## Martyr Sozón of Cilicia

### "Lord I Call..." - Tone 4

Reader: In the Fourth 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!

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,

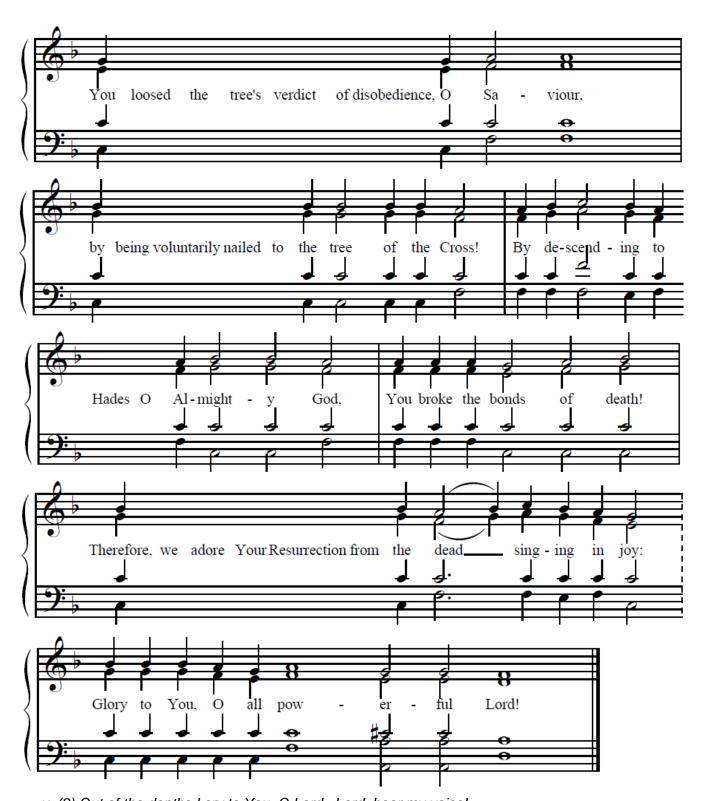
by being voluntarily nailed to the tree of the Cross.

By descending to Hades, O almighty God,

You broke the bonds of death.

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

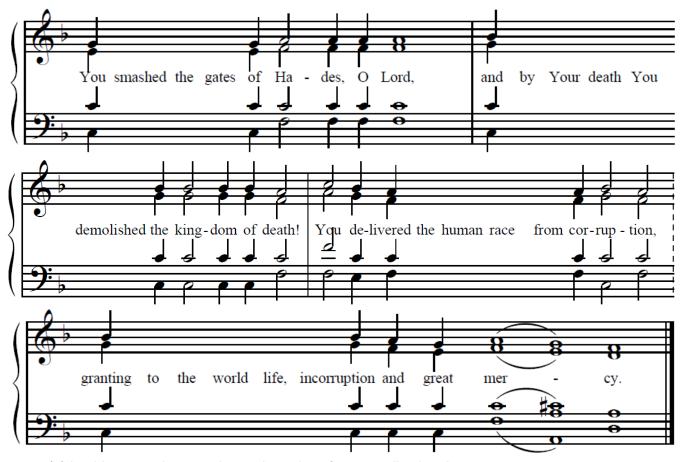
"Glory to You, O all powerful Lord!"



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 mercy.



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

Come, O people,

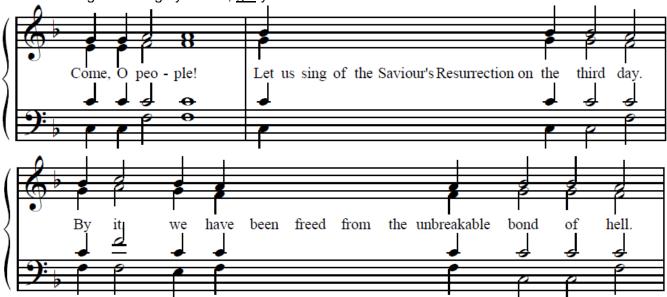
let us sing of the Savior's Resurrection on the third day!

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

By it, we have received life and incorruption.

Save us by Your Resurrection!//

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





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

Tone 1 (for the Forefeast)

(Joy of the Heavenly Hosts)

By your birth, O Pure One,

beams of joy shine on all the universe,

announcing Christ our God to all.

He is the <u>Sun</u> of <u>glory</u>.

You will give birth to Him for us;//

He brings us gladness, grace and truth.





v. (5) For Thy Name's sake I wait for Thee, O Lord. My soul has waited for Thy word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.

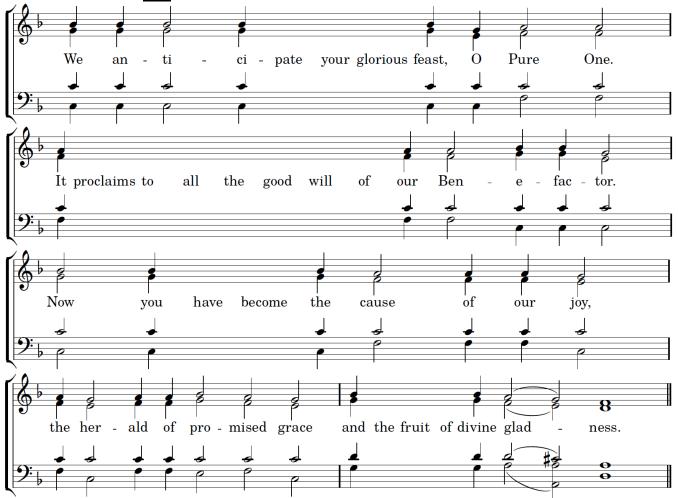
We anticipate your glorious feast, O Pure One.

It proclaims to all the good will of our Benefactor.

Now you have become the cause of our joy,

the <u>herald</u> of <u>promised</u> grace//

and the fruit of divine gladness.



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

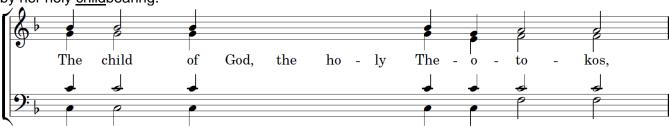
The child of God, the holy Theotokos,

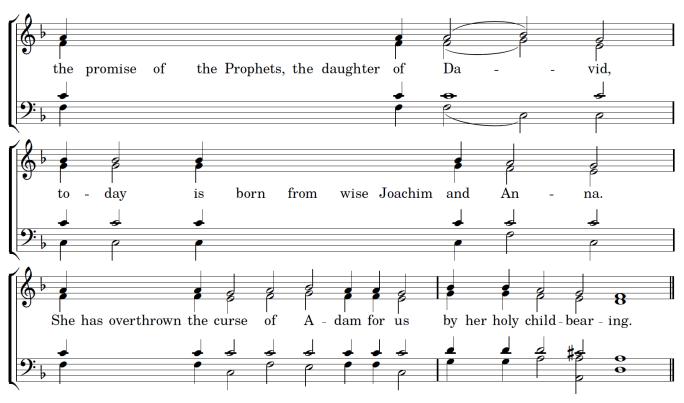
the promise of the Prophets, the daughter of David,

to<u>day</u> is born from wise Joachim and <u>An</u>na.

She has overthrown the curse of Adam for us//

by her holy childbearing.

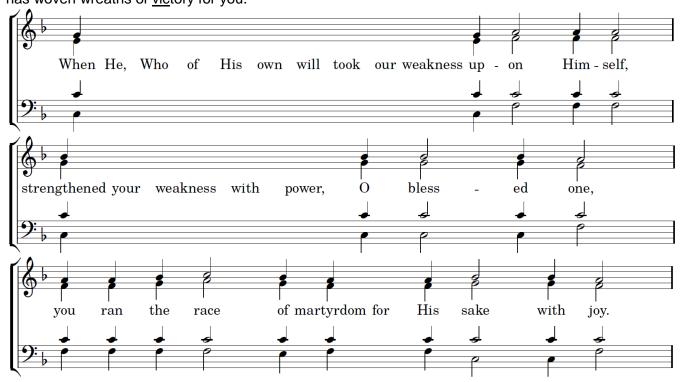


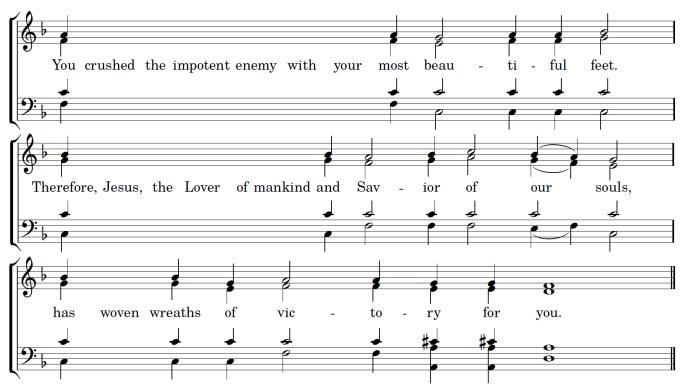


v. (3) In the Fourth Tone, For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.

Tone 4 (for St. Sozón) (You have given a sign)

When He, Who of His own will took our weakness up<u>on</u> Himself, strengthened your weakness with power, O <u>bless</u>ed one, you ran the <u>race</u> of martyrdom for His <u>sake</u> with joy. You crushed the impotent enemy with your most <u>beau</u>tiful feet. Therefore, Jesus, the Lover of mankind and <u>Sa</u>vior <u>of</u> our souls,// has woven wreaths of <u>vic</u>tory for you.





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

When you were wounded, O glorious one,

you wounded your enemies

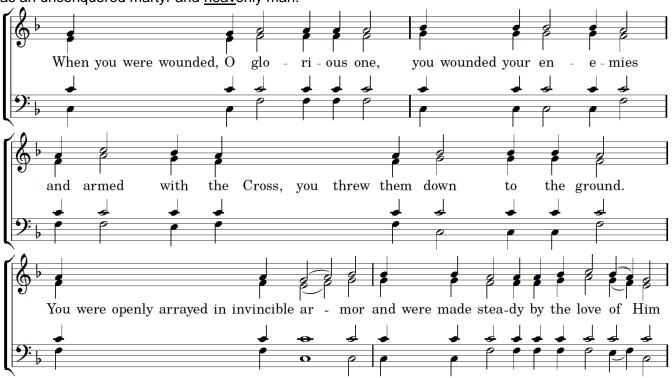
and <u>armed</u> with the Cross, you threw them <u>down</u> to the ground.

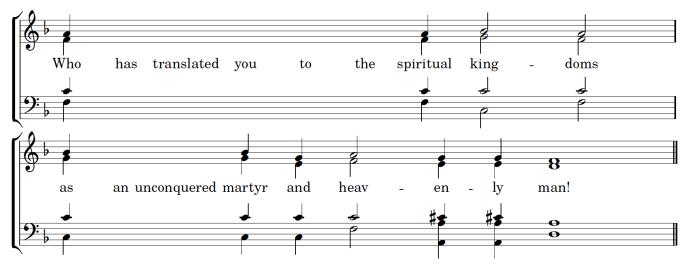
You were openly arrayed in invincible <u>armor</u>

and were made steady by the love of Him

Who has translated you to the spiritual kingdoms//

as an unconquered martyr and heavenly man!





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

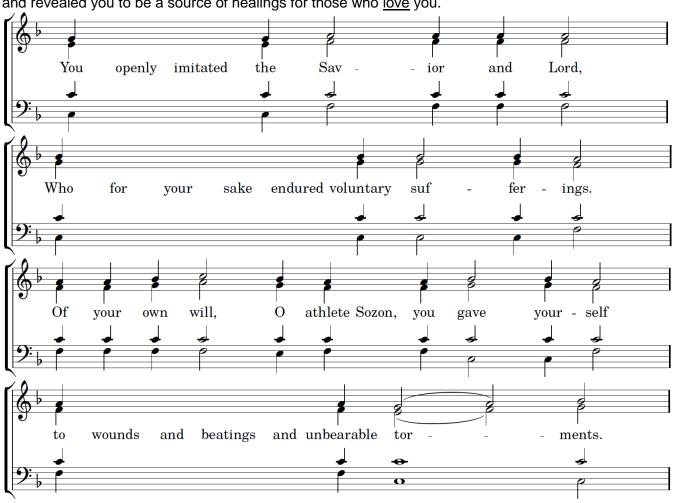
You openly imitated the Savior and Lord,

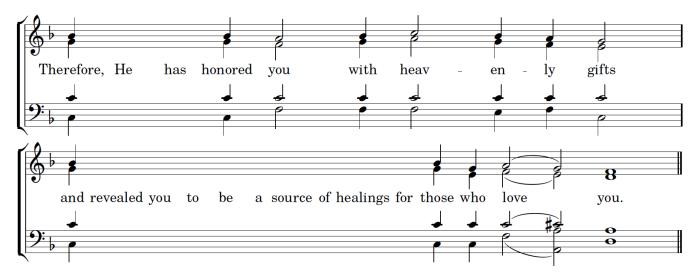
Who for your sake endured voluntary sufferings.

Of your own will, O athlete Sozón, you gave yourself

to wounds and beatings and unbearable torments.

Therefore, He has honored you with <u>heav</u>enly gifts// and revealed you to be a source of healings for those who <u>love</u> you.





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

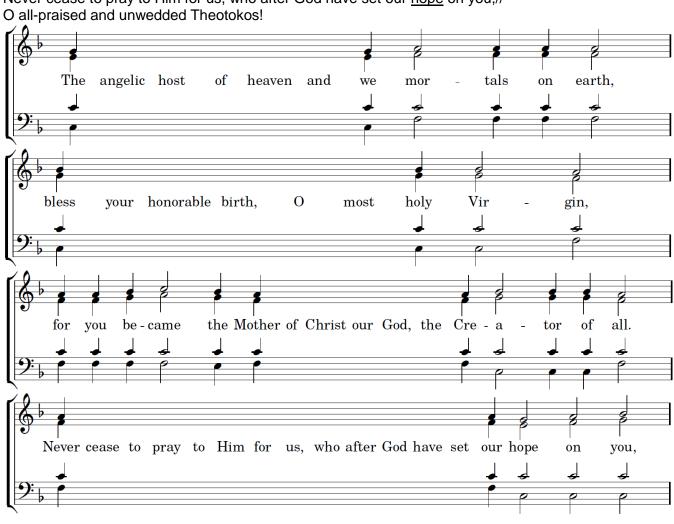
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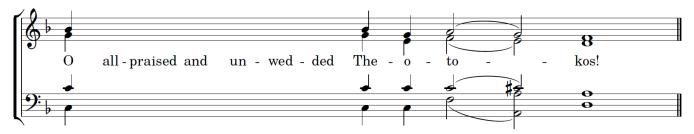
The angelic host of heaven and we mortals on earth,

bless your honorable birth, O most holy Virgin,

for you became the Mother of Christ our God, the Creator of all.

Never cease to pray to Him for us, who after God have set our hope on you,//





In the Same tone, 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

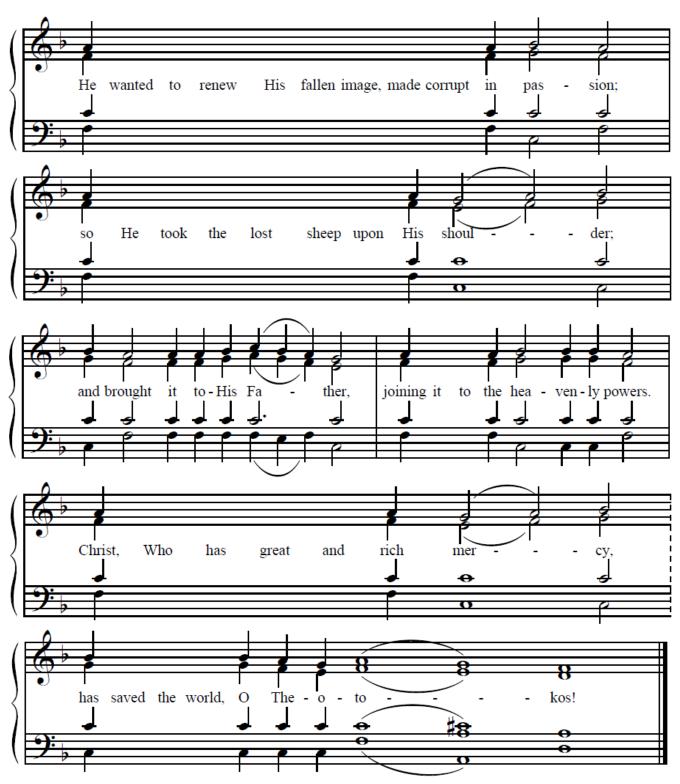
and brought it to His Father,

joining it to the heavenly pow'rs.

Christ who has great and rich mercy//

has saved the world, O Theotokos.





Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend!

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

#### Aposticha - Tone 4

By ascending the Cross, O Lord,

You have annulled our ancestral 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!

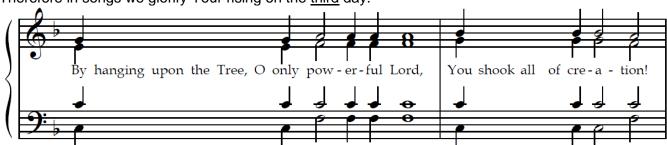
By hanging upon the tree, O only powerful Lord,

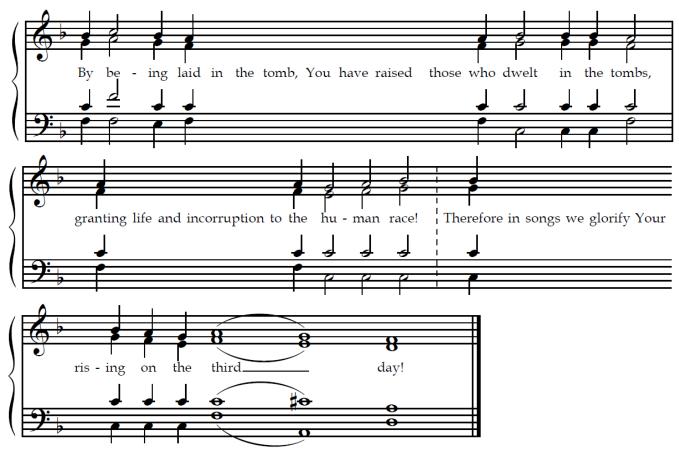
You shook all of creation.

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 <u>cru</u>cified,

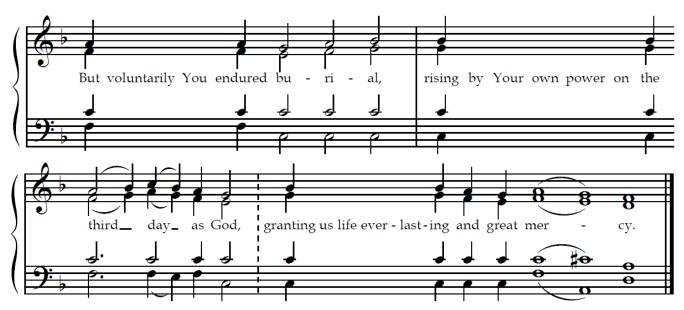
thus proving themselves ungrateful before their Benefactor.

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 finding You.

They wept with wailing and lamented:

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

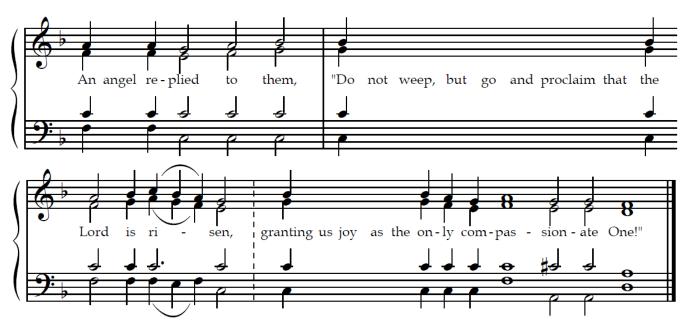
how were You stolen?

What place can hold Your life-bearing body?"

An Angel replied to them:

"Do not weep but go and proclaim that the <u>Lord</u> is <u>risen</u>,// 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.

# Tone 4 Idiomelon (for the Forefeast, by Patriarch Germanus)

The joy of all the world has dawned for us from the righteous ones:

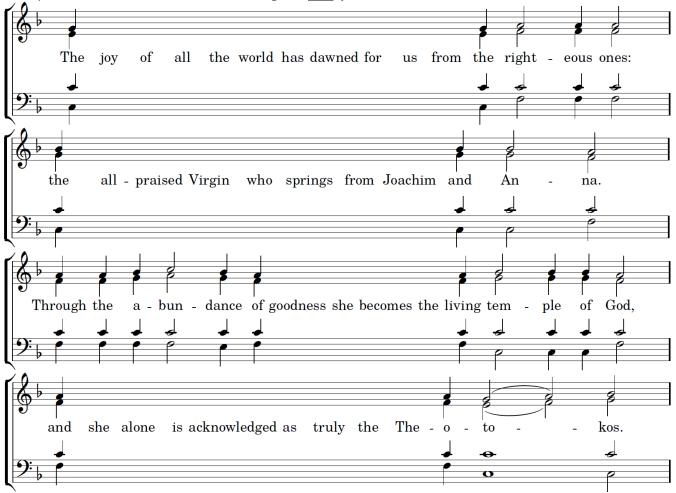
the all-praised Virgin who springs from Joachim and Anna.

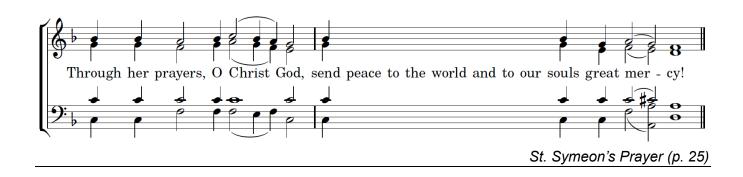
Through the abundance of goodness she becomes the living temple of God,

and she alone is acknowledged as truly the Theotokos.

Through her prayers, O Christ God,//

send peace to the world and to our souls great mercy!





Tone 4 Troparion (Resurrection)

(Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 4)

When the women Disciples of the Lord learned from the Angel

the joyous message of Your Resurrection,

they cast away the ancestral curse

and elatedly told the Apostles:

"Death is overthrown!

Christ our God is risen,//

granting the world great mercy!"



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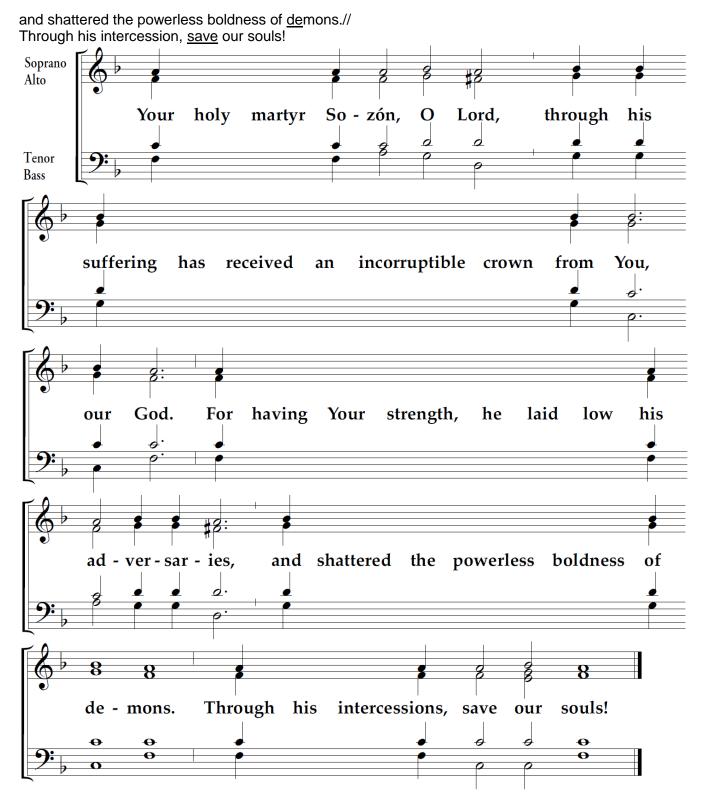
Tone 4 Troparion (St. Sozón)

(Troparion for the Martyr – Tone 4)

Your holy martyr Sozón, O Lord,

through his sufferings has received an incorruptible crown from You, our God.

For having Your strength, he laid low his adversaries,



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

Tone 4 Troparion (Forefeast)

(Troparion for the Forefeast – Tone 4)

Today from the stem of Jesse and from the loins of <u>Da</u>vid,

the handmaid of God Mary is being born for us.

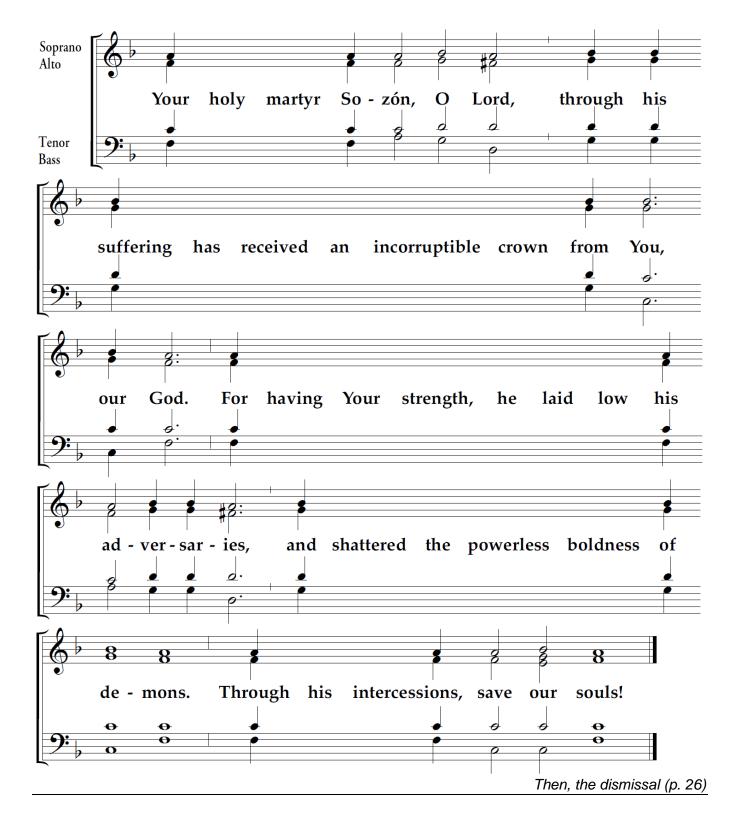
Therefore all creation is renewed and rejoices.

Heaven and earth rejoice together.

Praise her, you families of nations,

for Joachim rejoices and Anna celebrates crying out://

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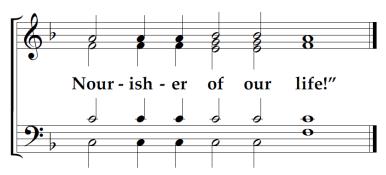
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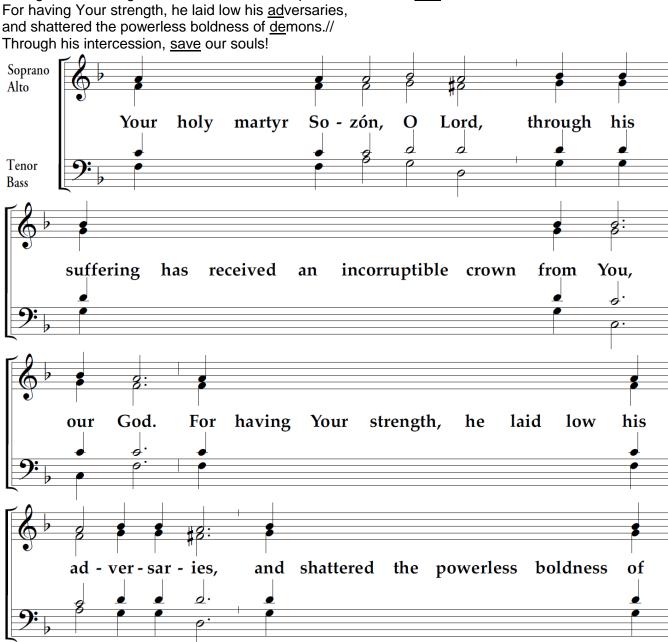


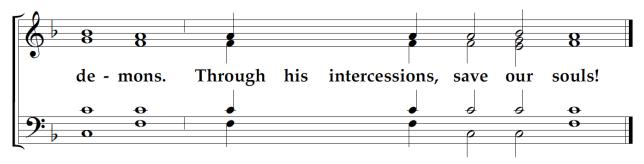
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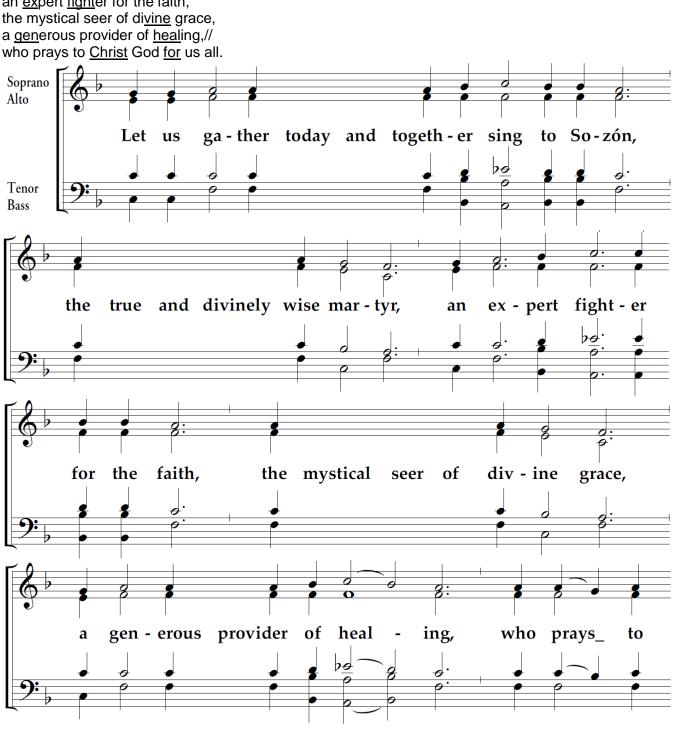


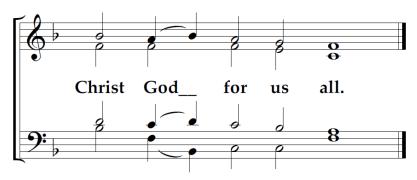


Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

Tone 2 Kontakion (St. Sozón)

(Kontakion for the Martyr – Tone 2)
Let us <u>ga</u>ther today and together <u>sing</u> to Sozón, the true and divinely wise <u>mar</u>tyr, an <u>expert fighter</u> for the faith, the mystical seer of di<u>vine</u> grace, a <u>gen</u>erous provider of <u>healing</u>,//





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

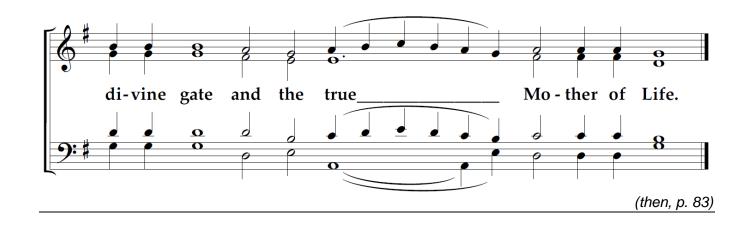
Tone 3 Kontakion (Forefeast)

(Kontakion for the Forefeast – Tone 3)

Today the Virgin Theotokos Mary,

the bridal chamber of the Heavenly Bridegroom,

by the will of the God is born of a barren woman, being prepared as the chariot of God the Word.// She was foreordained for this, since she is the divine gate and the true Mother of Life. Soprano Alto To-day the Virgin Theo-to-kos Ma the bridal chamber ry Tenor Bass of the Heavenly Bride - groom by the will of God is born of 8 being prepared as the chariot of God bar - ren wom - an, 8 She was fore-ordained for this, since she is the Word. O



Tone 6 Prokeimenon (Sunday Before)

Prokeimenon, Tone 6

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

Reader: And with your spirit!

Deacon: Wisdom!

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

People: O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance, your inheritance!



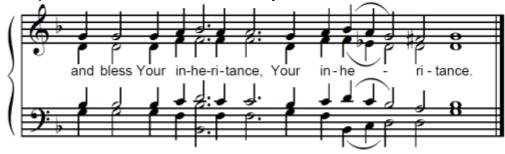
Reader: To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!

People: O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance, your inheritance!



Reader: O Lord, save Your people, ...

People: ... and bless Your inheritance, your inheritance!



Deacon: Wisdom!

Epistle - (215) Galatians 6:11-18 (Sunday Before) and (166) 1 Corinthians 16:13-24

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.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

Brothers and sisters, Watch! Stand firm in the faith! Be courageous! Be strong! Let all that you do be done in love.

Now I beg you, brethren (you know the house of Stephanas, that it is the first fruits of Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to serve the saints), that you also be in service to people like this, and to

everyone who helps in the work and labors. I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus; for what was lacking on your part, they supplied. They refreshed my spirit and yours; show therefore your appreciation to such people.

The Churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you much in the Lord, together with the Church that is in their house. All the brethren greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss!

This greeting is by me, Paul, with my own hand. If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. Maranatha! May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. My love is with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Priest: † Peace to you who read!

Alleluia: Tone 6

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

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: I have exalted one chosen out of My people.

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Gospel** – (9) John 3:13-17 (Sunday Before) and (87) Matthew 21:33-42

**Pages 278 and 94** 

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

People: 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, Hear another parable. There was a man who was the owner of a household. He planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, built a tower, and leased it out to farmers. He then left for another country. When the season for the fruit drew near, he sent his slaves to the farmers, to receive his fruit. But the farmers took his slaves, beat one, killed another, and stoned yet another. Again, the owner sent other slaves, even more than the first time; and they treated them in the same way. Then he sent his son to them, saying: 'They will respect my son!'

But the farmers, when they saw the son, said to each other, 'This is the heir! Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.' And so they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Therefore, when the lord of the vineyard returns, what will he do with those farmers?"

They answered him, "He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and he will lease out the vineyard to other farmers who will give him the fruit in its season."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:

'The very stone which the builders rejected was made the head of the corner.
This was from the Lord and

it is marvelous in our eyes?'

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

Sermon (then p. 89)