

Vigil Divine Liturgy, February 2*

THE MEETING OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST WITH SIMEON AND ANNA. This feast is celebrated forty days after the birth of the Savior on December 25. Saint Sophronius of Jerusalem wrote about this feast: "Let us all hasten to meet Christ. Everyone should be eager to join the procession and to carry a light. Our lighted candles are a sign of the divine splendor of the One who comes to expel the dark shadows of evil and to make the whole universe radiant with the brilliance of his eternal Light."

Supplement for The Divine Liturgies of our holy fathers John Chrysostom and Basil the Great, 2006

*The Vigil Divine Liturgy begins on page 104 in the **Divine Liturgies** book. The beginning verses of the Lamp-lighting Psalms ("O Lord, I have cried") are sung in Tone 1 (page 123). At the Psalm verse "on 3" toward the bottom of page 116, continue as follows:*

Tone 1 samohlasen

Cantor *(on 3)*

Be - cause with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemp-tion,
Is - ra - el indeed he will re - deem from all its in - i - qui - ty.

Stichera of the Meeting - *Tone 1 samohlasen*

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O Sim - e - on. tell us whom you are joyfully carrying in-to the Tem - ple. To
whom are you say - ing: Now you may dis - miss your serv - ant, O Lord,
be - cause my eyes have seen my Sav - ior. He is the child born of the

* to be sung on the evening of February 1

Vir - gin. He is the Word and God of God. O Lord, who for our sake was

in - car - nate and saved the world, to you we bow down in wor - ship.

Cantor *(on 2)*

Praise the Lord, all you na-tions, ac-claim him all you peo - ples!

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O Sim - e - on, now re-ceive the One whom Mo - ses the lawgiver had foreseen

through the cloud on Si - nai. He has be-come a child and sub-mits him-self

to the Law. This is he who spoke through the Law and whom the proph - ets

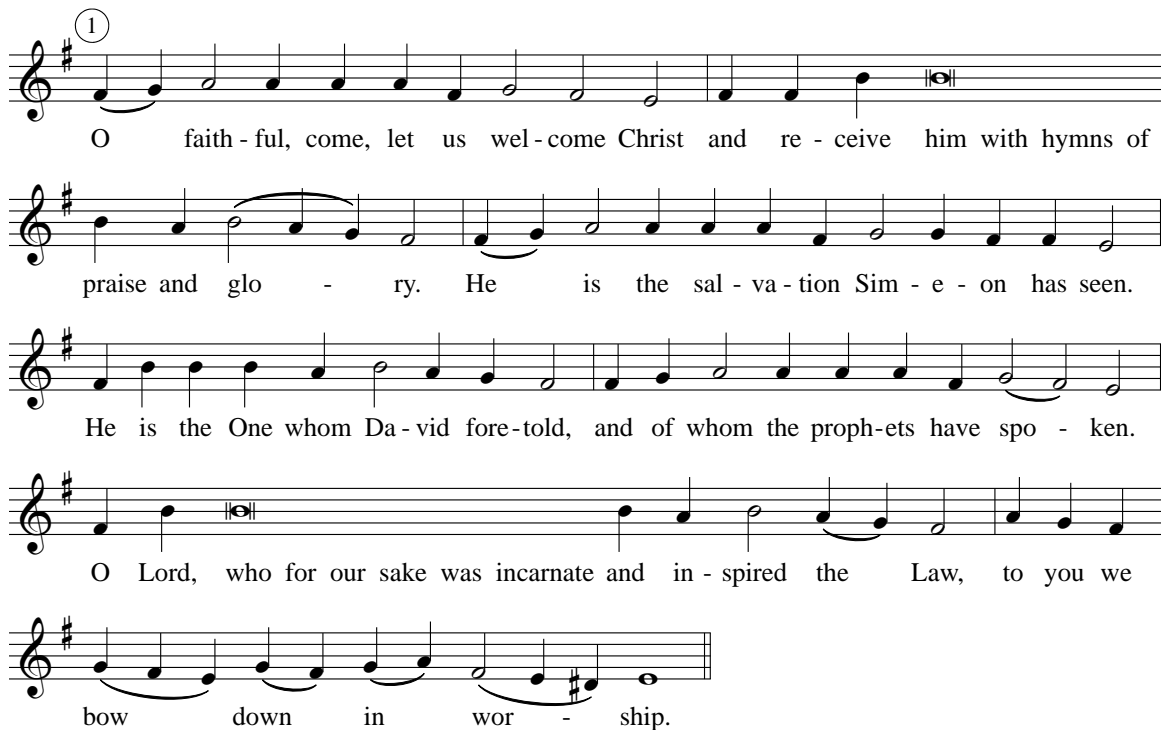
fore-told. O Lord, who for our sake was incar-nate and saved the world,

to you we bow down in wor - ship.

Cantor *(on 1)*

Strong is the love of the Lord for us; he is faith - ful for - ev - er.

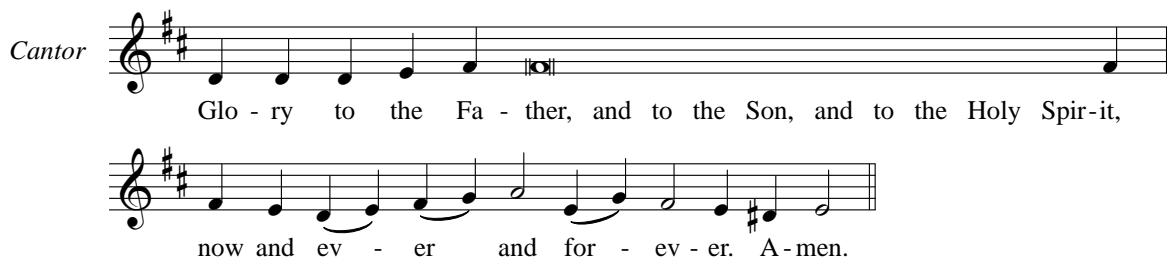
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O faith-ful, come, let us wel-come Christ and re-ceive him with hymns of
 praise and glo-ry. He is the sal-va-tion Sim-e-on has seen.
 He is the One whom Da-vid fore-told, and of whom the proph-ets have spo-ken.
 O Lord, who for our sake was incarnate and in-spired the Law, to you we
 bow down in wor-ship.

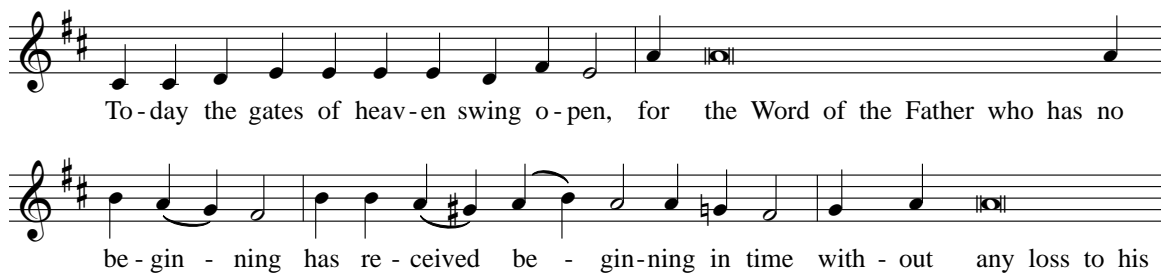
Tone 6 samohlasen

Cantor



Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spir-it,
 now and ev-er and for-ev-er. A-men.

Doxastikon of the Meeting - *Tone 6 samohlasen*



To-day the gates of heav-en swing o-pen, for the Word of the Father who has no
 be-gin-ning has re-ceived be-gin-ning in time with-out any loss to his

di - vin - i - ty. As a child of forty days he is offered by a vir - gin Moth - er
in the Tem - ple ac - cord - ing to the Law. The El - der Simeon receives
him in his arms and cries out: Dis - miss me, O Master, for my eyes have seen your
sal - va - tion; O Lord, who came in-to the world to save us, glo - ry to you!

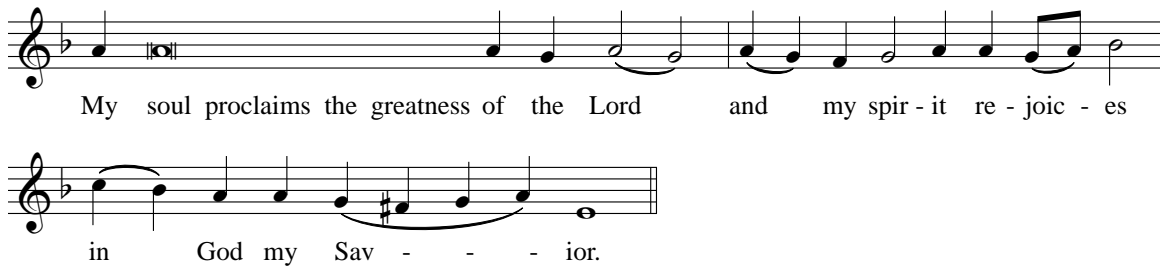
As the doxastikon is sung, the clergy enter the Holy Place with the gospel book and censer.

The service continues on page 117 with the singing of the Hymn of the Evening, "O Joyful Light". The prokeimenon of the day of the week is sung (pages 120-121), and the following readings may be chanted:

Readings: Composite V (EOT 316)
Isaiah 6: 1 - 12
Isaiah 19: 1 - 5, 12, 16, 19 - 21

*After the Small Litany (page 122), the Divine Liturgy continues with the Thrice-Holy Hymn ("Holy God") on page 27 of the **Divine Liturgies** book.*

Prokeimenon of the Meeting - Tone 3 (Luke 1:46-48)



My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spir - it re - joic - es
in God my Sav - - - ior.

Verse: For he has looked with favor on the humility of his servant;
from this day forward, all generations will call me blessed.

Alleluia of the Meeting -Tone 8 (Luke 2: 29, 32)



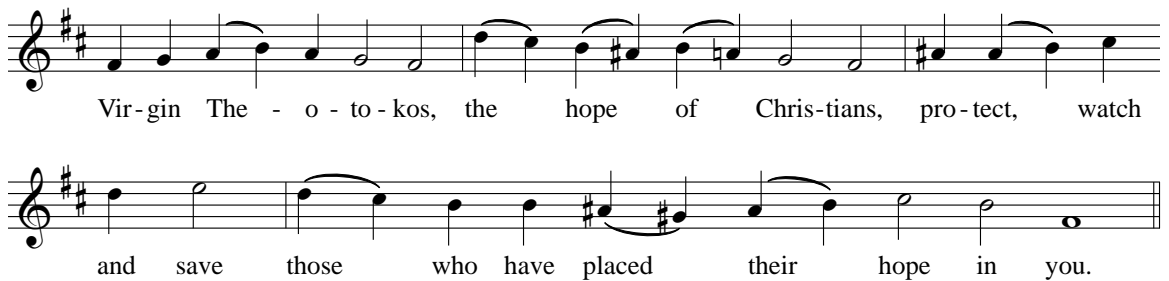
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia! Al - - - le - lu - ia!

Verse: Now you may dismiss your servant, O Lord, in peace according to your word.

Verse: A light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.

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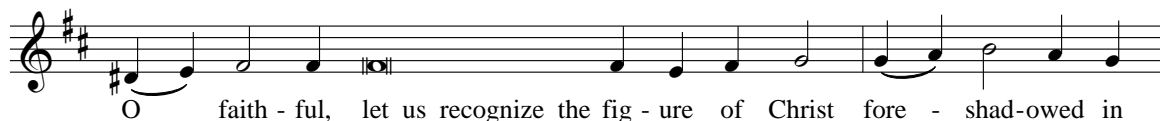
Magnification



Vir - gin The - o - to - kos, the hope of Chris - tians, pro - tect, watch
and save those who have placed their hope in you.

Irmos

simple setting, Tone 6 Irmos



O faith - ful, let us recognize the fig - ure of Christ fore - shad - owed in

the letter of the Law which says: Ev - 'ry male child who opens the womb is
 sanc-ti - fied to God. There - fore, the first - born Word and Son of the Father without
 be - gin-ning, the first - born Son of a mother who had not known man:
 him, let us ex - tol.

OR: Tone 3 samopodoben

O faith - ful, let us recog-nize the fig - ure of Christ fore-shad-owed in the
 let - ter of the Law which says: Ev - 'ry male child who
 o - pens the womb is sanc - ti - fied to God. There-fore,
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Fa - ther with-out be - gin - ning, the first-born Son of a moth-er
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Communion Hymn (Psalm 115: 4)

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I shall take the chal - ice, the chal-ice of sal - va - tion and call up - on the
 name of the Lord, and call up - on the name of the Lord.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

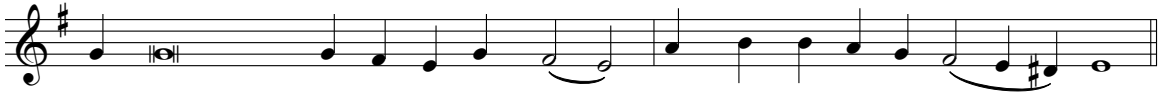
The following hymn may be sung at the end of the Divine Liturgy if desired, either after the Ambon Prayer (if bread is blessed) or after the dismissal.

Troparion of the Meeting - Tone 1

Re-joyce, The - o - to - kos, Vir - gin full of grace; for from you has shone forth
 the Sun of Jus - tice, Christ our God, en - light - en - ing those who are in



dark - ness. Re - joi - ce al - so, you just el - der; you re - ceived in



your arms the liber - a - tor of our souls, who grants us res - ur - rec - tion.