# "Lord I Call..." (Tone 5)

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

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Hear me, O Lord!

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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!

By Your <u>pre</u>cious <u>Cross</u>, O Christ, You have put the <u>dev</u>il to shame. By Your Resur<u>rec</u>tion, You have blunted the <u>sting</u> of sin and <u>saved</u> us from the <u>gates</u> of death.//



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

Christ was led as a sheep to the slaughter

in order to grant Resurrection to the human race.

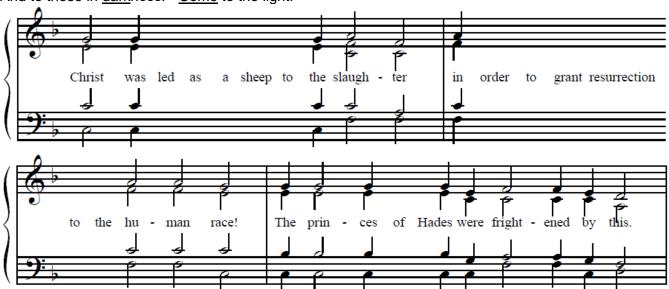
The princes of hell were frightened by this,

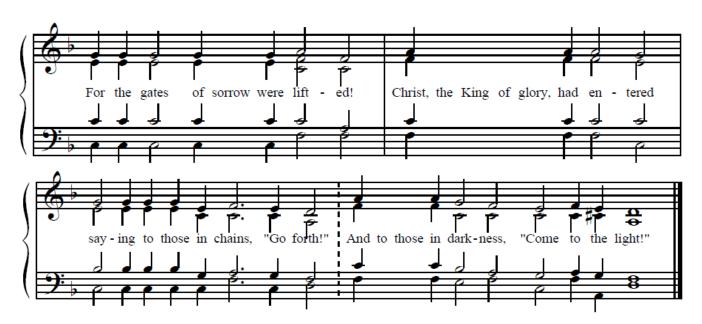
for the gates of sorrow were lifted.

Christ the King of glory had entered,

saying to those in chains: "Go forth!"//

And to those in darkness: "Come to the light!"





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

Oh, great wonder!

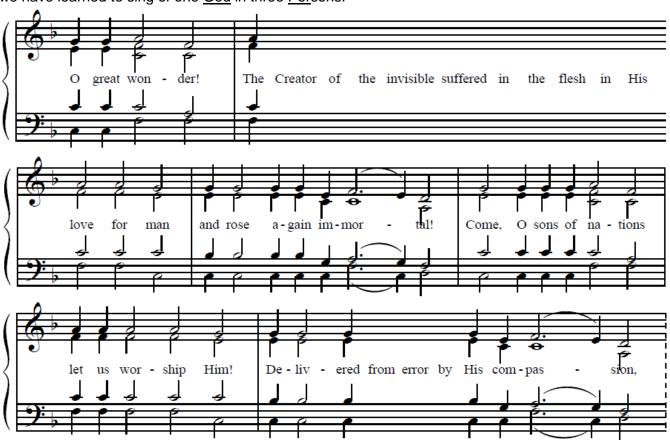
The Creator of the invisible suffered in the flesh in His <u>love</u> for mankind and <u>rose</u> again im<u>mortal</u>.

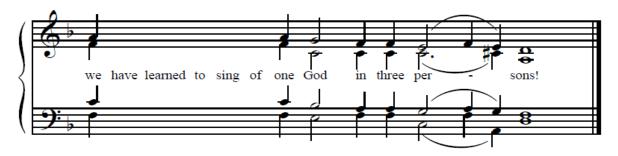
Come, O sons of nations,

let us worship Him,

for delivered from error by His compassion,//

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





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

We offer You our evening worship,

O never setting Light,

Who came in these last days to the world in the flesh;

Who even descended to hell to dispel its darkness.

You have revealed the light of Resurrection to the <u>nations</u>.//

Glory to You, O Lord and Giver of light!



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

(Oh, most glorious wonder)

Most glorious wonder!

Today the unwedded Mother of God

springs forth from a childless and barren womb,

as a stem bearing a flower,

coming from the righteous Joachim and Anna.

Therefore the councils of the Prophets and the whole assembly of the Patriarchs,//



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.

Today David rejoices and Jesse dances!

Levi is magnified and the righteous Joachim leaps in spirit!

The barrenness of Anna is openly loosed by your birth, O pure Mary.

The company of Angels and all mortals//

call your divine womb blessed, O unwedded One.



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

Rejoice, union of earth with heaven!

Rejoice, temple of the Lord! Rejoice, unwedded Mother!

You have most gloriously loosed Anna's barrenness

and by your birth have given remission of sins to mortals.

Rejoice, all-immaculate one!

Rejoice, divine temple!//

Rejoice, tabernacle in which our Creator and Lord made His dwelling place!





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

Tone 4 (for the Martyrs) (As one valiant among the martyrs)

You arrayed yourselves in garments dyed purple with your own blood.

In your beauty, O virgin maidens and martyrs,

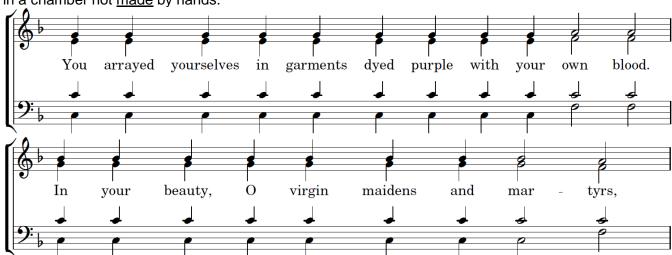
you united yourselves spiritually to Christ,

our all-beautiful God Who preserves your virginity undefiled

in the eternal bridal chamber of incorruption;

in the mansions of Heaven,//

in a chamber not made by hands.





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

In imperfect bodies, yet with a perfect mind,

by the power of the Spirit, O glorious ones,

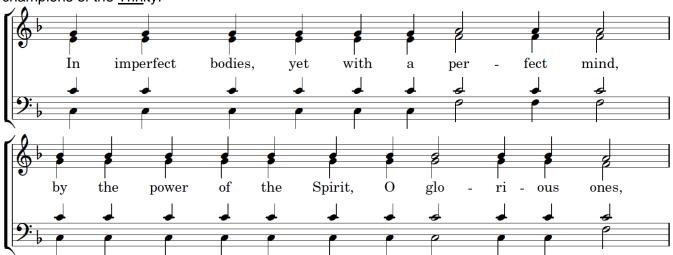
you conquered the ancient serpent, the source of evil,

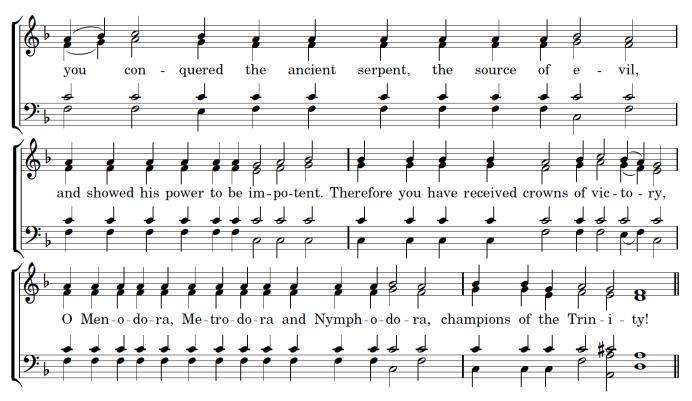
and showed his power to be impotent.

Therefore you have received <u>crowns</u> of <u>victory</u>,

O Menodora, Metrodora and Nymphodora,//

champions of the Trinity!





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

Your limbs were twisted and thrown on the fire,

you were torn with iron hooks,

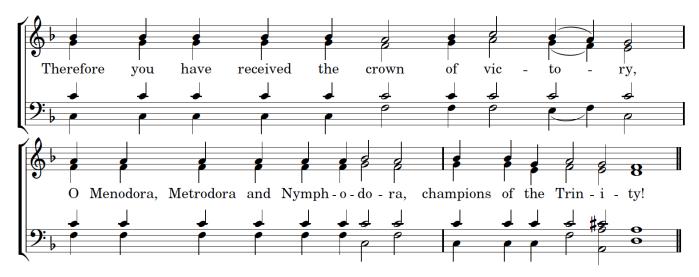
you were <u>hanged</u> upon a tree and be<u>head</u>ed by the sword.

You did not deny Christ, O all-praised athletes.

Therefore you have received the <u>crown</u> of <u>vic</u>tory,

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

What is this sound of feasting we hear?

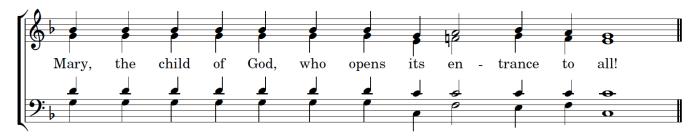
Joachim and Anna mystically celebrate, saying:

"Rejoice with us today, O Adam and Eve;

for if by your transgression you closed the gate of Paradise to those of old,

we have now been given a glorious fruit,//

Mary, the child of God, who opens its entrance to all!" What is this sound of feast-ing we hear? Joachim and Anna mystically celebrate, say-ing: today, Re joice with us O A dam and Eve; for if by your transgression you closed the gate of Paradise to those of old, have been fruit, given we now a glo ri ous 0



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

In the Red Sea of old,

a type of the Virgin Bride was prefigured.

There Moses divided the waters;

here Gabriel assisted in the miracle.

There Israel crossed the sea without getting wet,

here the Virgin gave birth to Christ without seed.

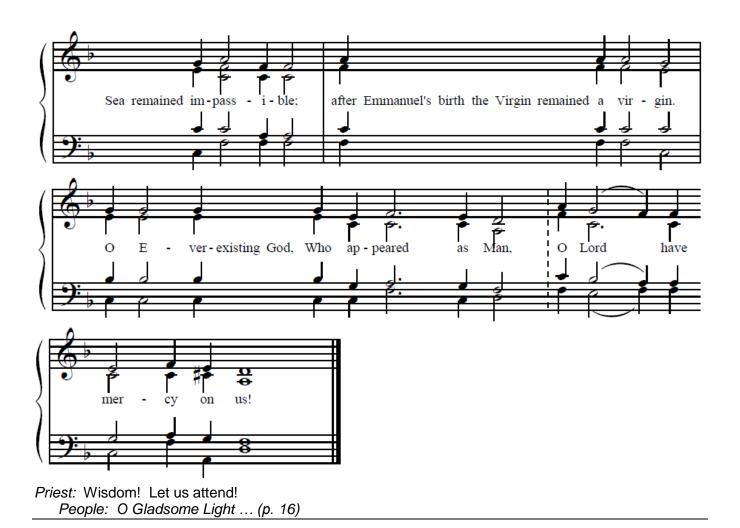
After <u>Is</u>rael's passage, the sea remained impassable;

after Emmanuel's birth, the Virgin remained a Virgin.

O ever-existing God, Who appeared as Man,//

O Lord, have mercy on us!





#### Aposticha – Tone 5

We magnify You in songs of praise,

O incarnate Christ and Savior.

By accepting the Cross and death for our sake,

as the Lord and Lover of mankind,

You overthrew the gates of hell,//

and arose on the third day, saving our souls.



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

By being pierced in the side, O Lover of mankind,

You have poured out drops of life and salvation for all.

By accepting death in the flesh, You have granted us immortality.

You have freed us by being placed in the tomb,

and have resurrected us with Yourself in glory, as God.//

Glory to You, O Lord and Lover of mankind!





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

Your crucifixion and descent into Hades are awesome, O Lover of mankind.

You have captured it, releasing the ancient <u>pris</u>oners.

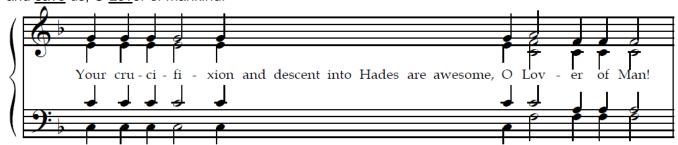
You have opened Paradise and given it to us.

Grant us purification of sins,

who glorify Your Resurrection on the third day!

Make us worthy of Paradise//

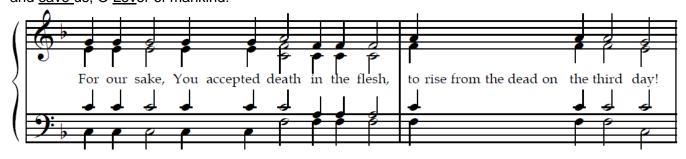
and save us, O Lover of mankind!

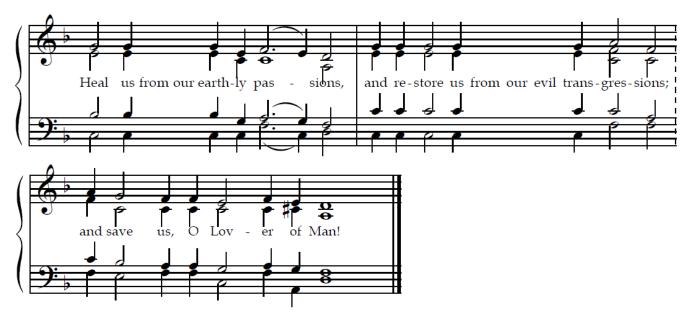




v. Holiness befits Your house, O Lord, forevermore!

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





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

She who was foreordained <u>Queen</u> of all and the habitation of God,

has come forth today from the barren womb of joyful Anna.

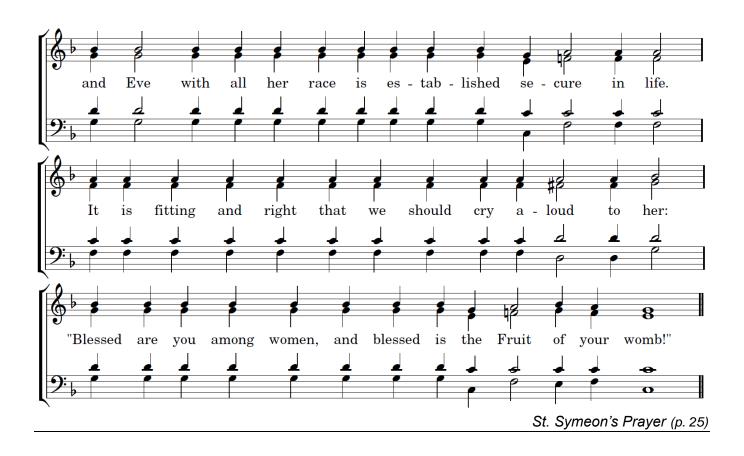
She is the divine sanctuary of the eternal Essence;

shameless Hades has been trampled down through her,

and Eve with all her race is established secure in life.

It is fitting and right that we should cry aloud to her://

"Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the Fruit of your womb!" She who was fore-or-dained Queen of all and the ha-bi-ta-tion of God, forth today from the womb of ful An come barren joy has na. EsShe the divine sanctuary of the eternal issence; 0 0 Hades has shameless been trampled down through her, 0



### (at Great Vespers)

Resurrectional Troparion - Tone 5

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co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,

born for our salvation from the Virgin;

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to endure death,

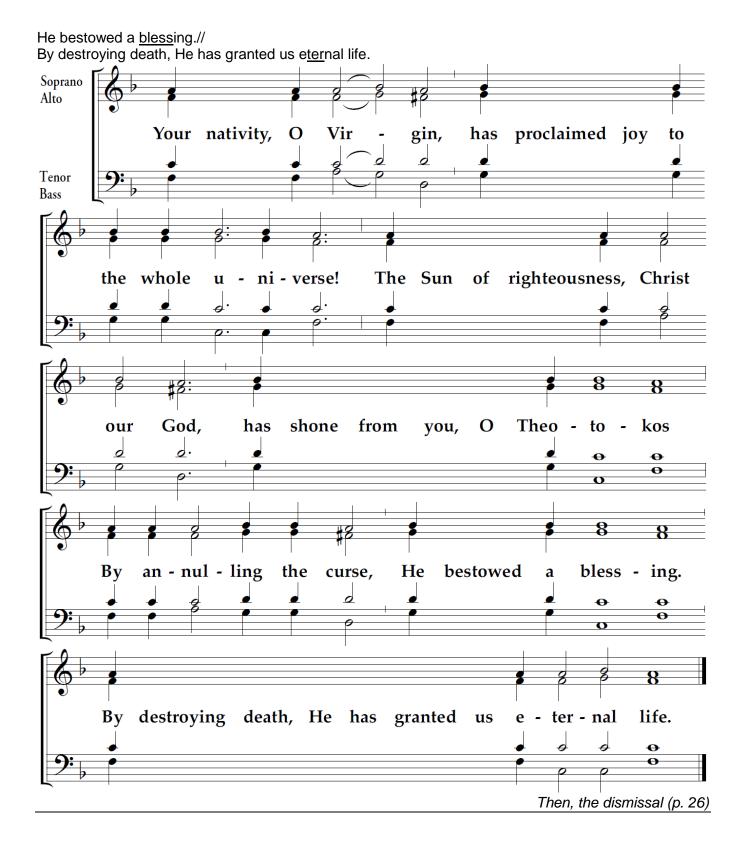
and to raise the dead//

by His glorious Resurrection.



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

Troparion for the Feast - Tone 4 Your nativity, O Virgin, has proclaimed joy to the whole universe! The Sun of righteousness, Christ our God, has shone from you, O Theotokos. By annulling the curse,



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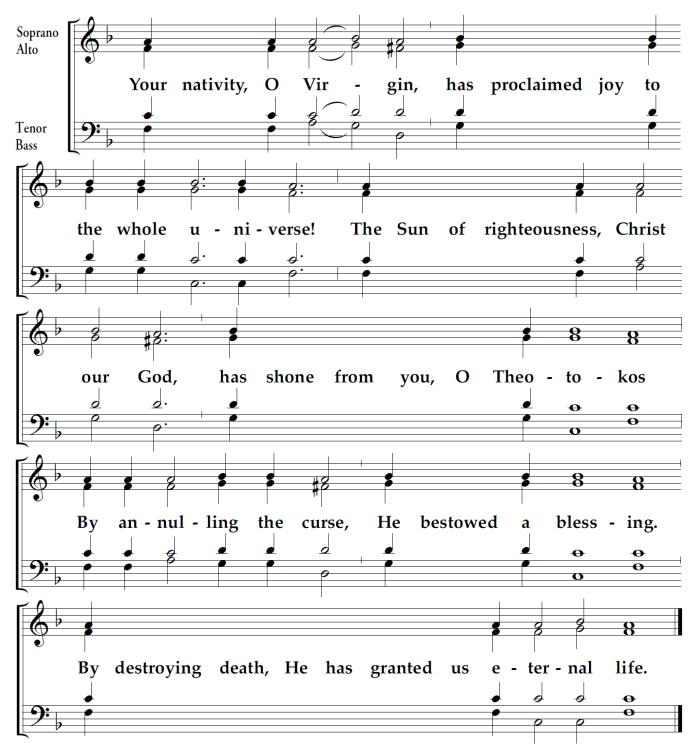
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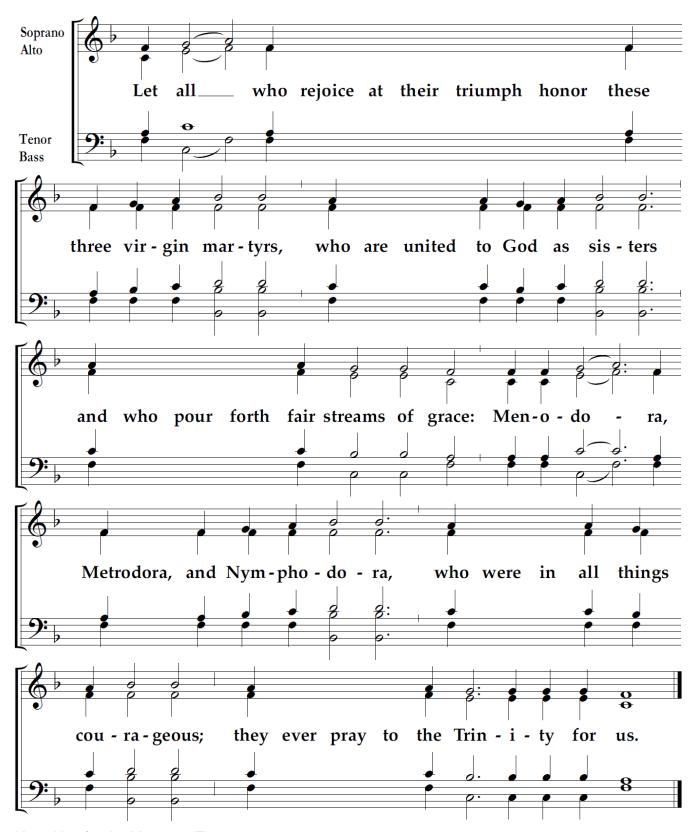
By annulling the curse,

He bestowed a blessing.//

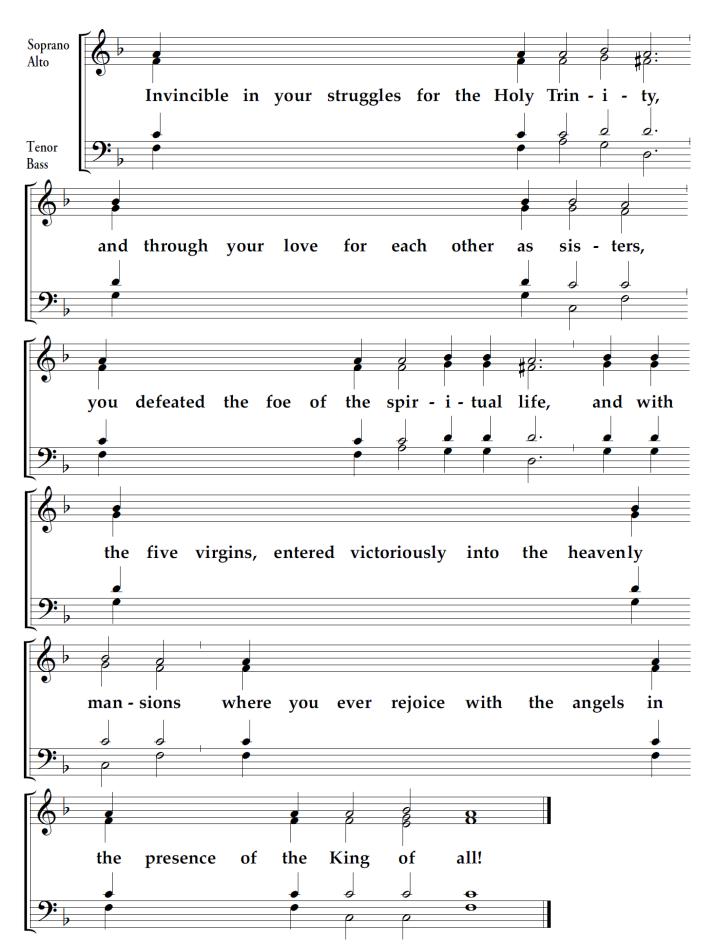
By destroying death, He has granted us eternal life.



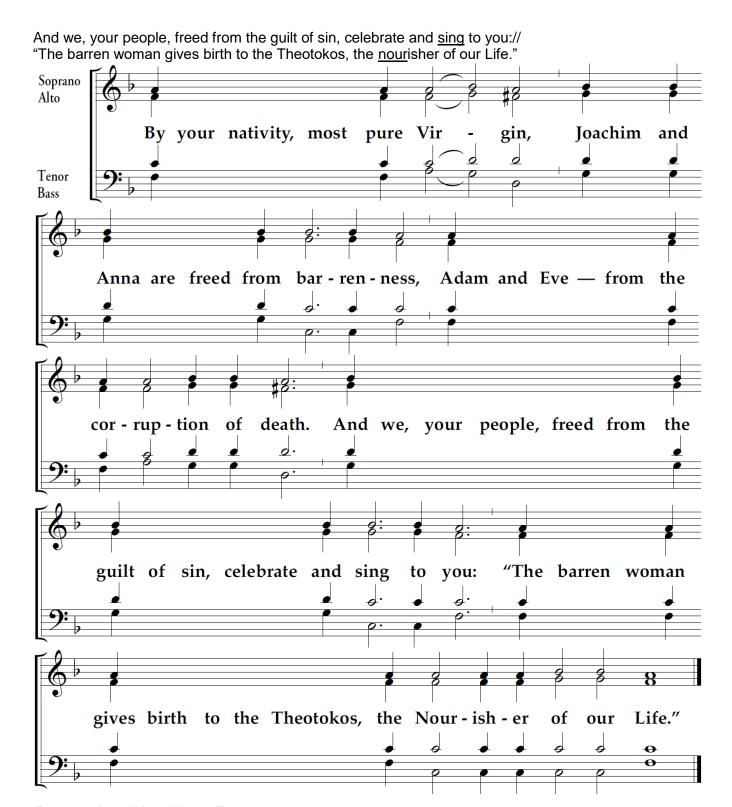
Troparion for the Martyrs – Tone 1
Let <u>all</u> who rejoice at their triumph honor those three virgin <u>mar</u>tyrs, who are united to God as <u>sis</u>ters and who pour forth fair <u>streams</u> of grace:
Meno<u>do</u>ra, Metrodora, and Nympho<u>do</u>ra, who were in all things cou<u>rageous;</u> they ever pray to the <u>Trinity</u> for us.



Kontakion for the Martyrs – Tone 4
Invincible in your struggles for the Holy <u>Trin</u>ity, and through your love for each other as <u>sis</u>ters, you defeated the foe of the <u>spir</u>itual life, and with the five virgins, entered victoriously into the heavenly <u>man</u>sions where you ever rejoice with the angels in the presence of the <u>King</u> of all!



Kontakion for the Feast – Tone 4
By your nativity, most pure <u>Virgin</u>,
Joachim and Anna are freed from <u>barrenness</u>,
Adam and Eve -- from the cor<u>rup</u>tion of death.



Resurrectional Kontakion – Tone 5
You de<u>scend</u>ed into Hades, O my <u>Sav</u>ior, shattering its gates as Al<u>might</u>y, resur<u>recting</u> the dead as Creator, and de<u>stroy</u>ing the <u>sting</u> of death.
You have delivered Adam from the curse, O <u>Lov</u>er of Man,// and we cry to You: "O <u>Lord</u>, <u>save</u> us!"



Prokeimenon, Tone 6

Priest: Let us attend! † Peace be unto all!

Reader: And with your spirit!

Priest: Wisdom!

*Reader:* The Prokeimenon, in the 6<sup>th</sup> Tone: O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance.

Choir: O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance.



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

*Choir:* O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance.



Reader: In the Third Tone, the Song of the Theotokos: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Choir: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.



Deacon: Wisdom!

**Epistle:** (215) – Galatians 6:11-18 (Sunday before the Elevation) and (170) – 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4

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

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: Brothers and sisters, see with what large letters I write to you with my own hand! Those who desire to make a good showing in the flesh are trying to compel you to be circumcised, only so that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised so that they may boast in your flesh. As for me, I shall find glory in nothing, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. In Christ Jesus, circumcision and uncircumcision mean nothing; only

a new creation matters. To those who live by this rule, may there be peace and mercy upon them, and on the Israel of God. From now on, let no one cause me any trouble, for I bear the marks of the Lord Jesus branded on my body.

Brothers and sisters, the One who establishes us with you in Christ and who has anointed us is God. He has also sealed us and given us the pledge of the Spirit in our hearts. I call God as a witness to my soul, that to spare you I did not come to Corinth. It is not that we have lordship over your faith: we are fellow workers with you for your joy, as you stand firm in faith.

But I resolved this for myself: that I would not return to you in sorrow. If I cause you distress, who will bring me joy except for you, the very ones whom I grieve? Indeed, I wrote to you as I did, so that when I came, I would not have sorrow from the ones who should be my joy; but I trust in you all, that my joy would also be shared by all. It was out of much affliction and anguish of heart that I wrote to you with many tears, not to cause you distress but to let you know what overflowing love I have for you.

Priest: † Peace be to you.

Alleluia: Tone 1

Reader: And to Your spirit. In the 1st Tone: Alleluia, I have exalted one chosen out of My people.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: For My hand shall defend him and My arm shall strengthen him.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: In the Eighth Tone, Hear, O daughter, and see, and incline your ear.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: (9) – John 3:13-17 (Sunday before the Elevation), (89) Matthew 22:1-14 Page 278 and 98

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

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

*Priest:* The Lord said, no one has ascended into heaven, except for the one who came down out of heaven, the Son of Man who is in heaven.

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, likewise, the Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone believing in him should not perish but have eternal life. Indeed, God so loved the world that he gave his uniquely-begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. Certainly, God did not send his Son into the world to judge the world, but so that the world should be saved through him.

The Lord said this parable: "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a king who planned a wedding feast for his son. He then sent out his slaves to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they refused to come. Again, the king sent out other slaves, saying: 'Tell those who are invited, "Behold, I have prepared my dinner! My cattle and my fatted calves have been killed and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast!" But those who were invited made light of it and went off, one to his own farm, another to his merchandise, and the others seized the king's slaves, treated them shamefully, and killed them. But when the king heard about it, he was furious. He sent out his soldiers to destroy those murderers and to burn their city.

Then the king said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the crossroads of the highways, and as many people as you may find, invite to the wedding feast.' Those slaves went out into the highways and gathered as many people as they could find, both good and bad. Thus, the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man who was not wearing a wedding garment. He asked him, 'Friend, how did you come in here, not wearing a wedding garment?' And the man was speechless. Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and throw him into the outer darkness where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.' Indeed, many are called, but few are chosen!"

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

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## (Instead of "It is truly meet ...," we sing:)

Magnify, O my soul, the most glorious birth of the Mother of God!

Virginity is foreign to mothers;

childbearing is strange for virgins.

But in you, O Theotokos, both were accomplished./

Therefore all we nations of the earth unceasingly magnify you.



#### **Communion Hymns**

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest. I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.



- 1. I believed, even when I spoke: "I am greatly afflicted";
- 2. I said in my alarm, "All mankind are liars."
- 3. What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me?
- 4. I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.
- 5. Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.
- 6. LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your maidservant.
- 7. I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD.
- 8. I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

