

"Lord I Call..." – Tone 3

Reader: In the Third Tone, Lord, I call upon You, hear me!

Lord, I call upon You, hear me.

Hear me, O Lord.

Lord, I call upon You, hear me.

Receive the voice of my prayer,

when I call upon You.//

Hear me, O Lord.

Let my prayer arise

in Your sight as incense,

and let the lifting up of my hands

be an evening sacrifice.//

Hear me, O Lord.

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in Your sight as in - cense, and let the lifting up of my hands

be an evening sac - ri - fice. Hear me, O Lord!

Reader: (Reads text from service book)

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

By Your Cross, O Christ our Savior,
death's dominion has been shattered;
the devil's delusion destroyed.

The race of men, being saved by faith, //
always offers You a song.

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al - ways of - fers You a song!

v. (9) The righteous will surround me; for You will deal bountifully with me.

All has been enlightened by Your Resurrection, O Lord.

Paradise has been opened again. //

All creation, praising You, always offers You a song.

All has been enlightened by Your Resur - rec - tion, O Lord! Paradise has been
o - pened a - gain. All creation, praising You, always of - fers You a song!

v. (8) Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!

I glorify the power of the Father and the Son.

I praise the authority of the Holy Spirit:

the undivided, uncreated Godhead, //

the consubstantial Trinity which reigns forever.

I glorify the power of the Fa - ther and the Son! I praise the authority of
the Holy Spi - rit! The undivided, uncreated God - head,
the consubstantial Trinity which reigns for - e - ver!

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

Tone 6

(from the Lenten Triodion)

(Having placed all their hope)

O Righteous Judge of all mankind,
You will come, enthroned in glory and escorted by Angels,
to judge the living and the dead.
Every man will stand in fear before You,
trembling at the river of fire flowing past Your throne,
as each one waits to hear the sentence he deserves.
On that awesome day have mercy on us as well, O Christ;
count us worthy of salvation,
for, worthless as we are, we turn to You in faith, //
O compassionate and merciful Lord!

O Right - eous Judge of all man - kind,
You will come, en - throned in glo - ry and es - cor - ted by An - gels,

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for, worthless as we are, we turn to You in faith, O compassionate and mer - ci - ful Lord!

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

The books will be opened, and the works of all men laid bare;
 the vale of tears will echo with the gnashing of teeth;
 the sinners will mourn in vain, as they depart to eternal damnation.
 Your judgments are just, O Lord Almighty!
 We beg You, O Master, full of goodness and compassion,//
 take pity on us who sing to You, O most merciful One!

The books will be o - pened, and the works of all men laid bare;

the vale of tears will ec - ho with the gnash - ing of teeth;

the sin - ners will mourn in vain, as they de - part to e - ter - nal dam - na - tion.

Your judg - ments are just, O Lord Al - migh - ty!

We beg You, O Mas - ter, full of good - ness and com - pas - sion, //

take pi - ty on us who sing to You, O most mer - ci - ful One!

v. (5) For Your Name's sake I wait for You, O Lord. My soul has waited for Your word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.

The trumpet shall sound, and the graves shall be opened;
 all mankind will arise in trembling;
 the righteous will rejoice, as they receive their reward,
 but the wicked will depart to eternal fire with wailing and horror.
 O Lord of Glory, have mercy on us!

Number us with those who love You, //
for You alone are good, O Master!

The trum - pet shall sound, and the graves shall be o - pened;

all man - kind will a - rise in trem - - bling;

the right - eous will re - joice, as they re - ceive their re - ward,

but the wic - ked will de - part to e - ter - nal fire with wail - ing and hor - ror.

O Lord of Glo - ry, have mer - cy on us! Num - ber us with those who love You,

for You a - lone are good, O Mas - - ter!

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

I shudder in terror when I think of that dreadful day;
I weep as I consider the darkness that will never see light:
there the worm shall not cease, or the fire be quenched;
the pain of those who reject You will never end.

Save me, Your most worthless servant, O Righteous Judge,//
for Your mercy and compassion are my only hope!

I shud - der in ter - ror when I think of that dread - ful day;

I weep as I con - si - der the dark - ness that will nev - er see light:

there the worm shall not cease, or the fire be quenched;

the pain of those who re - ject You will nev - er end.

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for Your mer - cy and com - pas - sion are my on - ly hope!

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

Tone 2

(for St. Raphael)

(Joseph of Arimathea)

Let all the choirs of Orthodox Christians in America
sing hymns in honor of the holy Bishop Raphael!

By birth an Arab, nourished by streams of Greek theology,
 he was consecrated by the Church of Russia, which had adopted us all.
 True to his name, he brings God's healing to us//
 as we celebrate his holy memory.

Let all the choirs of Orthodox Christians in A - mer - i - ca

sing hymns in honor of the holy Bishop Ra - pha - el!

By birth an Arab, nourished by streams of Greek the - ol - o - gy,

he was consecrated by the Church of Russia, which had a - dopt - ed us all.

True to his name, he brings God's heal-ing to us as we celebrate his ho-ly mem-o-ry.

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

As the Archangel Raphael guided Tobit in a foreign land long ago,
 Bishop Raphael kept his flock on the true path in a land far from their homes.
 Always imitating the Good Shepherd,
 he fed his many sheep from a table
 that the Lord prepared in the presence of their enemies.
 So now, as we are fed by his teaching and example,//
 we pray that he continue to intercede for us with Christ our God.

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So now, as we are fed by his teaching and ex - am - ple,

we pray that he continue to intercede for us with Christ our God.

v. (1) For His mercy is confirmed on us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.

Let us sing hymns of praise to the holy Bishop Raphael,
 who shone forth from Brooklyn and enlightened those in darkness!
 To those who were wounded by sin, he brought healing in Christ;
 to those who were deceived, he brought the truth of the Orthodox Faith;
 he gathered his scattered sheep safely into the fold of the Church.//
 Therefore we praise him as a worthy bishop and a citizen of Heaven.

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In the Eighth Tone, Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Tone 8

(from the Lenten Triodion)

When the thrones are set in place and the books are opened,
then God will take His place on the judgment seat.

Oh, what a fearful sight!

The Angels stand in awe, and the river of fire flows by.

What shall we do, who are already condemned by our many sins,
as we hear Christ call the righteous to His Father's Kingdom,
and send the wicked to eternal damnation?

Who among us can bear that terrible verdict?

Hasten to us, O Lover of mankind and King of the universe;

grant us the grace of repentance before the end, //

and have mercy on us!

When the thrones are set in place and the books are o - pened,

then God will take His place on the judg - ment seat. Oh, what a fear - ful sight!

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as we hear Christ call the right - eous to His Fa - thers King - dom,

and send the wic - ked to e - ter - nal dam - na - tion?

Who a - mong us can bear that ter - ri - ble ver - - dict?

Has - ten to us, O Lov - er of man - kind and King of the u - niv - erse;

grant us the grace of re - pen - tance be - fore the end, and have mer - cy on us!

In the Third Tone, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 3

(Theotokion – Dogmatikon)

How can we not wonder
 at your mystical childbearing, O exalted Mother?
 For without receiving the touch of man,
 you gave birth to a Son in the flesh, O immaculate Virgin.
 The Son born of the Father before eternity
 was born of you at the fullness of time, O honored Lady.
 He underwent no mingling, no change, no division,
 but preserved the fullness of each nature.
 Entreat Him to save the souls, O Lady and Virgin, and Mother,
 of those who confess you in the Orthodox manner //
 to be the Theotokos.

How can we not won - der at your mystical childbearing, O exalted Mo - - ther?

For, without receiving the touch of man, you gave birth to a Son in the flesh,

O Immaculate Vir - gin! The Son born of the Father before e - ter - ni - ty

was born of you at the fullness of time, O honoured La - dy!

He underwent no mingling, no change, no di - vi - sion;

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man - ner to be the The - o - to - kos.

Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend!

People: O Gladsome Light ... (p. 16)

Prokeimenon of the Day, Three Readings

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading from the Proverbs of Solomon. (Composite: Proverbs verses from Chs. 10, 3, 8)

Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: The memory of a righteous man is praised, and the Lord's blessing is upon his head. Blessed is one who has found wisdom; a mortal who knows understanding. To import her is better than treasures of gold and silver. She is more valuable than precious stones; nothing of value equals her worth. Righteousness proceeds from her mouth; she bears law and mercy on her tongue. Therefore, my children listen to me, for I speak weighty things. And blessed is the one who keeps my ways. For my goings out are the goings out of life, and favor is prepared from the Lord. Therefore I exhort you, and utter my voice to the children of humankind. Because I, Wisdom, have prepared counsel, knowledge and understanding. I have called on them. Counsel and sureness are mine; prudence is mine, strength is mine. I love those who are my friends, while those who seek me shall find grace. You innocent, then, understand cunning; you untaught, take it to heart. Listen to me, for I will speak weighty things, and I will open right things from my lips. Because my throat will meditate truth; lying lips are abominable before me. All the words of my mouth are with righteousness, there is nothing crooked in them nor twisted. They are all straight for those who understand, and right for those who find knowledge. For I teach you what is true, that your hope may be in the Lord and that you may be filled with spirit.

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading from the Proverbs of Solomon. (Proverbs 10:31-11:12)

Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom, But the perverse tongue will be cut out. The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable, But the mouth of the wicked what is perverse. Dishonest scales are an abomination to the Lord, But a just weight is His delight. When pride comes, then comes shame; But with the humble is wisdom. The integrity of the upright will guide them, But the perversity of the unfaithful will destroy them. Riches do not profit in the day of wrath, But righteousness delivers from death. The righteousness of the blameless will direct his way aright, But the wicked will fall by his own wickedness. The righteousness of the upright will deliver them, But the unfaithful will be caught by their lust. When a wicked man dies, his expectation will perish, And the hope of the unjust perishes. The righteous is delivered from trouble, And it comes to the wicked instead. The hypocrite with his mouth destroys his neighbor, But through knowledge the righteous will be delivered. When it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices; And when the wicked perish, there is jubilation. By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted, But it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked. He who is devoid of wisdom despises his neighbor, But a man of understanding holds his peace.

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading from the Wisdom of Solomon. (Wisdom of Solomon 4:7-15)

Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: A righteous man, even if he die early, shall be at rest. For an honored old age is not so for length of time, nor is it measured by the number of years. Understanding is peoples' true grey hairs, and a ripe old age a spotless life. Having become pleasing to God, he was loved; and while living among sinners, he was taken away. He was snatched away lest wickedness pervert his understanding, or trickery deceive his soul. For the witchery of what is paltry dims what is good, and the inconstancy of desire undermines an innocent mind. Made perfect in a short time, he fulfilled long years, for his soul was pleasing to the Lord, therefore he hurried him from the midst of evil. But the peoples saw and did not understand, nor did they lay such a thing to heart, that grace and mercy are with his holy ones, and his presence with his chosen ones.

Aposticha – Tone 3

The sun was darkened by your Passion, O Christ,
but all creation was enlightened by the light of Your Resurrection.//
Accept our evening song, O Lover of mankind!

The sun was darkened by Your Pas - sion, O Christ, but all creation was

enlightened by the light of Your Resur - rec - tion! Accept our evening

song, O Lov - ver of Man.

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

Your life-bearing Resurrection, O Lord,
enlightened the whole universe,
recalling Your creation.
Delivered from Adam's curse, we sing://
"Almighty Lord, glory to You!"

Your life-bearing resur - rec - tion, O Lord, enlightened the whole u - ni - verse,

recalling Your cre - a - tion. Delivered from Adam's curse, we sing:

O Almighty Lord, glory to You!

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

You are the changeless God,
 Who, suffering in the flesh, were changed.
 Creation could not endure seeing You on the Cross.
 It was filled with fear while praising Your patience.
 By descending to Hades and rising on the third day, //
 You have granted to the world life and great mercy.

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third day, You have granted to the world life and great mercy.

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

You endured death, O Christ,
 to deliver the race of man from death.
 You rose from the dead on the third day,
 raising with Yourself those who knew You as God //

and enlightening the world. Glory to You!

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

Tone 4

(for St. Raphael)

Today a great festival shines like a sun over all the world,
as we celebrate the memory of the holy Bishop Raphael,
apostle to the lost sheep of North America.

Let us rejoice on this festive day and cry out unto him:

“Hail, new Moses, who lead your people to the Promised Land!

Hail, new Elijah, who bequeathed a double portion of your spirit to us!

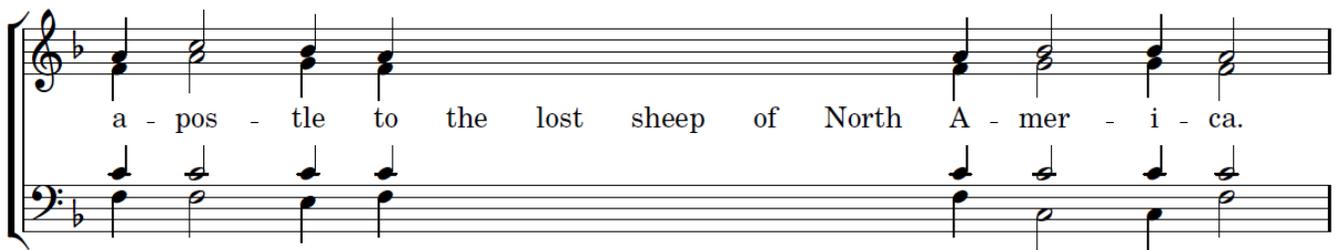
Hail, new Ezra, who built a temple of God in our midst!

Hail, new apostle of Christ our God, drawing us closer to Him!

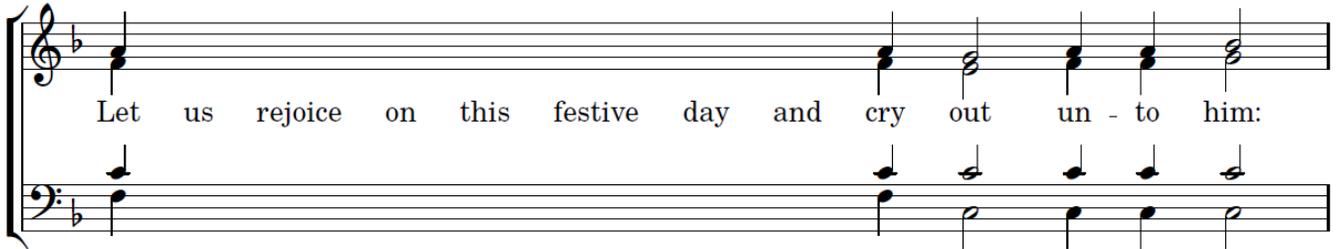
As you stand among the saints before the throne of God, //
never cease to intercede for us who honor you!”

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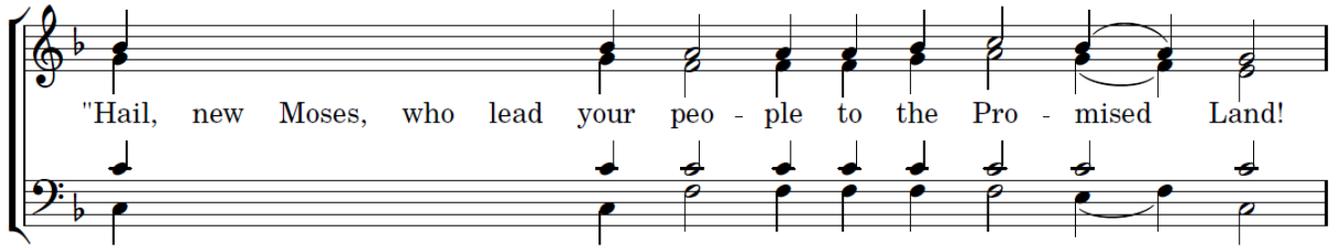
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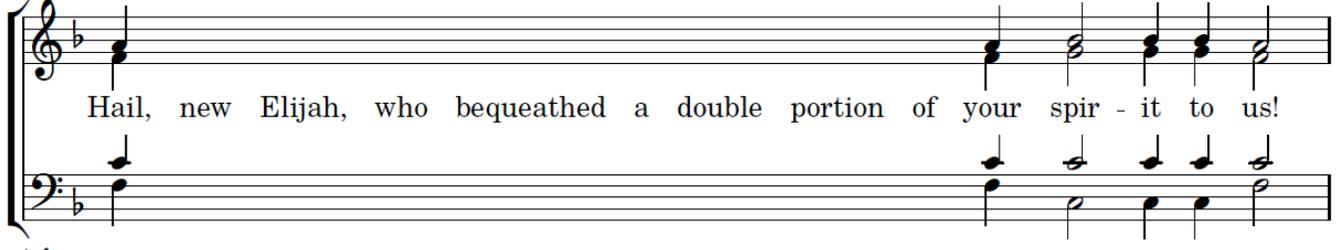
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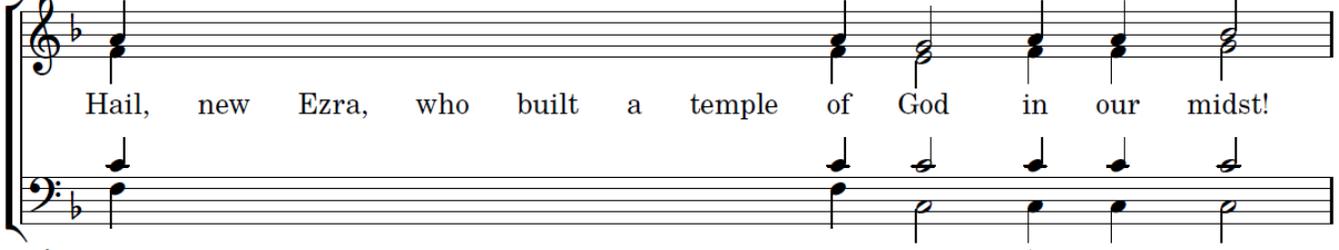
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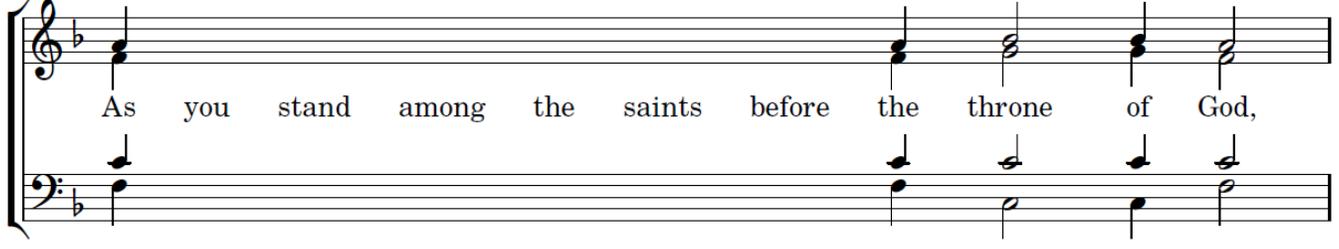
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Tone 8

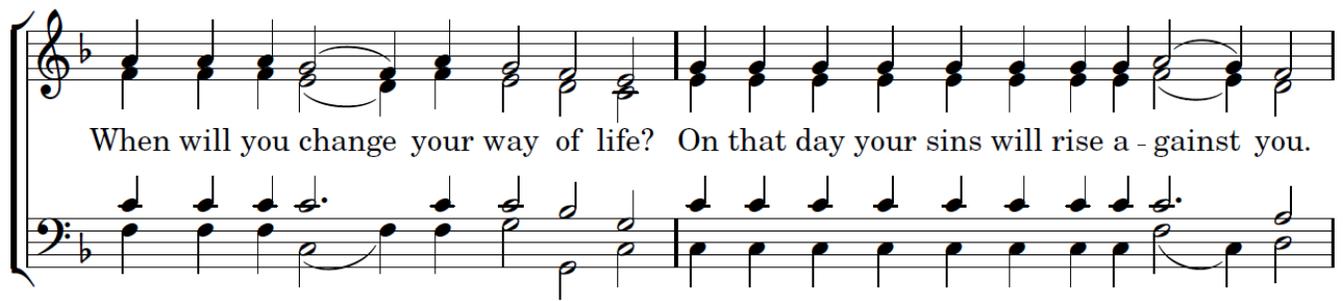
(from the Lenten Triodion)

Woe, to you, O my darkened soul!
 Your life is stained by depravity and laziness;
 your folly makes you shun all thought of death.
 How complacent you remain!
 How can you flee the awesome thought of Judgment Day?
 When will you change your way of life?
 On that day your sins will rise against you.
 What will your answer be then?
 Your acts will condemn you; your deeds will expose you.
 The time is at hand, O my soul.
 Turn to the good and loving Savior!
 Beg Him to forgive your malice and weakness, as you cry in faith:
 "I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned against You,
 but I know Your love for all mankind.//
 O good Shepherd, call me to enjoy Your lasting presence on Your right hand!"

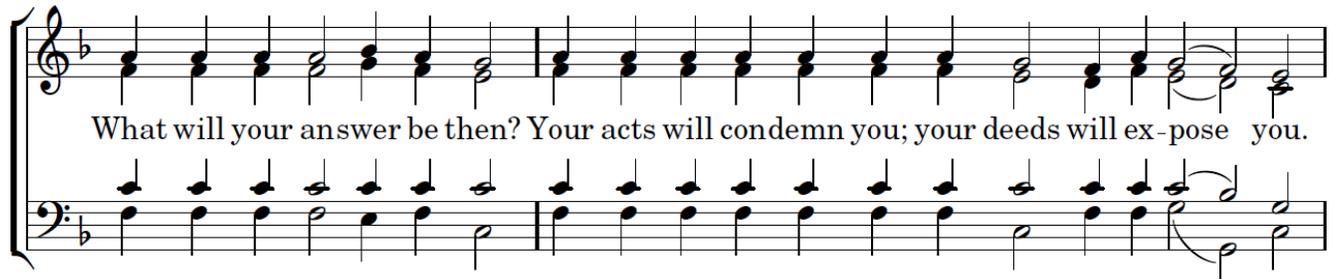
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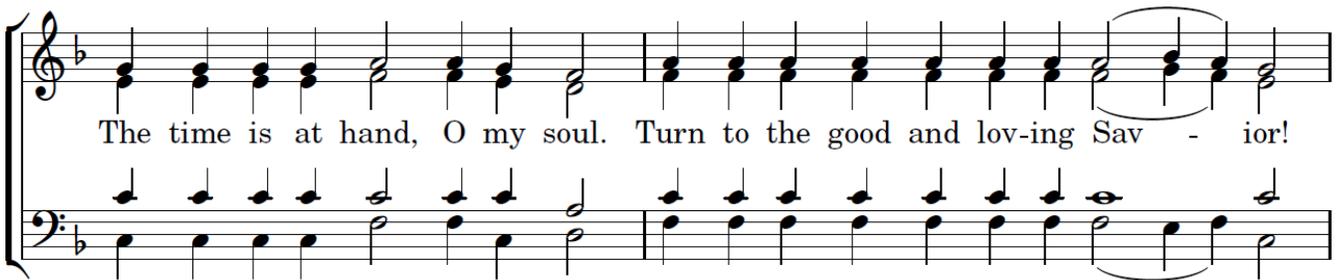
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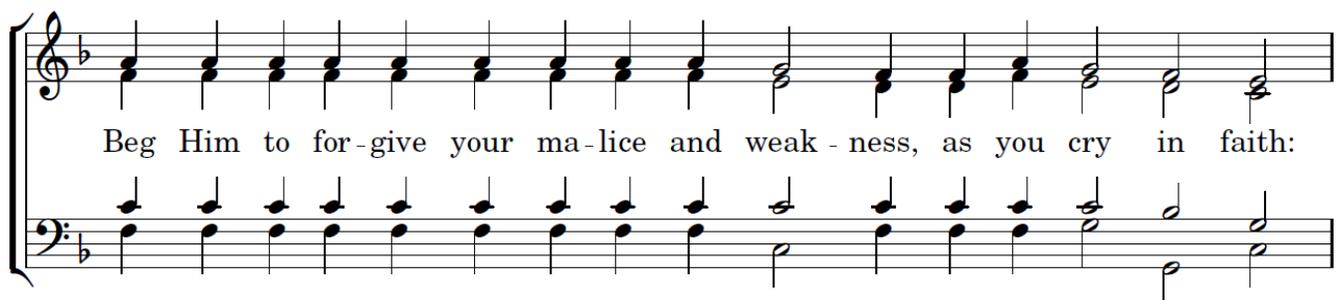
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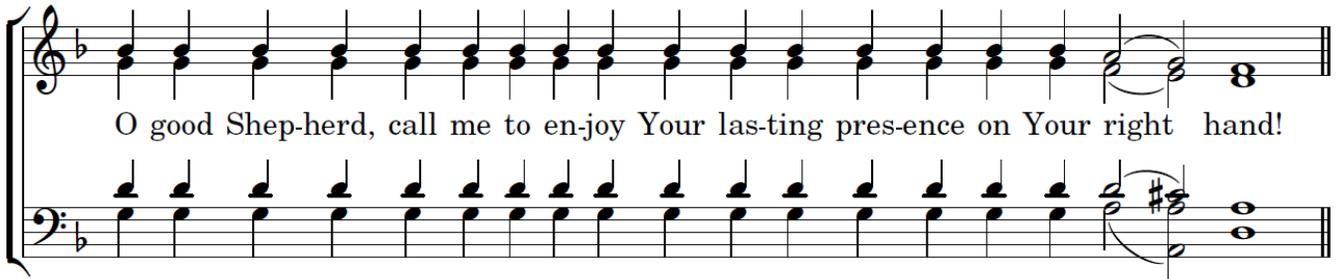
The time is at hand, O my soul. Turn to the good and lov - ing Sav - ior!



Beg Him to for - give your ma - lice and weak - ness, as you cry in faith:



I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned a - gainst You, but I know Your love for all mankind.



O good Shep - herd, call me to en - joy Your las - ting pres - ence on Your right hand!

Then, St. Symeon's Prayer (p. 25)

(at Great Vespers)

Tone 3

Troparion

(Resurrection)

(Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 3)

Let the heavens rejoice!

Let the earth be glad!

For the Lord has shown strength with His arm.

He has trampled down death by death.

He has become the first born of the dead.

He has delivered us from the depths of hell,

and has granted to the world//

great mercy.

Let the hea - vens re - joice! — Let the earth — be glad!

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and has grant - ed to the world great — mer - cy!

Tone 1

Troparion

(St. Raphael)

(Troparion for the Saint – Tone 1)

Your proclamation has gone out through North America,
calling the scattered sheep into the unity of the Church.

Hearing your voice, they respond to your teaching,
and through your writings you instructed them in piety.

Now guided by your example, O Father Raphael,
we sing hymns of praise to Christ our God:

“Glory to Him Who gave you strength!

Glory to Him Who granted you a crown!//

Glory to Him Who, through you, grants healing to all!”

Your pro - cla - ma - tion has gone forth through - out North A - mer - i - ca,

calling the scattered sheep into the u - ni - ty of the Church.

Hear - ing your voice, they re - spond - ed to your teach - ing,

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Glory to Him Who, through you, grants heal - ing to all!

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

Tone 1 Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion

(Resurrection Dismissal Theotokion – Tone 1)

When Gabriel announced to you, O Virgin, “Rejoice!”
 with that word the Master of all was incarnate in you, O Holy Ark.
 As the righteous David said,
 Your womb became more spacious than the heavens, bearing your Creator.
Glory to Him Who took abode in you!
 Glory to Him Who came from you!
 Glory to Him Who freed us by being born of you!

Soprano
Alto

When Ga - briel announced to you, O Vir - gin, “Re - joice,”

Tenor
Bass

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Glory to Him Who came from you. Glory to Him Who freed us

by being born of you.

Then, the dismissal (p. 26)

(at the Divine Liturgy)

Tone 3

Troparion

(Resurrection)

(Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 3)

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and has grant - ed to the world great — mer - cy!

(Troparion for the Saint – Tone 1)

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Who gave you strength! Glory to Him Who grant - ed you a crown!

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

Tone 8

Kontakion

(St. Raphael)

(Kontakion for the Saint – Tone 8)

You were a guardian and a defender of the Church's teaching,
 you protected your flock from false doctrines and confirmed them in the true faith!
 O holy Father Raphael, son of Syria and glory of North America,//
 always intercede before the Lord that our souls may be saved!

You were a guar - dian and a de - fend - er of the Chur - ch's

teach - ing, you pro - tect - ed your flock from false doc - trines and

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Tone 1

Kontakion

(from the Lenten Triodion)

(Kontakion from the Triodion – Tone 1)

When you, O God, shall come to earth with glory,
 all things shall tremble,
 and the river of fire shall flow before Your judgment seat;
 the books shall be opened, and the hidden things disclosed;
 then deliver me from the unquenchable fire, //
 and make me worthy to stand at Your right hand, O Righteous Judge!

Soprano
Alto

When You, O God, shall come to earth with glo-ry, all things

Tenor
Bass

shall trem-ble and the river of fire shall flow before Your Judg-ment

Seat; the Books shall be opened and hidden things dis-closed;

then deliver me from the un-quench-a-ble fire and make me

worthy to stand at Your right hand, O Right-eous Judge.

Prokeimenon, Tone 3

Deacon: Let us attend! *Priest:* † Peace to all!

Reader: And with your spirit!

Deacon: Wisdom!

Prokeimenon, Tone 3

Reader: The Prokeimenon, in the 3rd Tone: Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

People: Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!



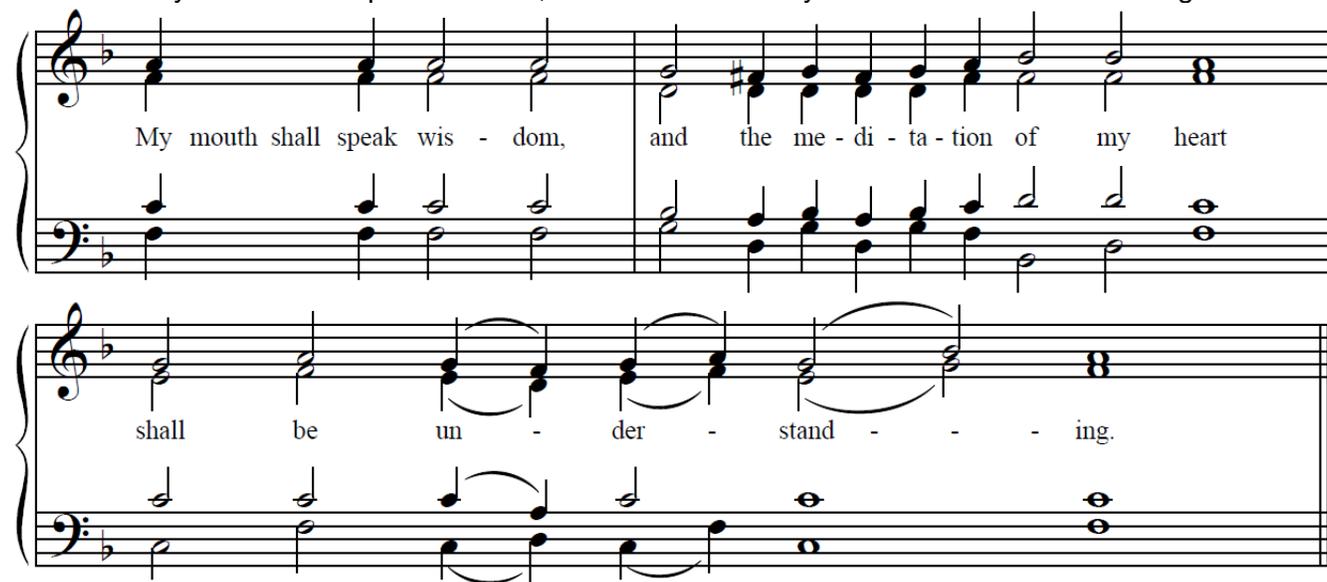
Reader: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

People: Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!



Reader: In the First Tone, My mouth shall speak wisdom, the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

Choir: My mouth shall speak wisdom, the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.



Deacon: Wisdom!

Epistle: (140) 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 and (335) Hebrews 13:17-21 (*St. Raphael*)

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

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: Brothers and sisters, food does not commend us to God, for if we eat, we are not better; and if we do not eat, we are not worse! However, be careful that your freedom may never become a stumbling block to the weak. For if someone sees you who have knowledge sitting in an idol's temple, will not this person's conscience, if weak, be emboldened to eat things sacrificed to idols? And thus, through your knowledge, shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? And so, by sinning against the brethren

and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ! Therefore, if food causes my brethren to stumble, I will never ever eat meat, so that I may not cause my brethren to stumble.

Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, yet at least for you I am one! You are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

Brothers and sisters, obey your leaders and submit to them as they watch over your souls as people who will give an account. This way, they will be able to do this with joy and not with grief because that would not be profitable for you.

Pray for us: we trust that we have a good conscience, desiring to live honorably in all things. I strongly urge you to pray for this: that I may be restored to you sooner.

Now may the God of peace, who with the blood of an eternal covenant brought back from the dead the great shepherd of the sheep, our Lord Jesus, make you complete in every good work so that you may do his will. May God work in you what is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory unto ages of ages. Amen.

Priest: † Peace to you who read.

Alleluia: Tone 8

Reader: And to Your spirit. In the 8th Tone: Alleluia! Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: In the Second Tone, the mouth of the righteous shall meditate wisdom, and his tongue shall speak of judgment.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: (106) Matthew 25:31-46 and (36) John 10:9-16 (*St. Raphael*)

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

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

Priest: The Lord said: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate them one from another, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will tell those on his right hand, 'Come, you blessed of my Father! Inherit the Kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world! For I was hungry and you gave me food to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you took me in. I was naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you visited me; I was in prison, and you came to me.'

Then the righteous will answer him, saying: 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you a drink? When did we see you as a stranger and take you in; or naked, and clothe you? When did we see you sick, or in prison, and visit you?'

The King will answer them, 'Amen, I tell you: as much as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' Then he will also say to those on his left hand, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire which is prepared for the devil and his angels! For I was hungry and you gave me no food; I was thirsty and you gave me no drink;

I was a stranger and you did not receive me; naked, and you did not clothe me; sick, and in prison, and you did not visit me.'

Then they will answer him: 'Lord, when did we see you hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not help you?'

Then he will answer them, saying: 'Amen, I tell you: as much as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' These ones on the left will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

The Lord said: I am the gate! Anyone who enters in by me will be saved, and go in and out, and will find pasture. The thief only comes to steal, kill, and destroy. I came so that people may have life, and have it in abundance. I am the good shepherd! The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The one who is a hired hand, not a shepherd, and who does not own the sheep, leaves the sheep and flees when he sees the wolf coming. Then the wolf snatches the sheep and scatters them.

The hired hand flees because he is a hired hand and does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd! I know my own, and I am known by my own; even as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep, which are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will hear my voice. And there will be one flock – one shepherd.

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

Sermon

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Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn, consisting of three systems of staves. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The music is written in a simple, homophonic style. The lyrics are printed below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The first system is in the key of D major (one sharp) and the second and third systems are in the key of B minor (two flats). The lyrics are: "Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance! He shall not fear— evil tidings!"

Praise the Lord from the heav - ens! Praise Him in the high - est!

The right - eous shall be in ev - er - last - ing re -

mem - brance! He shall not fear— e - vil ti - dings!

1. Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments!
2. His descendants shall be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.
3. Wealth and riches are in his house; and his righteousness endures forever.
4. Light rises in the darkness for the upright; the Lord is gracious, merciful, and righteous.
5. It is well with the man who deals generously and lends, who conducts his affairs with justice. He will never be moved.
6. His heart is firm, trusting in the Lord. His heart is steady, he will not be afraid, until he sees his desire on his adversaries.
7. He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever; his horn is exalted in honor.
8. The wicked man sees it and is angry; he gnashes his teeth and melts away; the desire of the wicked man comes to nought.

Al - le - lu - ia, — Al - le - lu - ia, —

The first system of the musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It contains a vocal line with a melody of quarter notes and eighth notes, and a piano accompaniment of chords. The lower staff is in bass clef and provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and some melodic lines. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, —' are written below the vocal line, with a long dash indicating a sustained note.

Al - le - lu - ia!

The second system of the musical score also consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The lower staff is in bass clef and also ends with a double bar line. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the vocal line, with an exclamation point at the end.