

**Vesper Propers, March 25, 2006**  
**Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast**  
**Leave-taking of the Annunciation**  
**Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel**

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*Beginning Prayers, p. 1*

*Psalm 103, p. 2 (chant) or p. 6 (melodic)*

*Litany of Peace, p. 8*

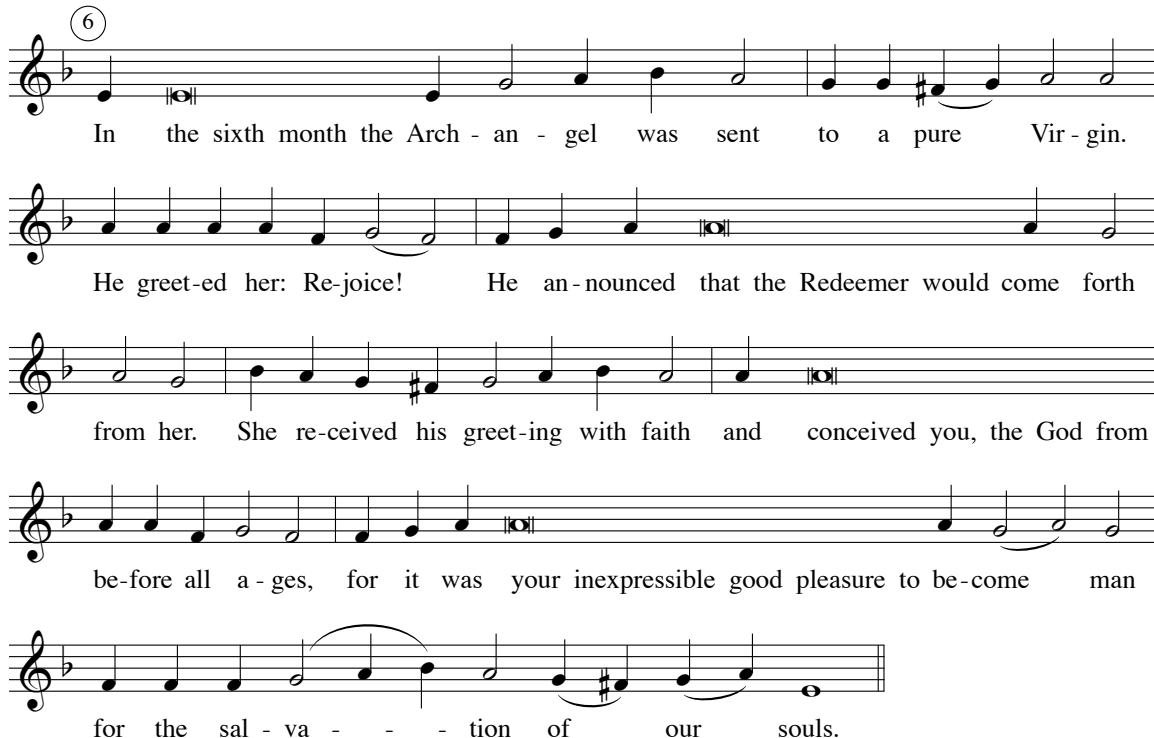
*First Kathisma, p. 10*

*Lamplighting Psalms and stichera 10-7 in Tone 4, p.59*

**Cantor:** If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord who would survive?  
*(on 6)* But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.

**Stichera of the Annunciation - Tone 4 samohlasen**

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In the sixth month the Arch - an - gel was sent to a pure Vir - gin.  
He greet-ed her: Re-joice! He an-nounced that the Redeemer would come forth  
from her. She re-ceived his greet-ing with faith and conceived you, the God from  
be-fore all a - ges, for it was your inexpressible good pleasure to be-come man  
for the sal - va - - - tion of our souls.

**Cantor:** My soul is longing for the Lord. I count on his word.  
*(on 5)* My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.

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The The - o - to - kos heard a voice she did not know. The Archangel spoke  
 to her the words of good news. She re - ceived the greet - ing with faith and con - ceived  
 you, the God from be - fore all a - ges. There - fore, we also rejoice and cry  
 out to you, O un - ap - proach - able God who were in - car - nate of her:  
 Grant peace to the world and great mer - cy to our souls.

**Cantor:** Let the watchman count on daybreak  
 (on 4) and Israel on the Lord.

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Be - hold our res - to - ra - tion is now re - vealed. God beyond words  
 is united with hu - man - i - ty. The er - ror is erased by the Arch - an - gel's voice,  
 for the vir - gin re - ceives the joy. What is earthly has be - come heav - en;  
 the world is freed from the an - cient curse. Let cre - a - tion rejoice and give voice

to hymns: O Lord, our Creator and Re-deem - er, glo - ry to you!

**Cantor:** Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,  
*(on 3)* Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

**Stichera of the Synaxis - Tone 1 podoben: Prechvalnii mučenicicy** *(Samohlasen settings begin on page 9.)*

The arch-an - gel Gabriel, the spirit who sees God face to face, gaz-es up on  
 the brilliant, saving, and gleam-ing Light. He sings heav-enly and awesome hymns  
 with the ranks on high. He im-plores God to grant peace and great mer - cy  
 to our souls.

**Cantor:** Praise the Lord, all you nations, **Psalm 116**  
*(on 2)* acclaim him all you peoples!

The great mys-tery, previously unknown to the angels and hid-den from e - ter - ni - ty,  
 is made known to you a-lone, O Ga-bri-el. When you came to Nazareth, you told  
 it to the pure One. To - geth - er with her, implore God to grant peace

and great mer - cy to our souls.

*Cantor (on 1)*

You made the winds your mes-sen-gers, and flam-ing fire your ser - - - vants.

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O prince of an-gels, all-per - fect Ga-bri-el, you are filled with the di-vine

bright-ness. You ful - fill the wishes and commands of the Al - might - y.

Save those who lovingly ven-er - ate you. Al - ways ask God to grant


peace and great mer - cy to our souls.

**Cantor:** Glory...

**Doxastikon - Tone 6 samohlasen**

The Arch - an - gel Ga - bri - el was sent from heav - en to the Vir - gin

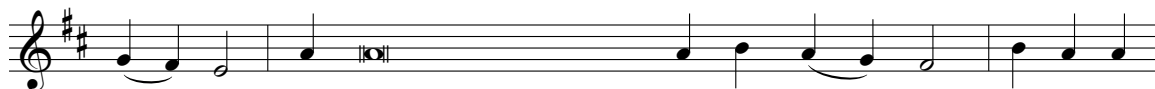
to an - nounce the good news of her con - cep - tion. Com - ing to



Naz - a - reth he was a - mazed as he reflected on the mys - te - ry:




How can the One Who Is incomprehen-si - ble in the high - est be born of a



vir - gin? Heav - en is his throne, the earth is his foot - stool, and in a




wom-an's womb he is con-tained. The six - winged seraphim and the many-eyed




cherubim cannot look up-on him; yet, with a single word, he has been pleased to




take on flesh. He re-mains the Word of God. Why do I stand still and



not say to the Maid - en: Re - joice, Full of Grace, the Lord is with you;



Re-joice, pure Vir - gin; re-joice, Un - wed - ded Bride; re-joice, Moth - er of Life;



bles - ed is the fruit of your womb.

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

*Tone 4 Dogmatikon, p. 64*

*Hymn of the Evening, p. 12*

*Saturday Prokeimenon, p. 13*

*Litany of Fervent Supplication, p. 13*

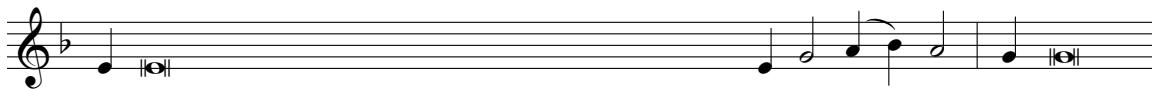
*Hymn of Glorification, p. 14*

*Litany of Supplication, p. 16*

*Apostichera in Tone 4, p.65*

**Cantor:** Glory...

**Aposticha Doxastikon - Tone 4**



To-day is the joy of the annunciation and the feast of vir-gin - i - ty. The creatures



of earth unite with those of heav-en. Ad - am is renewed and Eve is freed from her



an-cient sor-row. She who is of our own substance becomes the tem-ple of God



by the di - vin - ity of him who was con - ceived. O what mystery, the



incomprehensible quality of the con - de - scen - sion and the in - expressible wealth



of good - ness! An an - gel announc-es this mir - a - cle.

The virginal womb re- ceives the Son, and the Ho- ly Spir- it is sent down,  
 and the Fa- ther on high is well - pleased. Through the u - ni - ver - sal will,  
 rec - on - cil - iation is ac - com - plished for all. Let us, who have been saved in  
 it and through it, sing with Gabriel to the Vir- gin: Re - joice, O Full of Grace!  
 For our sal - va - tion, Christ our God took na - ture from you and joined it  
 to him - self. There - fore, im - plore him to save our souls.

**Cantor:** Now and ever...

*Aposticha Theotokion, Tone 4, p. 67*

*Prayer of St. Simeon, p. 19*

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*Troparion in Tone 4, p. 68*

*Glory...*

**Troparion of the Archangel - Tone 4**

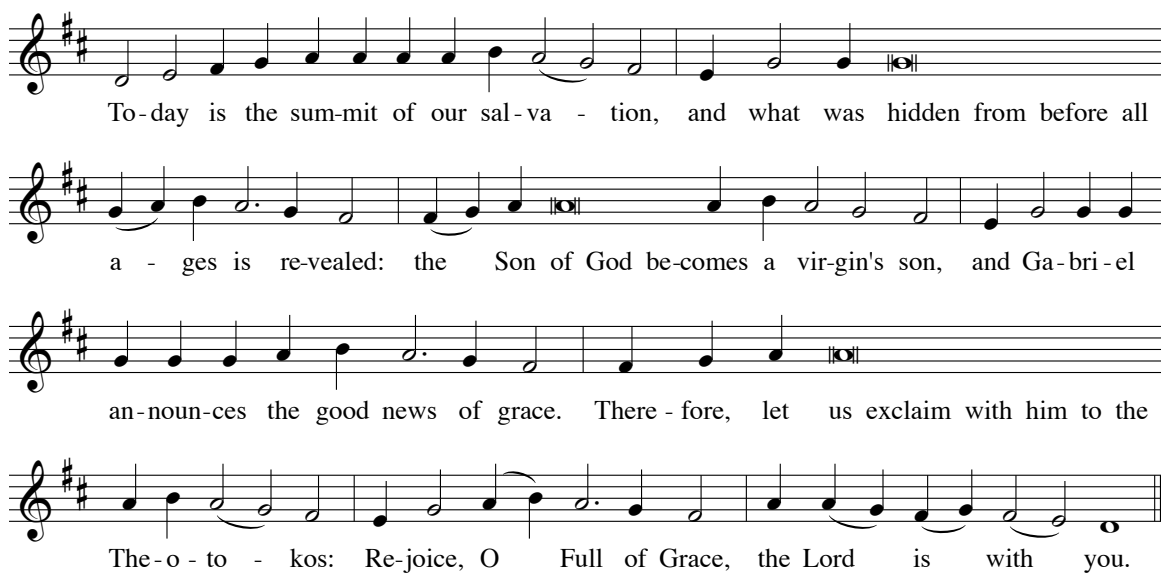
Lead - ers of the heav - en - ly ar - mies, al - though we are unworthy, we al - ways



be-seech you to for-ti-fy us by your pray'rs and to shel-ter us beneath  
the wings of your sub-lime glo-ry. Watch over us who bow to you and cry out  
fer-vent-ly: De-liv-er us from dan-ger, for you are the com-mand-ers  
of the pow-ers on high.

*Now and ever...*

**Troparion of the Annunciation - Tone 4:**



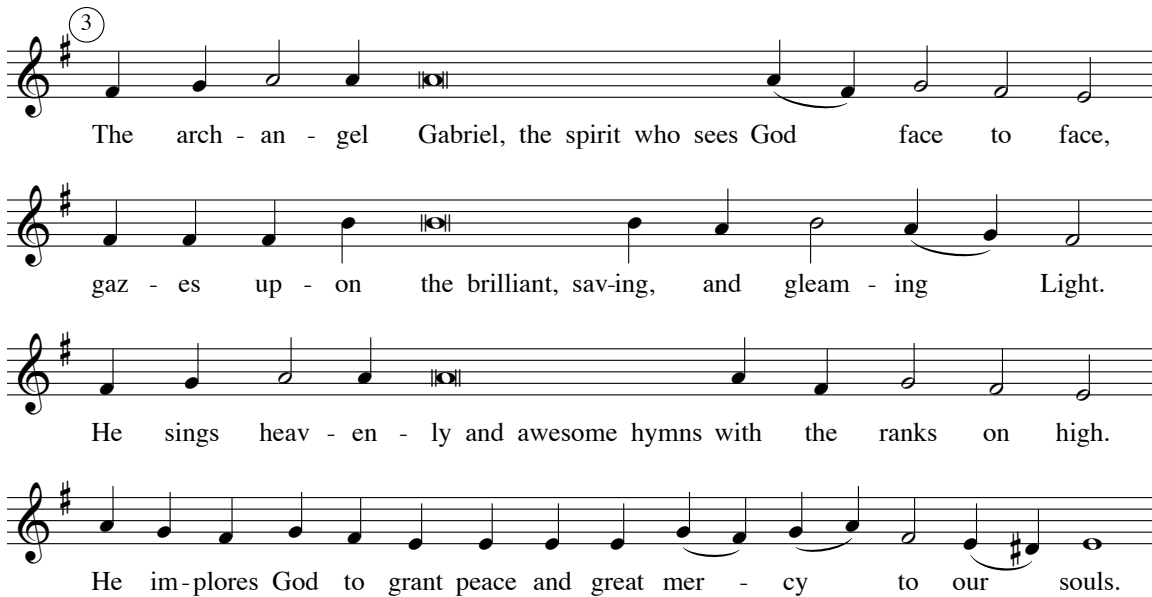
To-day is the sum-mit of our sal-va-tion, and what was hidden from before all  
a-ges is re-vealed: the Son of God be-comes a vir-gin's son, and Ga-bri-el  
an-noun-ces the good news of grace. There-fore, let us exclaim with him to the  
The-o-to-kos: Re-joyce, O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you.



## Stichera for Psalm 140 - samohlasen settings

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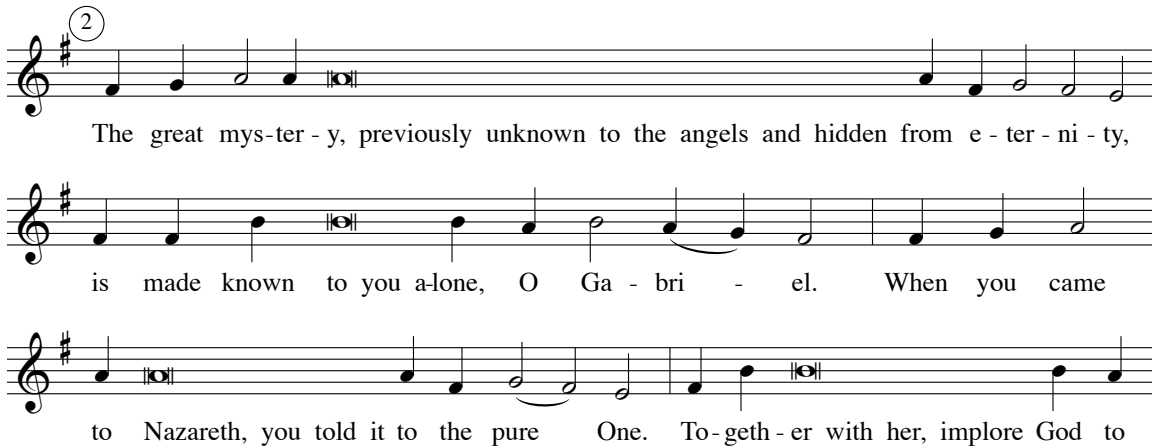
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great mer - cy to our souls.

*Please turn to page for for the Doxastikon.*