"Lord I Call..." - Tone 6

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

Lord, I call upon You, <u>hear</u> me! <u>Hear</u> me, O Lord! Lord, I call upon You, <u>hear</u> me! Receive the <u>voice</u> of my prayer, when I <u>cal</u>l upon You!// Let my <u>prayer</u> arise in Your sight as <u>incense</u>, and let the lifting <u>up</u> of my hands be an evening <u>sacrifice!//</u> Hear <u>me</u>, O Lord!



Reader: (Reads text from service book)

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

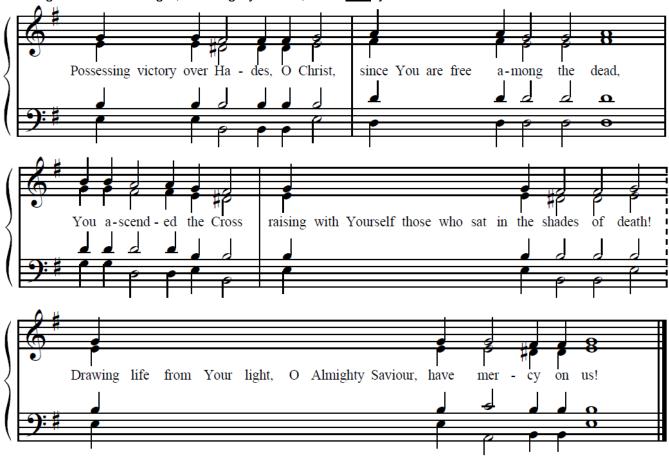
Possessing victory over Hades, O Christ,

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,

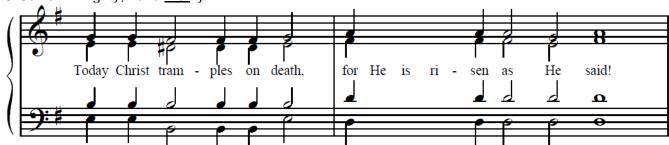
for He is risen as He said!

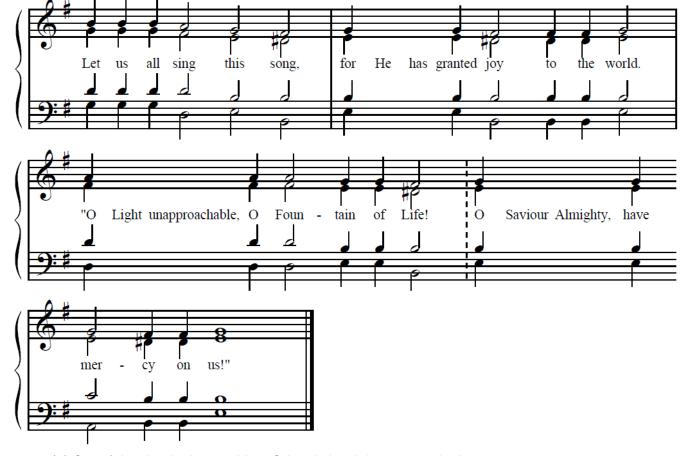
Let us all sing this song,

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!

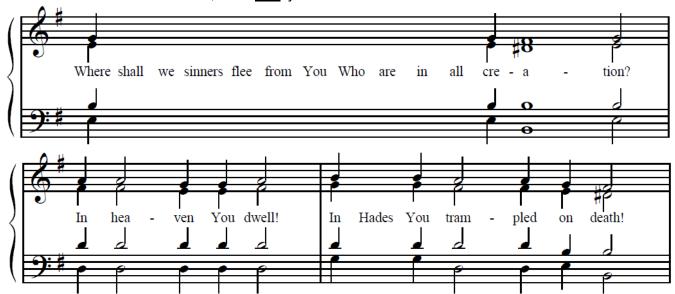
In Hades You trampled on death!

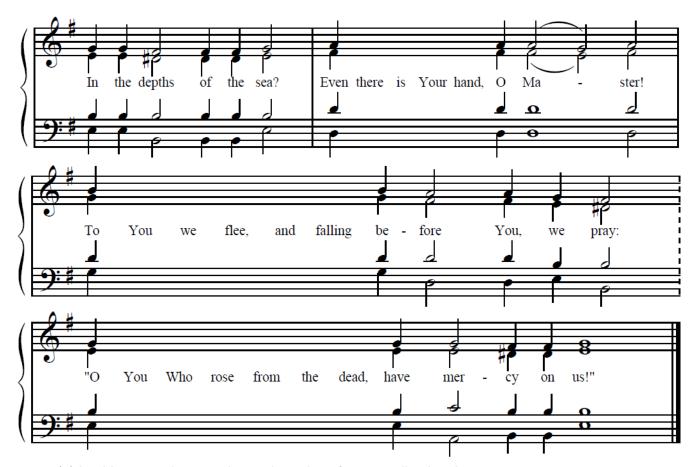
In the depths of the sea?

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!"





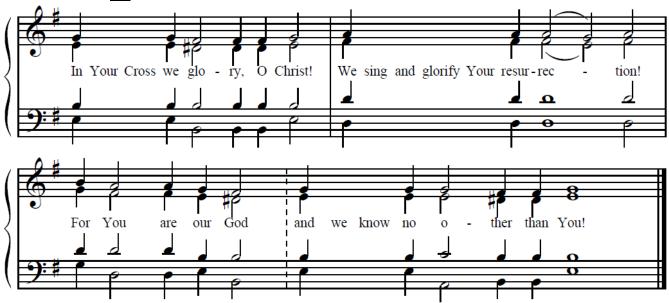
v. (7) Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

In Your Cross, we glory, O Christ.

We sing and glorify Your Resurrection.

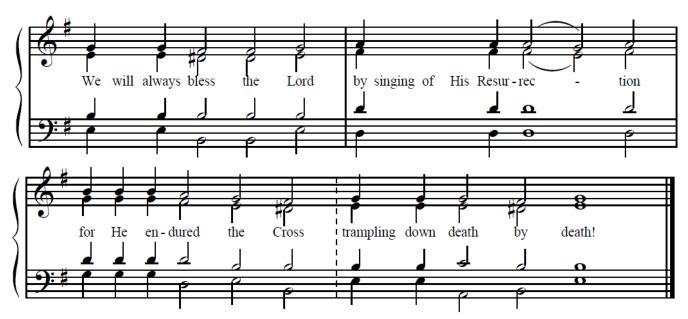
For You are our God,//

and we know no other than You.



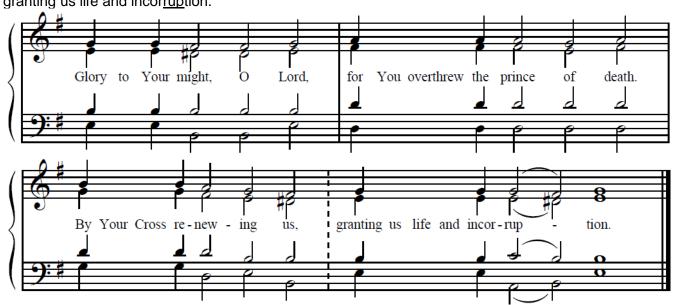
v. (6) If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You.

We will always <u>bless</u> the Lord by singing of His Resur<u>rec</u>tion! for He en<u>dured</u> the Cross,// trampling down <u>death</u> by death.



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.

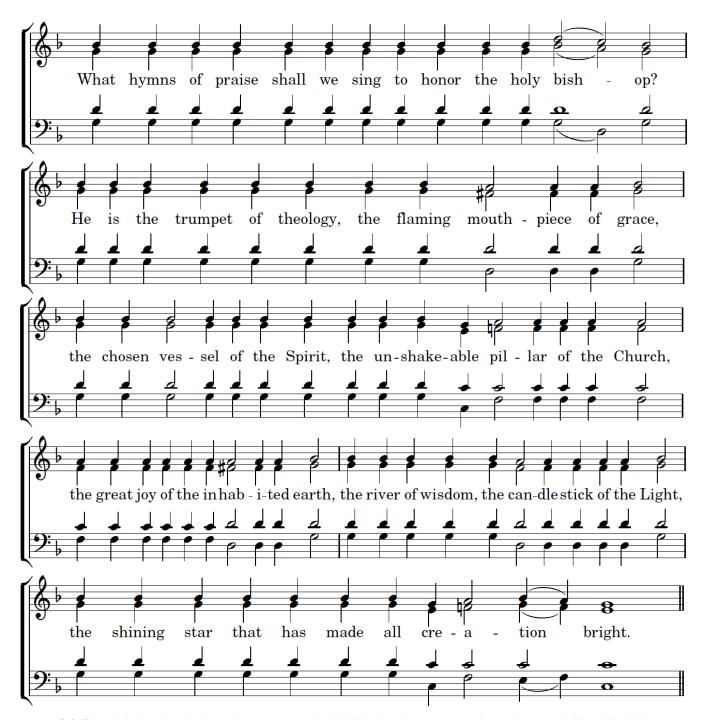
Glory to Your <u>might</u>, O Lord, for You overthrew the <u>prince</u> of death! By Your Cross re<u>newing</u> us,// granting us life and incorruption.



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

Tone 2 (from the Lenten Triodion) (With what crowns)

What hymns of praise shall we sing to honor the holy <u>bishop?</u> He is the trumpet of theology, the flaming <u>mouth</u>piece of grace, the chosen <u>ves</u>sel of the Spirit, the unshakeable <u>pillar</u> of the Church, the great joy of the in<u>hab</u>ited earth, the river of wisdom, the <u>can</u>dlestick of the Light,// the shining star that has made all creation bright.



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

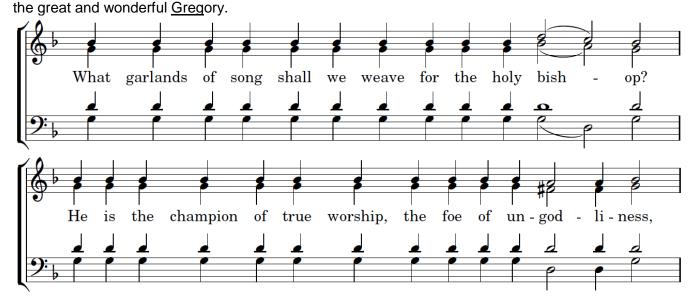
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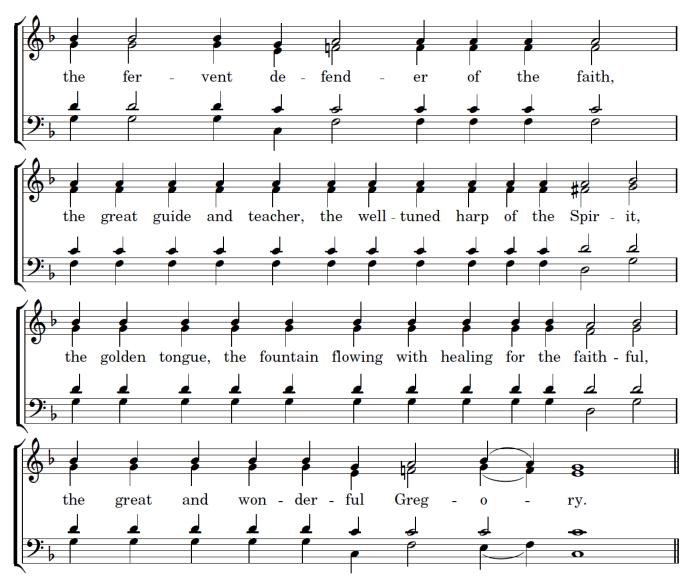




v. (2) Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!

What garlands of song shall we weave for the holy <u>bishop?</u>
He is the champion of true worship, the foe of ungodliness, the <u>fer</u>vent de<u>fender</u> of the faith, the great guide and teacher, the well-tuned harp of the <u>Spirit</u>, the golden tongue, the fountain flowing with healing for the <u>faithful</u>,//





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

How shall we who dwell on earth praise the holy <u>bish</u>op?

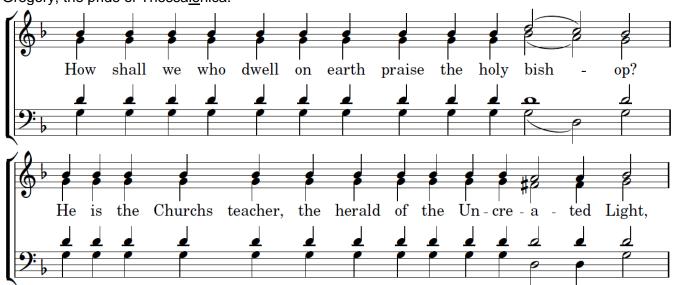
He is the Church's teacher, the herald of the Uncreated Light,

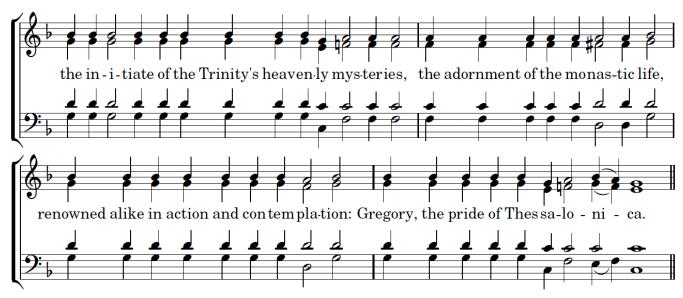
the initiate of the Trinity's heavenly mysteries,

the adornment of the monastic life,

renowned alike in action and contemplation://

Gregory, the pride of Thessalonica.



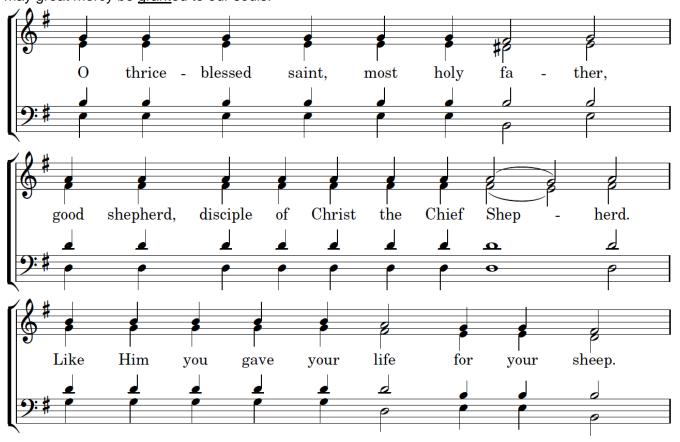


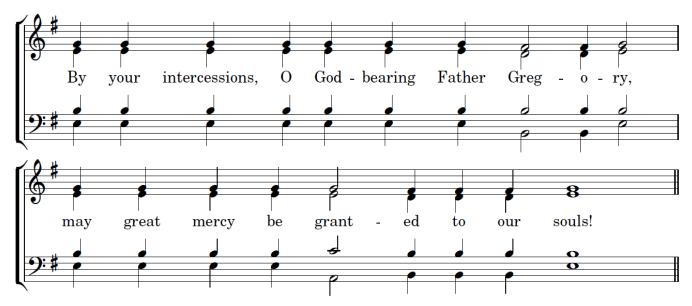
In the Sixth Tone, Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Tone 6

(from the Lenten Triodion)

O thrice-blessed saint, most holy <u>fa</u>ther, good shepherd, disciple of Christ the Chief <u>Shep</u>herd. Like Him you gave your <u>life</u> for your sheep. By your intercessions, O God-bearing Father <u>Greg</u>ory,// may great mercy be granted to our souls!





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

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 Father,

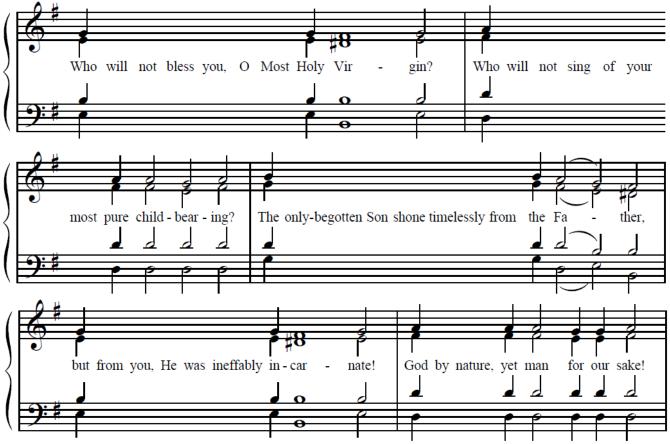
but from you He was ineffably incarnate.

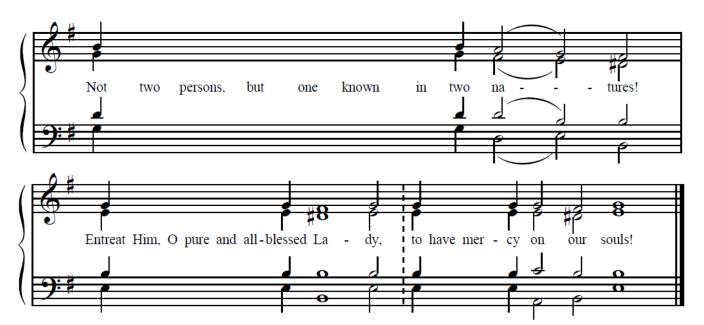
God by nature yet Man for our sake,

Not two persons but One known in two natures.

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)

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!

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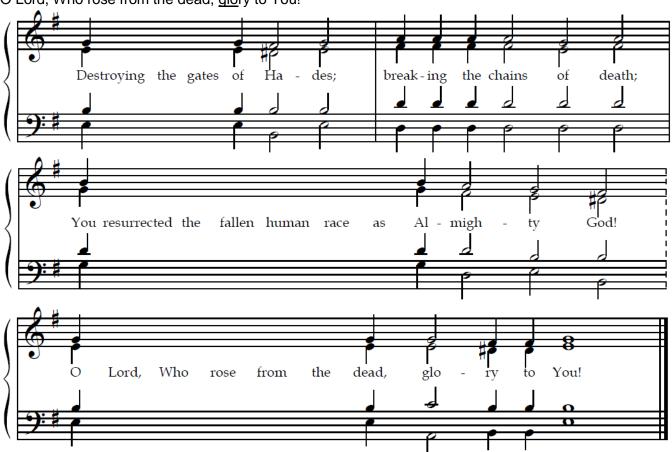
v: The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty!

Destroying the gates of <u>ha</u>des,

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:

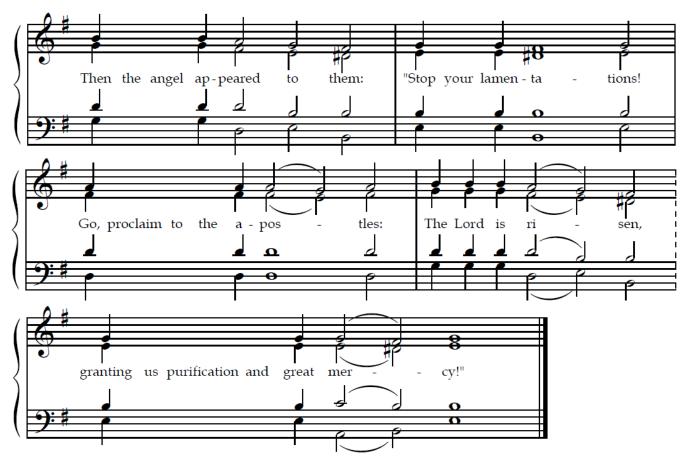
"Stop your lamentations!

Go, proclaim to the Apostles:

'The Lord is risen,//

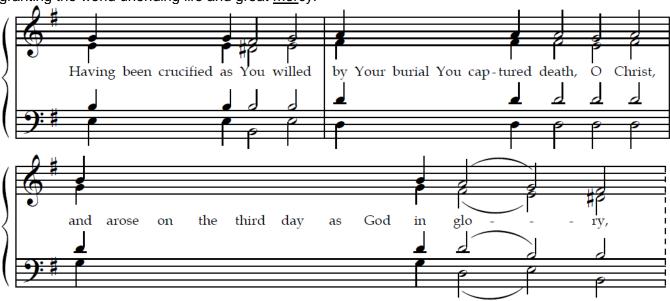
granting us purification and great mercy!"

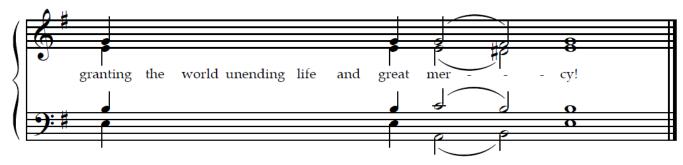




v: Holiness befits Your house, O Lord, forevermore!

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>mercy</u>!





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

Tone 8

(from the Lenten Triodion)

Your tongue, watchful in teaching,

rings in the ears of our hearts,

and awakens the souls of the slothful.

Your words are inspired by God;

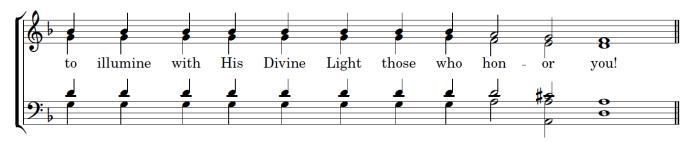
they are a ladder leading us from earth to heaven.

O Gregory, pride of Thessalonica,

do not cease to intercede before Christ our God//

to illumine with His Divine Light those who honor you!





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

Tone 8 (Theotokion)

O unwedded <u>Virgin</u>, Who ineffably conceived <u>God</u> 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!//



Tone 6 Troparion (Resurrection)

(Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 6)

The angelic powers were at Your tomb;

the guards became as <u>dead</u> 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.//

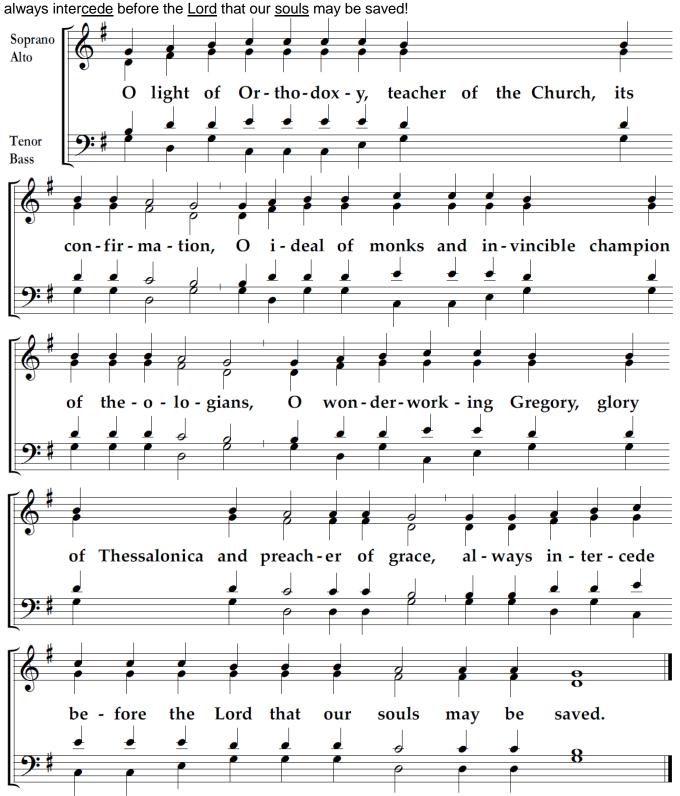
O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You.



Tone 8 Troparion (St. Gregory Palamas)

(Troparion for St. Gregory – Tone 8)

- O light of Orthodoxy, teacher of the Church, its confirmation,
- O ideal of monks and invincible champion of theologians,
- O wonderworking Gregory, glory of Thessalonica and preacher of grace,//



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

Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion

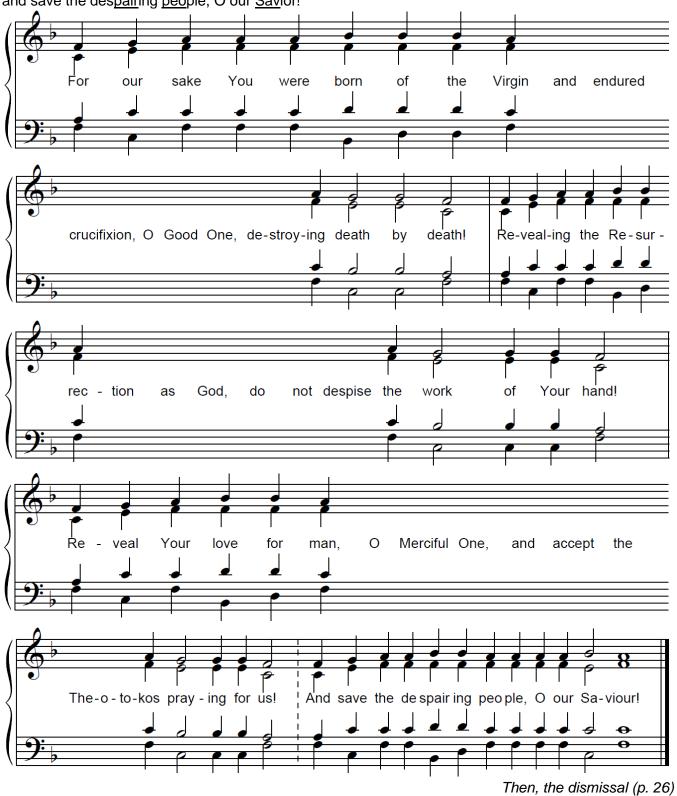
(Resurrection Dismissal Theotokion – Tone 8)

For our sake <u>You</u> were <u>born</u> of the <u>Virg</u>in and endured crucifixion, O Good One, destroying <u>death</u> by death

revealing the Resurrection as God. Do not despise the work of Your hand!

Reveal Your <u>love</u> for <u>man</u>, O Merciful One and accept the Theotokos <u>praying</u> for <u>us</u>, //

and save the despairing people, O our Savior!



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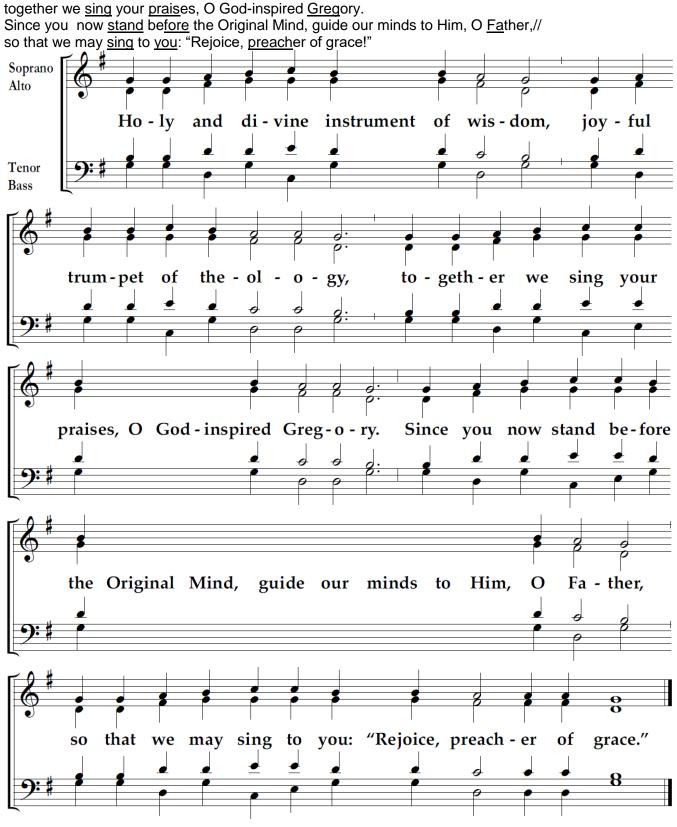
always intercede before the Lord that our souls may be saved!



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

Tone 8 Kontakion (St. Gregory Palamas)

(Kontakion for St. Gregory – Tone 8) Holy and divine instrument of wisdom, joyful trumpet of theology,



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

Tone 4 Kontakion (from the Lenten Triodion)

(Kontakion from the Triodion – Tone 4)

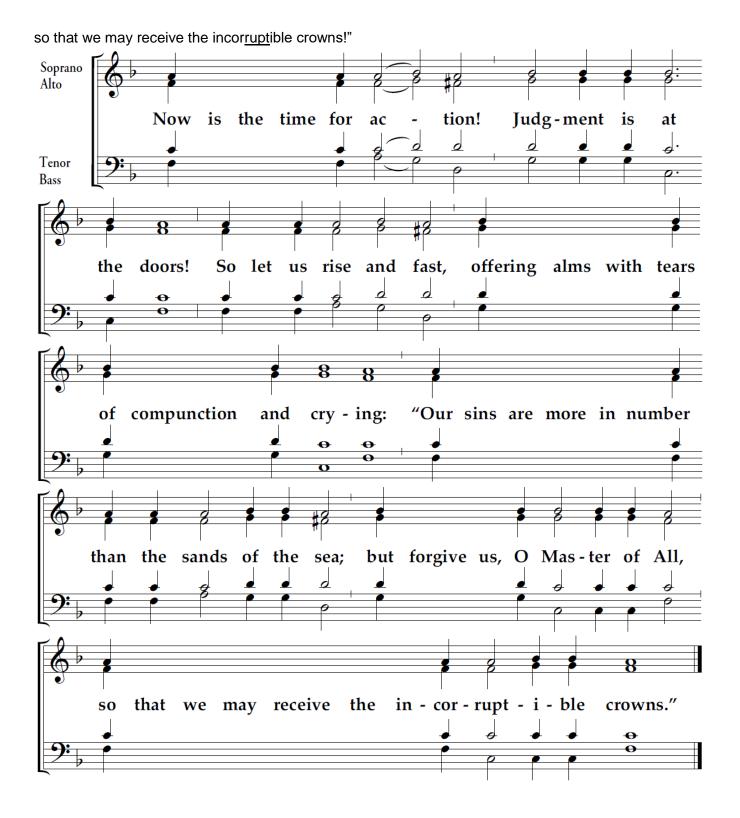
Now is the time for action!

Judgment is at the doors!

So let us rise and fast,

offering alms with tears of compunction and crying:

"Our sins are more in number than the <u>sands</u> of the sea; but forgive us, O Master of all,//



Tone 5 **Prokeimenon**

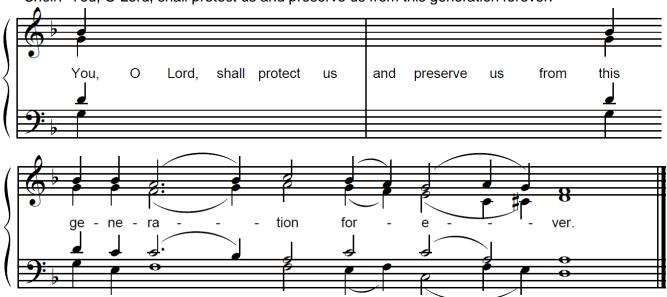
Priest: Let us attend! †Peace to all! Reader: And with your spirit!

Priest: Wisdom! Prokeimenon, Tone 5

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

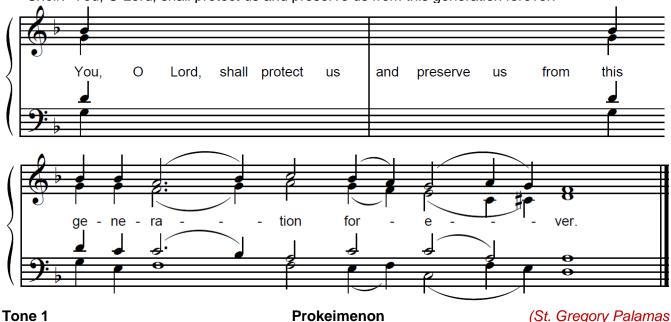
generation forever.

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



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.

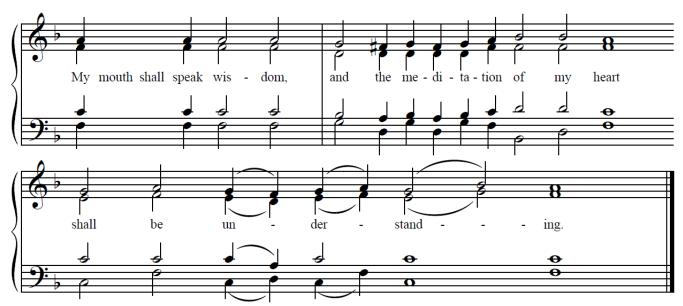


Prokeimenon

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.

(St. Gregory Palamas)



Deacon: Wisdom!

Epistle: (304) – Hebrews 1:10-2:3 and (318) – Hebrews 7:26-8:2 (St. Gregory Palamas)

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

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: In the beginning, You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth.

The heavens are the works of your hands.

They will perish, but you continue.

They all will grow old as a garment,

As a mantle, you will roll them up, and they will be changed;

but you are the same.

Your years will not fail.

Indeed, to which of the angels did he ever say,

Sit at my right hand,

until I make your enemies the footstool of your feet?

Are the angels not all ministering spirits, sent out to serve for the sake of those who will inherit salvation? Therefore, we should pay greater attention to the things that we were taught, for fear that we may drift away. Certainly, if the word spoken through angels proved reliable and every transgression and disobedience received a just penalty, how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation! It was first announced by the Lord himself, and it is confirmed to us by those who heard him.

Brothers and sisters, such a high priest was fitting for us: holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners and made higher than the heavens. He does not need, like those former high priests, to offer up sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for the sins of the people. Instead, he did this once for all, when he offered himself up. For the law appoints as high priests men who have weaknesses, but the word of the oath which came after the law appoints forever a Son who has been perfected.

The point of what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty on high, a servant of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord has set up, and not man.

Priest: † Peace to you who read.

Reader: And to Your spirit. In the 1st Tone: Alleluia! God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever.

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: (7) - Mark 2:1-12 p. 199 and (36) - John 10:9-16 (St. Gregory Palamas) p. 386

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

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

Priest: At that time Jesus returned to Capernaum, it was heard that he was in the house. Immediately, many people gathered so that there was no more room, not even around the door. As Jesus was preaching the word to them, four men came, carrying a paralytic to him. Since they could not come near Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof where he was. When they had broken it up, they let down the mat which the paralytic was lying on. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins have been forgiven you."

But there were some of the scribes sitting there, and they reasoned in their hearts, "Why does this man speak blasphemies like that? Who can forgive sins except God alone?"

Immediately, Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were reasoning within themselves in this way. He asked them, "Why do you reason these things in your hearts? Which is easier, to tell the paralytic, 'Your sins have been forgiven,' or to say, 'Arise, take up your bed, and walk?' But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" – he said to the paralytic – "I tell you, arise and take up your mat, and go to your house!"

At once, the man arose and took up the mat, and went out in front of everyone. The people were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

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 (then p. 89)

(Instead of "It is truly meet...," we sing the following) Hymn to the Theotokos

All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace: the assembly of Angels and the race of men.

O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise,

the glory of virgins,

from whom God was incarnate and became a Child -

our God before the ages.

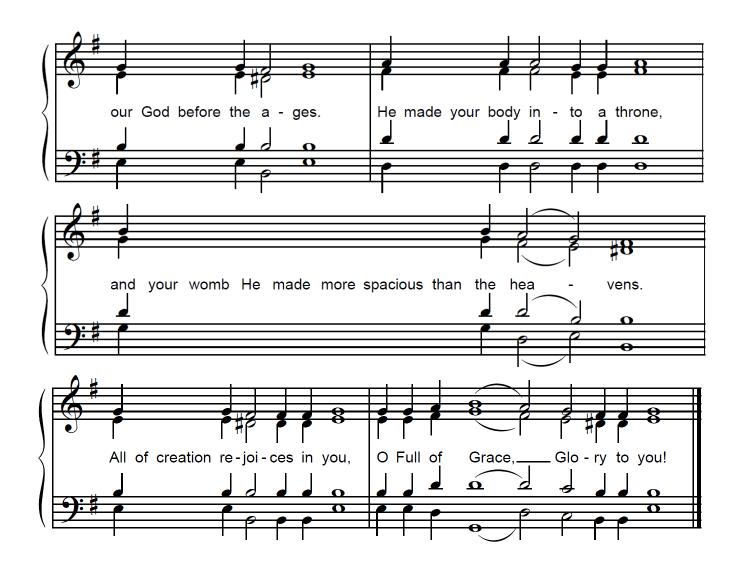
He made your body into a throne,

and your womb He made more spacious than the heavens.

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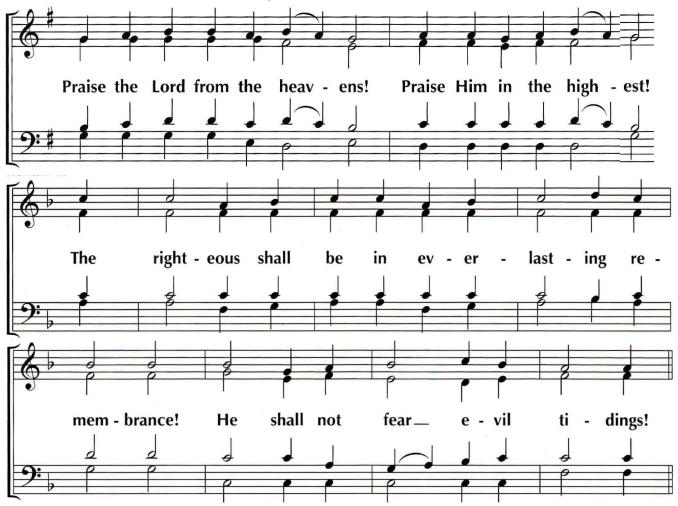
Glory to you!





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 nought.

