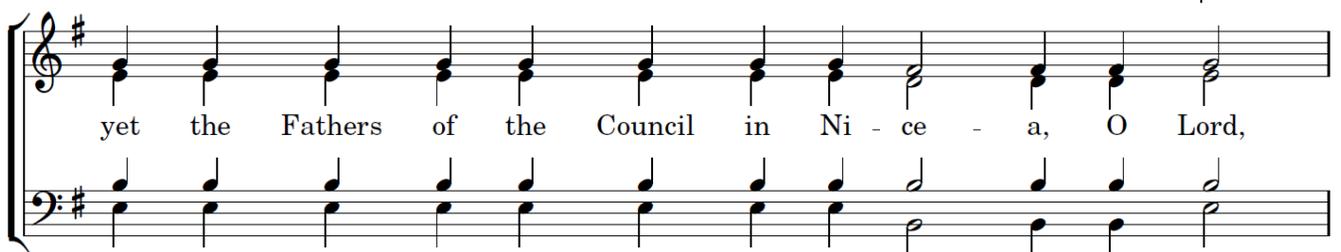
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v. (4) *From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord!*

O honored Fathers,
you skillfully stitched together the garment of Christ,
which had been divided and torn apart by barking dogs.
You found it unbearable to see His nakedness,
as, of old, Shem and Japheth could not bear to see the nakedness of their father.
You put to shame the wretchedness of Arius and those who agreed with him, //
and who professed the madness that bears his name.

O honored Fa - thers, you skillfully stitched together the gar - ment of Christ,

which had been divided and torn apart by bar - king dogs.

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v. (3) *For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.*

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v. (2) Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!

The Macedónians and Nestórians, the Eutýchians and Dióscorenes,
the Appolinárians, Sabélians, and Séverans,
who were revealed as oppressive wolves in sheep's skins,
you, as true shepherds, drove far away from the Savior's flock,
having stripped the thrice-wretched ones of their sheep's skins.//
Therefore, we call you blessed, O holy Fathers.

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v. (1) For His mercy is abundant towards us; and the truth of the Lord endures for ever.

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Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Tone 6 (for the Fathers)

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 the God-bearing Fathers,

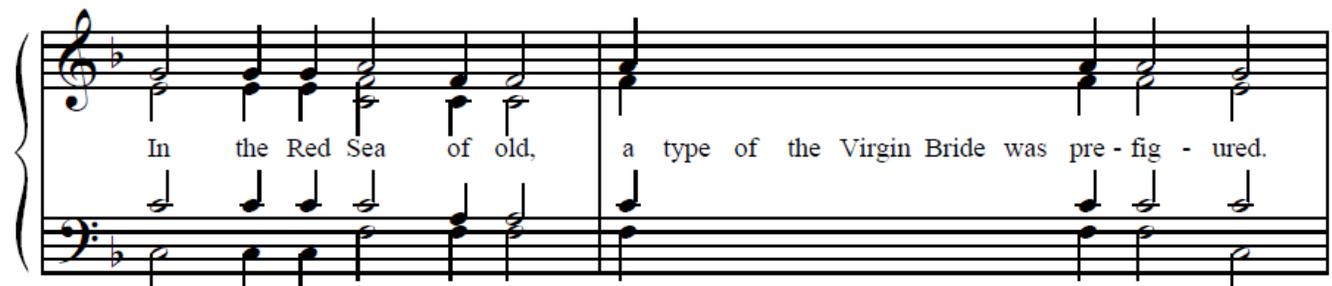
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 praising the changeless Trinity!
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 and upheld the Orthodox Faith.//
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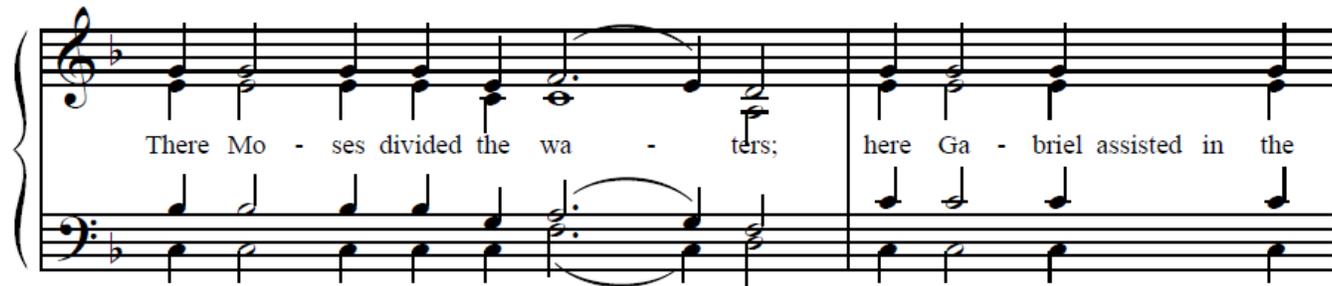
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Tone 5 (Theotokion – Dogmatikon)

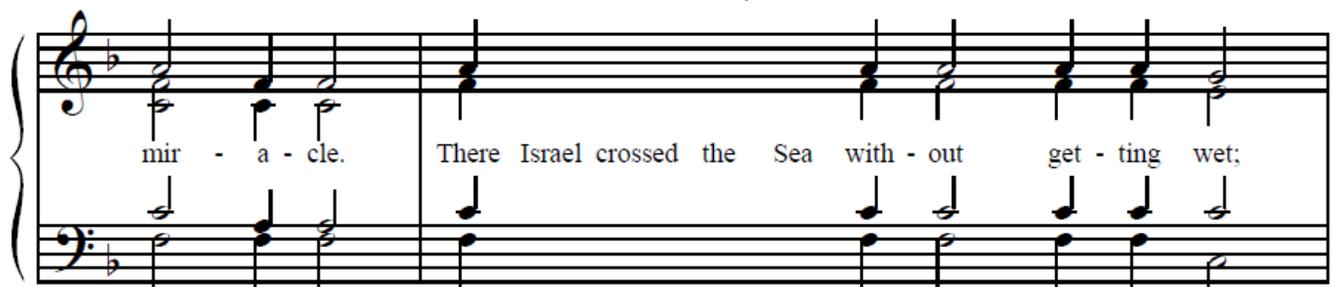
In the Red Sea of old,
 a type of the Virgin Bride was prefigured.
 There Moses divided the waters;
 here Gabriel assisted in the miracle.
 There Israel crossed the sea without getting wet,
 here the Virgin gave birth to Christ without seed.
 After Israel's passage, the sea remained impassable;
 after Emmanuel's birth, the Virgin remained a Virgin.
 O ever-existing God, Who appeared as Man,//
 O Lord, have mercy on us!



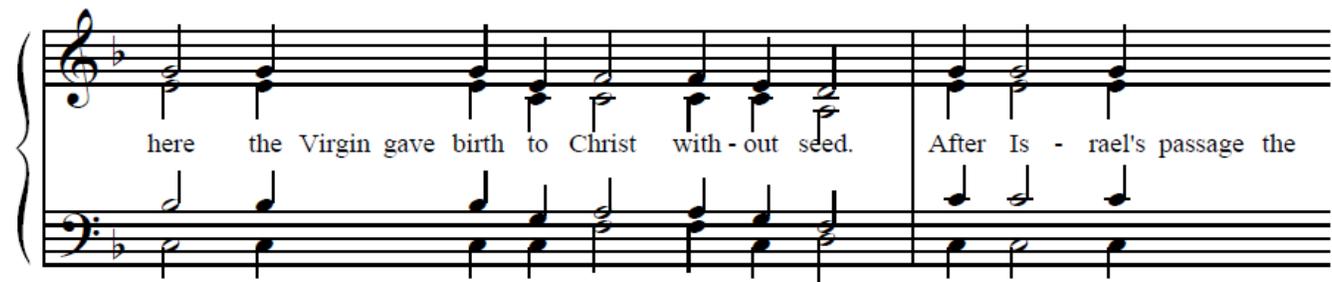
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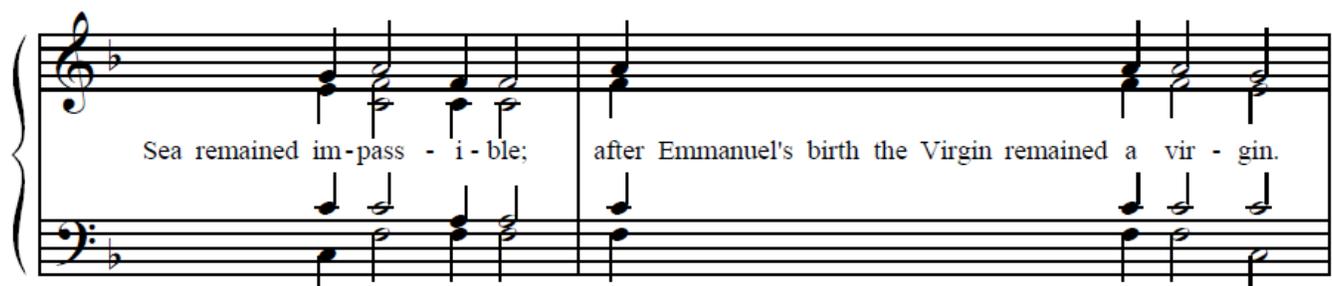
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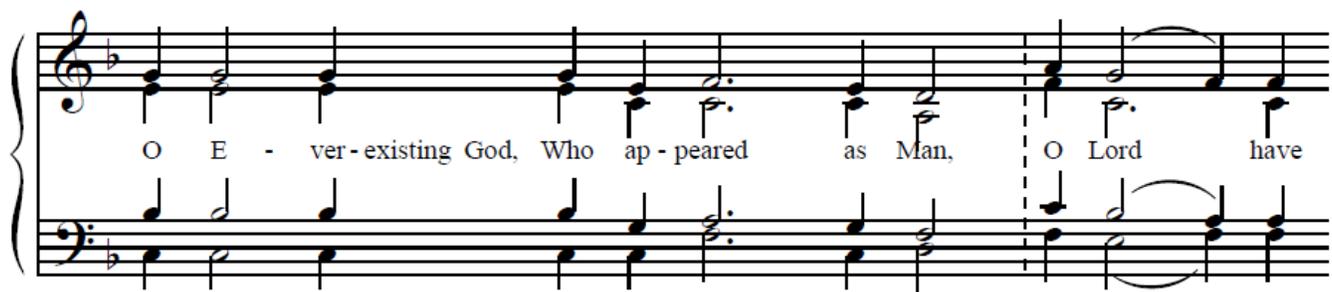
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O Gladsome Light ...

*Prokeimenon of the Day, **three readings***

Old Testament Readings – Genesis 14:14-20, Deuteronomy 1:8-11, 15-17, Deuteronomy 10:14-21

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading from Genesis. (Genesis 14:14-20)

Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: When Abram heard that his kinsman had been taken captive, he led forth his trained men, born in his house, 318 of them, and went in pursuit as far as Dan. And he divided his forces against them by night, he and his servants, and routed them and pursued them to Hobah, north of Damascus. Then he brought back all the goods, and also brought back his kinsman Lot with his goods, and the women and the people. After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). And Melchizedek, king of Salem, brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. And he blessed him and said, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!"

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading from Deuteronomy. (Deuteronomy 1:8-11, 15-17)

Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: Behold, I have set the land before you; go in and take possession of the land which the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give to them and to their descendants after them. At that time I said to you, "I am not able alone to bear you; the Lord your God has multiplied you, and behold, you are this day as the stars of heaven for multitude." May the Lord, the God of your fathers, make you a thousand times as many as you are, and bless you, as He has promised you! So I took the heads of your tribes, wise and experienced men, and set them as heads over you, commanders of thousands, commanders of hundreds, commanders of fifties, commanders of tens, and officers, throughout your tribes. And I charged your judges at that time: "Hear the cases between your brethren, and judge righteously between a man and his brother, or the alien that is with him. You shall not be partial in judgment; you shall hear the small and the great alike; you shall not be afraid of the face of man, for the judgment is God's."

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading from Deuteronomy. (Deuteronomy 10:14-21)

Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: Behold, to the Lord your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it; yet the Lord set His heart in love upon your fathers and chose their descendants after them, you above all peoples, as at this day. Circumcise, therefore, the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the terrible God, Who is not partial and takes no bribe. He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food

and clothing. Love the sojourner, therefore; for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the Lord your God; you shall serve Him and cleave to Him, and by His Name you shall swear. He is your praise; He is your God, Who has done for you these great and terrible things which your eyes have seen.

Then, the Augmented Litany

Aposticha – Tone 5

We magnify You in songs of praise,
O incarnate Christ and Savior.
By accepting the Cross and death for our sake,
as the Lord and Lover of mankind,
You overthrew the gates of hell, //
and arose on the third day, saving our souls.

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and arose on the third day, sav - ing our souls!

v. The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty!

By being pierced in the side, O Lover of mankind,
You have poured out drops of life and salvation for all.
By accepting death in the flesh, You have granted us immortality.
You have freed us by being placed in the tomb,
and have resurrected us with Yourself in glory, as God.//

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the tomb, and have resurrected us with Yourself in glo - ry as God!
Glory to You, O Lord, and Lov - er of Man!

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

Your crucifixion and descent into hell are awesome, O Lover of mankind.
You have captured it, releasing the ancient prisoners.
You have opened Paradise and given it to us.
Grant us purification of sins,
who glorify Your Resurrection on the third day!
Make us worthy of Paradise//
and save us, O Lover of mankind!

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v. Holiness befits Your house, O Lord, forevermore!

For our sake, You accepted death in the flesh,
 to rise from the dead on the third day.
Heal us from our earthly passions,
 and restore us from our evil transgressions://
 and save us, O Lover of mankind!

For our sake, You accepted death in the flesh, to rise from the dead on the third day!

Heal us from our earth-ly pas - sions, and re-store us from our evil trans-gres-sions;

and save us, O Lov - er of Man!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Tone 4 (for the Fathers)

Today we celebrate the annual memorial of the God-bearing Fathers who assembled in Nicea. They laid low the godless doctrines of Arius, driving him from the unity of the Catholic Church, and teaching us how to confess the consubstantial and co-eternal Son of God. They expressed this clearly in the Symbol of Faith, and we follow their divine doctrines, believing in and serving the Son with the Father and the all-Holy Spirit,// the consubstantial Trinity and one Divinity.

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Tone 4 (Theotokion)

Look on the entreaties of your servants, O blameless one!
Stop all the terrible attacks against us,
freeing us from every affliction,
for we have only you as our sure and firm anchor!

Lady, do not let us be put to shame,
 for we call on you for our intercession!
 Hasten to pray for those who call in faith:
 "Rejoice, Lady, Help of all://
 the Joy and Shelter and Salvation of our souls!"

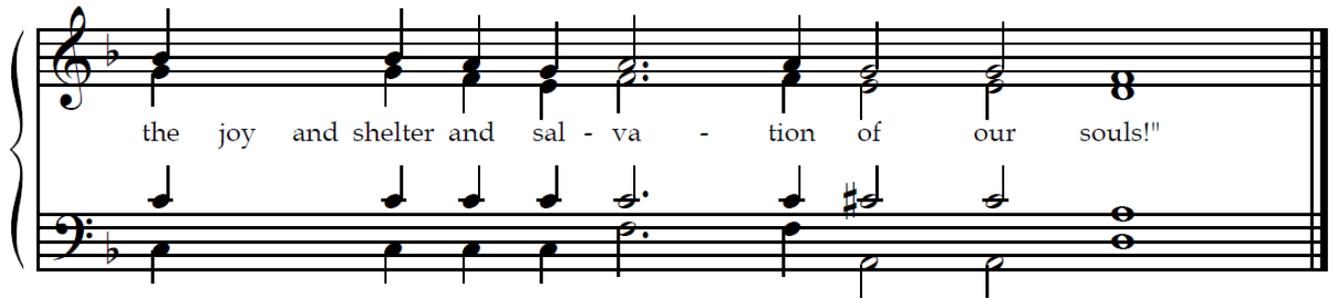
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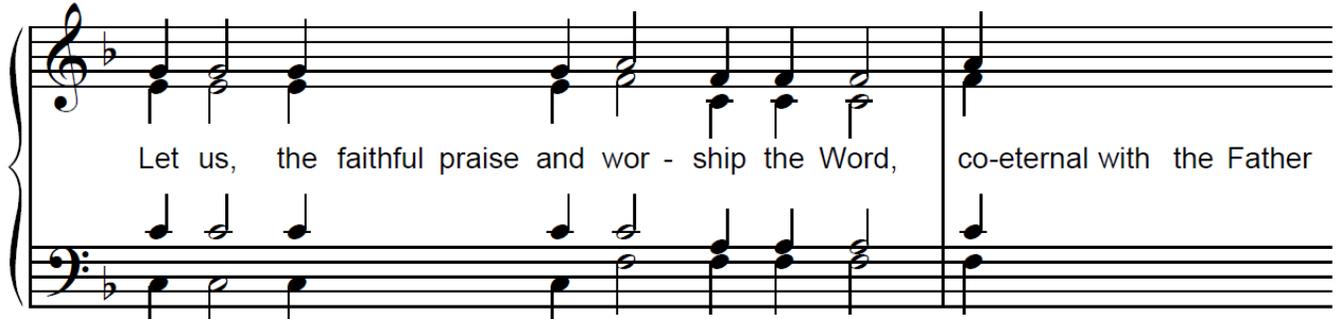
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St. Simeon's Prayer

(at Great Vespers)

Tone 5 Troparion (Resurrection)

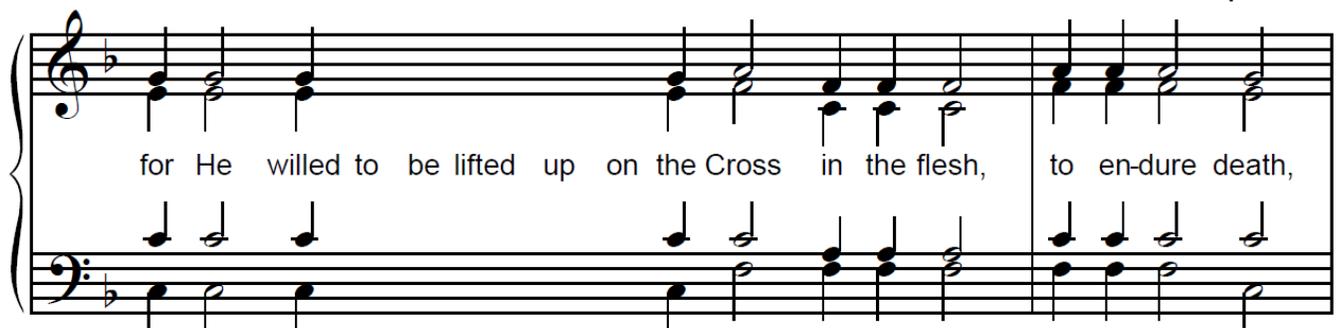
Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,
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born for our salvation from the Virgin;
 for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,
 to endure death,
 and to raise the dead//
 by His glorious Resurrection.



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Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Tone 8 Troparion (Holy Fathers)

You are most glorious, O Christ our God!
 You have established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth.
 Through them You have guided us to the true Faith.//
 O greatly compassionate One, glory to You!

Soprano
Alto

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Tenor
Bass

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now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 8 Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion

For our sake You were born of the Virgin and endured crucifixion, O Good One, destroying death by death and revealing the Resurrection as God.

Do not despise the work of Your hand!

Reveal Your love for mankind, O Merciful One!//

Accept the Theotokos who is praying for us, and save the despairing people, O our Savior!

For our sake You were born of the Virgin and endured

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The-o - to-kos pray - ing for us! And save the de spair ing people, O our Sa-viour!

The image shows a musical score for piano and voice. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff for the voice and a bass clef staff for the piano accompaniment. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The music is in a simple, homophonic style. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. A dashed vertical line separates the two phrases of the lyrics. The piano accompaniment features chords and single notes that support the vocal line.

(at the Divine Liturgy)

Tone 5 Troparion (Resurrection)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,
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for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,
to endure death,
and to raise the dead//
by His glorious Resurrection.

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Tone 8 Kontakion (Holy Fathers)

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Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

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now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 5 Kontakion (Resurrection)

You descended into hell, O my Savior,
shattering its gates as Almighty,
resurrecting the dead as Creator,
and destroying the sting of death.

You have delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Man, //
and we cry to You: "O Lord, save us!"

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re - sur - rec - ting the dead as Cre - a - - - tor,
 and des-troy - ing the sting of death, You delivered Adam from the curse,
 O Lo - ver of Man, and we all cry to You: O Lord, — save — us!

Prokeimenon, Tone 5

Reader: The Prokeimenon, in the 5th Tone: You, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.

Choir: You, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.

You, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this
 ge - ne - ra - - - tion for - e - - - ver.

Reader: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly!

Choir: You, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.

You, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this

ge - ne - ra - - - tion for - e - - - ver.

Reader: In the Fourth Tone, the Song of the Three Children, Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name forever!

Choir: Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name forever!

You are blessèd, O Lord God of our fa - thers, and praised and

glo - ri - fied is Your name for - ev - - - er.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans.

Deacon: Let us attend!

Epistle

110 – Romans 12:6-14

334 – Hebrews 13:7-16 (*Holy Fathers*)

Reader: Brethren, we have different gifts according to the grace given to us: if it is prophecy, let us prophesy according to the measure of our faith. If it is service, let us dedicate ourselves to service! He who teaches should do his teaching; or he who exhorts his exhorting. As for the one who gives, let the giving be done with generosity. He who rules should rule with diligence and the one who shows mercy should do so with joy.

Let your love be without hypocrisy. Reject with horror what is evil. Cling to what is good. In love for the brethren, be tenderly affectionate with one another; place the honor of others above your own. Do not fall back in zeal; be fervent in the spirit, serving the Lord. Rejoice in hope,

endure in troubles, persevere in prayer; contribute to the needs of the saints; look for opportunities to be hospitable. Bless those who persecute you; bless, and do not curse!

Brethren, remember your leaders, those men who proclaimed the word of God to you. Considering the results of their conduct, imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Do not be carried away by all sorts of strange teachings. It is good that the inner person should be strengthened by grace, not by food which is of no profit to those who have been preoccupied by it!

We have an altar from which those who offer divine service in the holy tabernacle have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals (whose blood is brought into the holy place by the high priest as an offering for sin) are burned outside of the camp. This is why Jesus suffered outside of the gate, so that he might sanctify the people through his own blood. Let us therefore go out of the city to him who is outside of the camp and let us bear his disgrace. For we do not have here on earth an enduring city, but we seek the one that is to come. Therefore, through him, Jesus, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, the fruit of our lips which confessed his Name. But do not forget to do what is good and to share because God is well pleased with such sacrifices.

Priest: + Peace be to you!

Alleluia: Tone 5

Reader: **And to Your spirit.** In the 5th Tone: Alleluia! I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to generation.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: For You have said: "Mercy will be established forever; My truth will be prepared in the heavens."

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: In the 1st Tone, The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel

29 – Matthew 9:1-8 – page 70

56 – John 17:1-13 (*Holy Fathers*) – page 39

Priest: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. **Matthew**.

Choir: Glory to You O Lord, Glory to You.

Priest: At that time, Jesus entered into a boat, crossed over the lake and came into his own town. Behold, some people brought him a man who was paralyzed, lying on a bed. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer! Your sins are forgiven!"

At this, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man blasphemes!"

Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil thoughts in your hearts? Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins have been forgiven' or, 'Get up, and walk?' But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" (then he said to the paralytic), "Get up, take up your mat, and go to your house."

The man got up and departed to his house. But when the crowds saw this, they were astonished and glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

At that time, Jesus, lifting up his eyes to heaven, said, "Father, the time has come! Glorify your Son, so that your Son may also glorify you, even as you gave him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.

This is eternal life: that they should know you, the only true God, and him whom you have sent, Jesus Christ.

I have glorified you on the earth! I have accomplished the work which you have given me to do! Now, Father, glorify me with yourself with the glory I had with you before the world existed. I have revealed your Name to the people whom you have given me out of the world. They

were yours, and you have given them to me; they have kept your word. Now they have known that all things you have given me are from you. The words you have given me, I have given to them. They have received them and they have known for certain that I came forth from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I pray for them; I do not pray for the world, but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All things that are mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. I am no longer in the world, but these are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them through your Name which you have given me, so that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them in the world, I protected them in your Name. Those whom you have given me I have kept. None of them is lost, except the son of destruction, so that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I come to you, and I say these things in the world, so that they may have my joy made full in themselves.

Choir: Glory to You O Lord, Glory to You.

Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!