"Lord I Call..." - Tone 2

Reader: In the Second 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!

Come, let us worship the Word of God

begotten of the Father before all $\underline{a} ges$,

and in<u>car</u>nate of the Virgin <u>Mary!</u>

Having endured the Cross,

He was buried as He himself desired.//

And having risen from the dead, He saved me, an erring man.



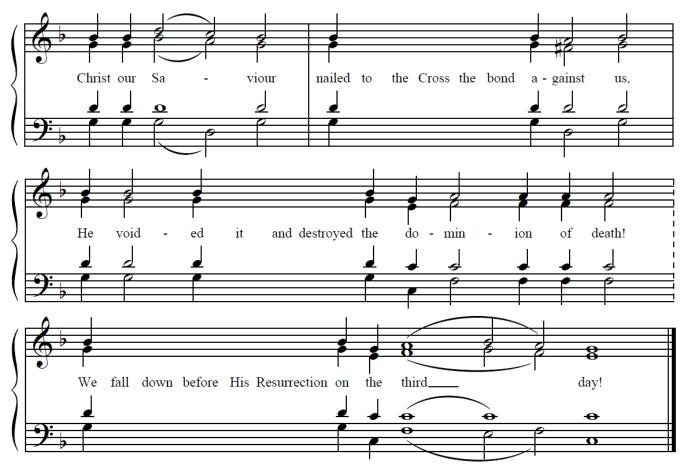
v. (9) The righteous will surround me; for You will deal bountifully with me.

Christ our Savior

nailed to the Cross the bond against us,

He voided it and destroyed the dominion of death.//

We fall down before His Resurrection on the third day.



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

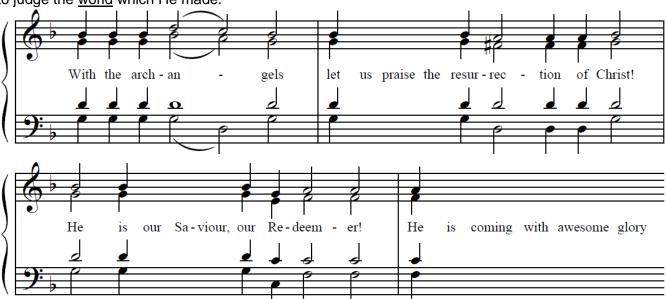
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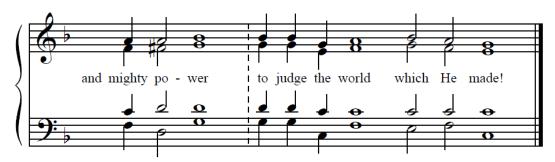
let us praise the Resurrection of Christ!

He is our Savior, our Redeemer.

He is coming with awesome glory and mighty <u>pow</u>er//

to judge the world which He made.





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

The Angel proclaimed You

the crucified and buried Master.

He told the women: "Come, see the place where He lay!

He is risen as He said,

for He is almighty."

We worship You, O only immortal One.//

Have mercy on us O Christ, the Giver of life!



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

By Your Cross, You destroyed the curse of the tree.

By Your burial You destroyed the dominion of death.

By Your <u>rising</u>, You enlightened the <u>race</u> of man.//

O Benefactor, Christ our God, glory to You!



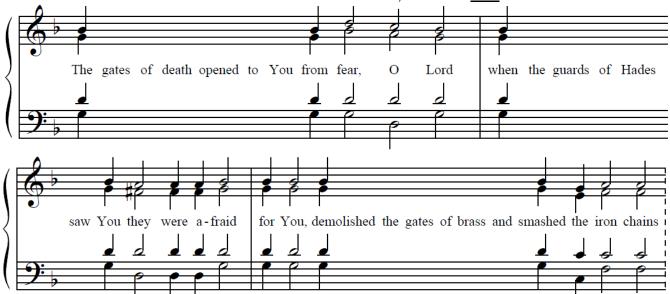
v. (5) For Your name's sake I have waited for You, O Lord, my soul has waited for Your word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.

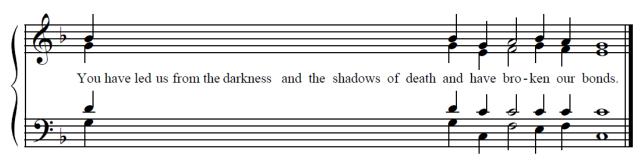
The gates of death opened to You from fear, O Lord.

When the guards of Hades saw You they were afraid,

for You demolished the gates of brass and smashed the iron chains.//

You have led us from the darkness and the shadows of death, and have broken our bonds.





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

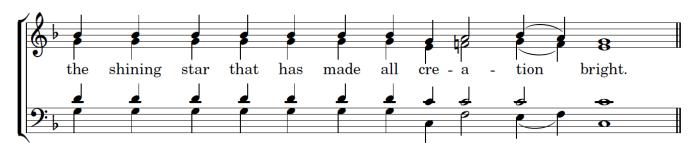
Tone 2 (from the Lenten Triodion)

(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>habited</u> earth,

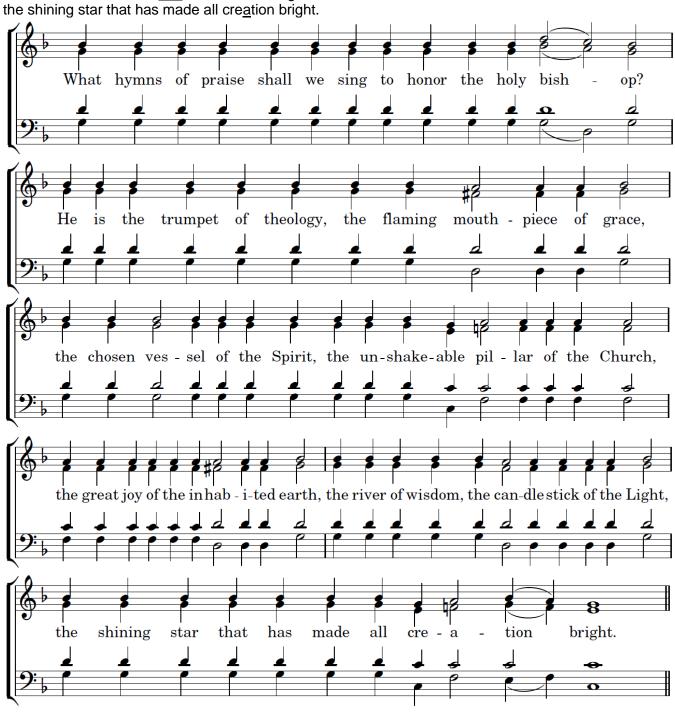
the river of wisdom, the <u>can</u>dlestick of the Light,// the shining star that has made all cre<u>a</u>tion bright.





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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What garlands of song shall we weave for the holy <u>bishop?</u> He is the champion of true worship, the foe of un<u>god</u>liness, the <u>fer</u>vent de<u>fend</u>er 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>,// the great and wonderful Gregory.



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 bishop?

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)

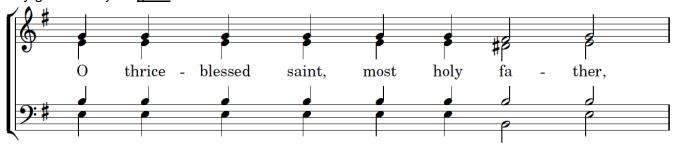
O thrice-blessed saint, most holy father,

good shepherd, disciple of Christ the Chief Shepherd.

Like Him you gave your life for your sheep.

By your intercessions, O God-bearing Father Gregory,//

may great mercy be granted to our souls!



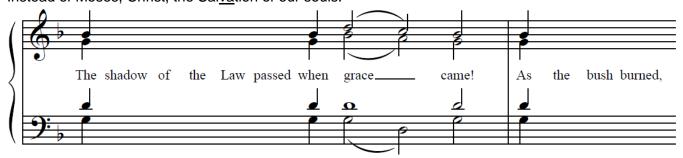


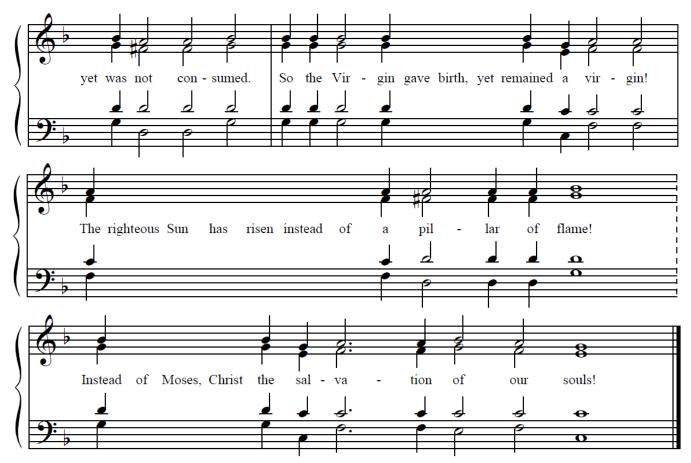
now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 2 (Theotokion – Dogmatikon)

The shadow of the Law passed when grace came; as the bush burned, yet was not consumed, so the Virgin gave birth, yet remained a Virgin.

The righteous Sun has risen instead of a pillar of flame// Instead of Moses, Christ, the Salvation of our souls.



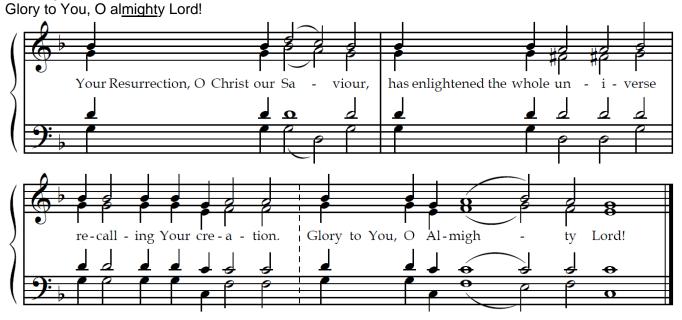


Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend!

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

Aposticha - Tone 2

Your Resurrection, O Christ our <u>Sav</u>ior, has enlightened the whole <u>u</u>niverse, re<u>cal</u>ling Your creation.//



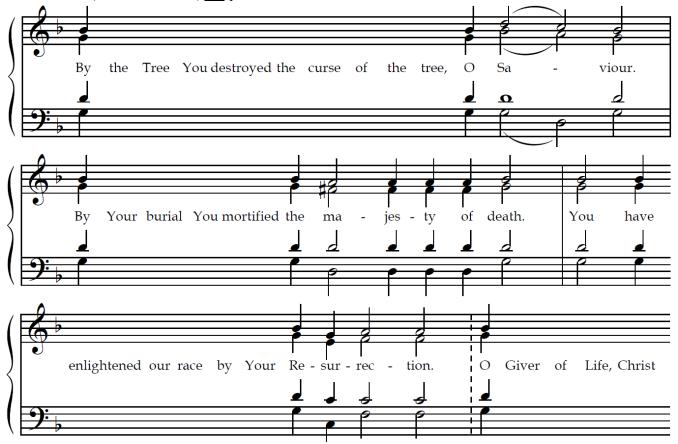
v. The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty!

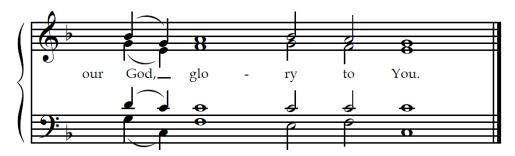
By the Tree You destroyed the curse of the Tree O Savior,

By Your burial You mortified the majesty of death.

You have enlightened our race by Your Resurrection.//

O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!





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

When You were seen nailed to the Cross, O Christ,

You restored the beauty of Your <u>crea</u>tures.

The soldiers showed their inhumanity when they pierced Your side with a spear.

The Hebrews not knowing Your power

asked that Your tomb might be sealed,

but through the mercy of Your compassions,

You accepted the tomb

and rose on the third day!//





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

O Christ, the Giver of life,

for the sake of the dead You voluntarily endured death,





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;

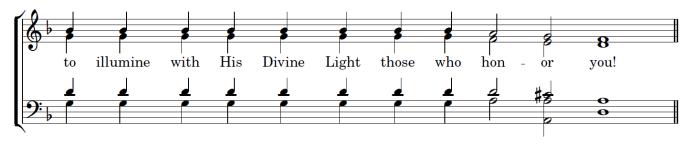
they are a ladder leading us from earth to <u>heav</u>en.

O Gregory, pride of Thessalonica,

do not cease to intercede before Christ our God//

to illumine with His Divine Light those who honor you!





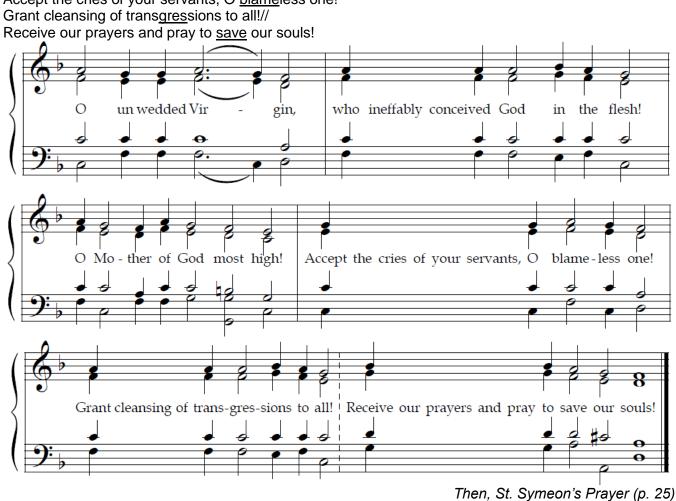
now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

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!



Tone 2 **Troparion** (Resurrection)

(Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 2)

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal,

You slew Hades with the splendor of Your Godhead.

And when from the depths You raised the dead,

all the powers of heaven cried out://

"O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!"



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

Tone 8 **Troparion** (St. Gregory Palamas)

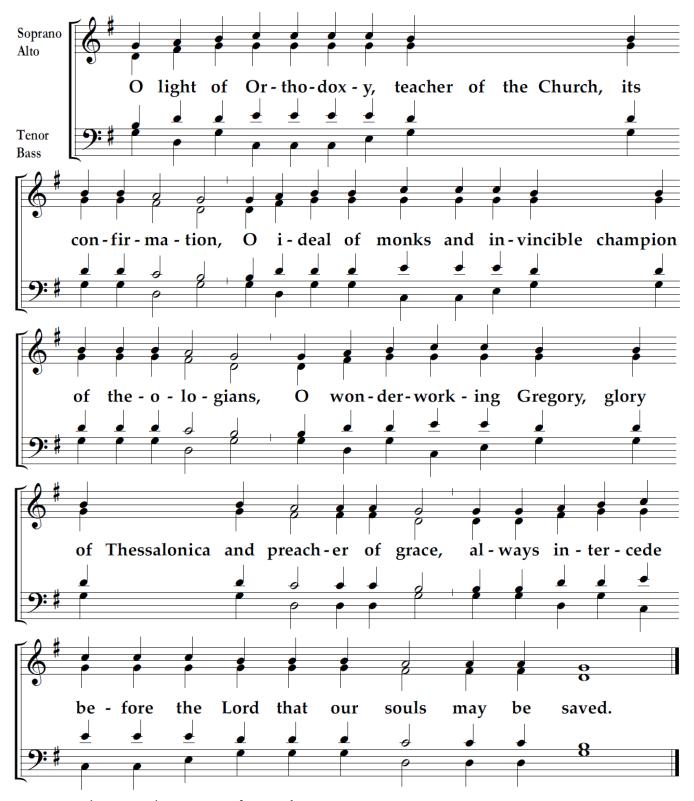
(Troparion for St. Gregory – Tone 8)

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,//

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



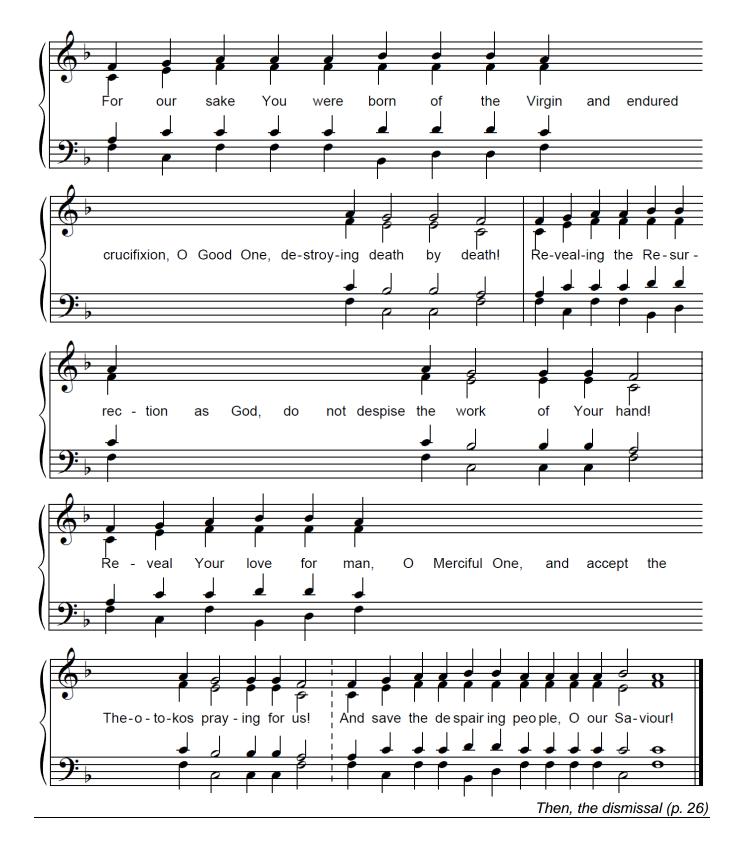
now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 8 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 <u>work</u> of Your hand! Reveal Your <u>love</u> for <u>man</u>, O Merciful One and accept the Theotokos <u>pray</u>ing for <u>us</u>, // and save the des<u>pair</u>ing <u>peo</u>ple, O our <u>Sav</u>ior!



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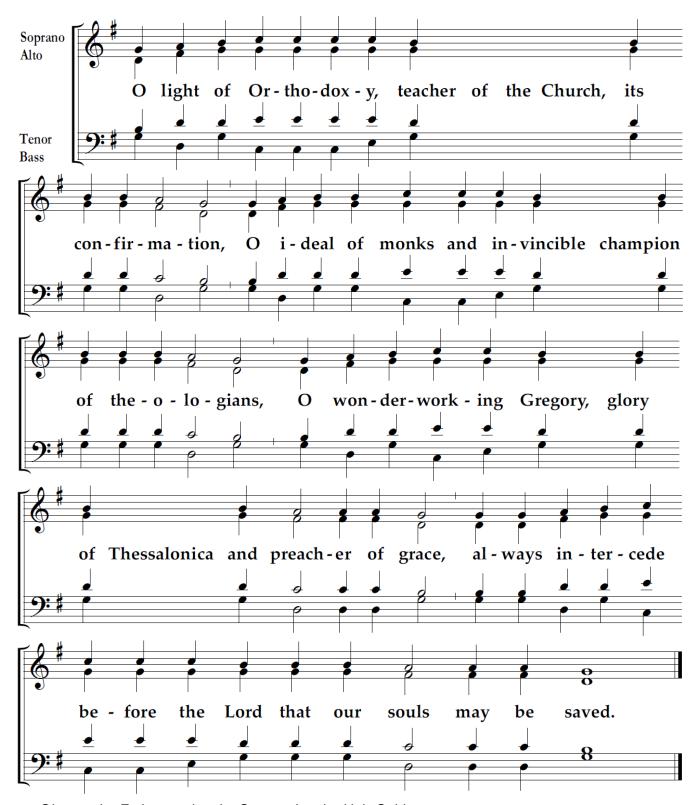
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Troparion

(St. Gregory Palamas)



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 $di\underline{vine}$ instrument of \underline{wis} dom,

joyful trumpet of theology,

together we sing your praises, O God-inspired Gregory.

Since you now stand before the Original Mind, guide our minds to Him, O Father,//

so that we may sing to you: "Rejoice, preacher of grace!"



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!

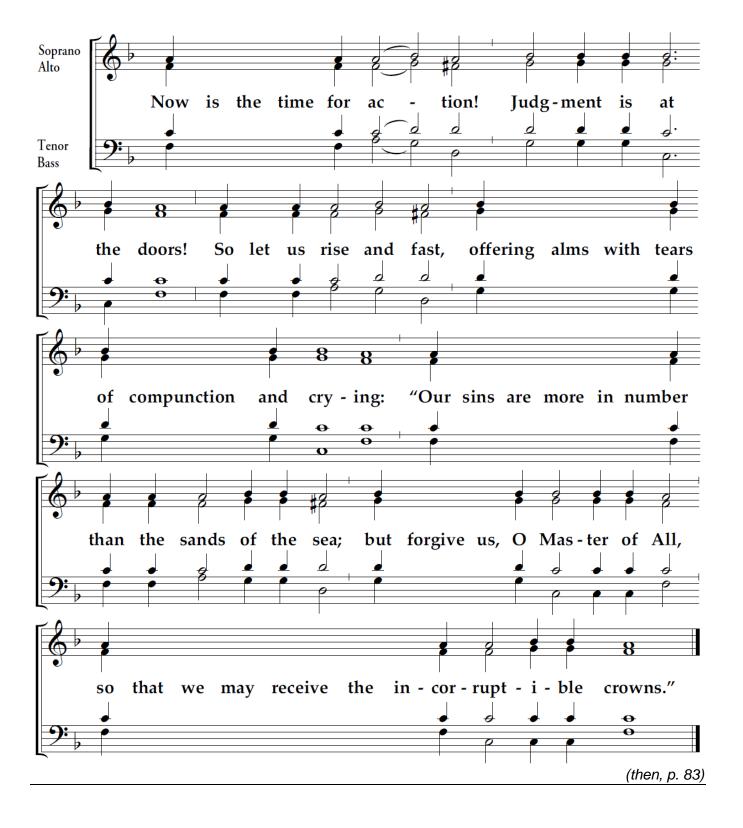
So let us rise and fast,

offering alms with tears of compunction and crying:

"Our sins are more in number than the sands of the sea;

but forgive us, O Master of all,//

so that we may receive the incorruptible crowns!"



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

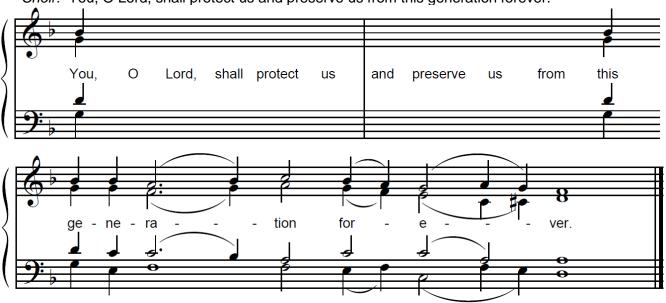
generation forever.

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!

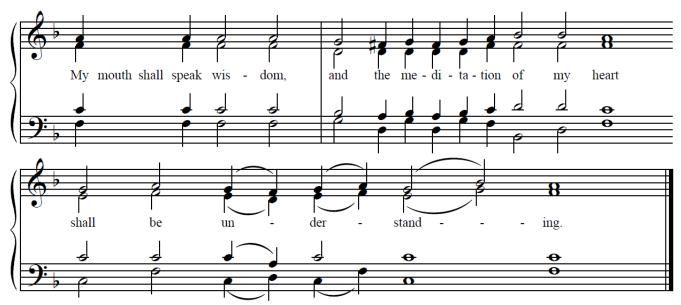
Choir: You, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.



Tone 1 Prokeimenon (St. Gregory Palamas)

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: (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.

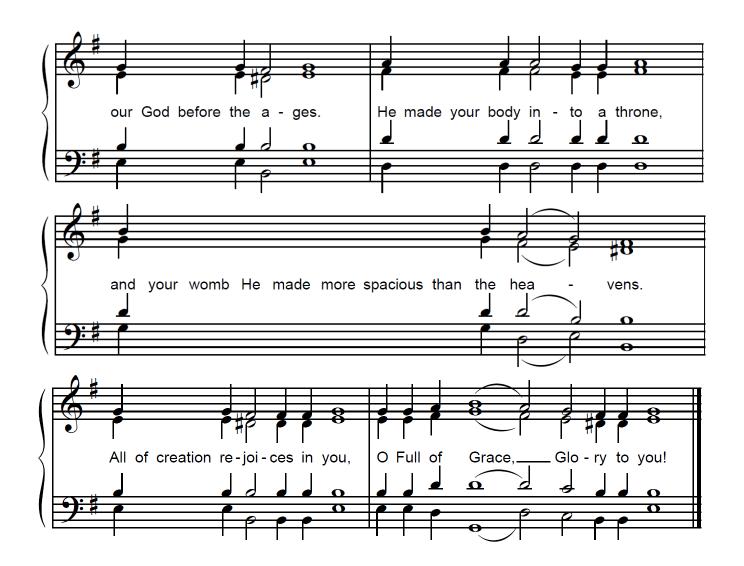
He made your body into a throne,

and your womb He made more spacious than the heavens.

All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace.

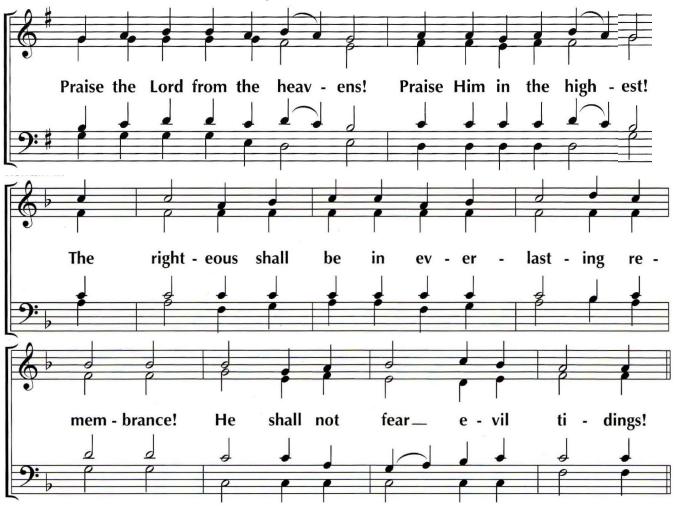
Glory to you!





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 naught.

