"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 <u>prayer</u> 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)

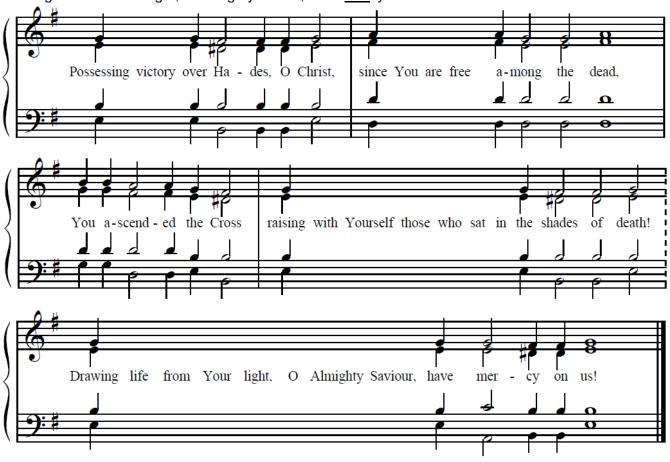
v. (10) Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Your name!

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,

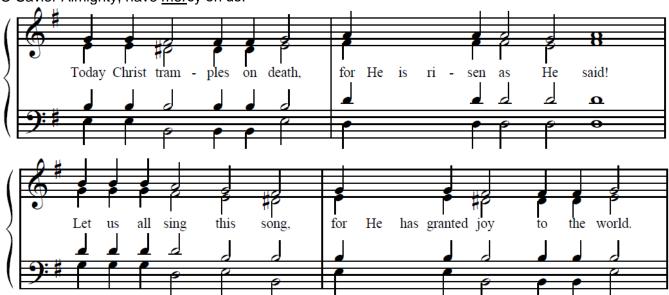
for He is risen as He said!

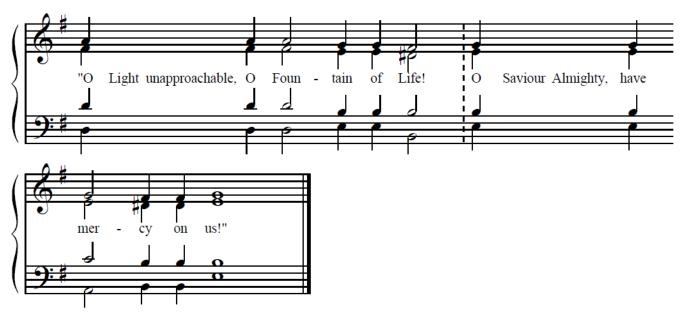
Let us all sing this song,

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!

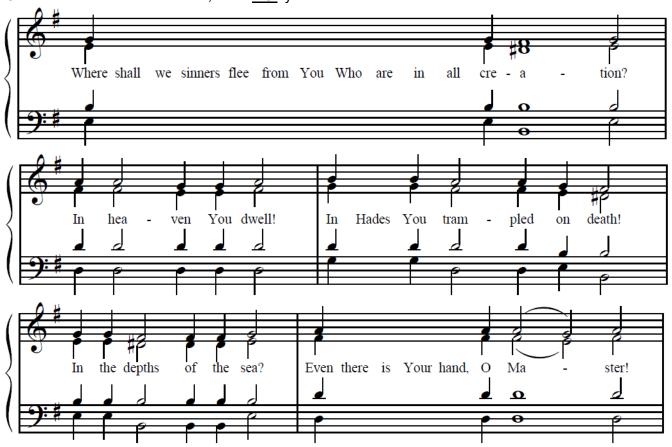
In Hades You trampled on death!

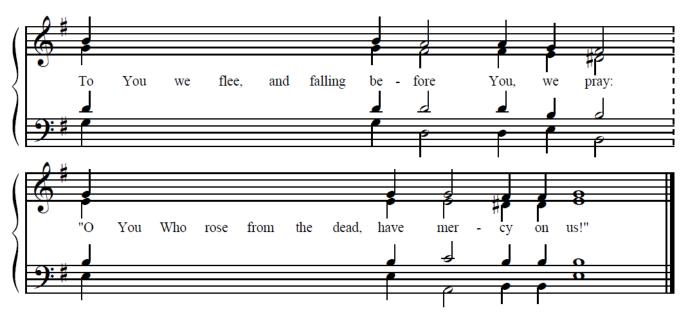
In the depths of the sea?

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!

Tone 6 (from the Pentecostarion, for the Ascension)

The Lord has ascended to heaven,

that He might send the Comforter into the world.

The heavens prepared His throne, and clouds -- His means of ascent.

Angels marvel to see a Man high above them.

The Father receives Him Whom He holds, co-eternal, in His bosom.

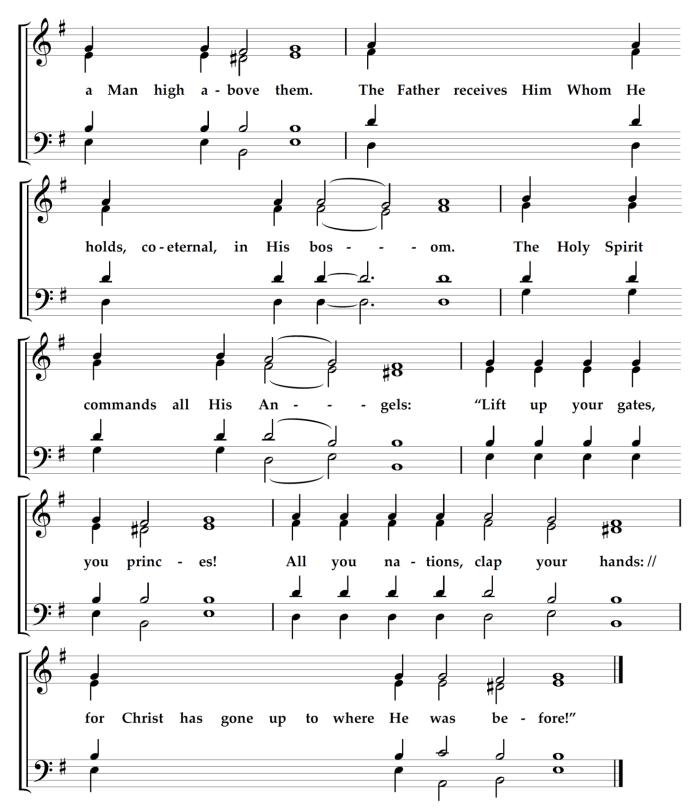
The Holy Spirit commands all His Angels:

"Lift up your gates, you princes!"!

All you nations, clap your hands://

for Christ has gone up to where He was before!"





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

The Cherubim were amazed at Your As<u>cen</u>sion, O Lord, beholding You, the God Who sits en<u>throned</u> upon them, ascending up<u>on</u> the clouds; and we glorify You, for Your <u>mer</u>cy is good.// <u>Glory to You!</u>



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.

Beholding Your ascension on the holy mountain,

O Christ, the brightness of the Father's glory,

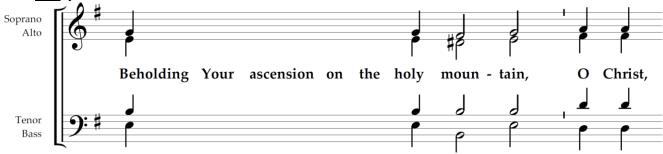
we hymn the radiant appearance of Your countenance;

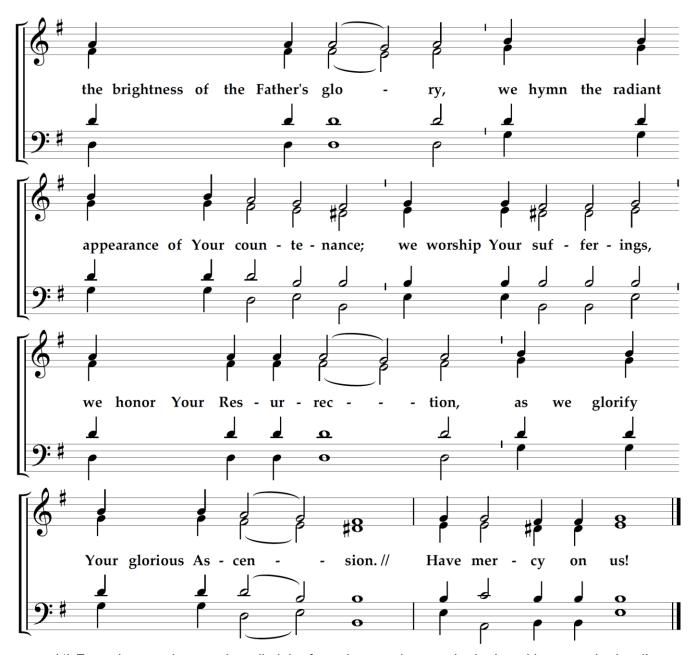
we worship Your sufferings,

we honor Your Resurrection,

as we glorify Your glorious Ascension.//

Have mercy on us!

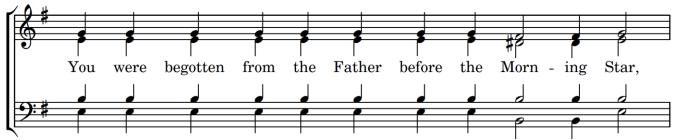




v. (4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord!

Tone 6 (from the Pentecostarion, for the Fathers) (Despairing for her life)

You were begotten from the Father before the Morning Star, but Arius taught wrongfully that You were created: in his ignorance he designated You as a creature, yet the Fathers of the Council proclaimed You as Son of God,//co-enthroned with the Father and the Holy Spirit.





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 Savior, who has torn Your garment?

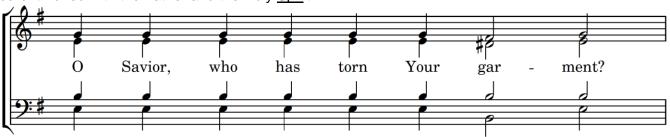
Who has challenged the unity of the triune Godhead?

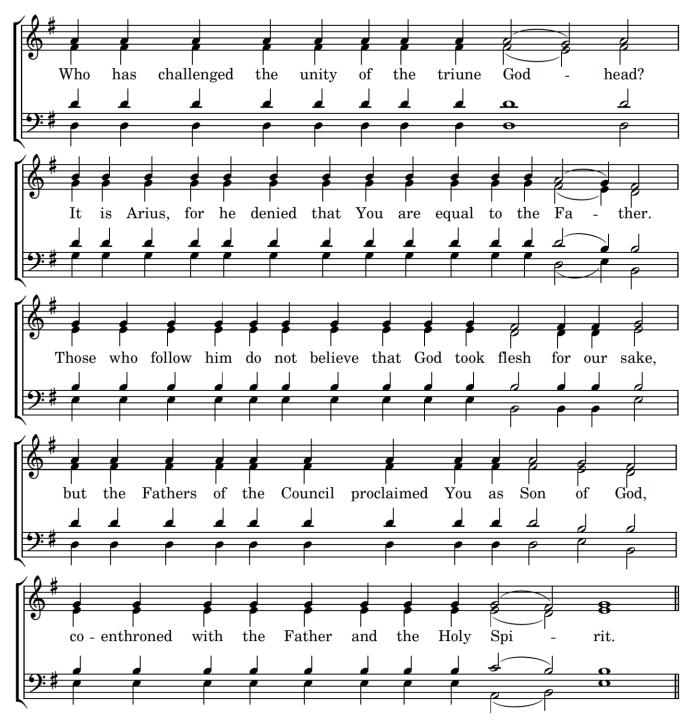
It is Arius, for he denied that You are equal to the Father.

Those who follow him do not believe that God took flesh for our sake,

but the Fathers of the Council proclaimed You as Son of God,//

co-enthroned with the Father and the Holy Spirit.





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

Arius fell into the abyss of sin,

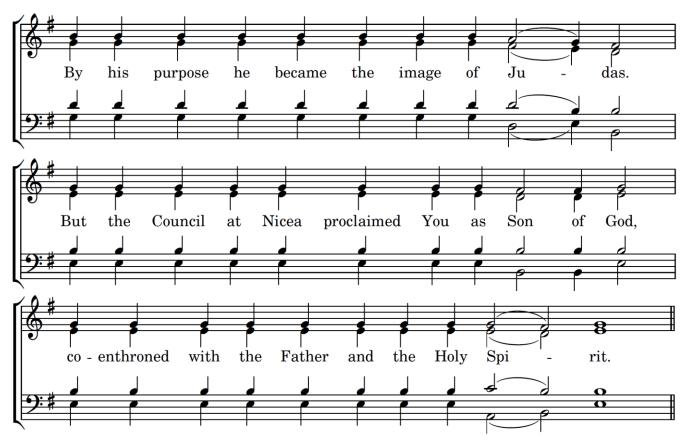
pretending blindness that he might not see the Light.

By his purpose he became the image of Judas.

But the Council at Nicea proclaimed You as Son of God,//

co-enthroned with the Father and the Holy Spirit.





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

The foolish Arius blasphemed the All-holy Trinity,

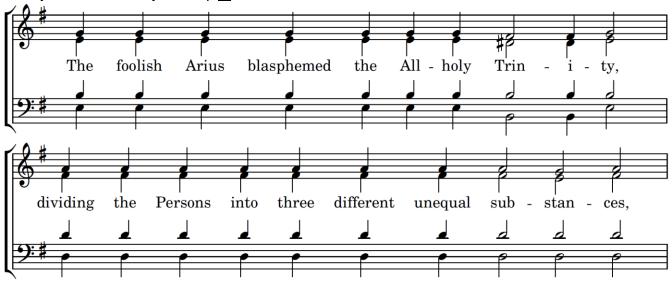
dividing the Persons into three different unequal <u>sub</u>stances,

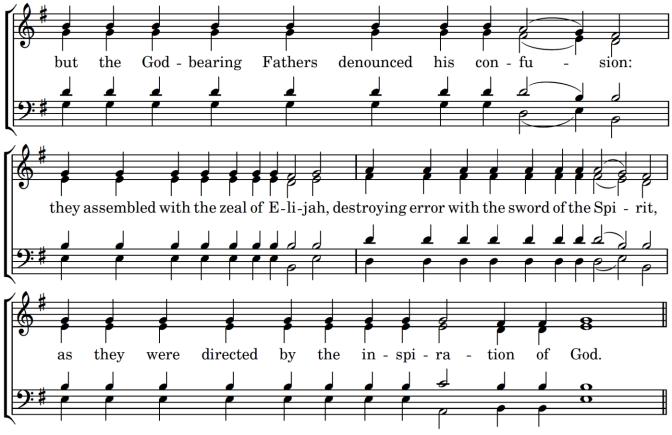
but the God-bearing Fathers denounced his confusion:

they assembled with the zeal of Elijah,

destroying error with the sword of the Spirit,//

as they were directed by the inspiration of God.





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

Tone 6 (from the Pentecostarion, for the Fathers)

Today let us praise the mystical trumpets of the Spirit,

the God-bearing Fathers,

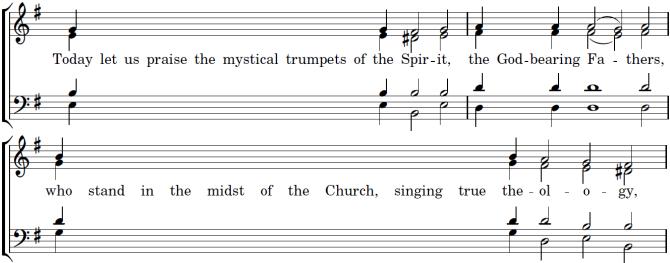
who stand in the midst of the Church, singing true theology,

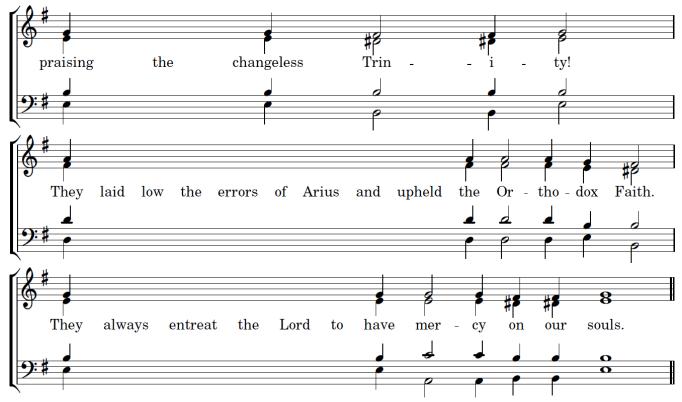
praising the changeless <u>Trin</u>ity!

They laid low the errors of Arius

and upheld the Orthodox Faith.//

They always entreat the Lord to have mercy on our souls.





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 Father,

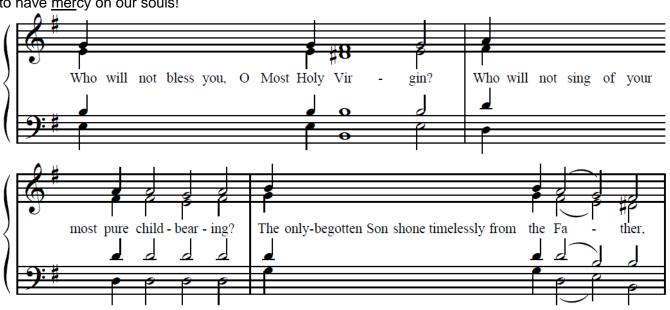
but from you He was ineffably incarnate.

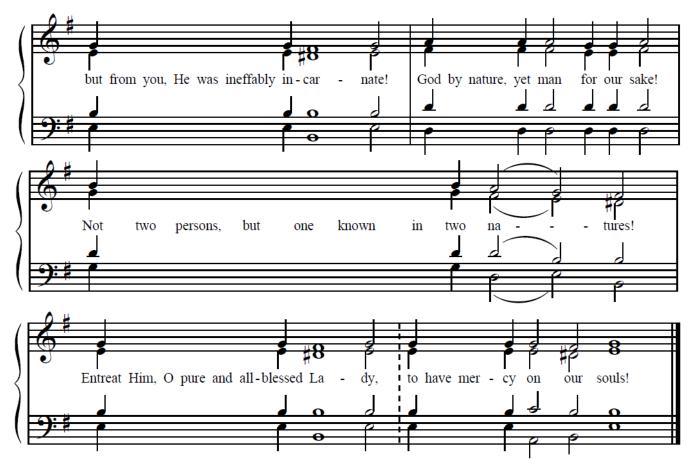
God by nature, yet Man for our sake,

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! Stand upright!
Choir: O Gladsome Light ... (p.16)

Kontakion of the Day, Three Readings

Prokeimenon of the Day, three readings

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading from the First Book of Moses called Genesis. (Genesis 14:14-20)

Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: Now when Abram heard that Lot his nephew had been taken captive, he numbered his own home-born servants three hundred and eighteen, and pursued the enemy as far as Dan. And he fell upon them by night, he and his servants, and smote them and pursued them as far as Cho-bal, which is on the left of Damascus. And he brought back all the cavalry of Sodom, and he brought back Lot his nephew and all his goods and the women and the people. And the king of Sodom came out to meet him, after his return from the slaughter of Cho-do-lo-go-mor and the kings with him, to the valley of Sha-veh this was the plain of Kings. And Melchizedek, king of Salem, brought out bread and wine; he was Priest of the Most High. And he blessed Abram and said: Blessed is Abram by the most high God, who created the heaven and the earth. And blessed is the most high God, who has delivered your enemies into your hand.

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading from the Fifth Book of Moses called Deuteronomy. (Deuteronomy 1:8-

11, 15-17b)

Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: Moses said to the sons of Israel: See, I have delivered the land before you; go in and inherit the land which I swore to your fathers, to Abraham and to Isaac and to Jacob, to give it to them and to their seed after them. And I spoke to you at that time saying: I alone shall not be able to bear you. the Lord your God has multiplied you, and behold, you are to-day as the stars of heaven in multitude. May the Lord the God of our fathers multiply you a thousand times more than you are, and bless you as he has spoken to you. And I took from you wise and understanding and prudent men, and I set them to rule over you, captains of thousands and hundreds and fifties and tens and recorders for your judges. And I commanded your judges at that time, saying: Hear cases between your brethren, and judge rightly between a man and his brother and the stranger who is with him. You shall not have respect to persons in judging. You shall hear the small as well as the great. You shall not shrink before any man's person; for the judgement is God's.

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18, 20-21)

Priest: Let us attend!

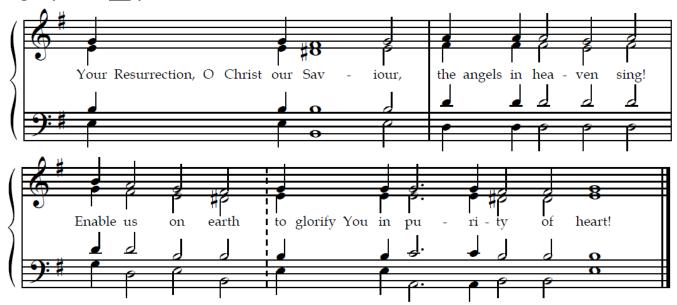
Reader: Moses said to the sons of Israel: Behold the heaven and the highest heaven belong to the Lord your God, the earth and all that is in it. The Lord preferred your fathers, to love them: and he chose their seed after them, you above all nations, as it is at this day. So circumcise the hardness of your heart and stiffen your neck no longer. For the Lord your God is God of Gods and the Lord of Lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality, who takes no bribe. He executes judgement for the stranger, the orphan and the widow; and loves the stranger, giving him food and clothing. You shall fear the Lord your God and serve him, and to him you shall hold fast, and take oaths in his name. He is your boast, he your God, who has done for you the great and wonderful things which your eyes have seen.

Then, the Augmented Litany (p. 18)

Your Resurrection, O Christ our <u>Savior</u>, the Angels in <u>heaven sing!</u>

Enable us on earth//

to glorify You in purity of heart!



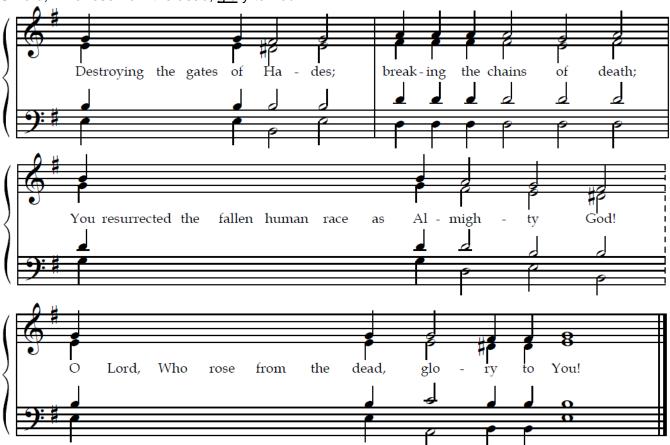
v. The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty!

Destroying the gates of hell,

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:

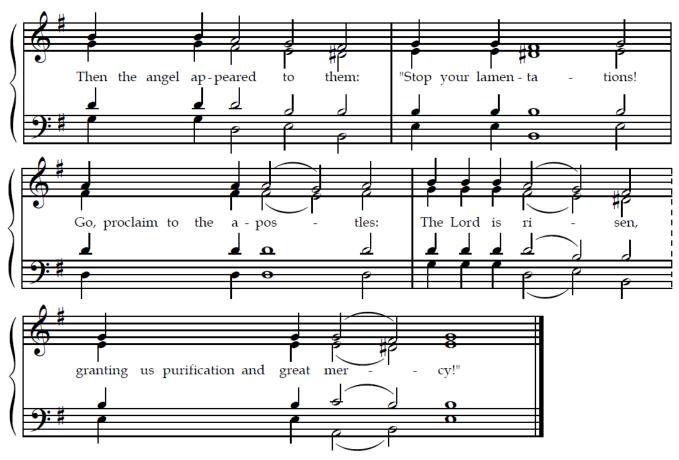
"Stop your lamentations!

Go, proclaim to the Apostles:

'The Lord is risen,//

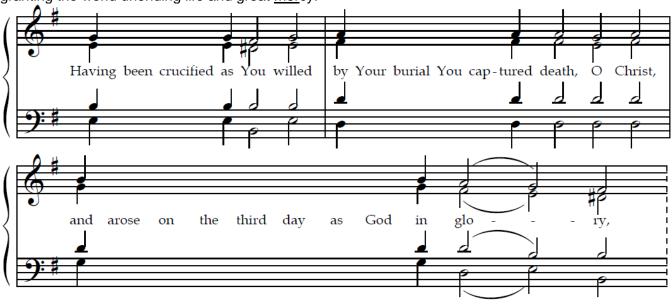
granting us purification and great mercy!"

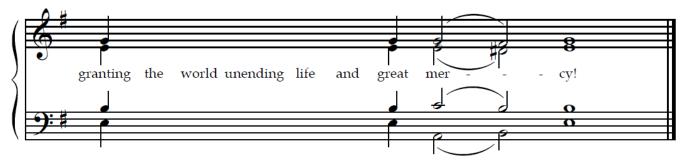




v. Holiness befits Your house, O Lord, forevermore!

Having been <u>cru</u>cified as You willed, by Your burial You captured <u>death</u>, O Christ, rising on the third day as God in <u>glo</u>ry,// granting the world unending life and great mercy!





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

Tone 4 (from the Pentecostarion, for the Fathers)

Come, all Orthodox Churches,

let us celebrate today in faith and true worship

the yearly commemoration of the divinely-arrayed Fathers

who gathered at Nicea from throughout the world!

There they refuted the godless teaching of Arius,

banishing him from the catholic Church by a decree of the council.

They taught all to confess openly the Son of God,

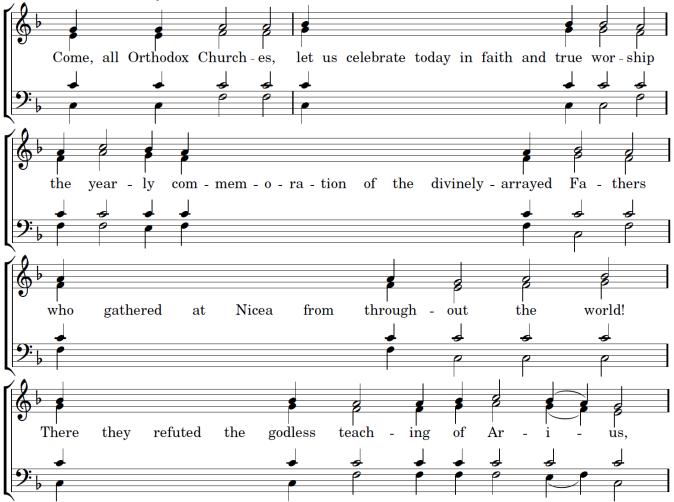
consubstantial and co-eternal with the Father,

proclaiming this with precision and true worship in the Symbol of Faith.

Therefore, as we faithfully follow their divine doctrines,

let us worship the Father, the Son, and the most Holy Spirit,//

the consubstantial Trinity in one Godhead!





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

Tone 4 (from the Pentecostarion, for the Ascension)

Fulfilling, O Lord, in Your goodness,

the mystery hidden from ages and generations,

You <u>came</u> with Your Disciples to the Mount of <u>Ol</u>ives,

together with the Mother who bore You, the Maker and Creator of all;

for it was fitting that she who as a mother had been grieved beyond all at Your Passion,

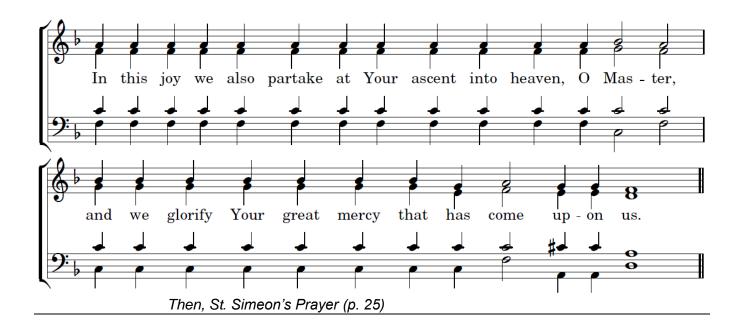
should also be filled with exceeding joy at the glory of Your flesh.

In this joy we also partake

at Your ascent into heaven, O Master,//

and we glorify Your great mercy that has come upon us.





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 8 **Troparion** (Fathers)

(Troparion for the Fathers – Tone 8)

You are most glorious, O Christ our God!

You have established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth.



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

(Troparion for the Ascension – Tone 4)

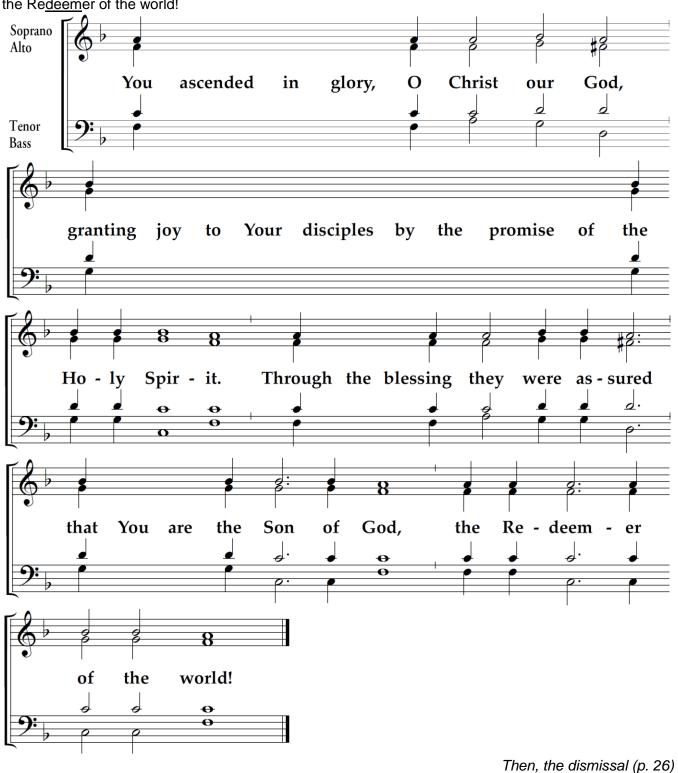
You ascended in glory, O Christ our God,

granting joy to Your Disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit.

Through the blessing, they were assured,

that You are the Son of God,//

the Redeemer of the world!



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(Troparion for the Fathers – Tone 8)

Tone 8

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Troparion

Through them You have guided us to the true Faith.//

(Fathers)

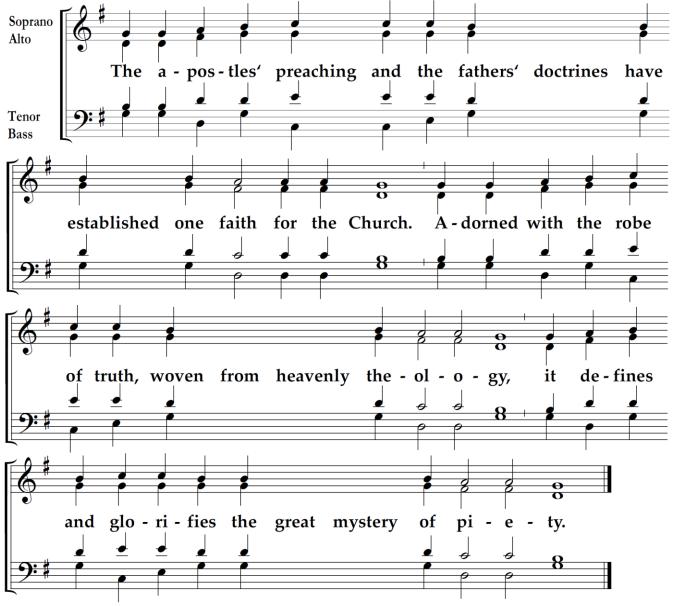


Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

Tone 8 Kontakion (Fathers)

(Kontakion for the Fathers – Tone 8)

The Apostles' <u>preaching</u> and the <u>Fa</u>thers' doctrines have established one <u>Faith</u> for the Church. Adorned with the <u>robe</u> of truth, <u>wo</u>ven from heavenly the<u>ol</u>ogy,//
It defines and <u>glo</u>rifies the great <u>mys</u>tery of <u>piety</u>.



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

Tone 6 Kontakion

(Kontakion for the Ascension – Tone 6)

When You had fulfilled the dispensation for our sake,

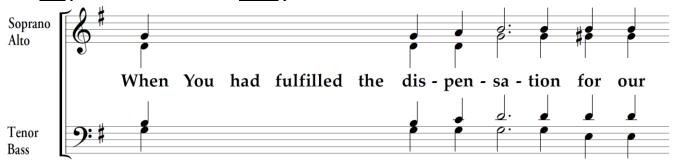
and united earth to heaven,

You ascended in glory, O Christ our God,

not being parted from those who love You,

but remaining with them and crying://

"I am with you, and there is no one against you!"





Epistle: (44) – Acts 20:16-18, 28-36

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

Reader: And with your spirit!

Priest: Wisdom!

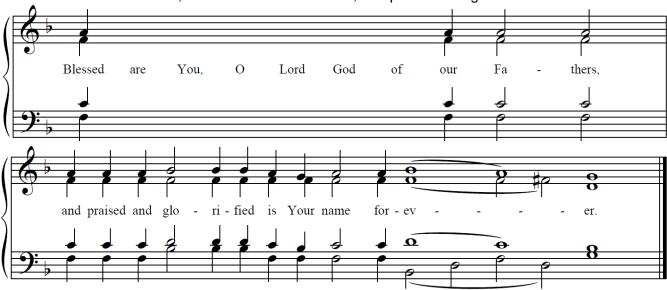
Tone 4 **Prokeimenon**

(Song of the Three Holy Children)

Prokeimenon, Tone 4

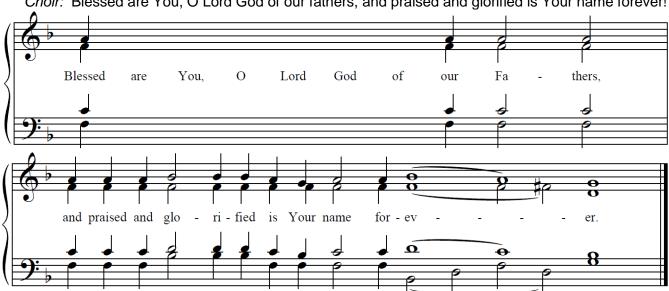
Reader: The Prokeimenon, in the 4th Tone, the Song of the Three Holy Children: Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name forever!

Choir: Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name forever!



Reader: For You are just in all that You have done for us!

Choir: Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name forever!



Reader: Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers.

Choir: ... and praised and glorified is Your name forever!



Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: In those days, Paul had determined to sail past Ephesus in order not to spend time in Asia because he was in a hurry: if possible, he wanted to be in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost.

From Miletus, Paul sent a message to Ephesus and called to himself the presbyters of the Church. When they arrived, he told them, "Keep watch over yourselves and over the flock among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers! Be shepherds of the Church of the Lord and of God, which he has purchased with his own blood. For I know this, that after my departure, vicious wolves will enter in among you and they will not spare the flock. From among your own group, men will arise who will speak perverse things in order to draw away the disciples after them.

Therefore, keep watch! Remember that for a period of three years, I did not cease night and day to warn everyone with tears. Now, brethren, I entrust you to God, and to the word of his grace which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver, or gold, or clothing. You yourselves know that these, my hands, served my needs and those who were with me. In all things, I have given you an example, that by this kind of hard work you should support the weak and remember the word of the Lord Jesus, as he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive!'"

After saying these things, Paul knelt down and prayed with them all.

Priest: † Peace to you who read.

Alleluia: Tone 1

Reader: And to Your spirit. In the 1st Tone: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its

setting.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Gather to Me, My venerable ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice!

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: (**56**) – John 17:1-13

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

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

Priest: At that time, Jesus, lifting up his eyes to heaven, said, "Father, the time has come! Glorify your Son, so that your Son may also glorify you, even as you gave him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.

This is eternal life: that they should know you, the only true God, and him whom you have sent, Jesus Christ.

I have glorified you on the earth! I have accomplished the work which you have given me to do! Now, Father, glorify me with yourself with the glory I had with you before the world existed. I have revealed your Name to the people whom you have given me out of the world. They were yours, and you have given them to me; they have kept your word. Now they have known that all things you have given me are from you. The words you have given me, I have given to them. They have received them and they have known for certain that I came forth from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I pray for them; I do not pray for the world, but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All things that are mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. I am no longer in the world, but these are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them through your Name which you have given me, so that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them in the world, I protected them in your Name. Those whom you have given me I have kept. None of them is lost, except the son of destruction, so that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I come to you, and I say these things in the world, so that they may have my joy made full in themselves.

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

Sermon (then p. 89)

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

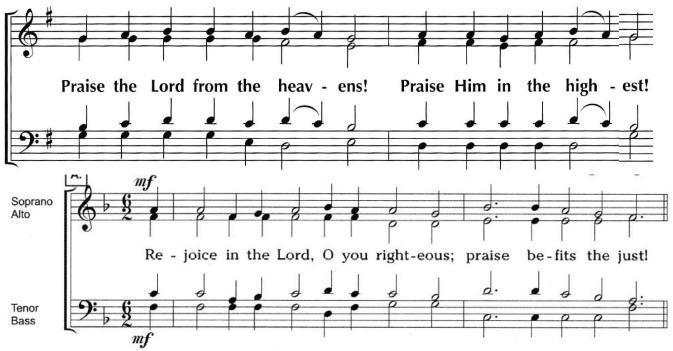
Magnify, O my soul, Christ the Giver of Life, Who has ascended from earth to heaven!

We magnify you, the Mother of God, who beyond reason and understanding gave birth in time to the Timeless One.



Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



- 1. Praise the Lord with the lyre, make melody to Him with the harp of ten strings.
- 2. Sing to Him a new song, play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.
- 3. For the word of the Lord is upright; and all His work is done in faithfulness.
- 4. He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.
- 5. By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and all their host by the breath of His mouth.
- 6. He gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle; He put the deeps in storehouses.
- 7. Let all the earth fear the Lord, let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him!
- 8. For He spoke, and it came to be; He commanded, and it stood forth.

