TONE 4 Hieromartyr Pancratius, Bishop of Taormina in Sicily

"Lord I Call..." - Tone 4



Reader: (Reads text from service book) v. (10) Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Your name!

We glorify Your Resurrection on the third day, O Christ God,

by always honoring Your life-creating Cross;

by it You have renewed the corrupted nature of man

O almighty One.

By it You have renewed our entrance to heaven,//

for You are good and the Lover of man.



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

You loosed the Tree's verdict of disobedience, O Savior,

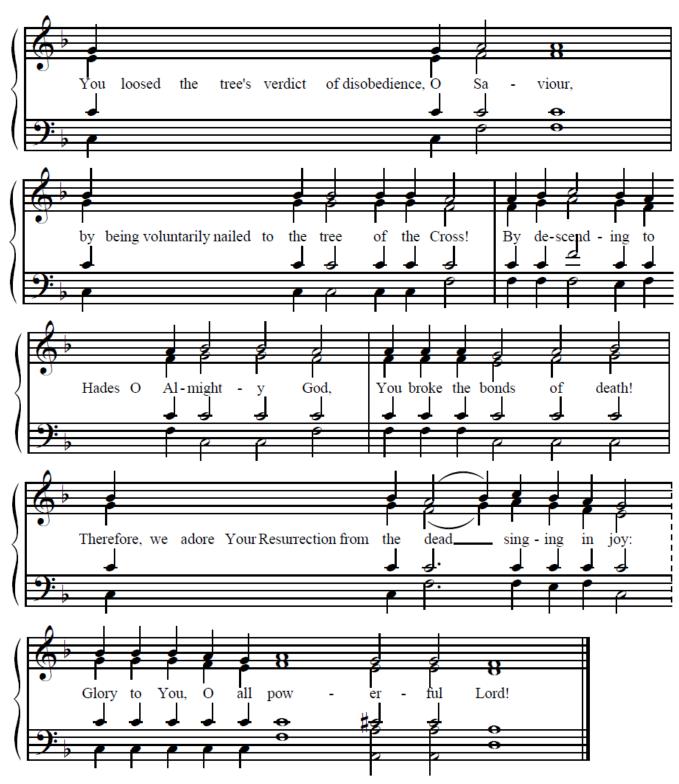
by being voluntarily nailed to the tree of the Cross.

By descending to Hades, O almighty God,

You broke the bonds of death.

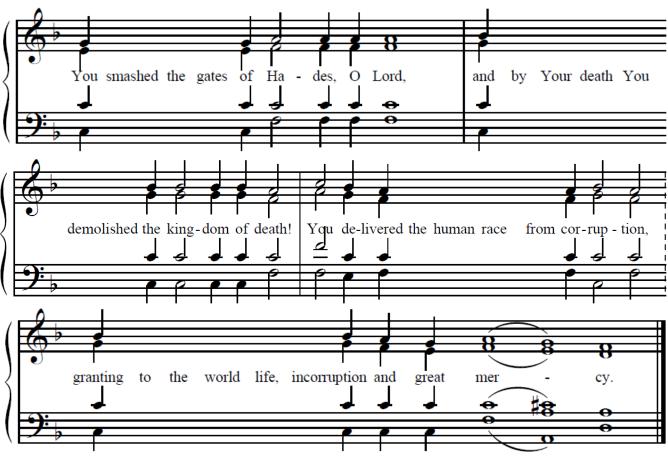
Therefore, we adore Your Resurrection from the dead, singing in joy://

"Glory to You, O all powerful Lord!"



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

You smashed the gates of <u>Ha</u>des, O Lord, and by Your death You demolished the <u>king</u>dom of death. <u>You</u> delivered the human race from cor<u>rup</u>tion,// granting the world life, incorruption and great <u>mer</u>cy.



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

Come, O people,

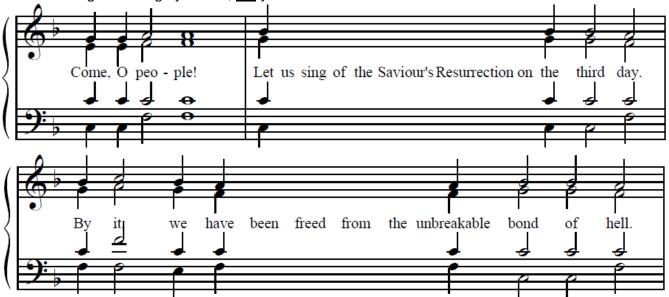
let us sing of the Savior's Resurrection on the third day!

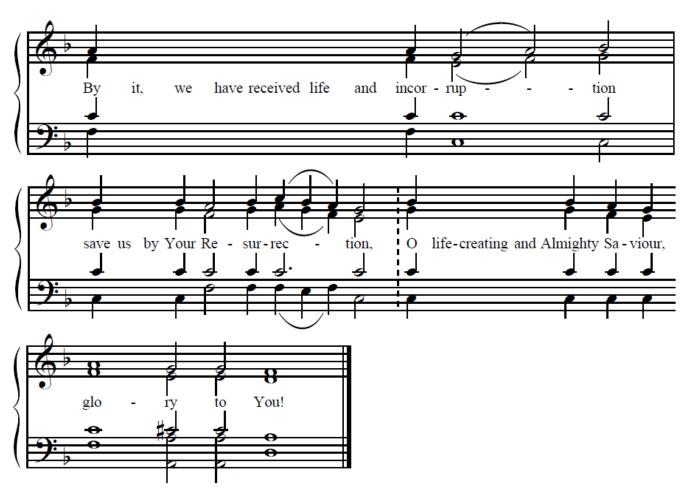
By it, we have been freed from the unbreakable bond of hell.

By it, we have received life and incor<u>rup</u>tion.

Save us by Your <u>Resurrection!//</u>

O Life-creating and almighty Savior, glory to You!





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

Angels and men sing of Your Resur<u>rec</u>tion

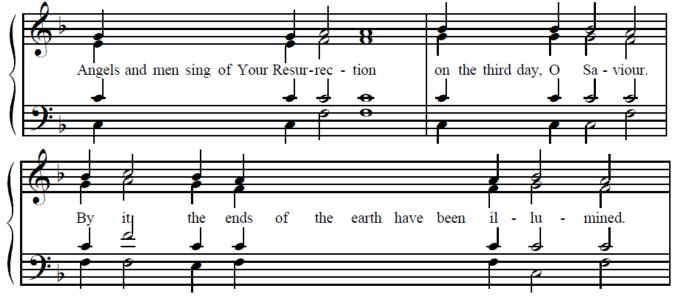
on the third day, O Savior.

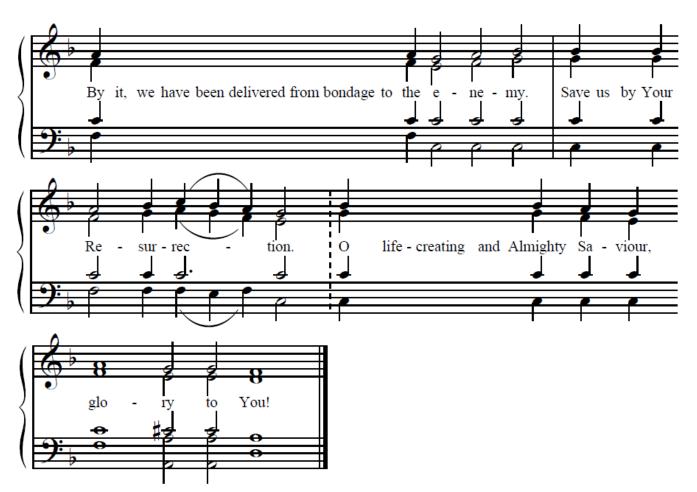
By it, the ends of the earth have been illumined.

By it we have been delivered from bondage to the <u>En</u>emy.

Save us by Your <u>Res</u>ur<u>rec</u>tion!//

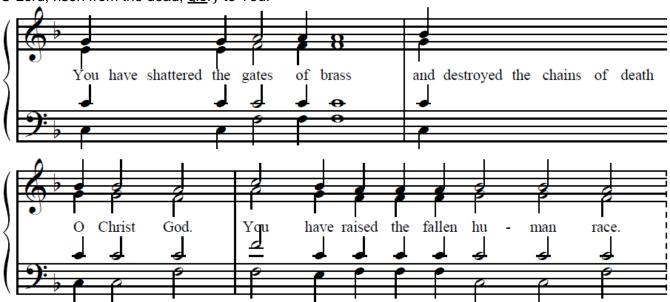
O Life-creating and almighty Savior, glory to You!

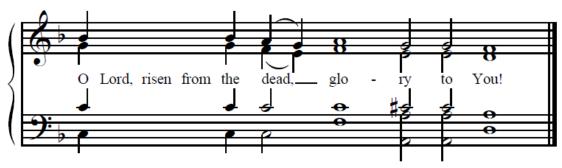




v. (5) For Your name's sake I have waited for You, O Lord, my soul has waited for Your word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.

You have shattered the <u>gates</u> of brass and destroyed the chains of death, O <u>Christ</u> God. <u>You</u> have raised the fallen <u>hu</u>man race.// O Lord, risen from the dead, <u>alory</u> to You!



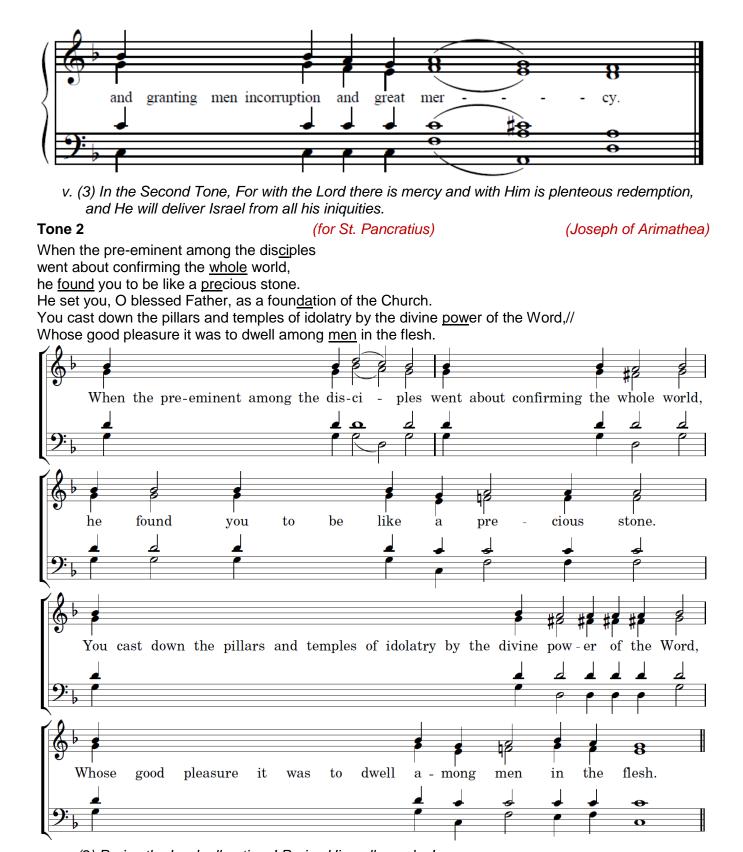


*v. (4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord!* O Lord, Your begetting from the Father is timeless and ever<u>lasting</u>.

Your incarnation from the Virgin is beyond words and under<u>stand</u>ing. Your de<u>scent</u> into Hades is terrible for the Devil and his <u>Angels</u>. You have trampled on death, rising on the <u>third</u> day,//

and granting men incorruption and great mercy.





*v. (2) Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!* By the Word you cast out the wicked spirits of <u>e</u>vil, making people spiritual by the grace of the <u>Spirit</u>. You <u>worked</u> the field of their hearts, O martyr Pan<u>cra</u>tius, casting there the <u>seed</u> of God. You have offered the fruits to the heavenly <u>Gar</u>dener,// interceding for those who <u>praise</u> you with faith!



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

You made the West shine like the East with spiritual splendors,

bearing the Sun of the knowledge of God,

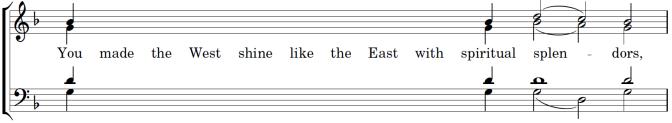
Who shone forth upon us from the Virgin in a manner past understanding.

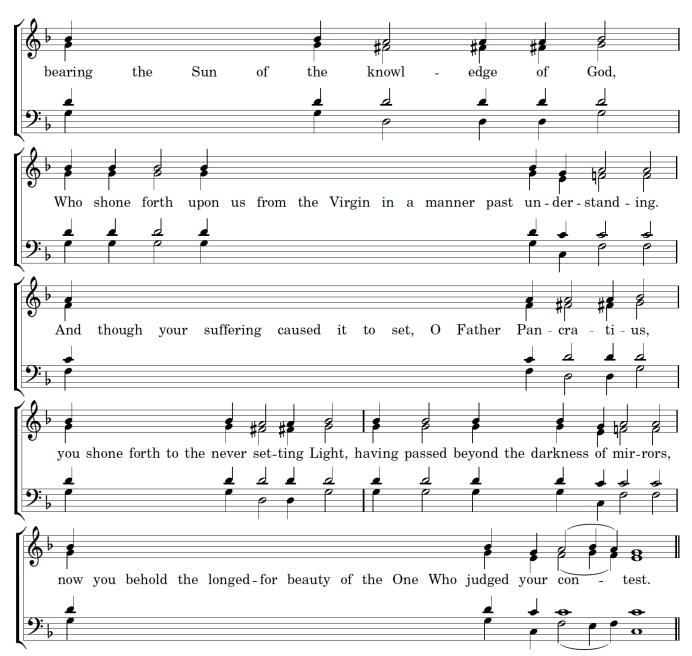
And though your suffering caused it to set, O Father Pancratius,

you shone forth to the never-setting Light,

having passed beyond the darkness of mirrors,//

now you behold the longed-for beauty of the One Who judged your contest.





Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

## Tone 4

## (Theotokion – Dogmatikon)

The Prophet David was a Father of the Lord

Through you, O Virgin.

He foretold in songs the One Who worked wonder in you:

"At Your right hand stood the Queen," Your Mother, the mediatrix of life,

since God was freely born of her without a father.

He wanted to renew His fallen image, made corrupt in passion,

so He took the lost sheep upon His shoulder

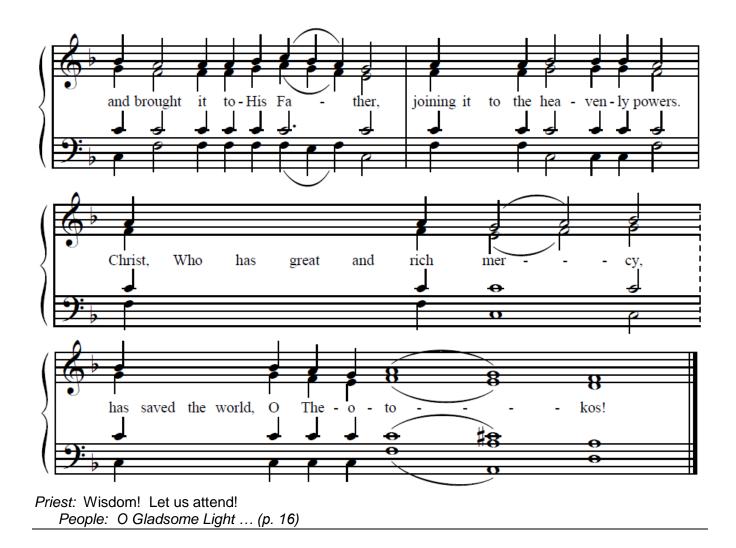
and brought it to His Father,

joining it to the heavenly pow'rs.

Christ who has great and rich mercy//

has saved the world, O Theotokos.





## Aposticha – Tone 4

By ascending the Cross, O Lord,

You have annulled our an<u>ces</u>tral curse.

By descending to hell, You have freed the eternal prisoners,

granting incorruption to the human race.//

Therefore in songs we glorify Your life-creating and saving Resur<u>rec</u>tion.



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

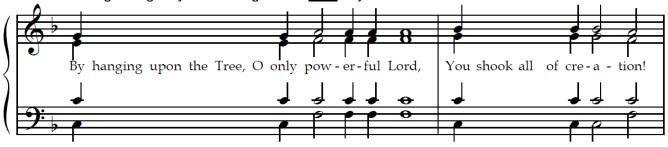
By hanging upon the tree, O only powerful Lord,

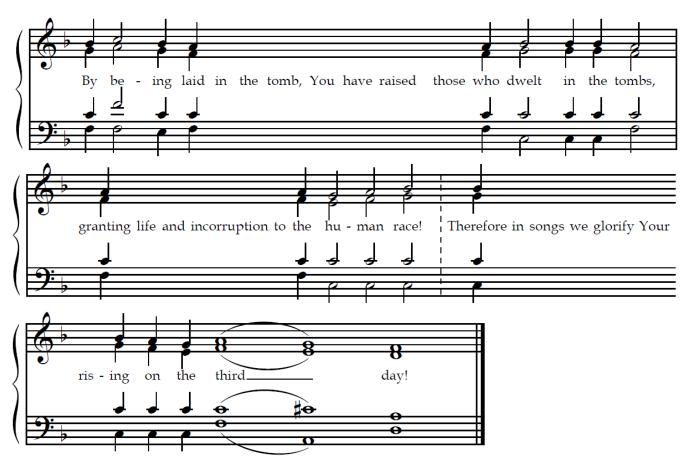
You shook all of creation.

By being laid in the tomb You have raised those who dwelt in the tombs,

granting life and incorruption to the human race.//

Therefore in songs we glorify Your rising on the third day.





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

The lawless people, O Christ,

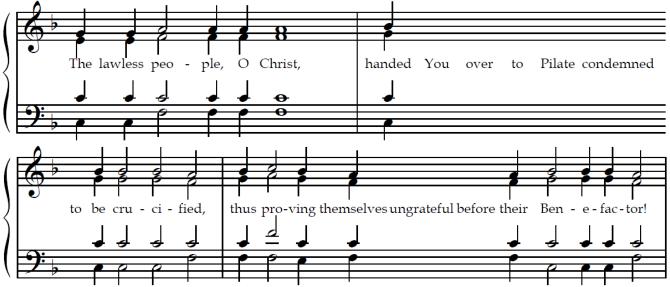
handed You over to Pilate, condemned to be crucified,

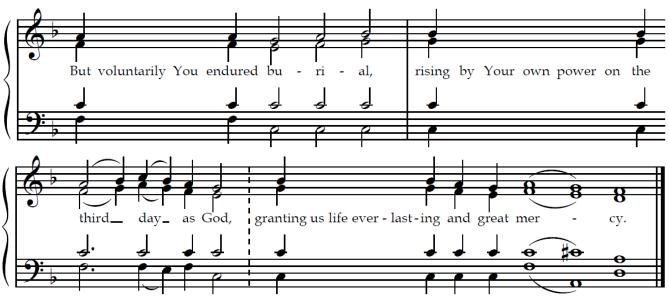
thus proving themselves ungrateful before their Benefactor.

But voluntarily You endured burial,

rising by Your own power on the third day as God,//

granting us life everlasting and great mercy.





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

With tears the women reached Your tomb,

searching for You, but not <u>finding</u> You.

They wept with wailing and lamented:

"Woe to us! Our Savior, King of all,

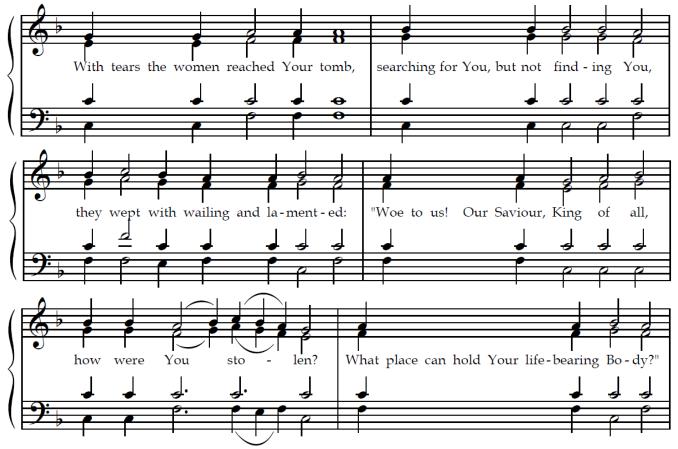
how were You stolen?

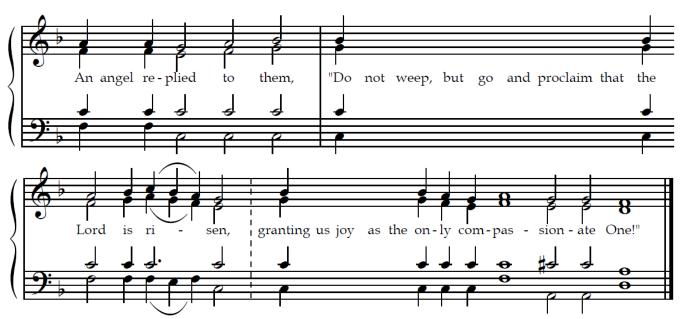
What place can hold Your life-bearing body?"

An Angel replied to them:

"Do not weep but go and proclaim that the Lord is risen,//

granting us joy as the only compassionate One!"





Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

## (Theotokion – Tone 4)

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!

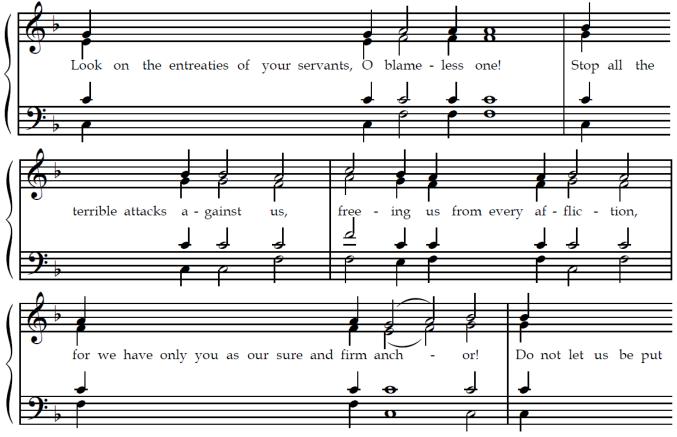
do not let us be put to shame, O Lady

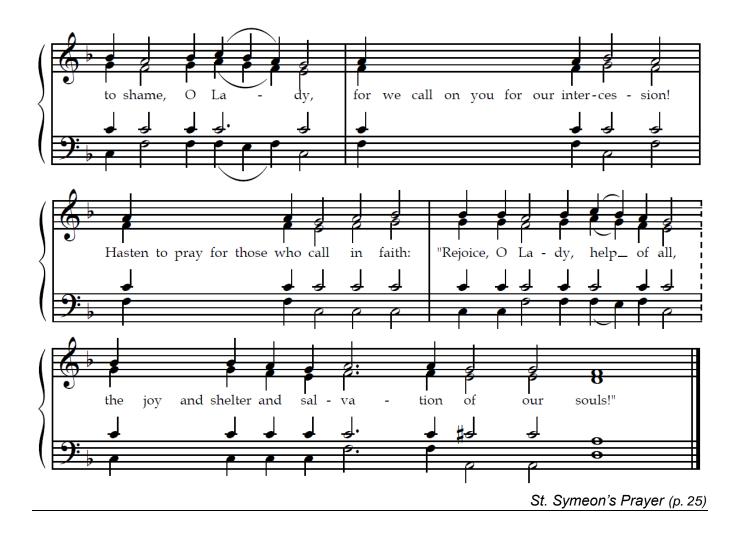
for we call on you for our inter<u>ces</u>sion!

Hasten to pray for those who call in faith:

"Rejoice, O <u>La</u>dy, <u>Help</u> of all://

the Joy and Shelter and Salvation of our souls!"





# (at Great Vespers)

#### Tone 4

#### Troparion

(Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 4) When the women Disciples of the Lord learned from the Angel the joyous message of Your Resur<u>rec</u>tion, they cast away the an<u>ces</u>tral curse and elatedly told the A<u>pos</u>tles: "<u>Death</u> is overthrown! Christ our God is <u>ris</u>en,// granting the world great <u>mer</u>cy!"



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

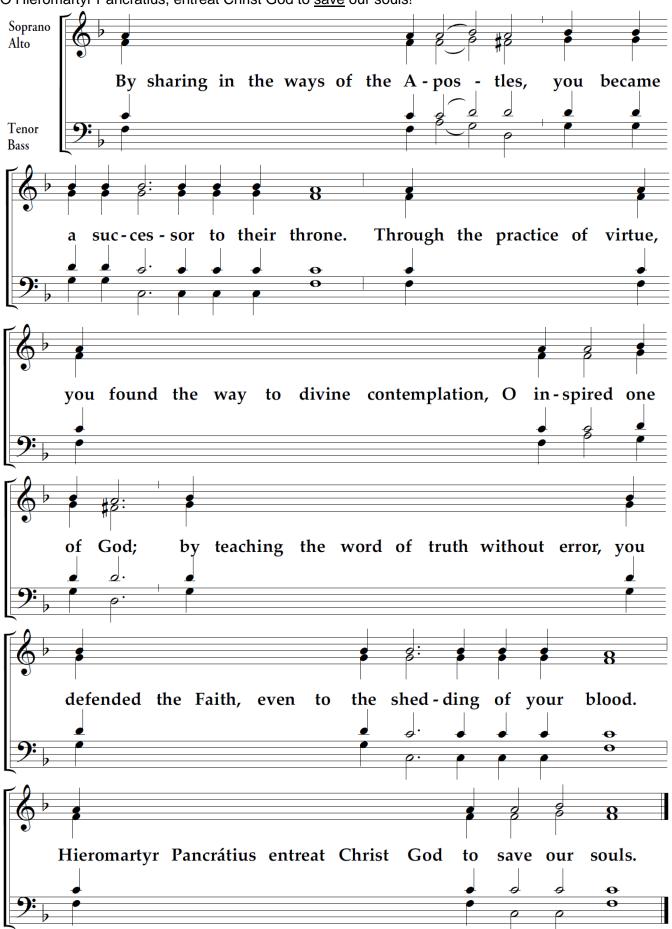
#### Tone 4

## Troparion

(St. Pancratius)

(*Troparion for the Saint – Tone 4*) By sharing in the ways of the A<u>post</u>les, you became a suc<u>ces</u>sor to their throne. Through the practice of virtue, you found the way to divine contemplation, O inspired one of God;

- by teaching the word of truth without error, you defended the Faith, even to the <u>shed</u>ding of your blood.//
- O Hieromartyr Pancratius, entreat Christ God to save our souls!



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,

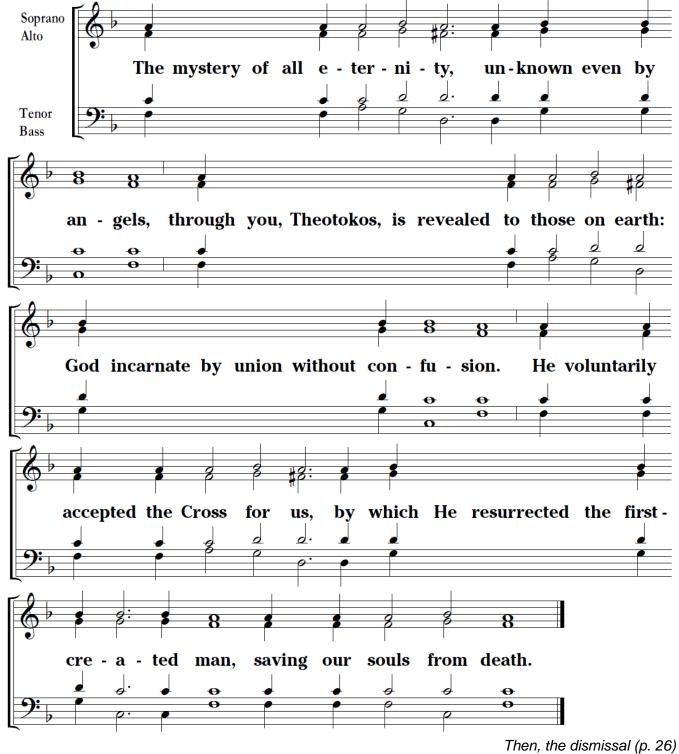
through you, Theotokos, is revealed to those on earth:

God incarnate by union without con<u>fu</u>sion.

He voluntarily accepted the Cross for us,

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

saving our souls from death.



# (at the Divine Liturgy)

#### Tone 4

#### Troparion

(Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 4) When the women Disciples of the Lord learned from the <u>Angel</u> the joyous message of Your Resur<u>rec</u>tion, they cast away the an<u>ces</u>tral curse and elatedly told the A<u>pos</u>tles: "<u>Death</u> is overthrown! Christ our God is <u>ris</u>en,// granting the world great <u>mer</u>cy!"



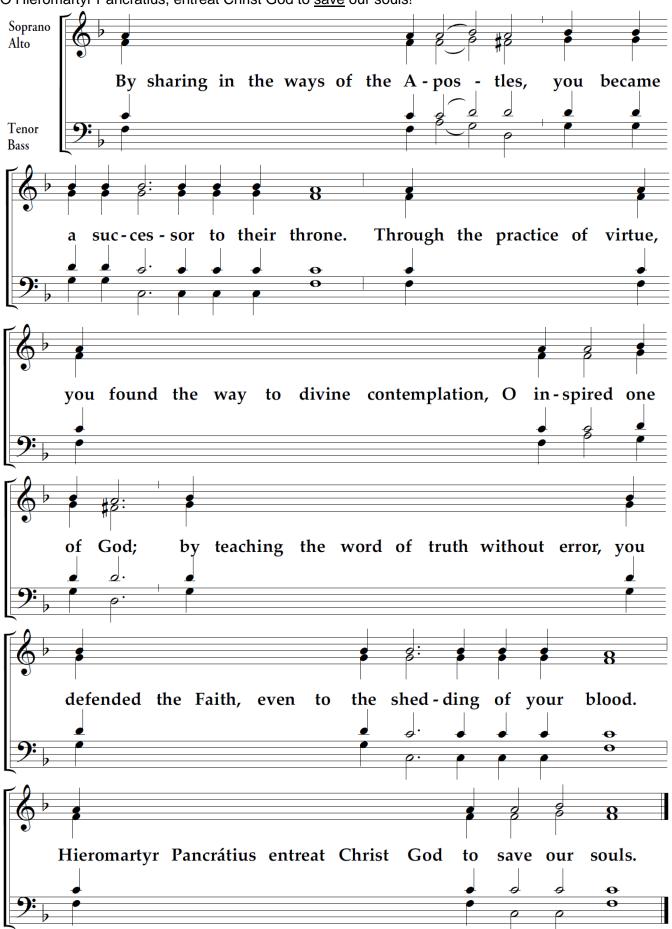
(Troparion for the Saint – Tone 4)

By sharing in the ways of the Apostles,

you became a successor to their throne.

Through the practice of virtue, you found the way to divine contemplation, O in<u>spired</u> one of God;

- by teaching the word of truth without error, you defended the Faith, even to the <u>shed</u>ding of your blood.//
- O Hieromartyr Pancratius, entreat Christ God to save our souls!



### Tone 4

Kontakion

(St. Pancratius)

Note: Taormina pronounced ta-or-MEE-na

(Kontakion for the Saint – Tone 4)

O Pancratius, you were revealed as a brilliant star for the people of Taormina.

You were also shown to be a sufferer for Christ.//

Since now you stand before Him, O blessed one, pray for those who honor you.



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

## Tone 4

(Resurrectional Kontakion – Tone 4) My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. He has shattered the gates of Hades, and as Master,// He has risen on the third day! Saviour Re God My and deem er as 0 rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. has shattered the of Ha des, and as Mas He gates ter, --0 θ 8 8 e the third\_ day! He has risen on ÷ Ð Ð θ O 0 (then, p. 83)

## Tone 4

## Prokeimenon

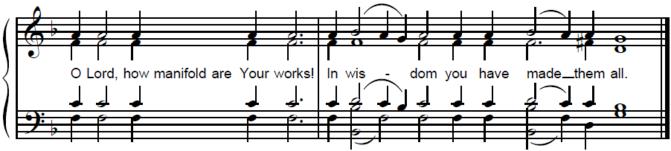
Prokeimenon, Tone 4 Deacon: Let us attend! Priest: † Peace to all!

*Reader:* And with your spirit!

Deacon: Wisdom!

*Reader:* The Prokeimenon, in the 4<sup>th</sup> Tone: O Lord, how manifold are Your works; in wisdom have You made them all.

People: O Lord, how manifold are Your works; in wisdom have You made them all.



*Reader:* Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, You are very great!

People: O Lord, how manifold are Your works; in wisdom have You made them all.



Reader: O Lord, how manifold are Your works; ...

*People:* ... in wisdom have You made them all.



*Epistle* – (103) *Romans* 10:1-10

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

Deacon: Let us attend!

*Reader:* Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and my prayer to God are for Israel, that they may be saved. Certainly, I testify about them that they have a zeal for God, but not according to accurate knowledge. Being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God.

For Christ is the fulfillment of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. Moses writes about the righteousness of the law, "The one who does them will live by them." But the righteousness which is of faith speaks this way, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' (that is, to bring Christ down); or, 'Who will descend into the abyss?' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead.)" But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth, and in your heart;" that is, the word of faith, which we preach. If you will confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

With the heart, one believes, resulting in righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made, resulting in salvation.

Priest: † Peace to you who read!

Alleluia: Tone 4

Reader: And to Your spirit. In the 4<sup>th</sup> Tone: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Reader:* Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth! *People:* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: For You love righteousness, and hate iniquity.

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel – (28) Matthew 8:28-9:1	Page 66	
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Priest: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

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

*Priest:* At that time, when Jesus arrived on the other side, into the country of the Gergesenes, two men possessed by demons met him there, coming out of the tombs. They were extremely violent, so much that nobody could pass that way. Behold, they cried out, saying, "What do we have to do with you, Jesus, Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" Now there was a herd of many pigs feeding at some distance from them. The demons begged him, saying, "If you cast us out, allow us to go away into the herd of pigs."

He said to them, "Go!"

The demons came out and went into the herd of pigs: and behold, the whole herd of pigs rushed down the cliff into the sea and died in the water.

Those who fed them fled and went into the city where they told everything, including what had happened to those who were possessed with demons. Behold, the entire city came out to meet Jesus. When they saw him, they begged that he would depart from their borders.

Jesus entered into a boat, crossed over the lake and came into his own town.

When Jesus came into Peter's house, he saw Peter's mother-in-law lying sick with a fever. He touched her hand, and the fever left her. She got up and served him.

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

Sermon

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