"Lord I Call..." - Tone 6

Reader: In the Sixth 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!//

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!



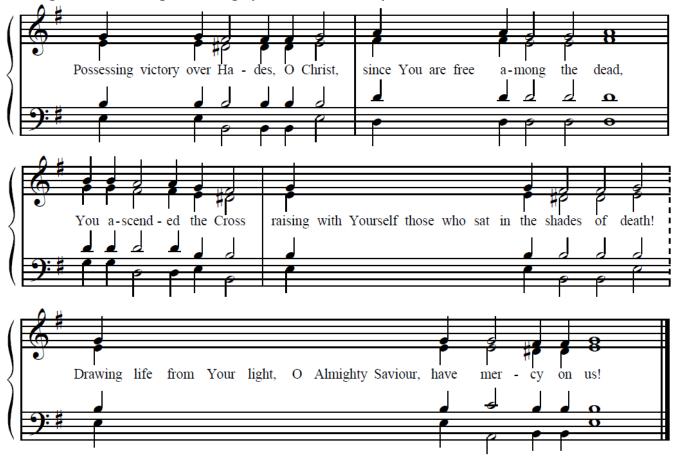
Reader: (Reads text from service book)

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

Possessing victory over <u>Ha</u>des, O Christ, since You are free among the dead, You ascended the Cross

raising with Yourself those who sat in the shades of death.//

Drawing life from Your light, O Almighty Savior, have mercy on us!



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

Today Christ tramples on death,

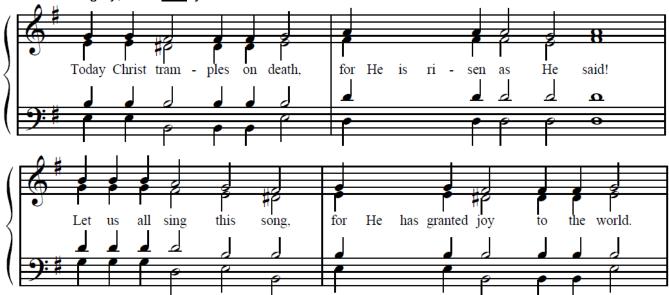
for He is risen as He said!

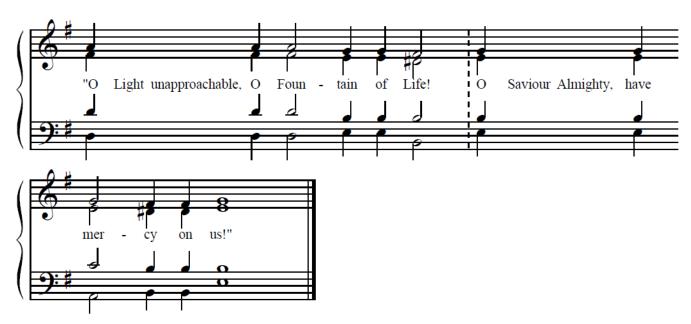
Let us all sing this song,

for He has granted joy to the world:

"O Light unapproachable, O Fountain of life!//

O Savior Almighty, have mercy on us!"





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

Where shall we sinners flee from You, for You are in all creation?

In heaven You dwell!

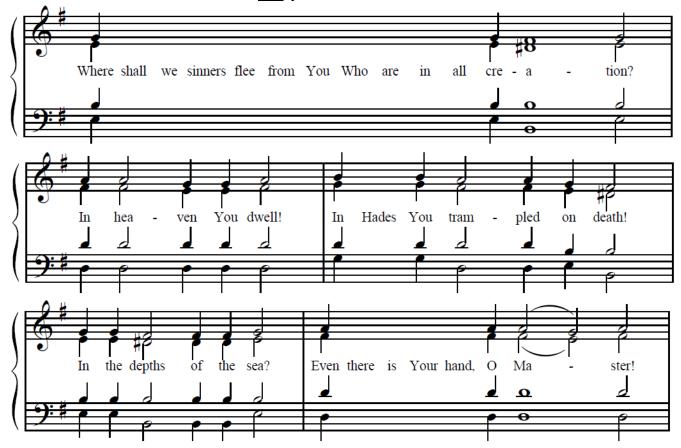
In Hades You trampled on death!

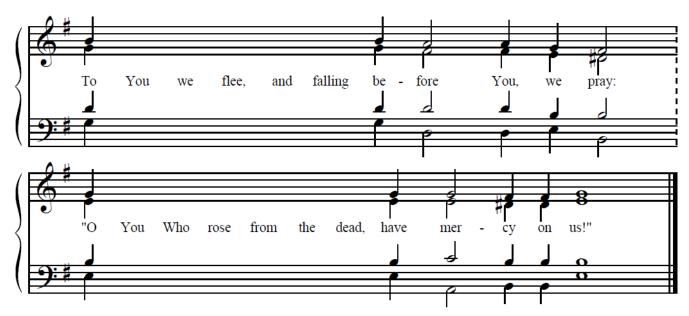
In the depths of the sea?

Even there is Your hand, O Master!

To You we flee, and falling before You, we pray://

"O You Who rose from the dead, have mercy on us!"





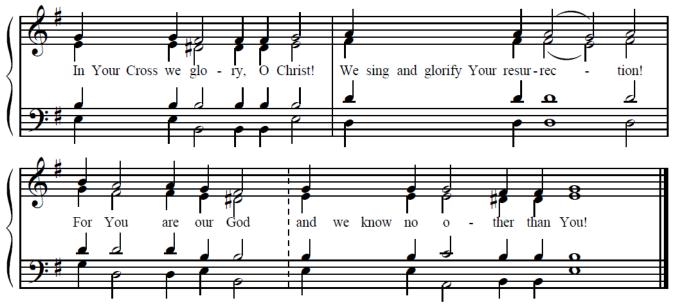
v. (7) Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

In Your Cross, we glory, O Christ.

We sing and glorify Your Resurrection.

For You are our God,//

and we know no other than You.



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

Tone 6 (for St. Sergius) (Having placed all their hope)

Forsaking the <u>tumult</u> of the world

and taking up your Cross, O Saint,

you followed Christ without any thought of looking back;

and going to dwell in the wilderness,

you uprooted the passions of the soul

and mortified the feelings of the flesh;

by frequent vigils and prayers you received the grace to heal infirmities.

O fellow-converser with the angels

and companion of the venerable,//

pray to the Lord, venerable Sergius, that our souls may receive mercy!



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

Who can tell of your labors and pains, O holy <u>Fa</u>ther? What tongue can speak of your rigorous life,

your vigils and <u>ab</u>stinence from food, your sleeping upon the <u>cold</u> earth, your purity of <u>body</u> and soul, the complete silence of your <u>lips</u> and mind, your true humility, unceasing prayers and discerning <u>judg</u>ment, the poverty of your ap<u>parel</u>, and your never-failing re<u>mem</u>brance of death?//
Our holy Father Sergius, pray for the sal<u>vation</u> of our souls!





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

O holy Father Sergius,

you were revealed to be a physician of our souls and bodies,

a fount of healing for the sick.

Adorned with the gift of prophecy, you spoke of future things.

By your prayer, O saint, you armed the prince fighting for his fatherland

against the boastful barbarians,//

and they fell, struck like the people of Amalek.



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

O holy Sergius, <u>wise</u> in God, you forsook the <u>glo</u>ry of the world,

living in the wilderness and the hills.

You were the pure dwelling-place of the Holy Trinity,

by Whose strength you raised up many holy churches

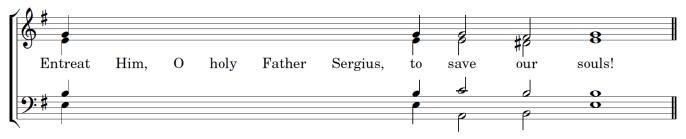
and built a fortress for the salvation of those living the ascetic life.

Christ our God, Whom you desired from your youth,

dwelt in you, O blessed one.//

Entreat Him, O holy Father Sergius, to save our souls!





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

Tone 2 (for St. Sergius)

Enduring with fortitude the things of the present,

rejoicing in the promise for the future,

holy Sergius, you said to all:

"If we now strive unrewarded, we still have hope for eternal life.

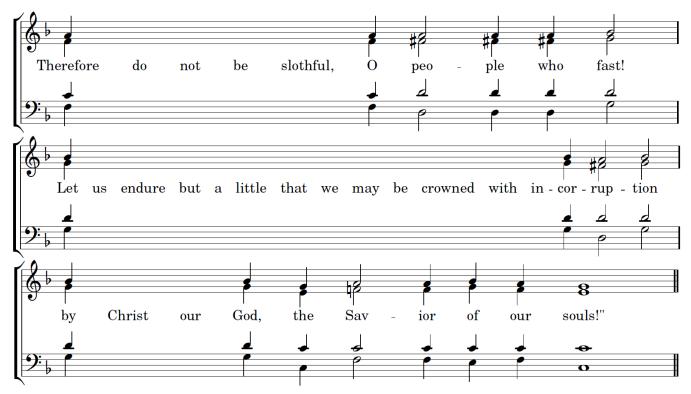
Our afflictions are grievous, but Paradise is sweet.

Our labors are painful, but our undertaking is everlasting.

Therefore do not be slothful, O people who fast!

Let us endure but a little that we may be crowned with incorruption//

by Christ our God, the Savior of our souls!" Enduring with fortitude the things of the pres ent, 0 rejoicing in the promise for the fu -Ser ture, holy gi - us, you said to all: 'If strive unrewarded, still have hope life. we for nal now e ter we Par afflictions Our are grievous, but a dise is sweet. 0 painful, but our undertaking bors are iser last ing.



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

Looking upon afflictions as pleasure,

walking along the straight and narrow way,

most blessed Sergius, you said to your disciples:

"Do not fear the struggle of abstinence,

by which we may escape the fearful torments of hell!

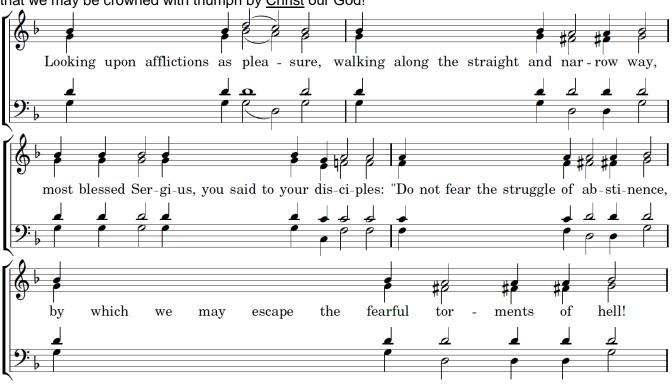
Let our hands be clasped in prayer, that we may reach out to God!

Let our feet be established to stand before Him in prayer!

Let us not spare the corruptible nature!

Let us surrender ourselves willingly to the fight,//

that we may be crowned with triumph by Christ our God!"





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

Tone 6 (for St. Sergius)

You have kept the image of God within you unharmed,

and by fasting you set your mind above pernicious passion.

You rose to the Master's divine image as far as man is able,

having restrained your nature.

You strove to make the lower part obey the higher,

so that the spirit would <u>rule</u> the flesh.

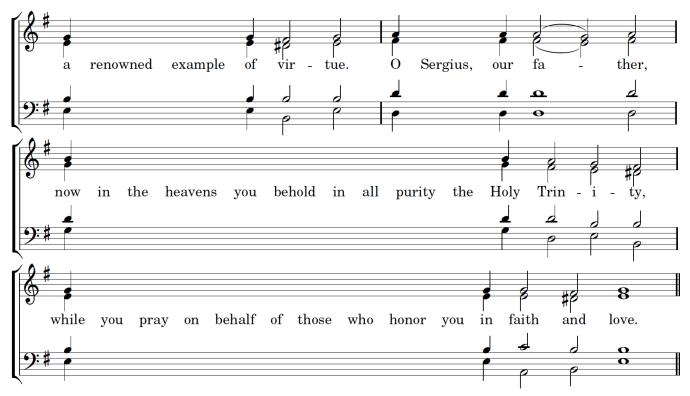
Therefore you have been shown to be the summit of those living the ascetic life,

- a dweller of the wilderness,
- a trainer of those who run the good race,
- a renowned example of virtue.
- O Sergius, our father,

now in the heavens you behold in all purity the Holy Trinity,//

while you pray on behalf of those who honor you in faith and love.





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

Tone 6 (Theotokion – Dogmatikon)

Who will not bless you, O most holy Virgin?

Who will not sing of your most pure childbearing?

The only-begotten Son shone timelessly from the <u>Fa</u>ther,

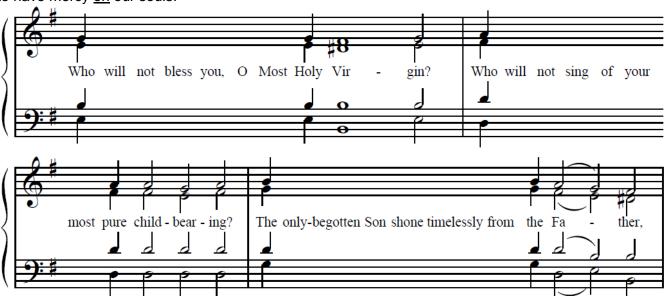
but from you He was ineffably incarnate.

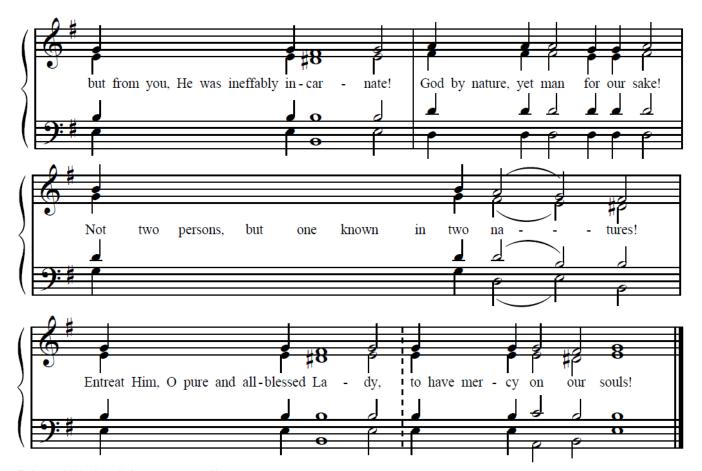
God by nature yet Man for our sake,

Not two persons but One known in two <u>na</u>tures.

Entreat Him, O pure and all-blessed <u>La</u>dy,//

to have mercy on our souls!





Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend!
People: O Gladsome Light ... (p. 16)

Prokeimenon of the Day, Three readings

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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 Proverbs. (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 3:1-9)

Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment will touch them. In the eyes of fools they seemed to die and their departure was reckoned a disaster and their going from us their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of men they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself. Like gold in the furnace he tried them and like a whole burnt offering he accepted them. And in the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through stubble. They will judge nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them forever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones and visitation on his elect.

Then, the Augmented Litany (p. 18)

Aposticha - Tone 6

Your Resurrection, O Christ our <u>Savior</u>, the Angels in <u>heaven sing!</u>
Enable <u>us</u> on earth//
to glorify You in <u>purity</u> of heart!



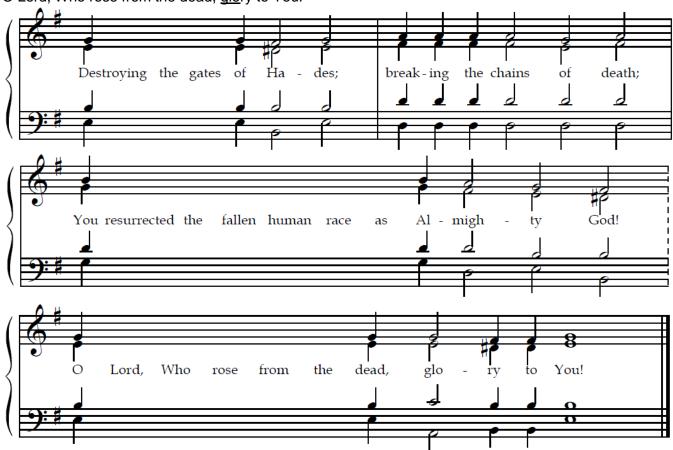
v: The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty!

Destroying the gates of hades,

breaking the chains of death,

You resurrected the fallen human race as almighty God!//

O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You!



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

Desiring to return us to Paradise,

Christ was nailed to the Cross and placed in a tomb.

The Myrrhbearing Women sought Him with tears, crying,

"Woe to us, O Savior!

How do You deign to descend to death?

What place can hold Your life bearing body?

Come to us as You promised!

Take away our wailing and tears!"

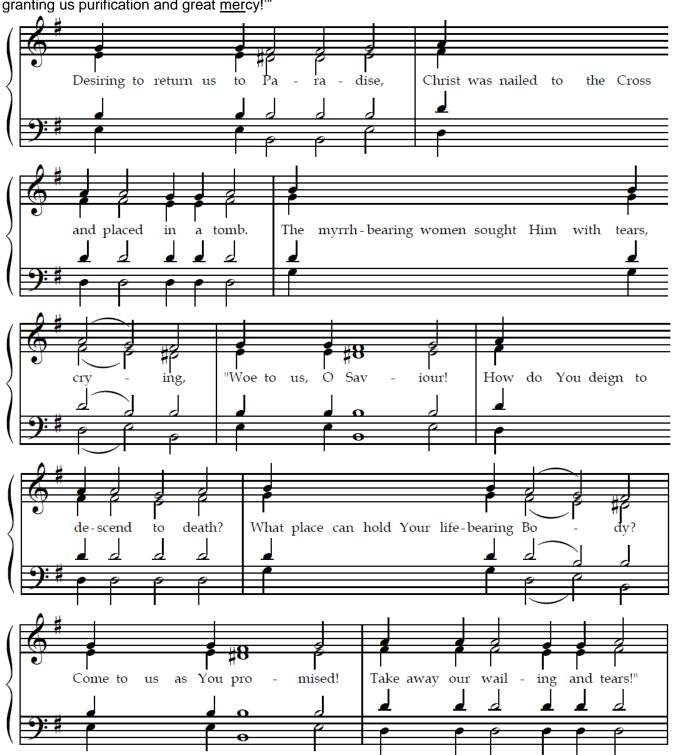
Then the Angel appeared to them:

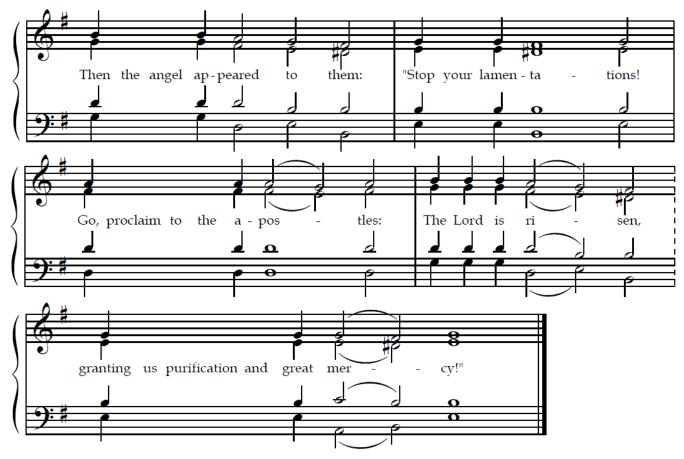
"Stop your lamentations!

Go, proclaim to the Apostles:

'The Lord is risen,//

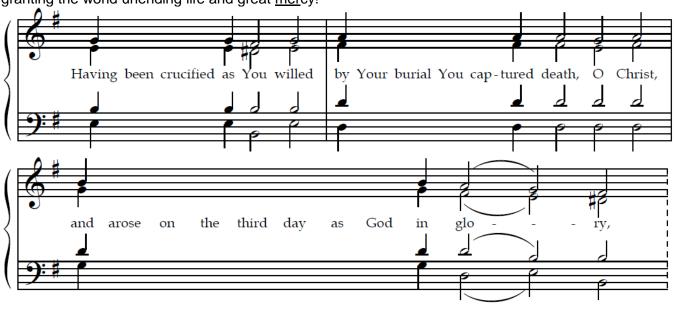
granting us purification and great mercy!"

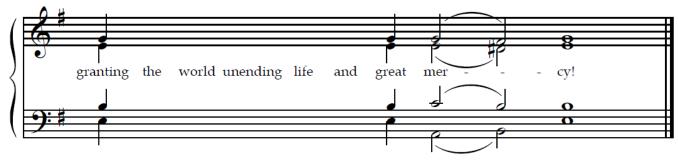




v: Holiness befits Your house, O Lord, forevermore!

Having been crucified as <u>You</u> willed, by Your burial You captured <u>death</u>, O Christ, and rose on the third day as God in <u>glory</u>,// granting the world unending life and great <u>mer</u>cy!





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

Tone 8 (for St. Sergius)

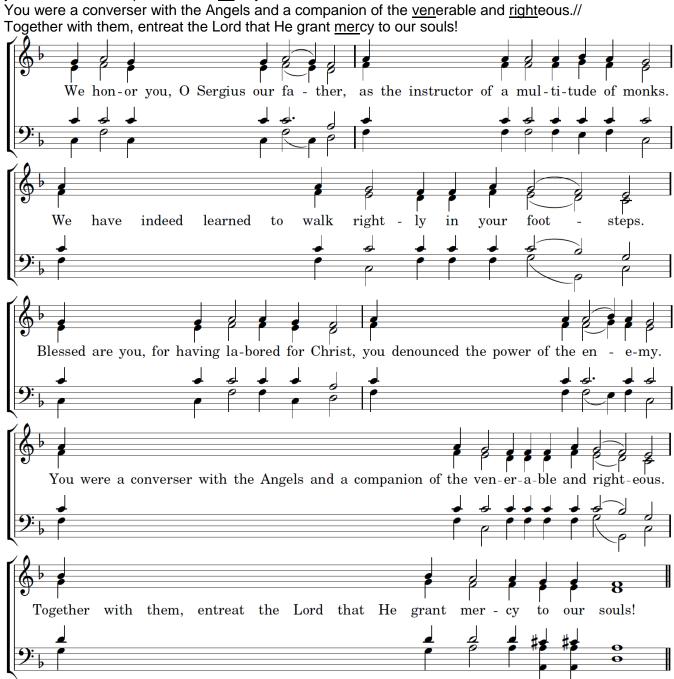
We honor you, O Sergius our father,

as the instructor of a multitude of monks.

We have indeed learned to walk rightly in your footsteps.

Blessed are you, for having labored for Christ,

you denounced the power of the enemy.



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

(Theotokion – Tone 8)

O Unwedded Virgin,

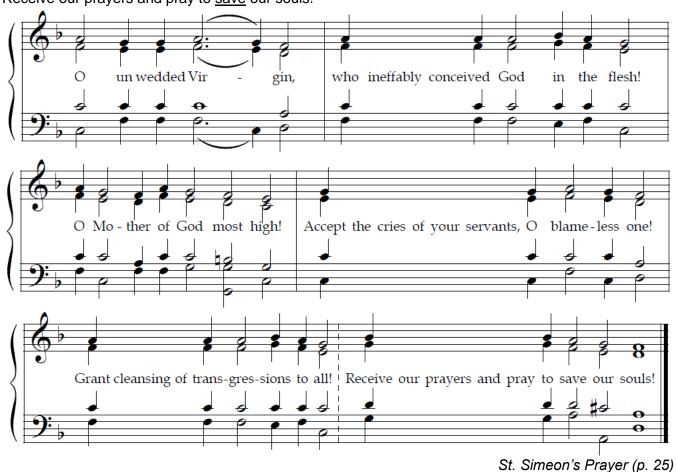
who ineffably conceived God in the flesh.

O Mother of God most high,

accept the cries of your servants, O <u>blame</u>less one!

Grant cleansing of transgressions to all!//

Receive our prayers and pray to save our souls!



Tone 6 Troparion (Resurrection)

(Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 6)

The angelic powers were at Your tomb;

the guards became as dead men.

Mary stood by Your grave,

seeking Your most pure body.

You captured Hades,

not being tempted by it.

You came to the Virgin, granting life.//

O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You.



Tone 4 **Troparion** (St. Sergius)

(Troparion for the Saint – Tone 4)

A zealot of good deeds

and a true warrior of Christ our God,

you struggled greatly against the passions in this passing life;

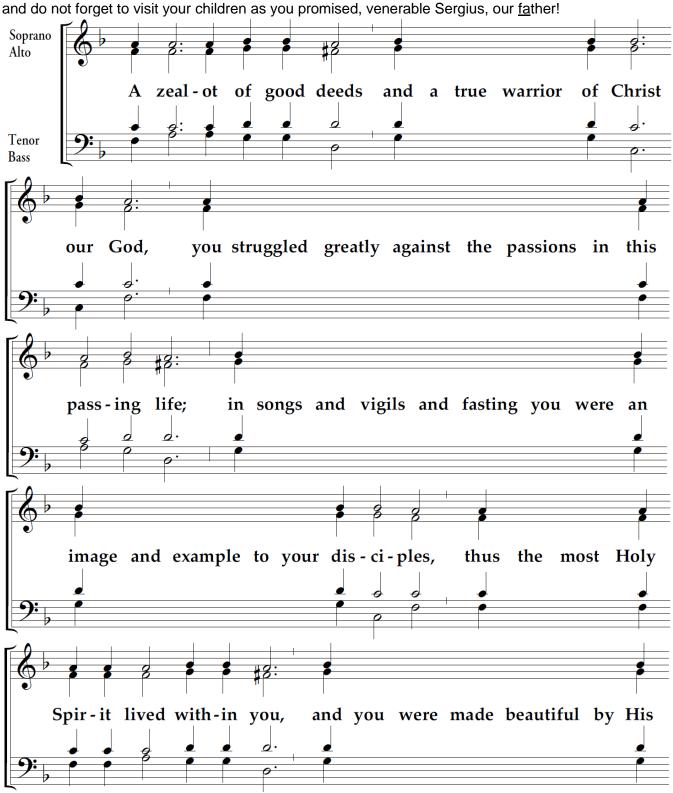
in songs and vigils and fasting you were an image and example to your disciples,

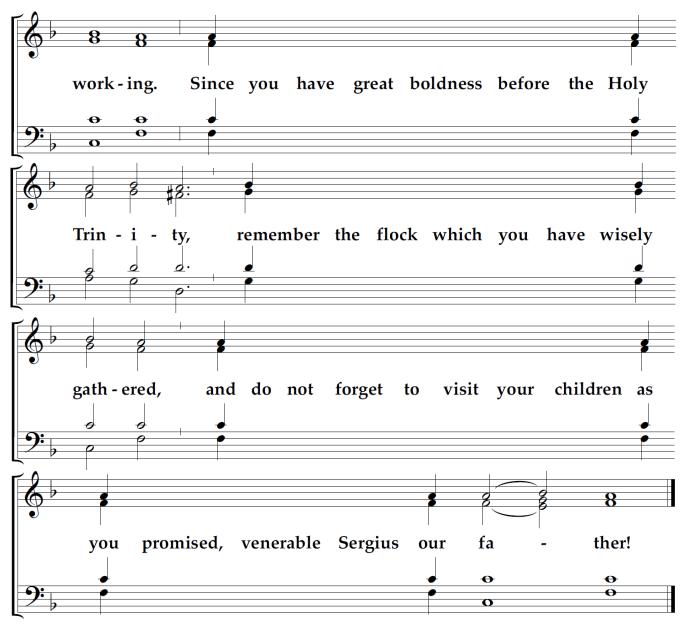
thus the most Holy Spirit lived within you,

and you were made beautiful by His working.

Since you have great boldness before the Holy Trinity,

remember the flock which you have wisely gathered,//





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

Tone 4

Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion

(Resurrection Dismissal Theotokion – Tone 4)

The mystery of all eternity,

unknown even by Angels,

through you, Theotokos, is revealed to those on earth:

God incarnate by union without confusion.

He voluntarily accepted the Cross for us,

by which He resurrected the first-created man,//

saving our souls from death.





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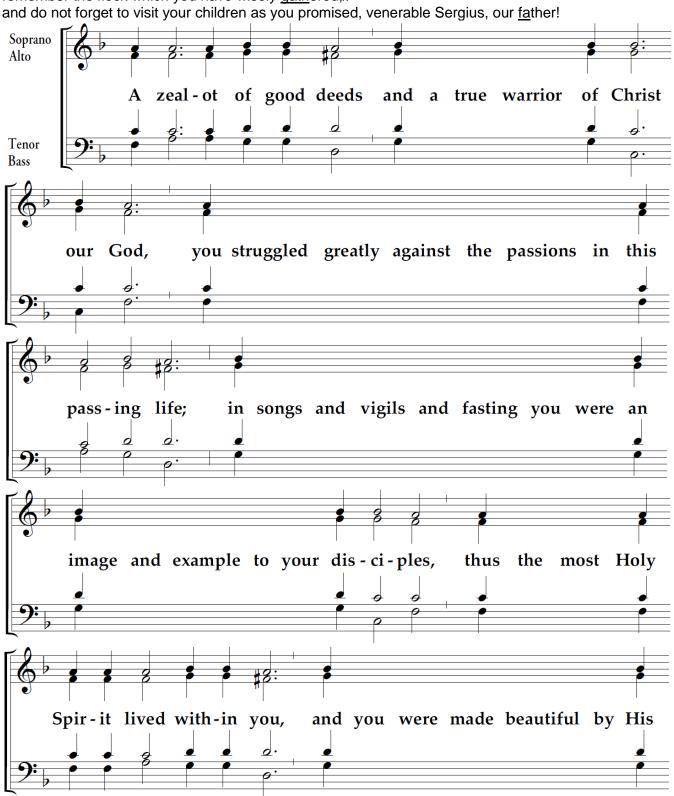
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and you were made beautiful by His working.

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

Tone 8 Kontakion (St. Sergius)

(Kontakion for the Saint – Tone 8)

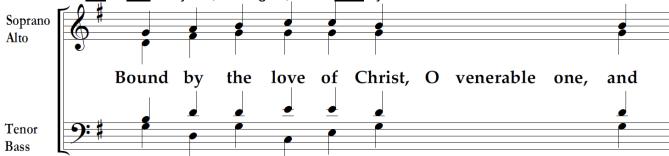
Bound by the <u>love</u> of <u>Christ</u>, O <u>ven</u>erable one, and following Him with un<u>wav</u>ering desire,

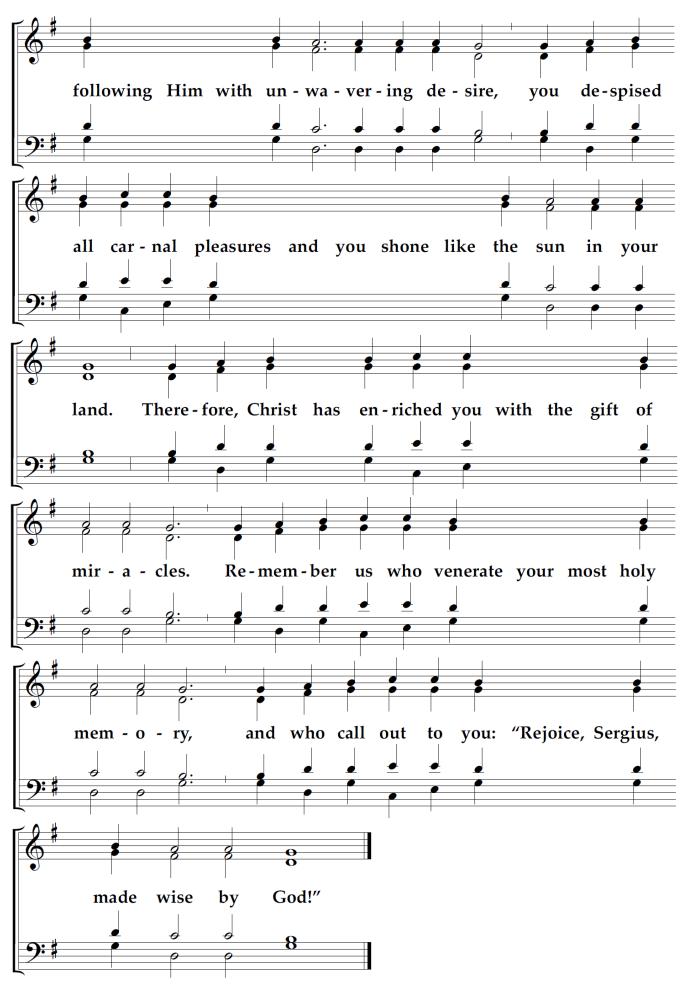
you de<u>spised</u> all <u>car</u>nal <u>pleas</u>ures, shining like the <u>sun</u> in your land.

Therefore, Christ has enriched you with the gift of miracles.

Remember us, who venerate your most holy memory//

and who call out to you: "Rejoice, O Sergius, made wise by God!"





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

(Resurrectional Kontakion – Tone 6)

When Christ God the Giver of Life,

raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand,

He bestowed resurrection on the human race.//

He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.



Prokeimenon, Tone 6

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

Reader: And with your spirit!

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Prokeimenon, in the 6th Tone: O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance!

People: O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance, your inheritance!



Reader: To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!

People: O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance, your inheritance!



Reader: In the 7th Tone, Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

People: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.



Deacon: Wisdom!

Epistle – (176) 2 Corinthians 4:6-15 and (213) Galatians 5:22-6:2 (St. Sergius)

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

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: Brothers and sisters, it is God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, and he has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

However, we have this treasure in vessels of clay, so that the amazing power may be from God and not from ourselves. We are pressed on every side, yet we are not crushed! We are perplexed, but not to the point of despair. We are persecuted yet not forsaken; struck down, yet not destroyed; and we always carry in our bodies the death of the Lord Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. Indeed, we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be revealed in our mortal flesh. And so, death is at work in us, but life in you. Still, we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed, and therefore I spoke." We believe, and therefore we also speak; knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will also raise us with Jesus, and bring us with you into his presence. All these things are for your benefit, so that as grace is extended to many, this may also cause thanksgiving to be multiplied to the glory of God.

Brothers and sisters, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law! Those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and lusts. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit! Let us not become arrogant, challenging and envying one another.

Brothers and sisters, even if someone is caught in some fault, you who are spiritual must restore such a person in a spirit of gentleness. But watch out for yourself in order not to be tempted. Bear each others' burdens, and thus fulfill the law of Christ.

Priest: † Peace to you who read!

Alleluia: Tone 6

Reader: And to Your spirit. In the 6th Tone: Alleluia! He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High

will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God.

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: He will say to the Lord: "My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust.

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: In the 6th Tone, Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His

commandments.

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel - (17) Luke 5:1-11 and (24) Luke 6:17-23

Page 116 and 118

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

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

Priest: At that time, Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats standing by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and they were washing their nets. Jesus entered into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep, and let down your nets for a catch."

Simon answered him, "Master, we worked all night and took nothing! But at your word, I will let down the net." When they had done this, they caught a great multitude of fish, and their net was breaking. They beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. They came and filled both boats, so much that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, Lord!" He and all who were with him were amazed at their catch of fish; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon.

Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid! From now on, you will be catching people alive."

When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

At that time, Jesus stood on a level place. A number of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those who were troubled by unclean spirits also came, and they were healed. The whole multitude desired to touch him because power came out from him and healed them all.

Jesus looked up to his disciples, and said:

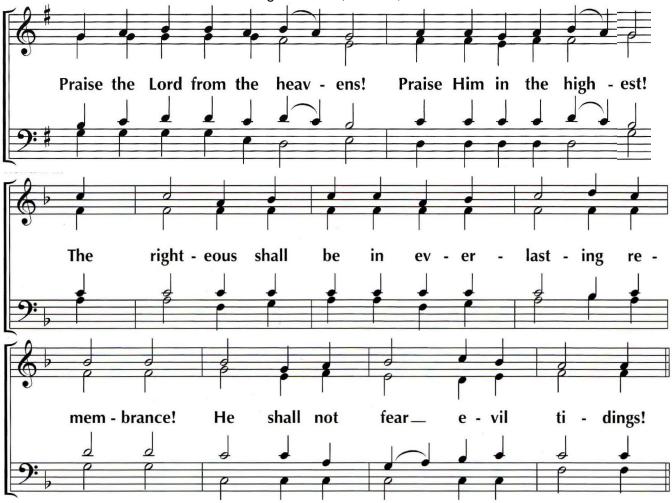
Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the Kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when men shall hate you, and when they shall exclude and mock you, and throw out your name as evil for the sake of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven.

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

Sermon (then p. 89)

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!



- 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 naught.

