"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!

Tone 2 (for the Resurrection)

Come, let us worship the <u>Word</u> of God begotten of the Father before all <u>ages</u>, and in<u>car</u>nate of the Virgin <u>Mary!</u> Having en<u>dured</u> the Cross,

He was buried as He Himself desired.//

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



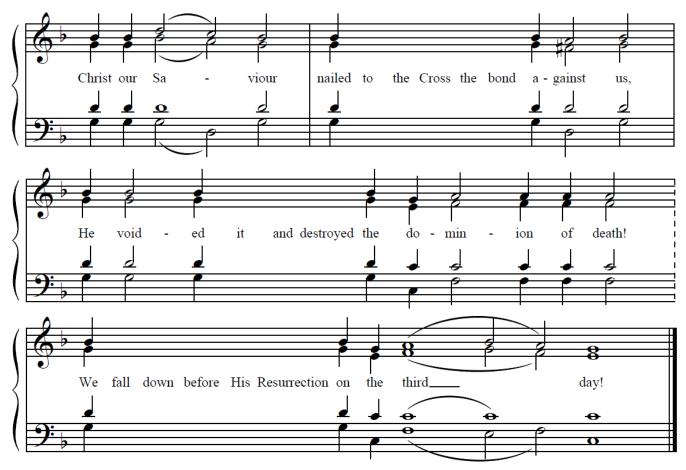
v. (9) The righteous will surround me; for You will deal bountifully with me.

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!

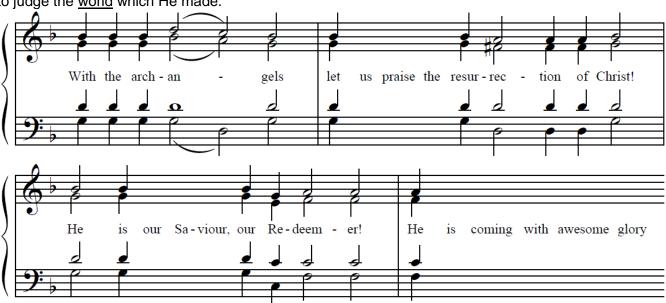
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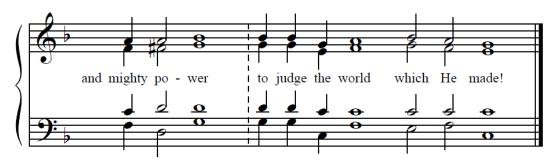
let us praise the Resurrection of Christ!

He is our Savior, our Redeemer.

He is coming with awesome glory and mighty power//

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 <u>ris</u>en 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) In the Eighth Tone, If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You.

Tone 8

(for Prophet Joel)

(Oh, most glorious wonder)

The Spirit of God has been poured out on us, O faithful,

as the honored Joel prophesied, moved by the same <u>Spirit</u>. In prophetic words he opens the revelation of divine <u>mys</u>teries. We who have received his works are enlightened with divine <u>radiance//</u> and with the <u>grace</u> of God.



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

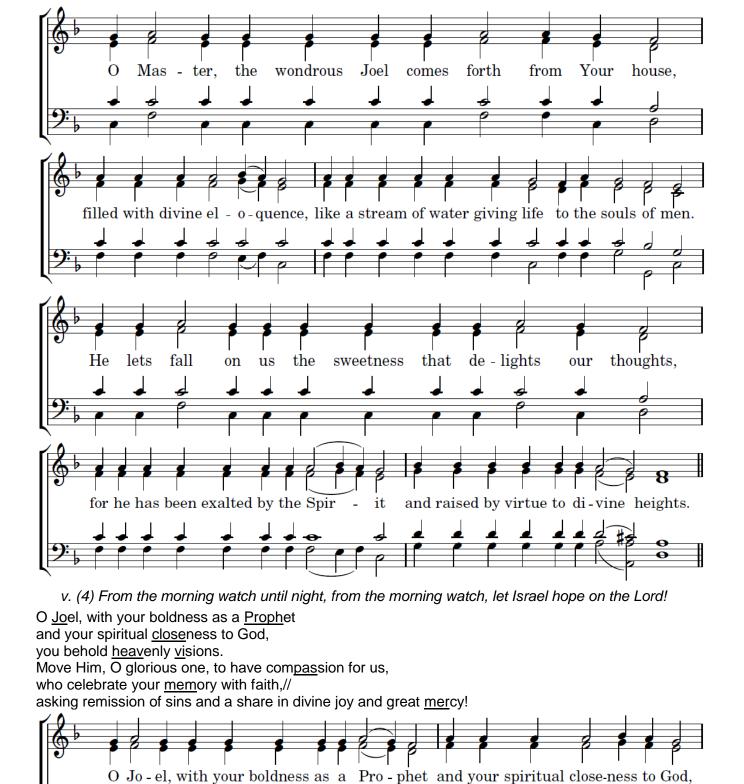
O <u>Mas</u>ter, the wondrous Joel comes <u>forth</u> from Your house, filled with divine <u>el</u>oquence,

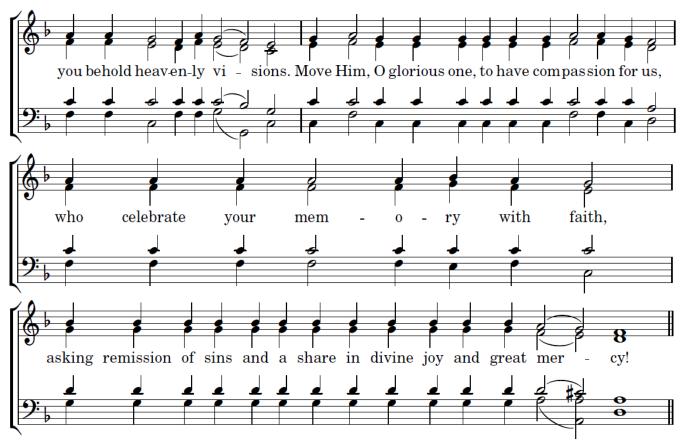
like a stream of water giving life to the souls of men.

He lets fall on us the sweetness that delights our thoughts,

for he has been exalted by the Spirit//

and raised by virtue to divine heights.





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

Tone 6

(for St. Varus)

(Having placed all their hope)

Behold the sufferings of the truly victorious <u>mar</u>tyrs!

Filled with the boldness of God, you entered the arena, O <u>Var</u>us.

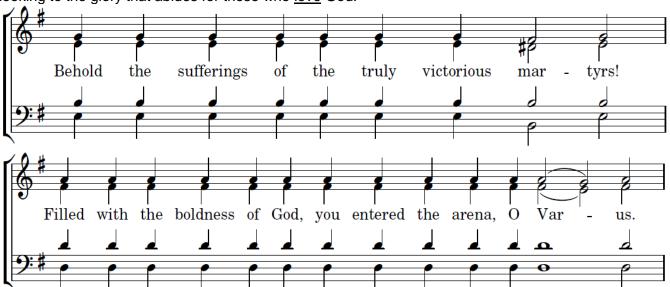
You preached Christ, Who became a man for our sake.

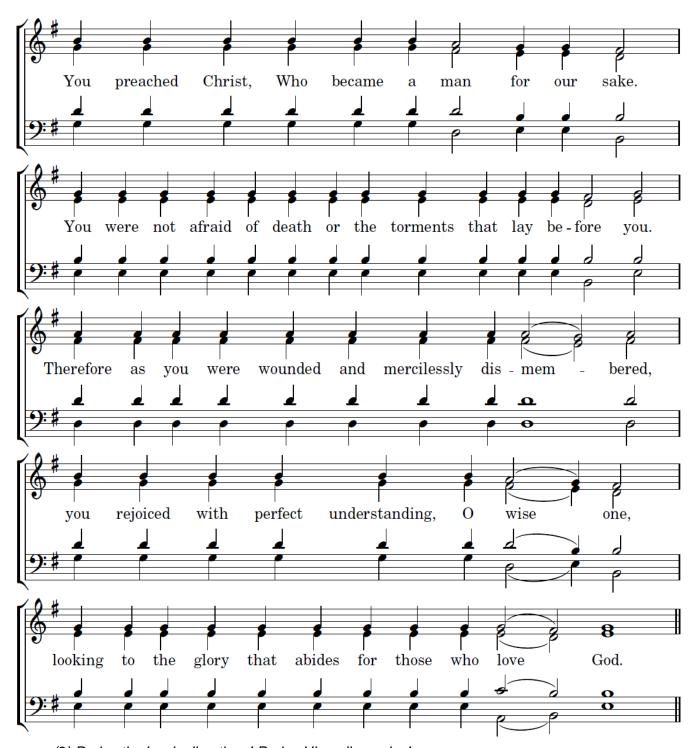
You were not afraid of death or the torments that lay before you.

Therefore as you were wounded and mercilessly dismembered,

you rejoiced with perfect understanding, O wise one.//

looking to the glory that abides for those who love God.





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

As you beheld your flesh and blood fall away, O athlete,

you endured valiantly as if another were suffering in your place.

Bound to a tree, most patiently you endured laceration by the evil one.

You committed your spirit into the hands of God

astonishing those who beheld you with your steadfast resistance.

Therefore we honor you, O wise Varus,//

for your courage was so great, and you cast down the tyrant by your <u>sufferings</u>.





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

Having anointed your body with spices and buried you in the earth,

the wondrous Cleopatra raised up to you a holy church,

celebrating your feast and entreating you with faith, O wondrous Varus.

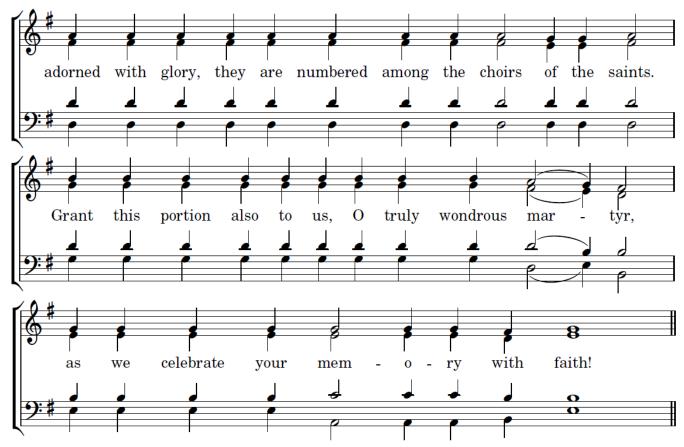
You enrolled her children in the spiritual army:

adorned with glory, they are numbered among the choirs of the saints.

Grant this portion also to us, O truly wondrous <u>mar</u>tyr,//

as we celebrate your memory with faith!





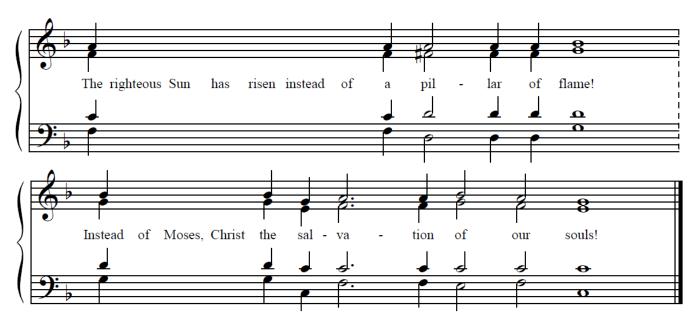
In the Second Tone, Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 2 (Theotokion – Dogmatikon)

The shadow of the Law passed when <u>grace</u> came; as the bush burned, yet was <u>not</u> consumed, so the <u>Virgin</u> gave birth, yet remained a <u>Virgin</u>. The righteous Sun has risen instead of a <u>pillar</u> of flame// Instead of Moses, Christ, the Sal<u>va</u>tion of our souls.

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yet was not con-sumed. So the Vir - gin gave birth, yet remained a vir - gin!

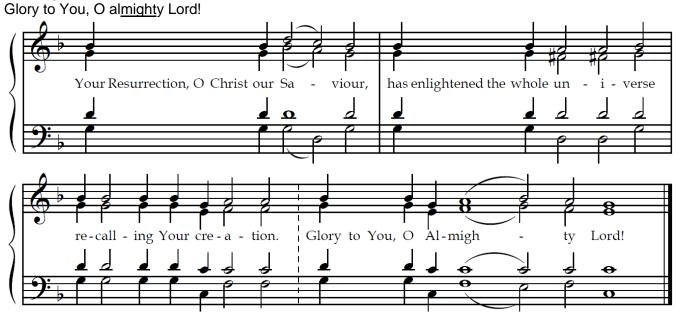


Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend!

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>calling Your creation.//</u>



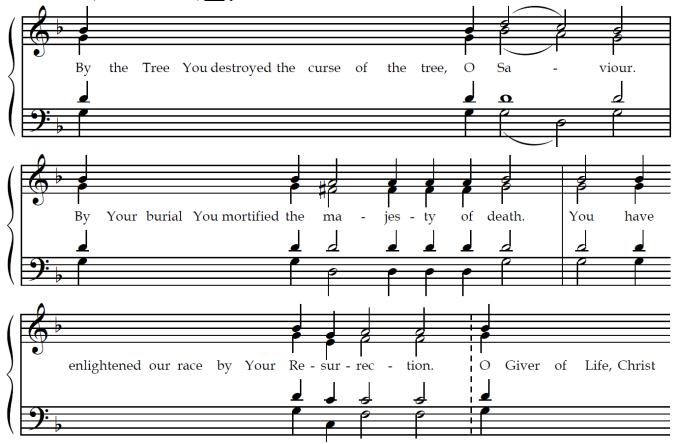
v. The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty!

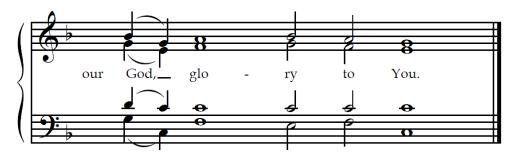
By the Tree You destroyed the curse of the Tree O Savior,

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,

descending into Hades as the Mighty One





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

A new miracle surpasses all ancient miracles!

Who knows of a Mother who gave birth without a man,

who carried in her arms her Creator?

This birth is the will of God!

Since you carried Him as an infant in your arms, O most <u>pure</u> one,

and since you possess motherly boldness before Him,

do not cease praying for us who honor you,//

that He may be bountiful and save our souls!





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 4 Troparion (St. Varus)

(Troparion for the Martyr – Tone 4)

Your holy martyr Varus, O Lord,

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

For having Your strength, he laid low his adversaries,

and shattered the powerless boldness of demons.//

Through his intercession, 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,

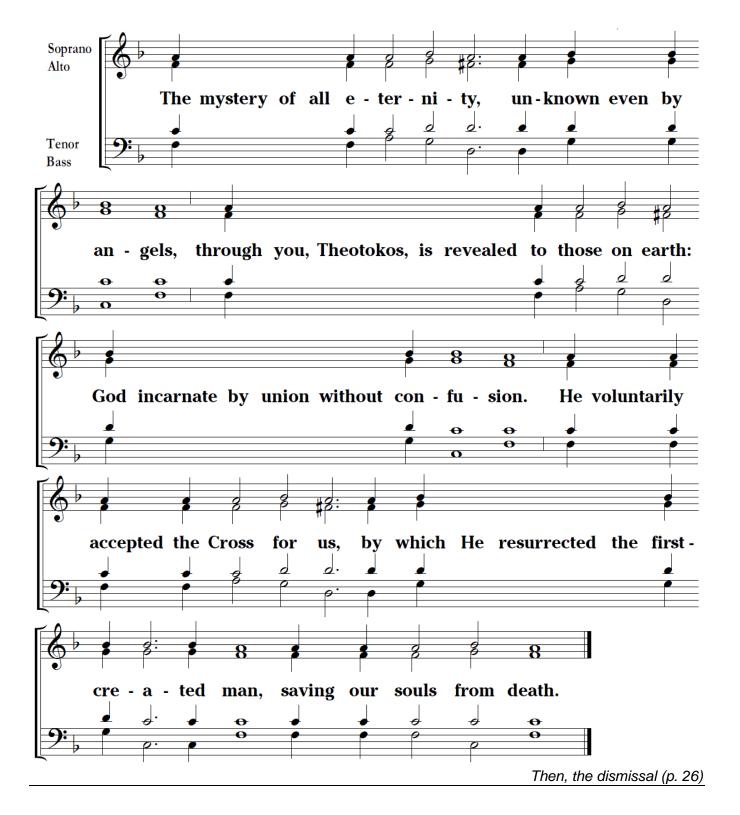
through you, Theotokos, is revealed to those on earth:

God incarnate by union without confusion.

He voluntarily accepted the Cross for us,

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

saving our souls from death.



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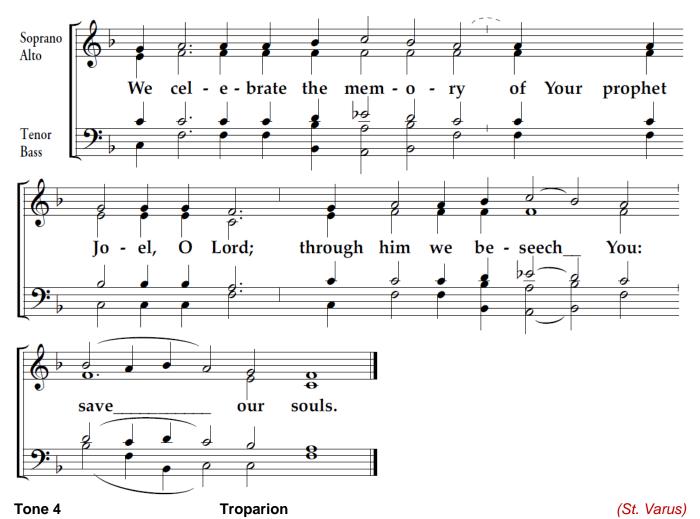
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Tone 2 Troparion (Prophet Joel)

(Troparion for the Prophet – Tone 2)
We celebrate the memory
of Your prophet Joel, O Lord;
through him we beseech You://
"Save our souls!"



(Troparion for the Martyr – Tone 4)

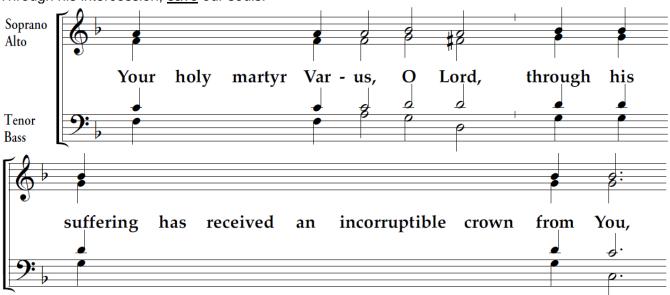
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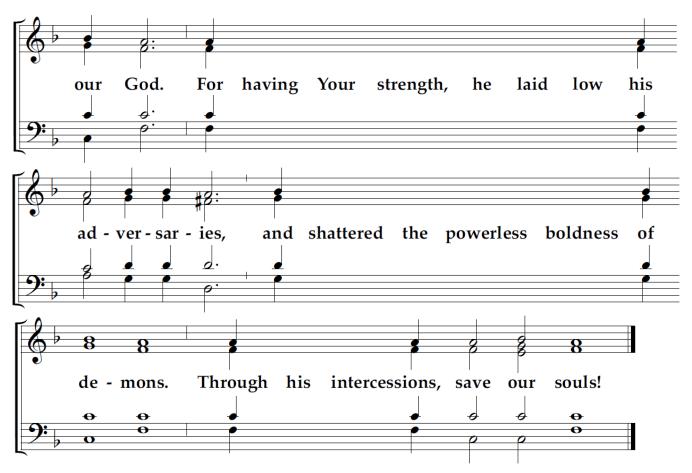
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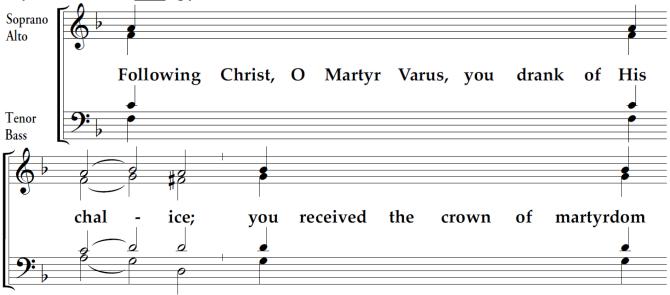
Tone 4 Kontakion (St. Varus)

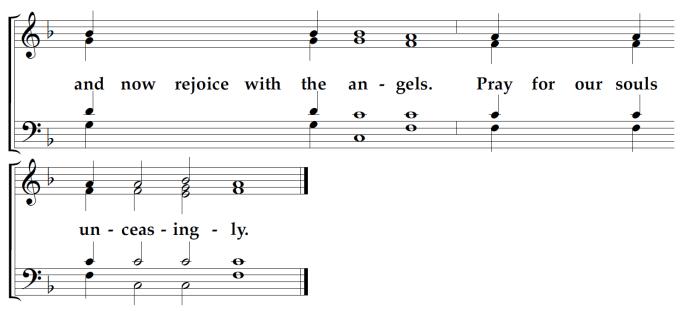
(Kontakion for the Martyr – Tone 4)

Following Christ, O Martyr Varus, you drank of His chalice;

you received the crown of martyrdom and now rejoice with the Angels.//

Pray for our souls unceasingly!





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

Tone 2 Kontakion (Resurrection)

(Resurrectional Kontakion - Tone 2)

Hades became afraid, O almighty Savior,

seeing the miracle of Your Resurrection from the tomb!

The <u>dead</u> arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with You,// and the world, my Savior, praises You forever.





Tone 2 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)

Prokeimenon, Tone 2

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

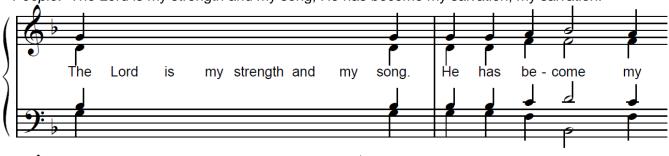
Reader: And with your spirit!

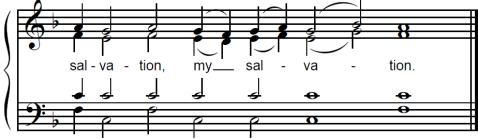
Deacon: Wisdom!

 $\it Reader:$ The Prokeimenon, in the 2nd Tone: The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my

salvation.

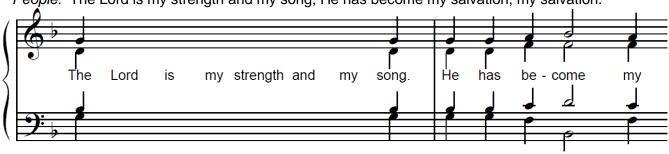
People: The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation, my salvation.

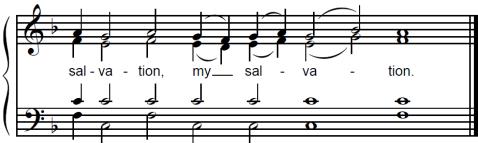




Reader: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.

People: The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation, my salvation.





Reader: The Lord is my strength and my song ...

People: ... He has become my salvation, my salvation.



Deacon: Wisdom!

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

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: Brothers and sisters, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, he who is blessed unto the ages, knows that I do not lie. In Damascus, the governor of King Aretas guarded the city, desiring to arrest me. But I was let down in a basket along the wall through a window, and this is how I escaped from his hands.

Without a doubt, it is not profitable for me to boast, but I will now discuss visions and revelations from the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up into the third heaven (whether it was in the body, I do not know, or whether out of the body, I do not know; God knows). Yes, I know such a man (whether in the body, or outside of the body, I do not know; God knows), how he was caught up into Paradise, and heard ineffable words, which it is not lawful for anyone to utter. On behalf of such a person, I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except in my weaknesses. If my intention is to boast, I will not be foolish: I will speak the truth. But now, I shall stop, so that no one may think more of me than what is seen in me or heard from me. Because of the tremendous greatness of these revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan that torments me, so that I would not be too exalted. Concerning this thing, I begged the Lord three times that it might depart from me, but he replied to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." And so, it is with joy that I would rather find glory in my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest on me.

Priest: † Peace to you who read!

Alleluia: Tone 2

Reader: And to Your spirit. In the 2nd Tone: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you!

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call!

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel – (35) Luke 8:5-15

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Deacon: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. **Luke**.

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

Deacon: The Lord said this parable: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was sowing, some seed fell along the wayside; it was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the sky devoured it. Other seed fell on the rock, and as soon as it grew, it withered away because it had no moisture. Other fell among the thorns, and the thorns grew with it, and choked it. Other fell into the good ground, grew, and brought forth fruit a hundred times." As he said this, he exclaimed, "Let anyone with ears to hear listen!"

Then his disciples asked him, "What does this parable mean?"

Jesus replied, "To you it is given to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of God, but to the rest, it is given in parables, so that 'seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.' Now this is what the parable means: The seed is the word of God. Those along the wayside are those who have heard. Then the devil comes and takes away the word from their heart, so that they may not believe and be saved. Those on the rock are those who receive the word with joy when they hear. But they have no root; they believe for a while, then fall away in time of temptation. What fell among the thorns is those who have heard, and as they go on their way, they are choked with worries, wealth, and the pleasures of life; and they bring no fruit to maturity. As for the seed that fell in the rich soil, this is those who have heard the word with an honest and good heart, who retain it and bring forth fruit with endurance.

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

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