

Matins Propers
Sunday of the Council Fathers

*All page references are to **The Order of Matins: Sundays and Feasts, 2006***

"The Lord is God" Tone 6, p. 223.

Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 6

An - gel-ic pow-ers ap-peared at your tomb, and the guards be-came like dead
men. Mar-y stood at the tomb seeking your most pure bod-y. You de-spoiled
Ha-des with-out a chal-lenge. You, the Giv-er of Life met the
Vir-gin. O Lord, ris-en from the dead, glo-ry to you!

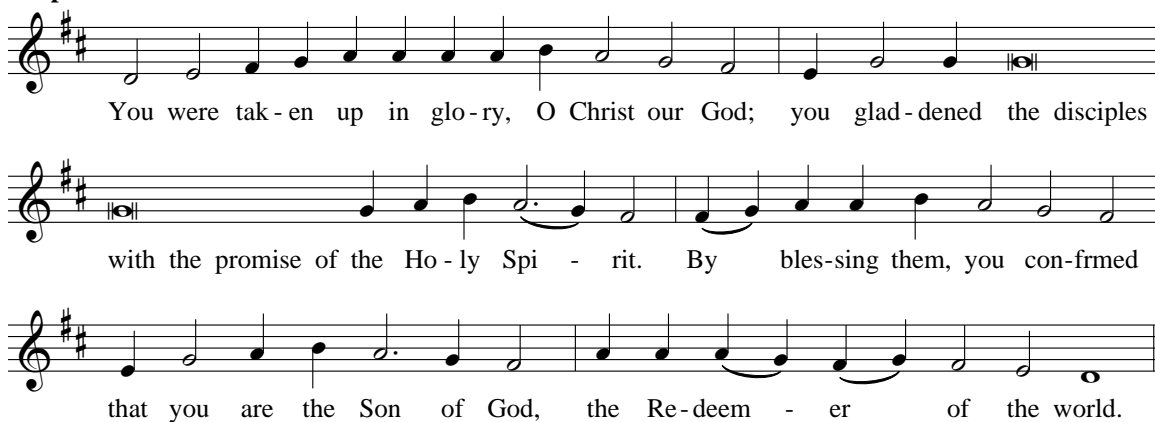
Cantor: (Tone 8) Glory...

Troparion of the Council Fathers - Tone 8

O Christ our God, you are a-bove all praise. You have es-tab-lished
our fa-ters as bea-cons on the earth, lead-ing us all to the
true faith through them O most mer-ci-ful Lord, glo-ry to you!

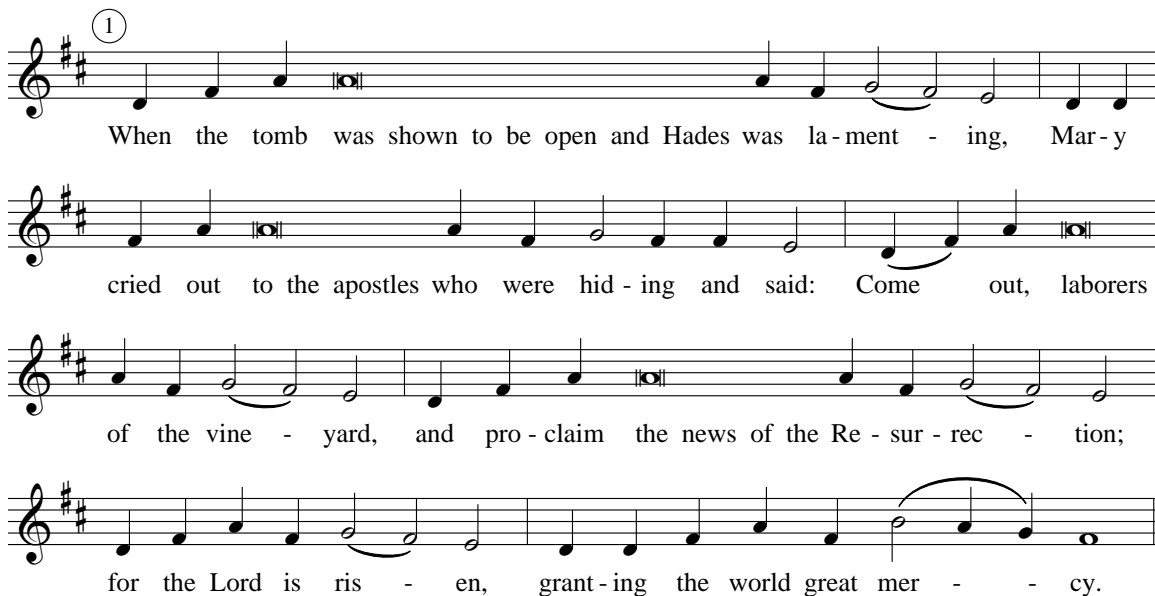
Cantor: (Tone 4) Now and ever...

Troparion of Ascension - Tone 4



You were tak - en up in glo - ry, O Christ our God; you glad - dened the disciples
with the promise of the Ho - ly Spi - rit. By bles - sing them, you con - firmed
that you are the Son of God, the Re - deem - er of the world.

Sessional Hymn 1 - Tone 6



①
When the tomb was shown to be open and Hades was la - ment - ing, Mar - y
cried out to the apostles who were hid - ing and said: Come out, laborers
of the vine - yard, and pro - claim the news of the Re - sur - rec - tion;
for the Lord is ris - en, grant - ing the world great mer - - - cy.

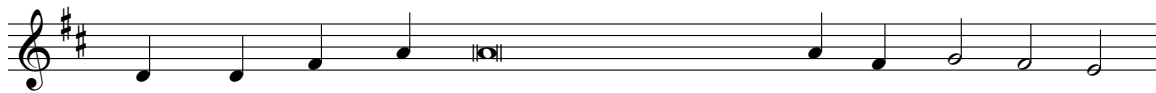
Cantor: Arise then, Lord, lift up your hand.
O God, do not forget the poor!



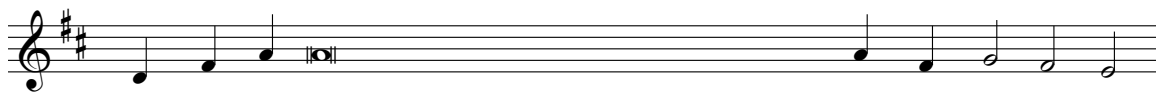
Mar-y Mag-dalene stood by your tomb and wept, O Lord. When she thought you



were the gard-'ner, she said: Where have you hid-den the E - ter - nal Life?



Where have you placed him who sits on the throne of the Cher - u - bim?



When she saw those guarding him fearful and appearing as dead, she cried to them:



Give me my Lord or else cry out with me and say: You have come forth



from the tomb and raised the dead, O Lord, glo - ry to you!

Cantor: Glory...now and ever...

Theotokion - Tone 6



You called your Moth-er bless - ed, and you will-ingly went to your Pas - sion.



Your light shone forth from the Cross, for you de-sired to go in search of Ad - am.



To the an - gels you pro-claimed: Re-joice with me, for the lost coin has been found.

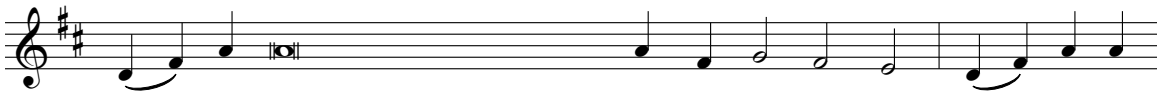


You do ev - 'rything according to your wis - dom; glo - ry to you, O Lord and God!

Sessional Hymn 2 - Tone 6



Tru - ly our Life was placed in the grave, and seals were ap - plied to the stone.

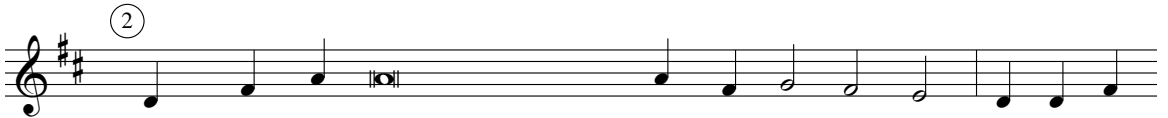


The sol - diers guarded Christ as they would a sleep - ing king. But, strik - ing



his enemies with blind - ness, the Lord rose.

Cantor: I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart;
I will recount all your wonders.



Through your vol - untary death we have found e - ter - nal life; for in your



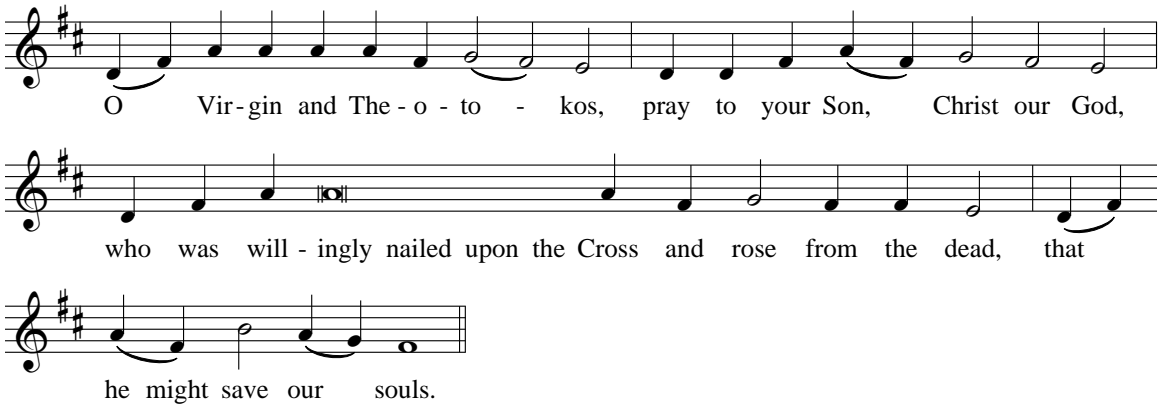
Re - surrection, O al - migh - y Sav - ior, you called all mor - tals back to you.



You wiped out the victo - ry of Ha - des and broke the sting of Death.

Cantor: Glory...now and ever...

Theotokion



O Vir-gin and The - o - to - kos, pray to your Son, Christ our God,
who was will - ingly nailed upon the Cross and rose from the dead, that
he might save our souls.

The service continues with Psalm 118 and "Hosts of Angels" , p. 18.

Hypakoe and Gradual Hymns, Tone 6, p. 227.

Prokeimenon, Tone 6, p. 231.

Preparation for the Gospel, p. 24.

"Let everything that lives", Tone 6, p. 227.

The tenth Resurrection Gospel: John 21: 1-14.

Hymn of the Resurrection, p. 26, sung once.

Psalm 50 and stichera, p.28.

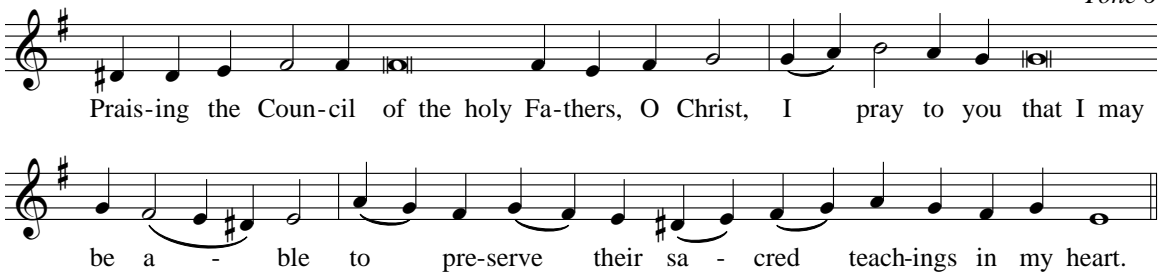
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Ode 1

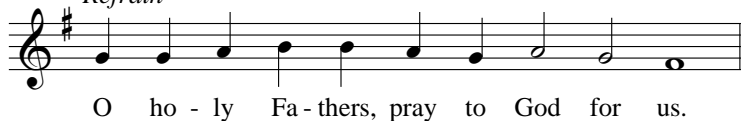
Irmos

Tone 6



Prais-ing the Coun-cil of the holy Fa-thers, O Christ, I pray to you that I may
be a - ble to pre-serve their sa - cred teach-ings in my heart.

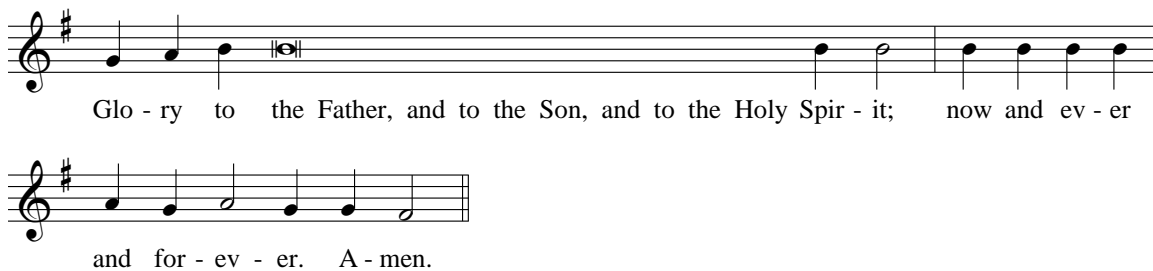
Refrain



O ho - ly Fa - thers, pray to God for us.

The God-mantled Fathers gathered on this day as bright torches flaming with light, O Christ; they recognized you as the only Son of God, consubstantial and coeternal with the Father. *Refrain*

The brilliant friends of the bridegroom have offered jewels to your spouse, the Church, O Lord. These jewels are their teachings of the faith, and they have adorned the Church with beauty.

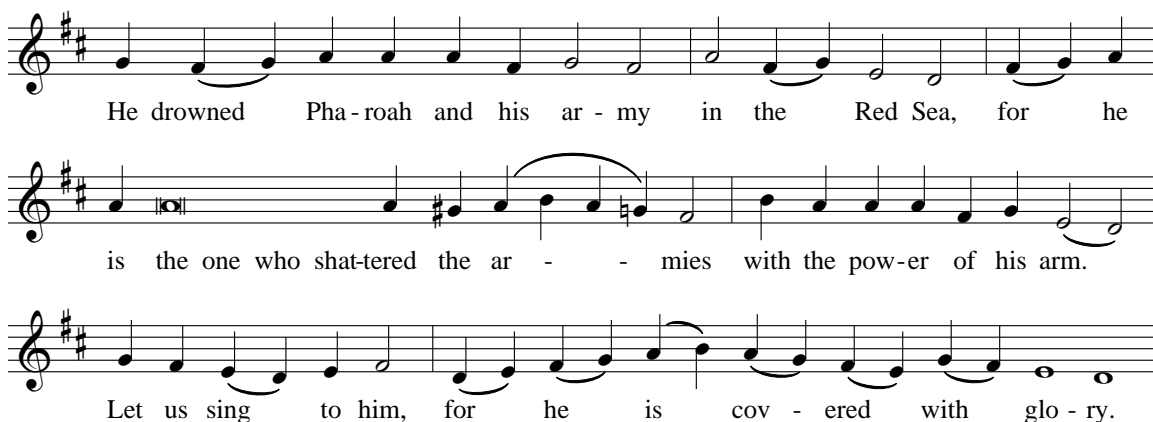


Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spir - it; now and ev - er
and for - ev - er. A - men.

Vested in divinely embroidered brocades, the holy Queen is led to the King, her Son and God, and she prays for the salvation of our souls.

Katavasia

Tone 7

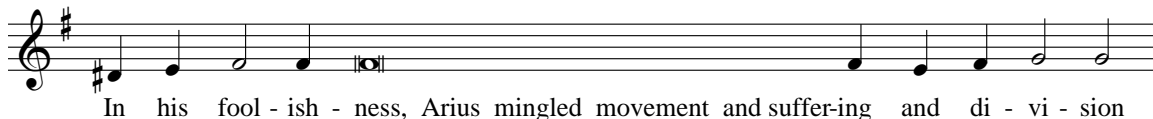


He drowned Pha-roah and his ar - my in the Red Sea, for he
is the one who shat-tered the ar - - mies with the pow-er of his arm.
Let us sing to him, for he is cov - ered with glo - ry.

Ode 3

Irmos

Tone 6



In his fool - ish - ness, Arius mingled movement and suffer-ing and di - vi - sion

in - to your di-vine gen-er - a - tion, but he him-self was cut down

by the spir - it - ual sword.

Refrain

O ho - ly Fa - thers, pray to God for us.

The holy teachers, arrayed for battle like Abraham of old before the kings, obtained the victory over your raging enemies by the power of your arm, O Lord of goodness. *Refrain*

The illustrious and first synod of your holy bishops, O Savior, has devoutly proclaimed you as begotten before the ages, consubstantial and eternal with the Father, and Creator of the world.

Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spir - it; now and ev - er

and for - ev - er. A - men.

No word nor any mortal language can worthily praise you, O Virgin, for it pleased Christ, the Giver of life, to be born without seed in your womb, O most pure Virgin.

Katavasia

Tone 7

You said to your a - pos - tles, O Lord: Re-main in Je - ru - sa - lem

un - til the day when you shall be clothed with pow - er from on high;

and I will send you an-oth-er Par-a-clete, the Spir-it of the Fa-ther and of me,
 in whom you will be strength-ened.

Kontakion

Tone 6

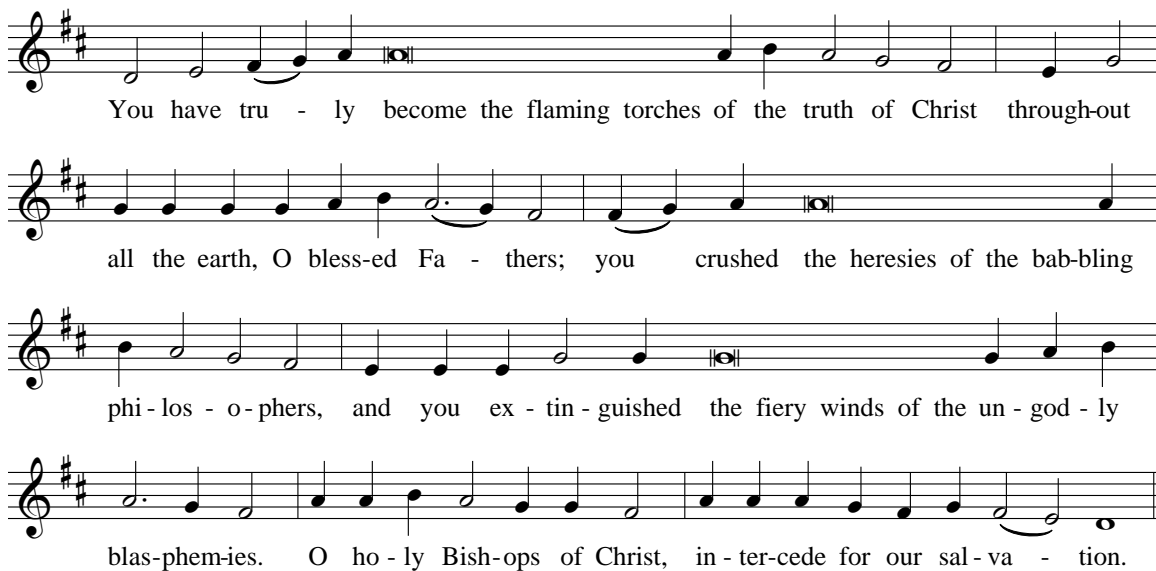
When you had fulfilled the plan of sal-va-tion for us and u-nit-ed the earthly
 with the heav-en-ly, you were tak-en up in glo-ry, O Christ our God.
 Nev-er part-ing from us but re-main-ing con-stant-ly, you pro-claim to those
 who love you: I am with you and no one can be a-gainst you.

Ikos Leaving earthly cares to the earth and that which is waste and refuse to the dust, let us arise from sleep and with our eyes and hearts let us go towards higher things. Let us also lift up our thoughts and our attention from the earth to the gates of heaven, as if we were on the Mount of Olivesm where we fix our eyes on the Redeemer as he is carried away to heaven. For it is there that the Lord departs from the apostles, giving them strength and comforting them as a Father, guiding them as sons and saying to them: I am not separating myself from you;

I am with you and no one can be a-gainst you.

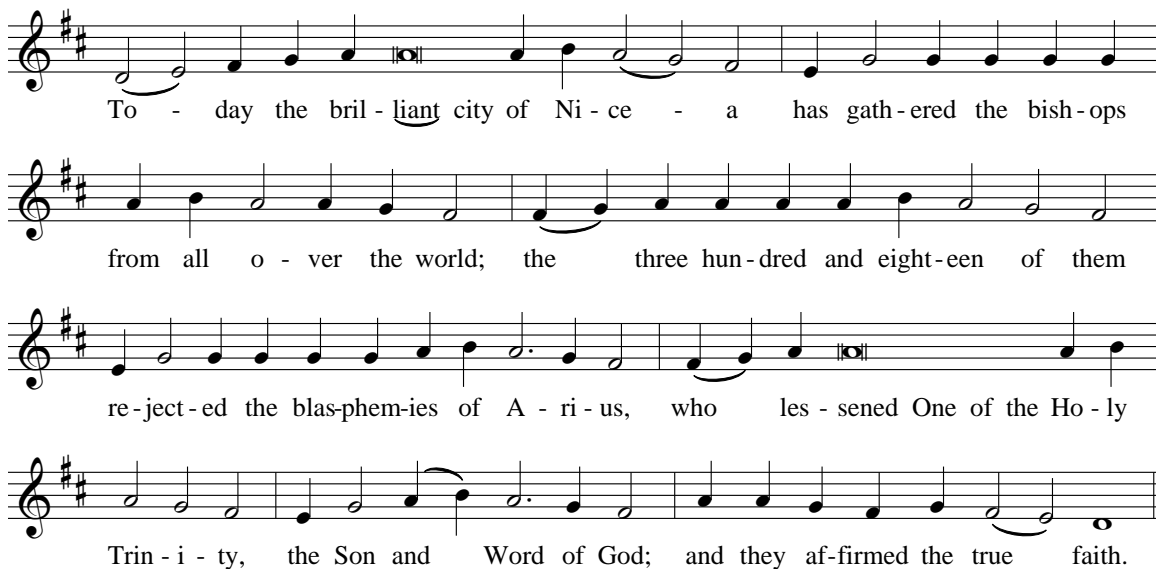
Sessional Hymn

Tone 4



You have tru - ly become the flaming torches of the truth of Christ through-out
all the earth, O bless-ed Fa - thers; you crushed the heresies of the bab-bling
phi - los - o - phers, and you ex - tin - guished the fiery winds of the un - god - ly
blas-phem-ies. O ho - ly Bish-ops of Christ, in - ter-cede for our sal - va - tion.

Cantor: Glory...



To - day the bril - liant city of Ni - ce - a has gath - ered the bish - ops
from all o - ver the world; the three hun - dred and eight - een of them
re - ject - ed the blas - phem - ies of A - ri - us, who les - sened One of the Ho - ly
Trin - i - ty, the Son and Word of God; and they af - firmed the true faith.

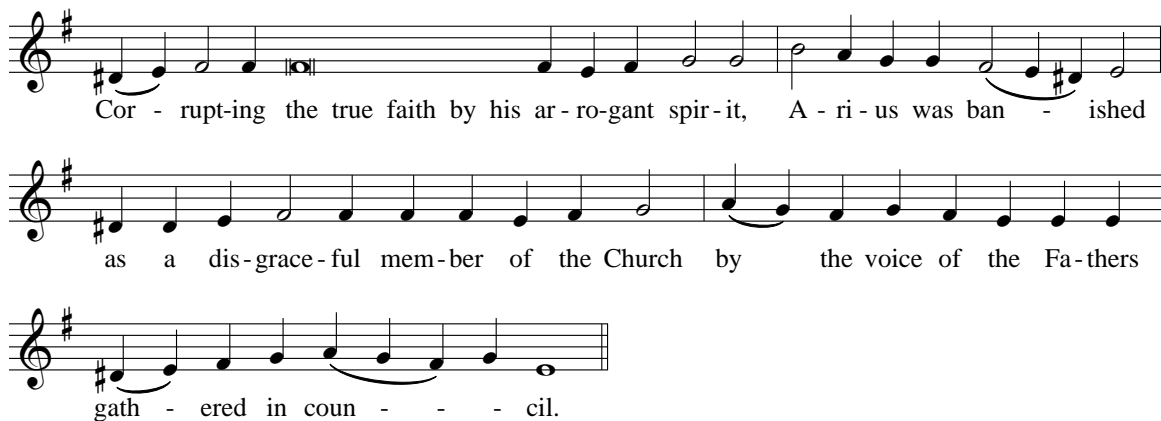
Cantor: Now and ever...



O Christ the Lov-er of all of us, you are glo-ri-ous-ly tak-en up to
 heav-en and are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther, with-out
 ev-er having left the fa-ther-ly bos-om. You prom-ised to send your Holy
 Spirit to your wise dis-ci-ples; send al-so your bright-ness up-on us;
 il-lu-mine our hearts and our thoughts so that we may praise you un-ceas-ing-ly,
 O Lord.

Ode 4
Irmos

Tone 6



Cor-rupt-ing the true faith by his ar-ro-gant spir-it, A-ri-us was ban-ish-ed
 as a dis-grace-ful mem-ber of the Church by the voice of the Fa-thers
 gath-ered in coun-cil.

Refrain

O ho - ly Fa - thers, pray to God for us.

The assembly of the Fathers led the battle for you, O Lord; they routed the enemy and proclaimed you as consubstantial with the Father and the Spirit. *Refrain*

By your divine humanity, you have become the mediator between God and people; for this reason the holy Fathers have proclaimed you, o christ, as the only Son who is glorified in two natures.

Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spir - it; now and ev - er

and for - ev - er. A - men.

Beneath the forbidden tree, my gluttony has killed me but the Tree of Life who has come forth from you, O Virgin, has raised me up and made me an inheritor of the delights of Paradise.

Katavasia

Tone 7

Med-i - tat - ing on your final com-ing, O Christ, the proph-et cried out:

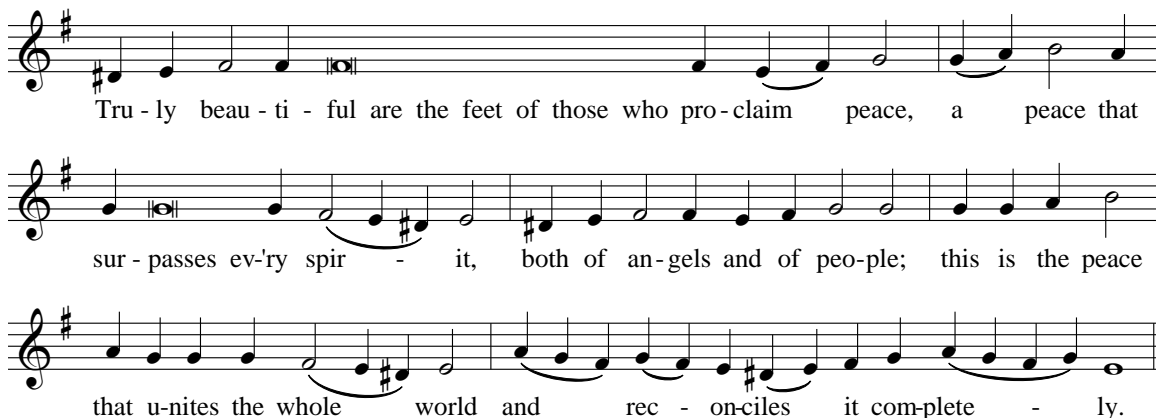
I have seen your pow - er, O Lord, for you have come to save those

who are con - se - crat - ed to you.

Ode 5

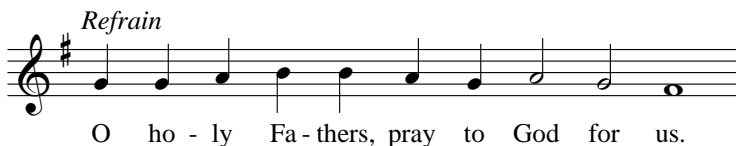
Irmos

Tone 6



Tru - ly beau - ti - ful are the feet of those who pro - claim peace, a peace that
sur - passes ev - ry spir - it, both of an - gels and of peo - ple; this is the peace
that u - nites the whole world and rec - on - ciles it com - plete - ly.

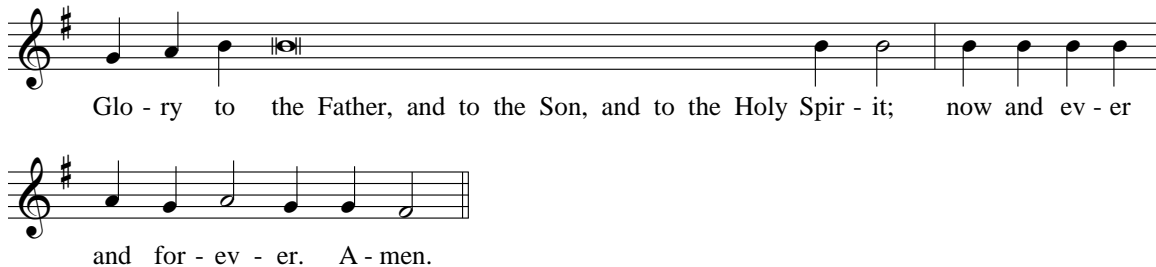
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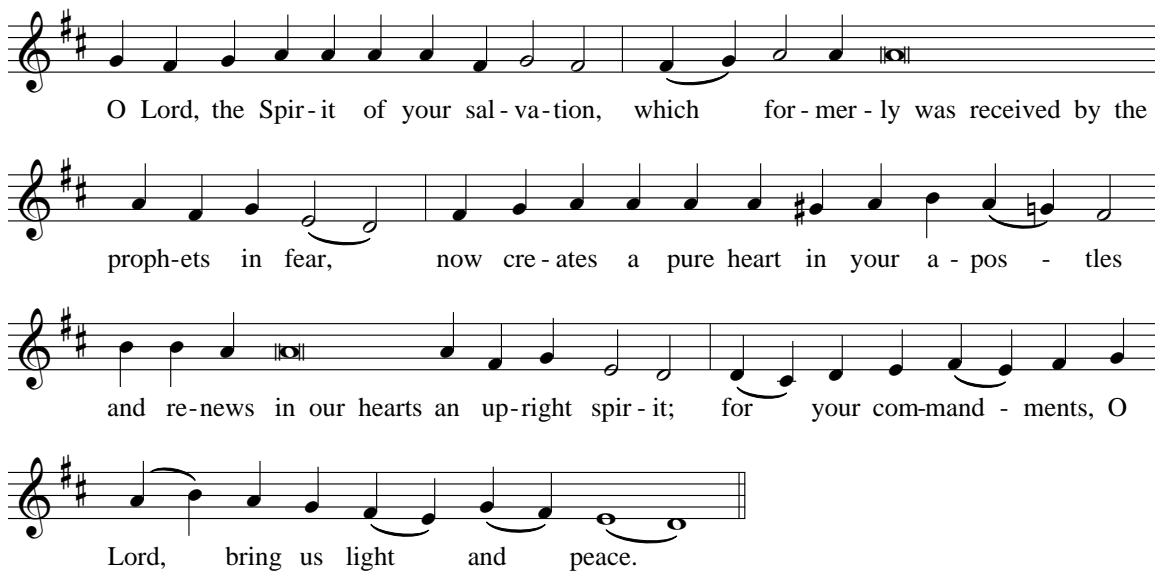
The assembly of the Fathers has proclaimed you, O Christ, as the Wisdom and Power of the Father and as the Word personified. Beacuse of their sacred priesthood, these holy teachers have divinely sealed this teaching. *Refrain*

You have allowed the Church to drink deeply from the most pure stream of the teaching of Christ; and now you rejoice near the restful waters with unending joy.

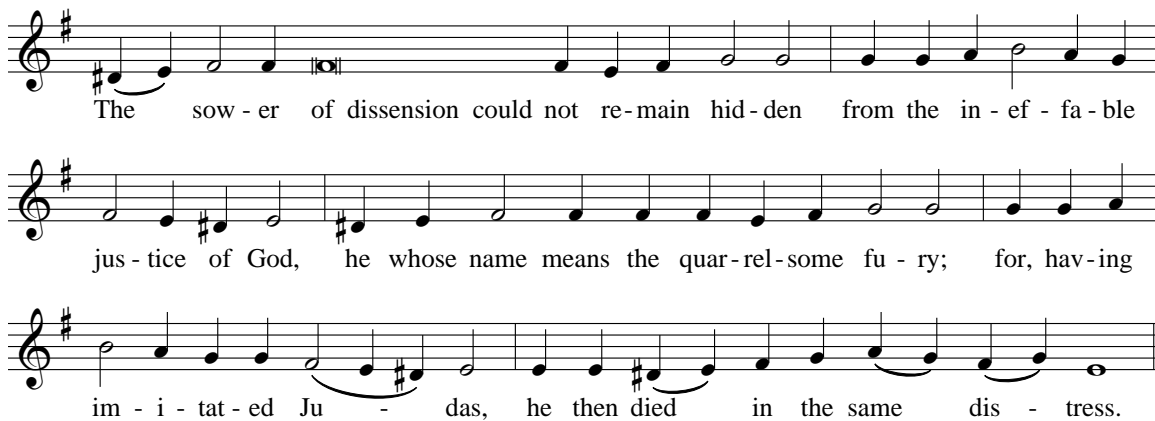


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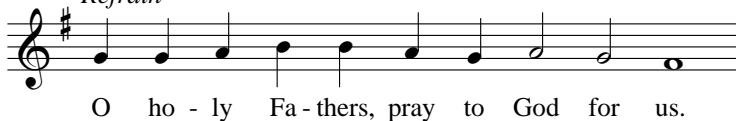
We recognize you as the bright lampstand, O Virgin, who makes Christ, the Sun of Justice, shine on all. O only Theotokos, we invoke your constant protection.

Katavasia*Tone 7*


O Lord, the Spir-it of your sal-va-tion, which for-mer-ly was received by the
 proph-ets in fear, now cre-ates a pure heart in your a-pos-tles
 and re-news in our hearts an up-right spir-it; for your com-mand-ments, O
 Lord, bring us light and peace.

Ode 6**Irmos***Tone 6*


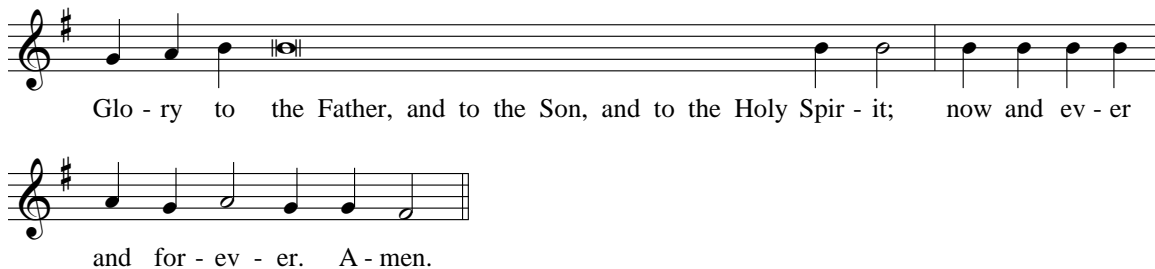
The sow-er of dissension could not re-main hid-den from the in-ef-fa-ble
 jus-tice of God, he whose name means the quar-rel-some fu-ry; for, hav-ing
 im-i-tat-ed Ju-das, he then died in the same dis-tress.

Refrain


O ho-ly Fa-ters, pray to God for us.

The august assembly of the holy Fathers, O Lord, has proclaimed you as the only Son and reflection of the Father, who makes his essence shine forth, and as the Son who was begotten before all ages. *Refrain*

The well which produced the muddy and undrinkable water of godless heresies was completely shattered; it was carefully dug up by the prayers of the Fathers.

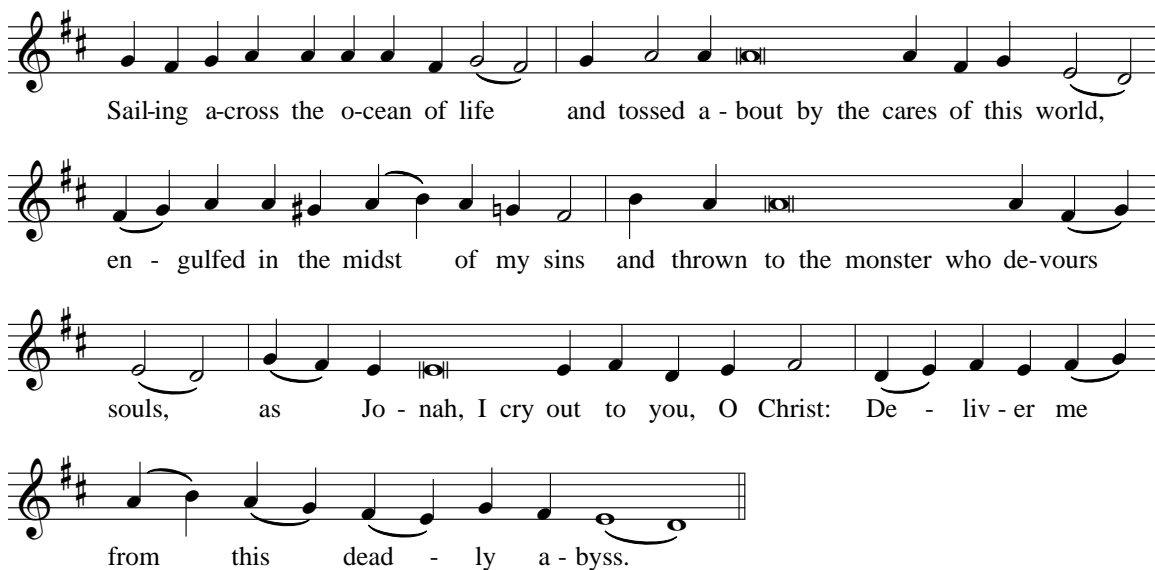


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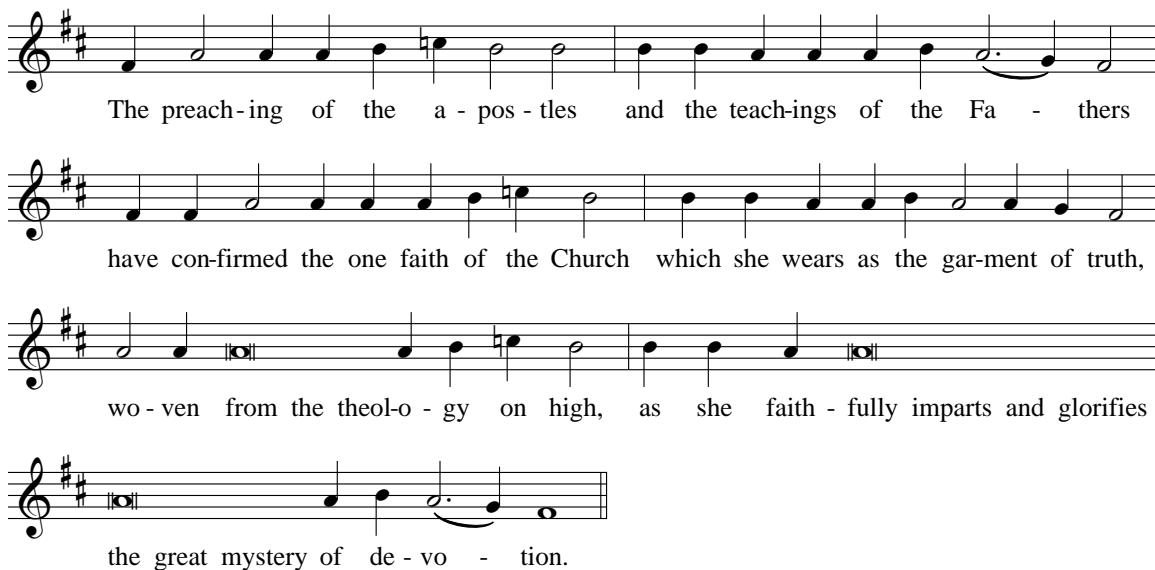
Moses, the greatest of the prophets, showed you in advance to be the ark and golden vessel, the holy table and the candlestand. He prefigured you in symbols, O Virgin and Mother, the Most High taking flesh in your womb.

Katavasia

Tone 7

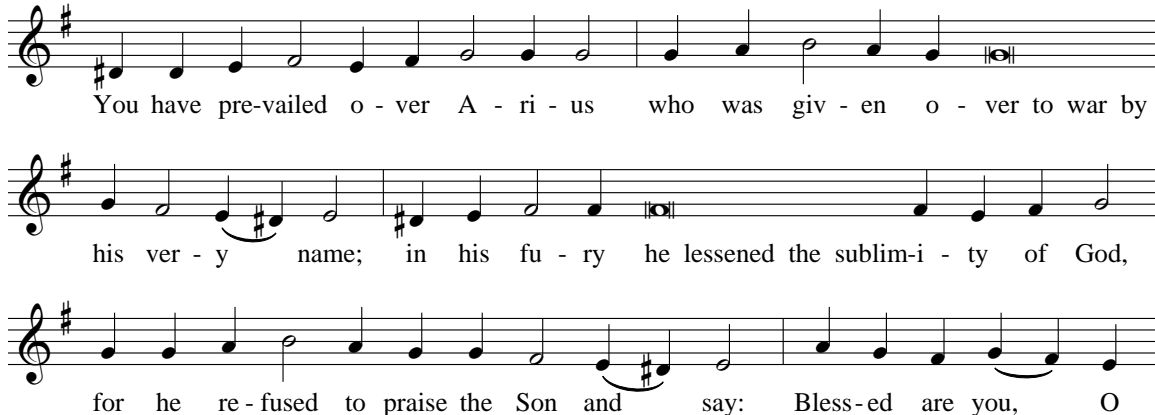


Sail - ing a - cross the o - cean of life and tossed a - bout by the cares of this world,
en - gulfed in the midst of my sins and thrown to the monster who de - vours
souls, as Jo - nah, I cry out to you, O Christ: De - liv - er me
from this dead - ly a - byss.

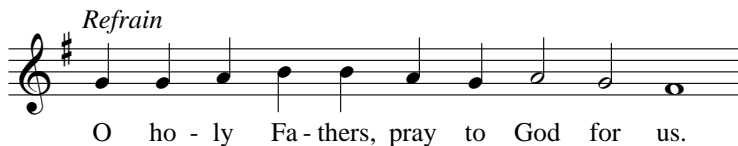
Kontakion*Tone 8*


The preach-ing of the a - pos - tles and the teach-ings of the Fa - thers
 have con-firmed the one faith of the Church which she wears as the gar-ment of truth,
 wo - ven from the theol-o - gy on high, as she faith - fully imparts and glorifies
 the great mystery of de - vo - tion.

Ikos Let us listen to the Church of God which cries out to us in a sublime proclamation: Whoever thirsts, let them come to me and drink! It is in the cup of Wisdom that I mix my wine; I have mixed it with the world of truth; and the water I pour out is not the water of strife, but that of harmony in the faith which the new Israel drinks, to whom God appeared, saying: Look and see! I am the same, I have not changed, I am the God both before and after all time. There is no other but I. Those who drink this water will be satisfied and shall praise the great mystery of faith.

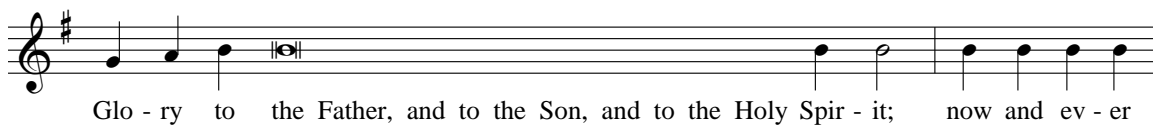
Ode 7**Irmos***Tone 6*


You have pre-vailed o - ver A - ri - us who was giv - en o - ver to war by
 his ver - y name; in his fu - ry he lessened the sublim-i - ty of God,
 for he re - fused to praise the Son and say: Bless-ed are you, O



Imitating the son of thunder, O holy Fathers, you have confessed that the Word is consubstantial with the Father and shares the same throne with him. With your flaming mouths, you have invited us to sing: Blessed are you, O Lord, God of our fathers! *Refrain*

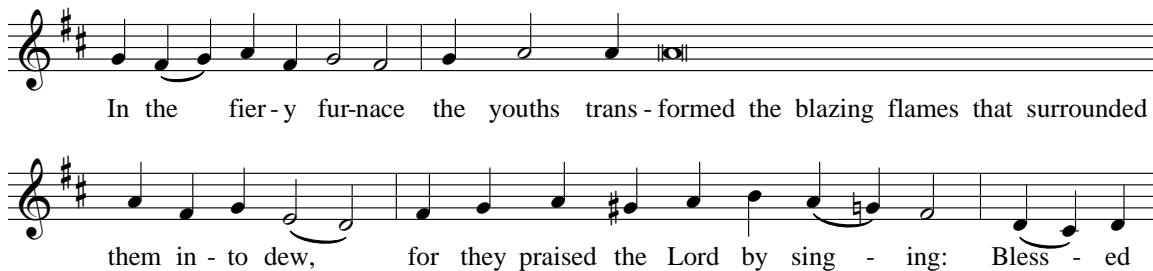
As on the wings of the wind, O blessed Fathers, you have come to the aid of the Word of God; for the Holy Spirit has gathered you from the ends of the earth to sing: Blessed are you, O Lord, God of our fathers!

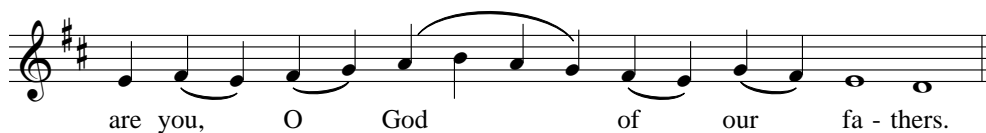


The fire that did not consume the three youths in the furnace was the image of your birthgiving; for the divine fire which dwelt in your womb did not burn you, but it enlightened all who sing: Blessed are you, O Lord, God of our Fathers!

Katavasia

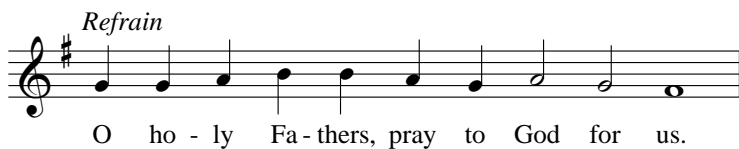
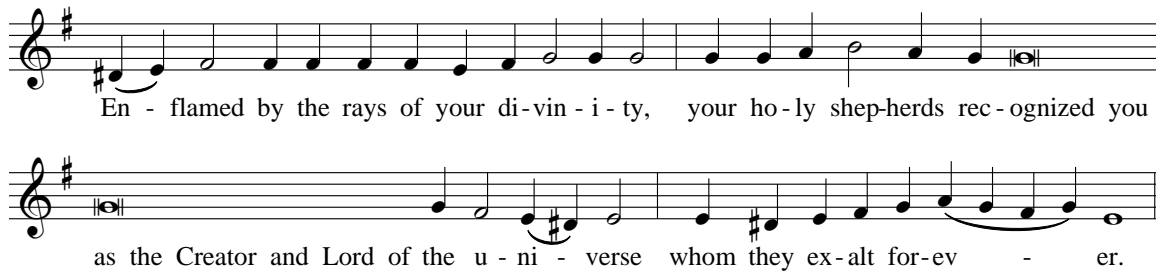
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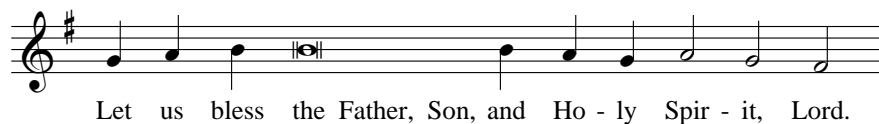


Ode 8
Irmos

Tone 6



The illustrious choir of the shepherds, in their council, defined the uncreated Trinity; and they call the faithful to sing: It is he whom we exalt forever.



The honored bishops and shepherds illumine the Church of Christ; they make it shine resplendently in all places and exalt it forever.



In symbols the prophets has mystically foreseen you, the Birthgiver of the Word of God; he took flesh and came forth from your womb in two natures; he is the One whom we exalt forever.

Let us praise, bless and worship the Lord, sing - ing and high - ly
ex - alt - ing him a - bove all for - ev - er.

Katavasia

Tone 7

On Si-nai, the bush that burned without being consumed re - vealed God to
Mo - ses as he spoke to one of un - sure speech; and in the furnace,
the three youths, in - vin - ci - ble in their zeal for God, be - gan
to sing a hymn of praise: Sing to the Lord, all you his works,
and ex - alt him for - ev - er.

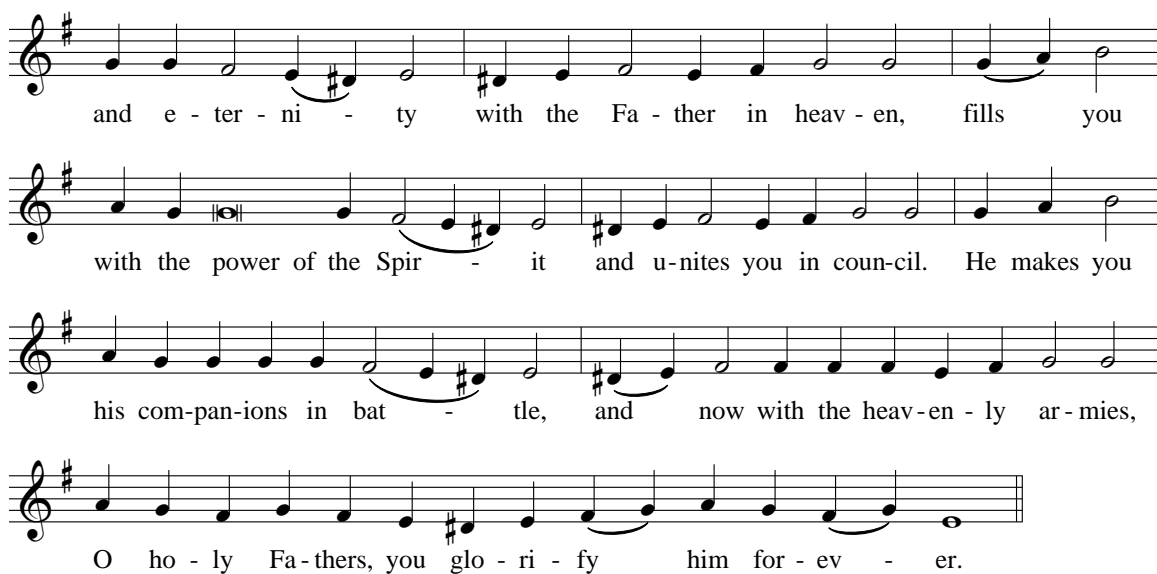
The Canticle of the Theotokos (Magnificat) is found on page 34.

Ode 9

Irmos

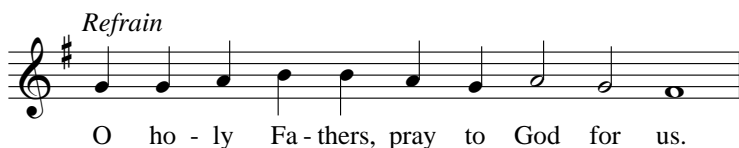
Tone 6

The Word who is from be-fore all a - ges, and who shares the same throne



and e - ter - ni - ty with the Fa - ther in heav - en, fills you
with the power of the Spir - it and u-nites you in coun-cil. He makes you
his com-pan-ions in bat - tle, and now with the heav-en - ly ar - mies,
O ho - ly Fa - thers, you glo - ri - fy him for - ev - er.

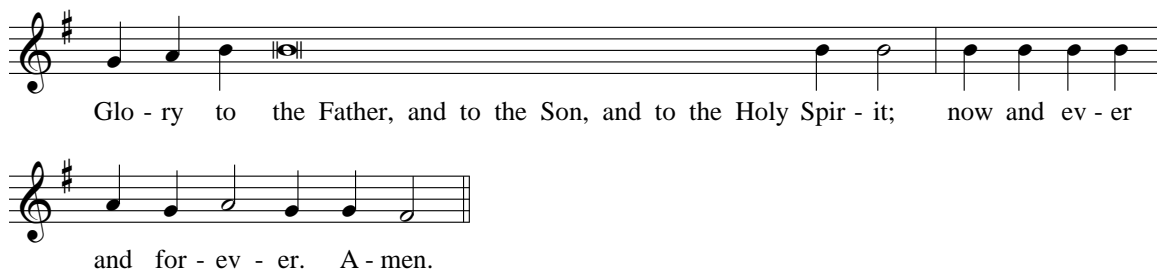
Refrain



O ho - ly Fa - thers, pray to God for us.

As wise physicians of body and soul, you have stopped Arius and his terrible heresy; you established the Symbol of Faith for the people, and we, who now profess this faith, glorify your sacred memory without ceasing. *Refrain*

O Light all-pure, you deliver my soul from the darkness of passions by the prayers of these holy bishops, O Christ; in council they proclaimed you to be eternal and uncreated, the Creator of the universe, and the God who shares the same eternity with the Father.

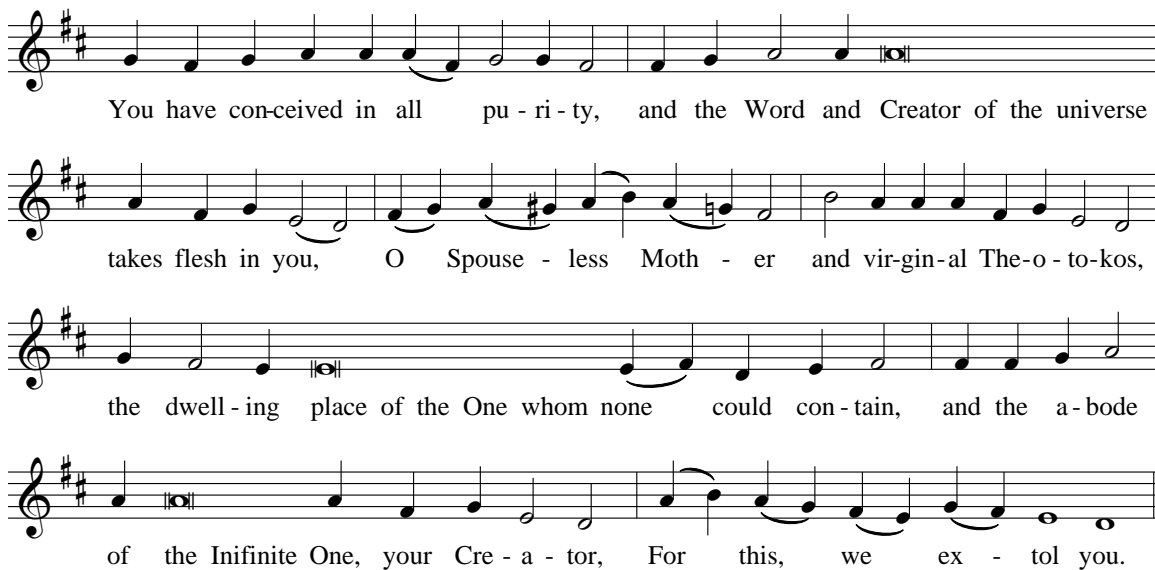


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and for - ev - er. A - men.

O Theotokos and Queen, by your ineffable birthgiving which no one can comprehend, resurrection is given to the dead; for the Lord of life comes from you. He is clothed in our flesh; and dispelling the darkness of death, he has filled the whole world with light.

Katavasia

Tone 7



You have con-ceived in all pu - ri - ty, and the Word and Creator of the universe
takes flesh in you, O Spouse - less Moth - er and vir-gin-al The-o - to-kos,
the dwell - ing place of the One whom none could con - tain, and the a - bode
of the Infinite One, your Cre - a - tor, For this, we ex - tol you.

Hymn of Light

The two sons of Zebedee, with Peter, Nathaniel, and Thomas, and two others were fishing in the Lake of Tiberias, By the command of Christ, they cast the net on the right side and drew out many fish. Peter, recognizing Christ, came swimming towards him. This was the third appearance of the Lord after his Resurrection. Then he shared with them bread and fish from the fire.

Glory...

Celebrating today the memory of our holy Fathers, we beseech you through their prayers, O Master of tenderness: Safeguard our people from all error and heresy; and grant that we may praise your glory, O Lord: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit.

Now and ever...

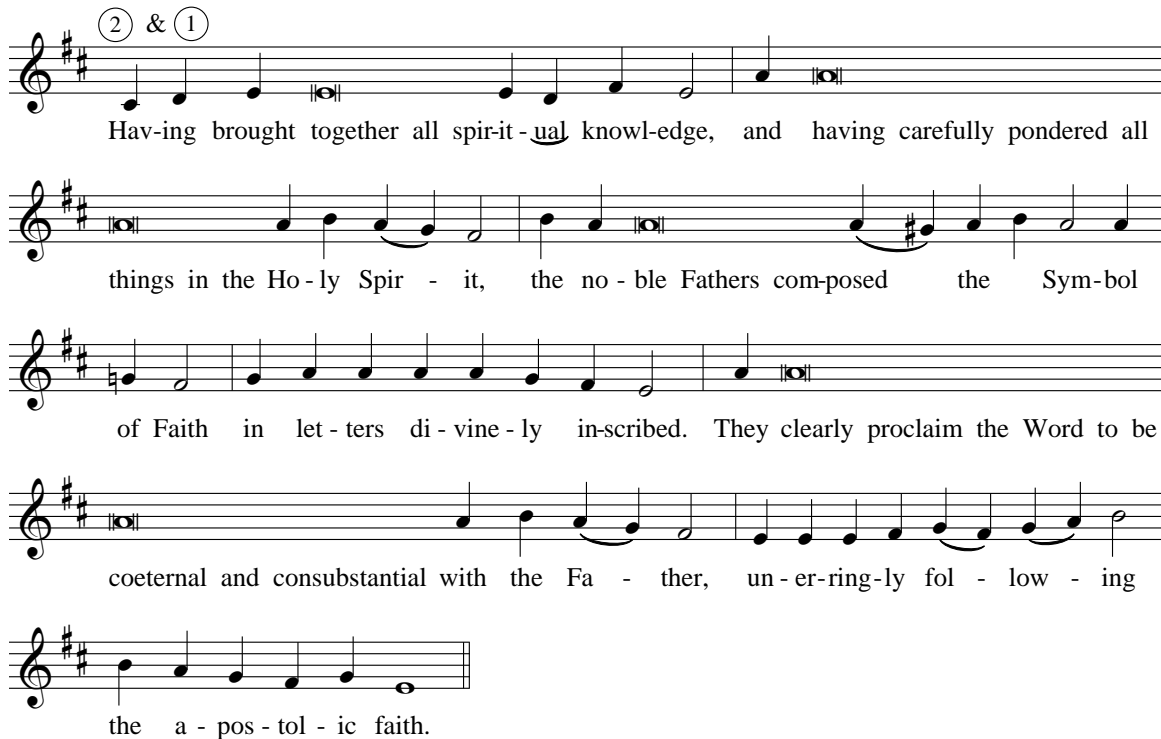
O Christ, you were raised up to heaven in the sight of your disciples; you again went up to share your Father's throne. The angels who came to meet you at the heavenly gate cried out: Open your gates and lift up your lintels so that the King of glory may come in, for our King comes again to the Source of light.

The Psalms of Praise are sung in Tone 6 through stich 3 (pp. 245 - 248).

Cantor: Praise him with timbrel and dance,
(on 2) praise him with strings and pipes.

Stichera of the Council Fathers - Tone 6

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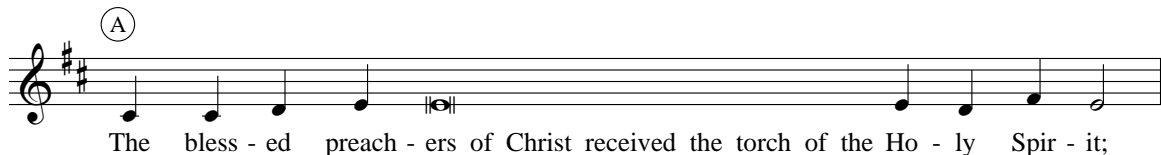


Hav-ing brought together all spir-it-ual knowl-edge, and having carefully pondered all things in the Ho-ly Spir - it, the no - ble Fathers com-posed the Sym-bol of Faith in let - ters di - vine - ly in-scribed. They clearly proclaim the Word to be coeternal and consubstantial with the Fa - ther, un - er-ring-ly fol - low - ing the a - pos - tol - ic faith.

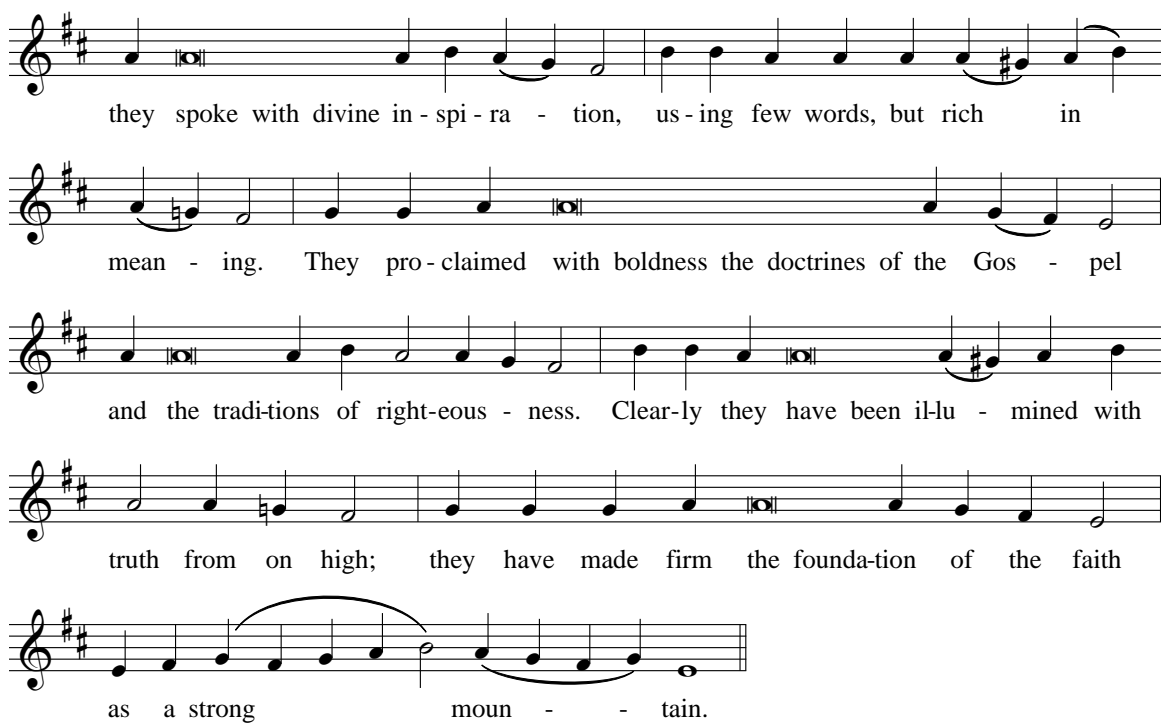
Cantor: O praise him with resounding cymbals,
(on 1) praise him with clashing of cymbals.
Let everything that lives and that breathes
give praise to the Lord. *Repeat "Having brought together..."*

Cantor: Blessed are you, and praiseworthy, O Lord, the God of our fathers,
(on A) and glorious forever is your name.

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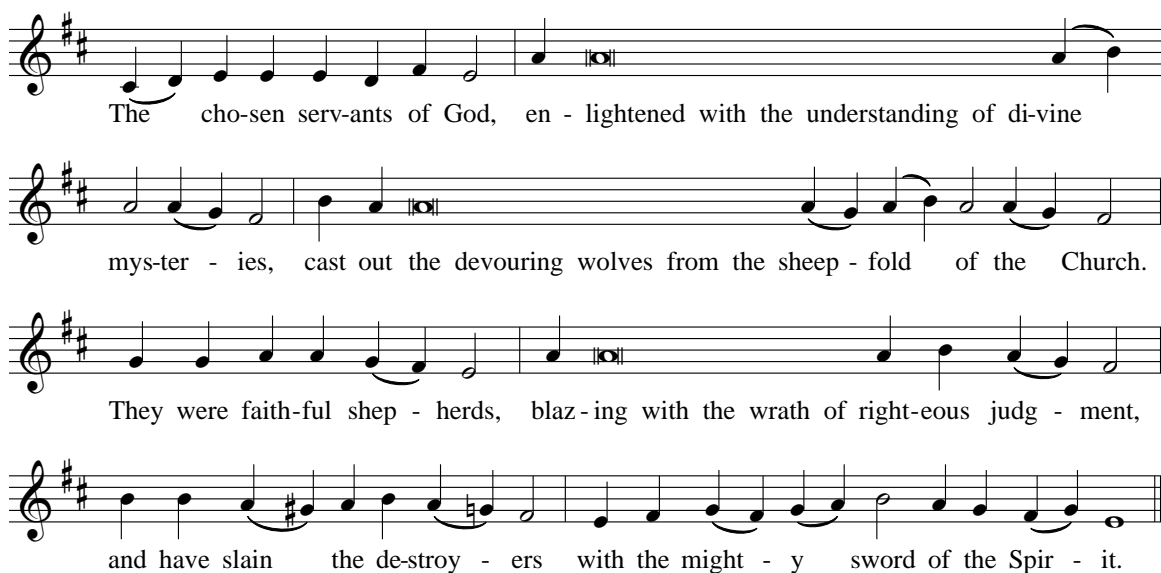


The bless-ed preach-ers of Christ received the torch of the Ho-ly Spir-it;



they spoke with divine in - spi - ra - tion, us - ing few words, but rich in
mean - ing. They pro - claimed with boldness the doctrines of the Gos - pel
and the traditions of right - eous - ness. Clear - ly they have been il - lu - mined with
truth from on high; they have made firm the founda - tion of the faith
as a strong moun - - tain.

Cantor: Summon before me my people who made covenant with me by sacrifice.
(on B)



The cho - sen serv - ants of God, en - lightened with the understanding of di - vine
mys - ter - ies, cast out the devouring wolves from the sheep - fold of the Church.
They were faith - ful shep - herds, blaz - ing with the wrath of right - eous judg - ment,
and have slain the de - destroy - ers with the might - y sword of the Spir - it.

Cantor: (Tone 8) Glory...

Doxastikon

Tone 8

The choir of the holy Fathers hastened from the ends of the earth to pro-claim
the unique es-sence and na - ture of the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly
Spir - it; and to trans - mit clearly the di-vine teach - ing of the Church.
Prais - ing them in faith, we call them bless - ed and we sing: Di - vine
guard of the Lord and brilliant stars of the spir-it-ual fir - ma - ment, un-con - querable
watchmen of the mys-tic - al Zi - - - on, sweet flow - ers of Paradise and
gold-en mouths of the Word, you are the glory of Nicea and the splendor of
the u - ni - verse; in - ter - cede with the Lord for our souls.

Cantor: *(Tone 2)* Now and ever...

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After the Dismissal, the Tenth Gospel sticheron is sung (page 65)