

Vesper Propers, October 1

THE PROTECTION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY.

On October 1, 911, during the reign of emperor Leo the Wise, there was an all-night vigil in the Blachernae church of the Theotokos in Constantinople. Standing near the rear of the church was St. Andrew the Fool for Christ, and his disciple Epiphanius. At four o'clock in the morning, the Theotokos appeared above the people with a veil spread over her outstretched hands, as if to protect them. She was surrounded by angels and saints. Seeing this, Andrew asked his disciple, "Do you see the Queen and Lady of all is praying for the whole world?"

The holy apostle Ananias, who baptized St. Paul in Damascus, as is related in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 9:10-19)

Our venerable father Romanus the Melodist, deacon, who merited the name "the Melodist" from his sublime art in composing ecclesiastical hymns in honor of the Lord and the saints.(496)

Our venerable mother Therese of the Child Jesus, who entered the Carmelite monastery of Lisieux in France while still a youth and was made a master of sanctity in Christ in innocence and simplicity. She taught a way of Christian perfection through spiritual childhood and poured herself out in the salvation of souls and in care for the mystical increase of the Church. She fell asleep in the Lord in her twenty-fifth year of life, on the thirtieth day of September. (1897)

Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays After Pentecost, 2005

Lamplighting Psalms: Tone 8, stichera 10-7, beginning on page 102.

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 Protection

*Tone 1 podoben: O divnoje čudo
Samohlasen settings begin on page 11*

O most pure The - o - to - kos, you are a might-y de-fend - er
for those in sor - row. You are a read - y help to those in

trou - ble. You are the sal - va - tion and con - fir - ma - tion of the world.

You are the depth of mer - cy, the font of God's wis - dom, and the

pro - tec - tress of the world. O faith - ful, let us sing and

praise her glo - rious pro - tec - tion, say - - - ing: Re - joice,

O wo - man full of grace, the Lord is with you! the Lord, who

be - cause of you be - stows great mer - cy on 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.

⑤ The won - drous proph - - - et I sai - ah fore - told:

The moun - tain of the Lord will be re - vealed in the last days, and the house

of the Lord will be up - on the moun - tain. O Queen and La - dy,

we have seen this proph - e - cy tru - ly ful-filled in you,

be-cause the moun-tains and hills have been a - dorned by the

man - y church - es named af - ter your feasts. There - - fore, we

joy - ful - ly sing out to you: Re - joice,

O wo - man full of grace, the Lord is with you! the Lord, who

be-cause of you be-stows great mer - cy on our souls.

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

O awe-some beau - - - - ty, you are the true

pro - phet - ic fulfillment for all the faith - ful. You are the glo - ry of

the a - pos - tles and the joy of the mar - tyrs, the pride of vir - gins

and a won-drous pro - tec - tion for the whole world. O

La - dy, with the man - tle of your mer - cy, pro-TECT our

Church and all the peo - ple who sing out to you:

Re - joice, O wo - man full of grace, the Lord is with you!

the Lord, who be-cause of you be-stows great mer - cy


on our souls.

Cantor: Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. *Tone 4 podoben: Jako doblja*

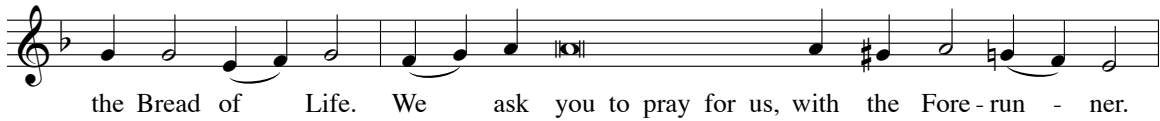
③ O The - o - to - kos, you co - op - er - at - ed with the in - vi - ta - tion offered

by the Ho - ly Spir - it. You were like a par - a - dise plant - ed by God

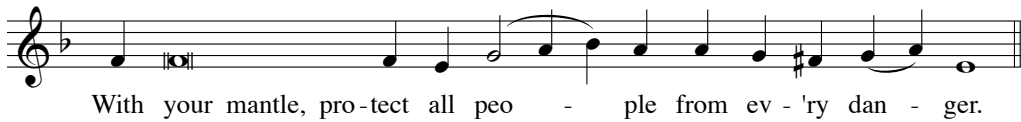
and the sight of the liv - ing Tree. We ac - knowl - edge you as having



brought forth the Cre - a - tor of all, who feeds the faith - ful with



the Bread of Life. We ask you to pray for us, with the Fore - run - ner.

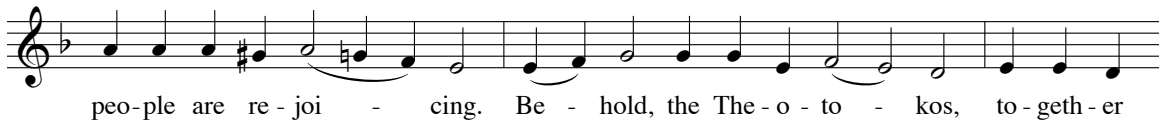


With your mantle, pro - tect all peo - ple from ev - 'ry dan - ger.

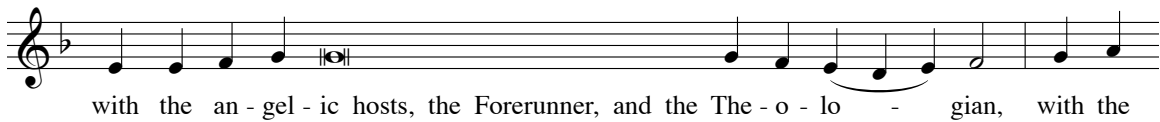
Cantor: Praise the Lord, all you nations, **Psalm 116**
(on 2) acclaim him all you peoples!



Heav - en and earth are sanc - ti - fied. The Church is radiant and all the



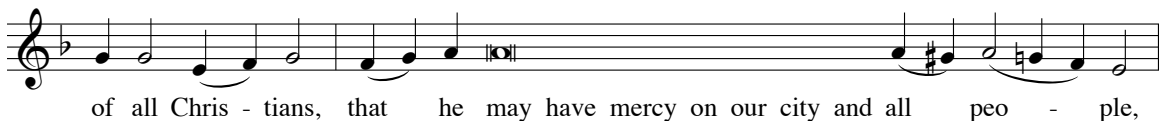
peo - ple are re - joi - cing. Be - hold, the The - o - to - kos, to - geth - er



with the an - gel - ic hosts, the Forerunner, and the The - o - lo - gian, with the



proph - ets and apostles, has in - vis - i - bly en - tered. She prays to Christ in behalf



of all Chris - tians, that he may have mercy on our city and all peo - ple,



who glo - ri - fy the feast of her Pro - tec - - - tion.

Cantor: Strong is the love of the Lord for us;
(on 1) he is faithful forever.

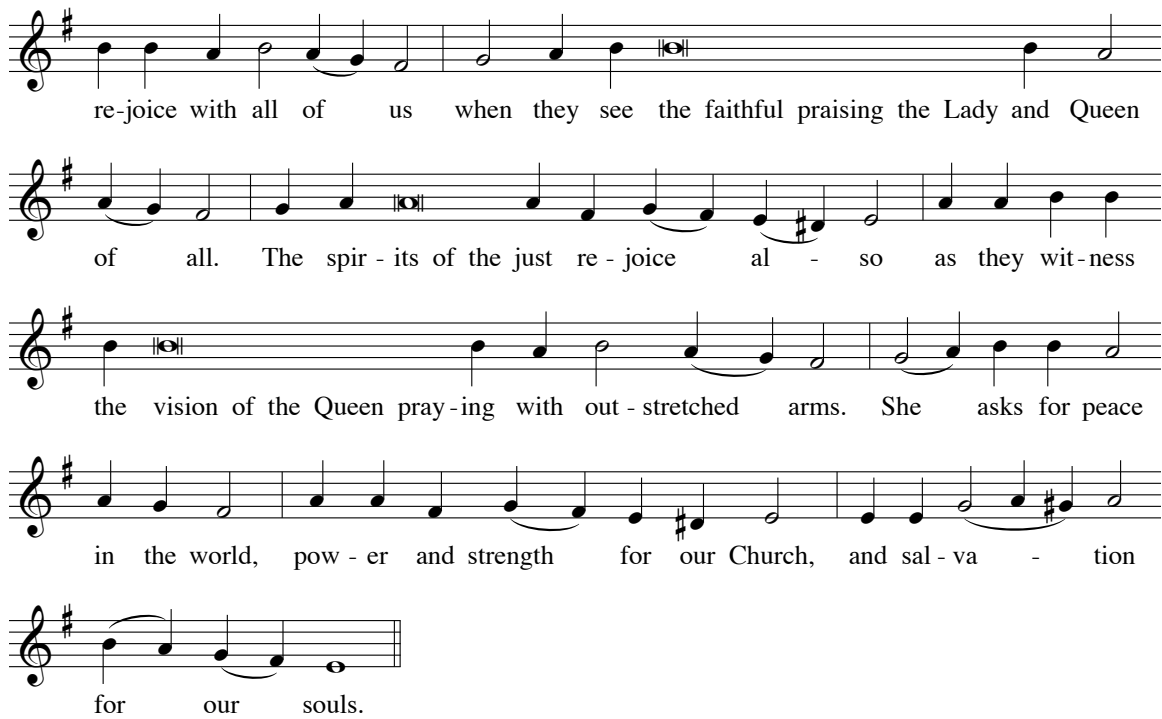
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O The-o-to-kos, you are the beau-ty of Ja-cob; you are the heav-en-ly
lad-der by which Christ came down to earth. In-deed, those
im-ages signify your hon-or and glo-ry. The an-gels in heaven
and all peo-ple on earth praise you, for you have giv-en birth to
the God of all. We hon-or you as you pray for the whole world
and cov-er with your man-tle all those who ob-serve your
ho-ly feast.

Cantor: (Tone 8) Glory...now and ever...

Doxastikon - Tone 8 samohlasen

All the lead-ers of the heav-en-ly ar-mies form a spir-itual choir and



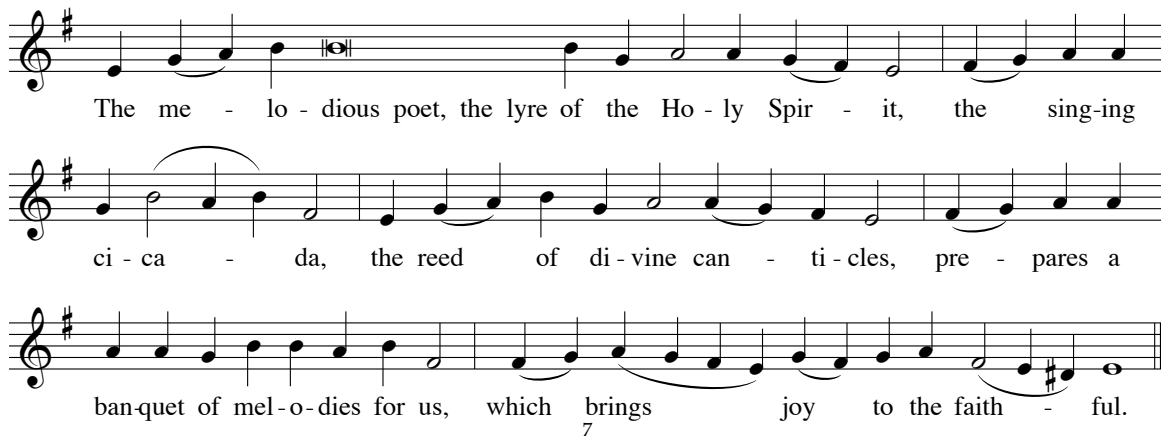
re-joyce with all of us when they see the faithful praising the Lady and Queen
of all. The spir - its of the just re - joice al - so as they wit-ness
the vision of the Queen pray-ing with out - stretched arms. She asks for peace
in the world, pow - er and strength for our Church, and sal - va - tion
for our souls.

Readings: Genesis 28: 10 - 17
Ezekiel 43: 27 through 44: 4
Proverbs 9: 1 - 11

At the Litija

Sticheron for Romanus the Melodist

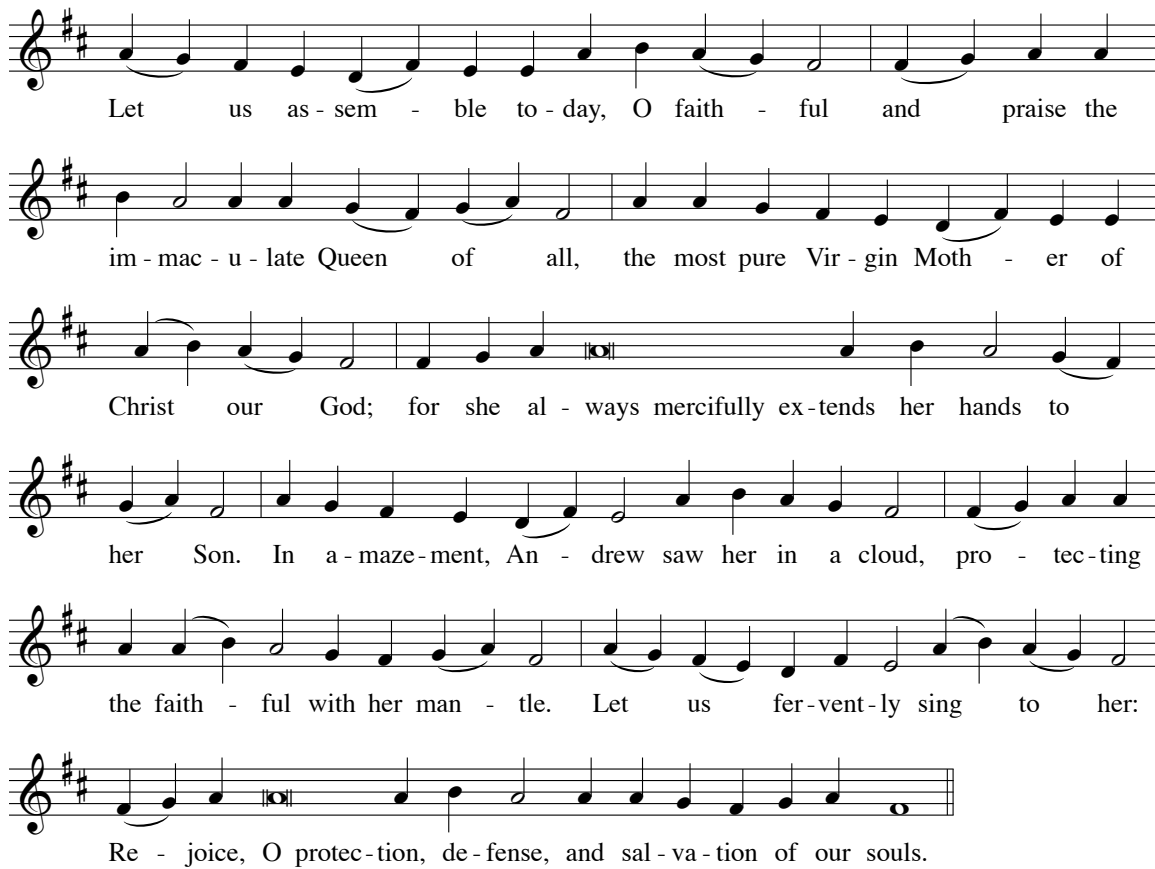
Tone 1 podoben: Nebesnych činov



The me - lo - dious poet, the lyre of the Ho - ly Spir - it, the sing-ing
ci - ca - da, the reed of di - vine can - ti - cles, pre - pares a
ban-quet of mel-o-dies for us, which brings joy to the faith - ful.

Sticheron for the Protection

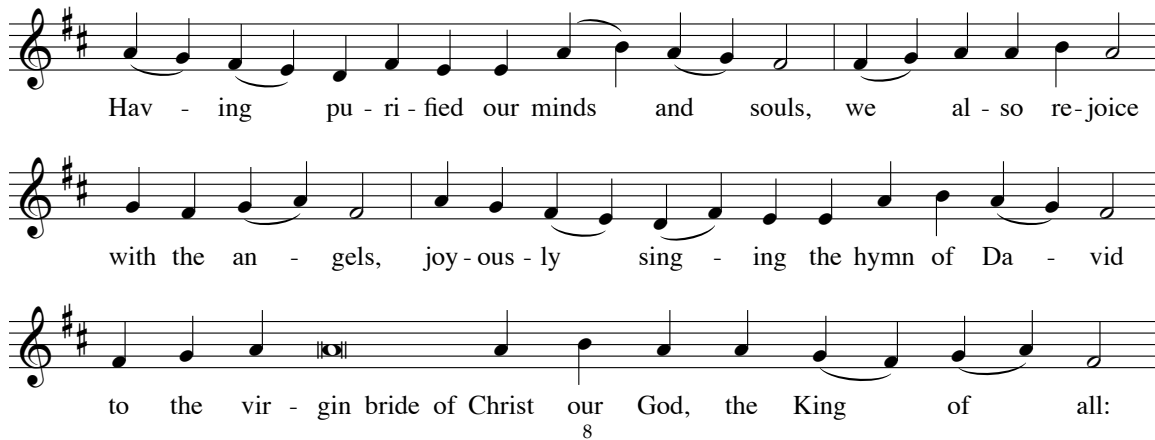
Tone 2 Bolhar



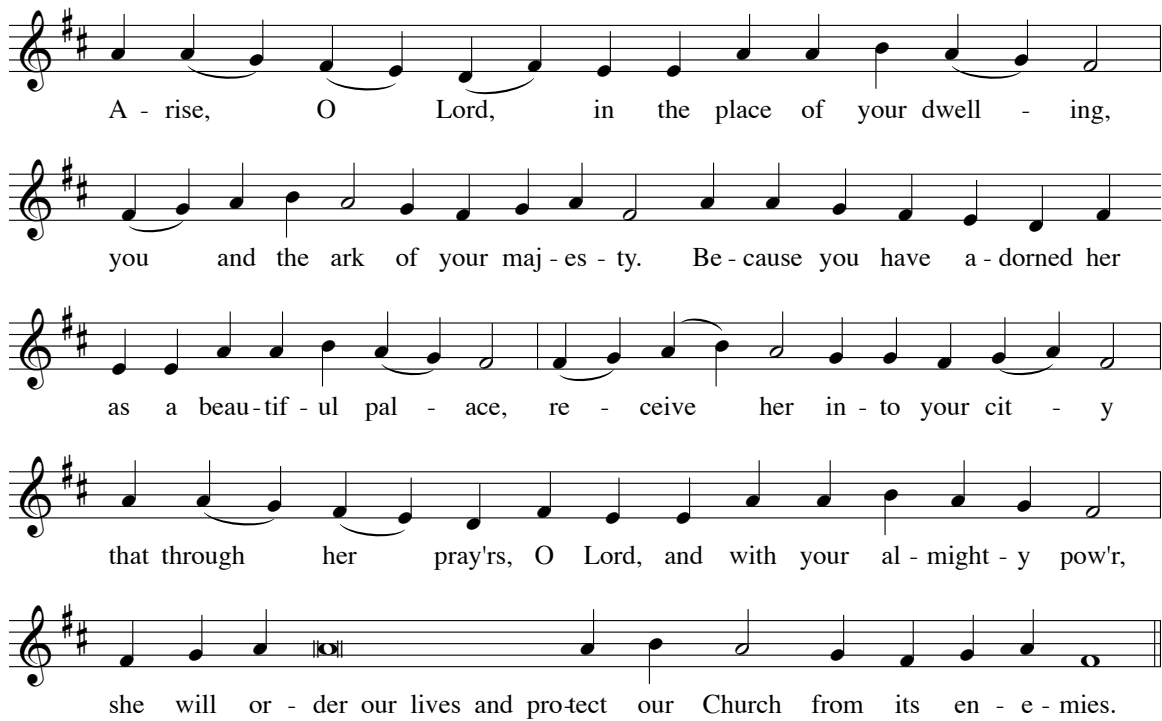
Let us as - sem - ble to - day, O faith - ful and praise the
im - mac - u - late Queen of all, the most pure Vir - gin Moth - er of
Christ our God; for she al - ways mercifully ex - tends her hands to
her Son. In a - maze - ment, An - drew saw her in a cloud, pro - tec - ting
the faith - ful with her man - tle. Let us fer - vent - ly sing to her:
Re - joice, O protec - tion, de - fense, and sal - va - tion of our souls.

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

Doxastikon - Tone 2 Bolhar



Hav - ing pu - ri - fied our minds and souls, we al - so re - joice
with the an - gels, joy - ous - ly sing - ing the hymn of Da - vid
to the vir - gin bride of Christ our God, the King of all:



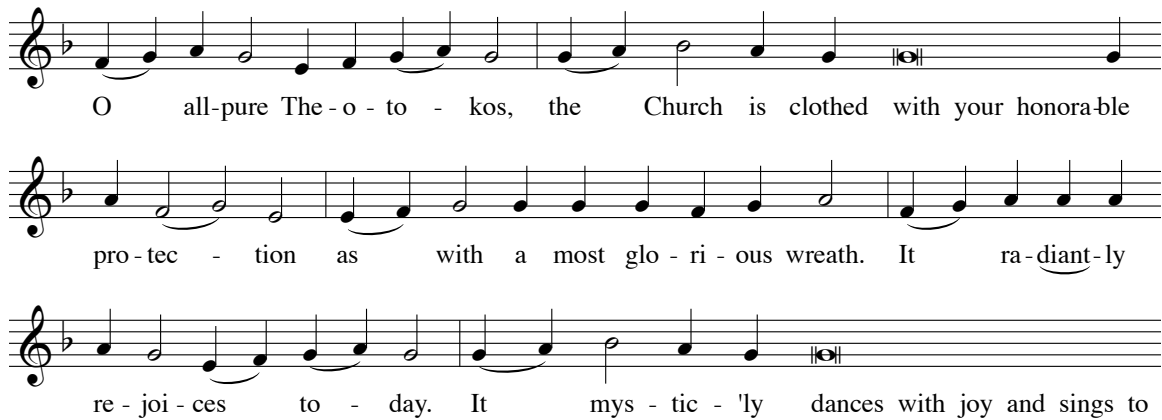
A - rise, O Lord, in the place of your dwell - ing,
 you and the ark of your maj - es - ty. Be - cause you have a - dorned her
 as a beau - tif - ul pal - ace, re - ceive her in - to your cit - y
 that through her pray'rs, O Lord, and with your al - might - y pow'r,
 she will or - der our lives and pro - tect our Church from its en - e - mies.

Litija Litany p.116

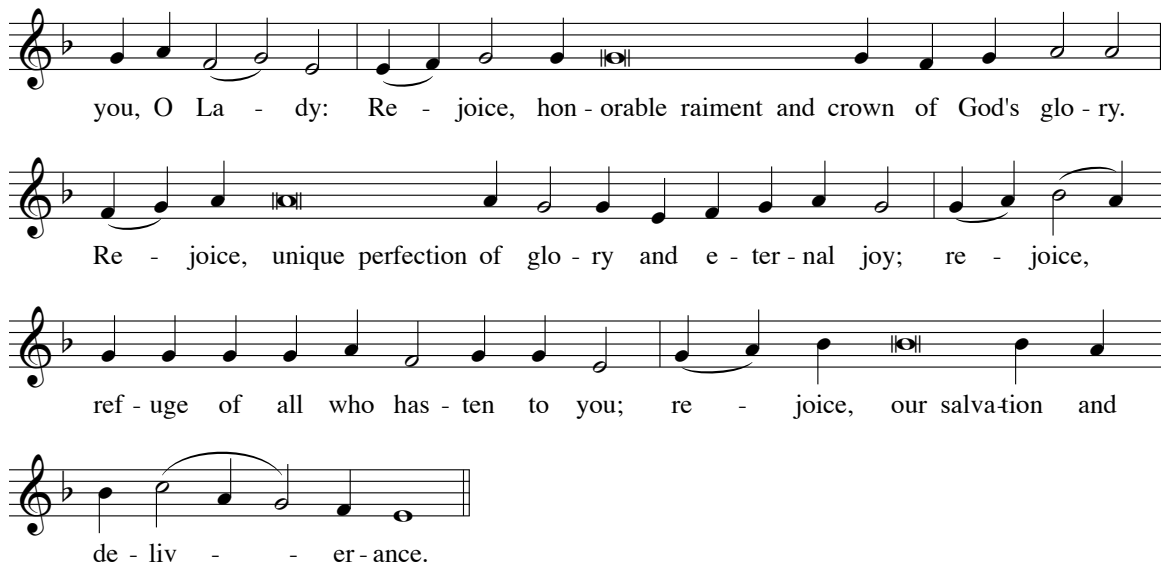
Aposticha, Tone 8, page 108

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

Doxastikon - Tone 2 samohlasen

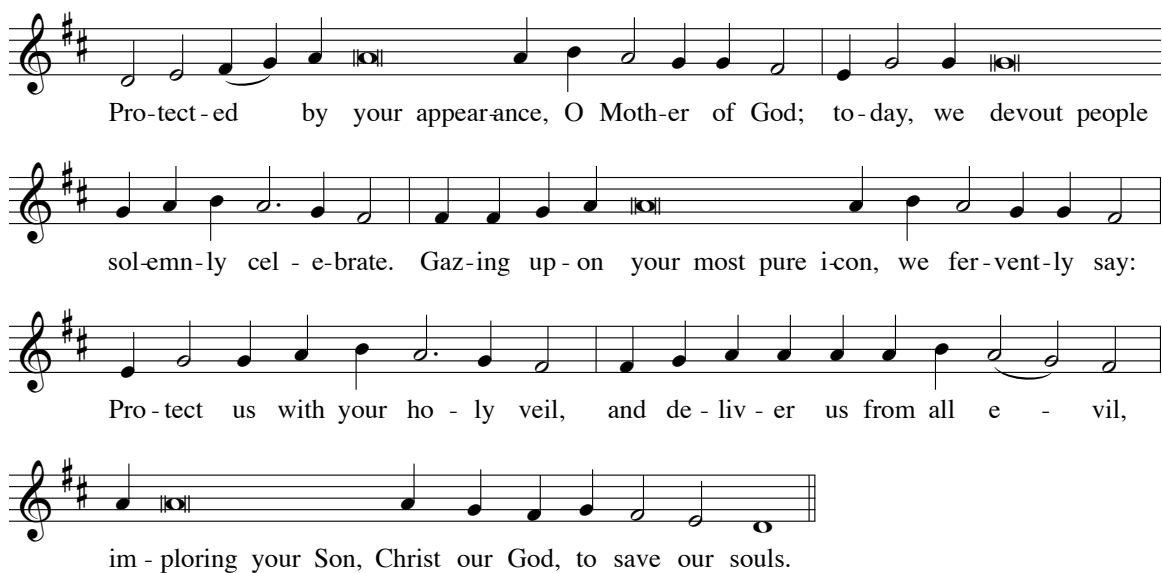


O all-pure The - o - to - kos, the Church is clothed with your honorable
 pro - tec - tion as with a most glo - ri - ous wreath. It ra - diant - ly
 re - joi - ces to - day. It mys - tic - 'ly dances with joy and sings to



you, O La - dy: Re - joice, hon - orable raiment and crown of God's glo - ry.
 Re - joice, unique perfection of glo - ry and e - ter - nal joy; re - joice,
 ref - uge of all who has - ten to you; re - joice, our salva - tion and
 de - liv - er - ance.

Troparion - Resurrection Tone 4 (sung three times)



Pro - tect - ed by your appear - ance, O Moth - er of God; to - day, we devout people
 sol - emn - ly cel - e - brate. Gaz - ing up - on your most pure i - con, we fer - vent - ly say:
 Pro - tect us with your ho - ly veil, and de - liv - er us from all e - vil,
 im - ploring your Son, Christ our God, to save our souls.

Blessing of Bread, p. 119

Stichera at the Lamplighting Psalms: Samohlasen settings

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.

Tone 1 samohlasen



O most pure The-o - to - kos, you are a mighty defender for those in sor - row.



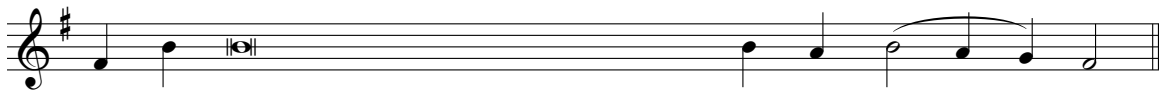
You are a read - y help to those in trou - ble. You are the salvation and



con - fir - ma - tion of the world. You are the depth of mer - cy,



the font of God's wis - dom, and the pro - tec - tress of the world.



O faith - ful, let us sing and praise her glorious pro - tec - tion, say - - - ing:



Re - joice, O wo - man full of grace, the Lord is with you!



the Lord, who be - cause of you be - stows great mer - cy on our souls.

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be revealed in the last days, and the house of the Lord will be up-on the

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in you, be - cause the mountain and hills have been a - dorned by the

man - y church-es named af - ter your feasts. There-fore, we joy - ful-ly sing out

to you: Re - joice, O wo-man full of grace, the Lord is with you!

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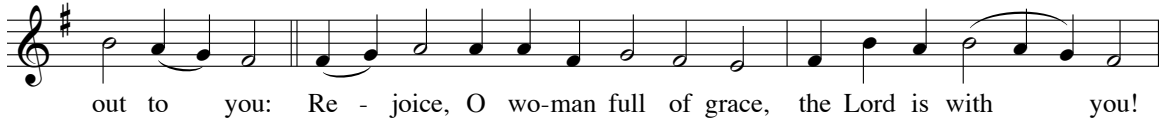
O awe-some beau - ty, you are the true prophetic fulfillment for all the

faith - ful. You are the glo - ry of the apostles and the joy of the mar - tyrs,

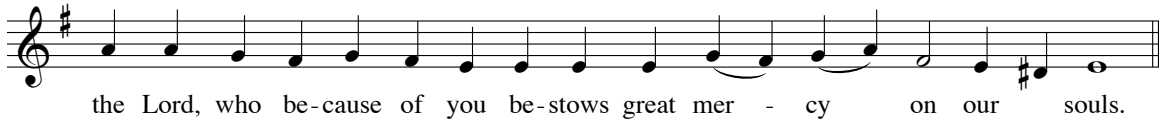
the pride of virgins and a wondrous protection for the whole world. O La-dy,



with the mantle of your mer - cy, pro-tect our Church and all the people who sing

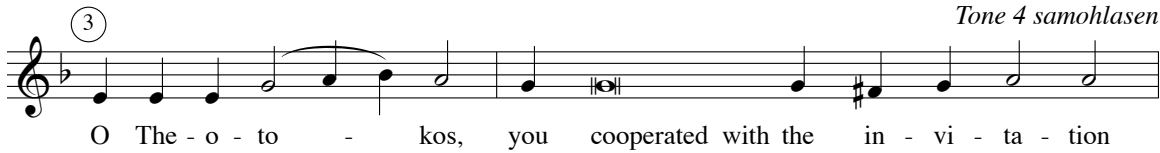


out to you: Re - joice, O wo-man full of grace, the Lord is with you!



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③ O The - o - to - kos, you cooperated with the in - vi - ta - tion

Tone 4 samohlasen



off - ered by the Ho - ly Spir - it. You were like a para-dise plant - ed by God



and the sight of the liv - ing Tree. We acknowledge you as having brought forth the



Cre - a - tor of all, who feeds the faithful with the Bread of Life. We



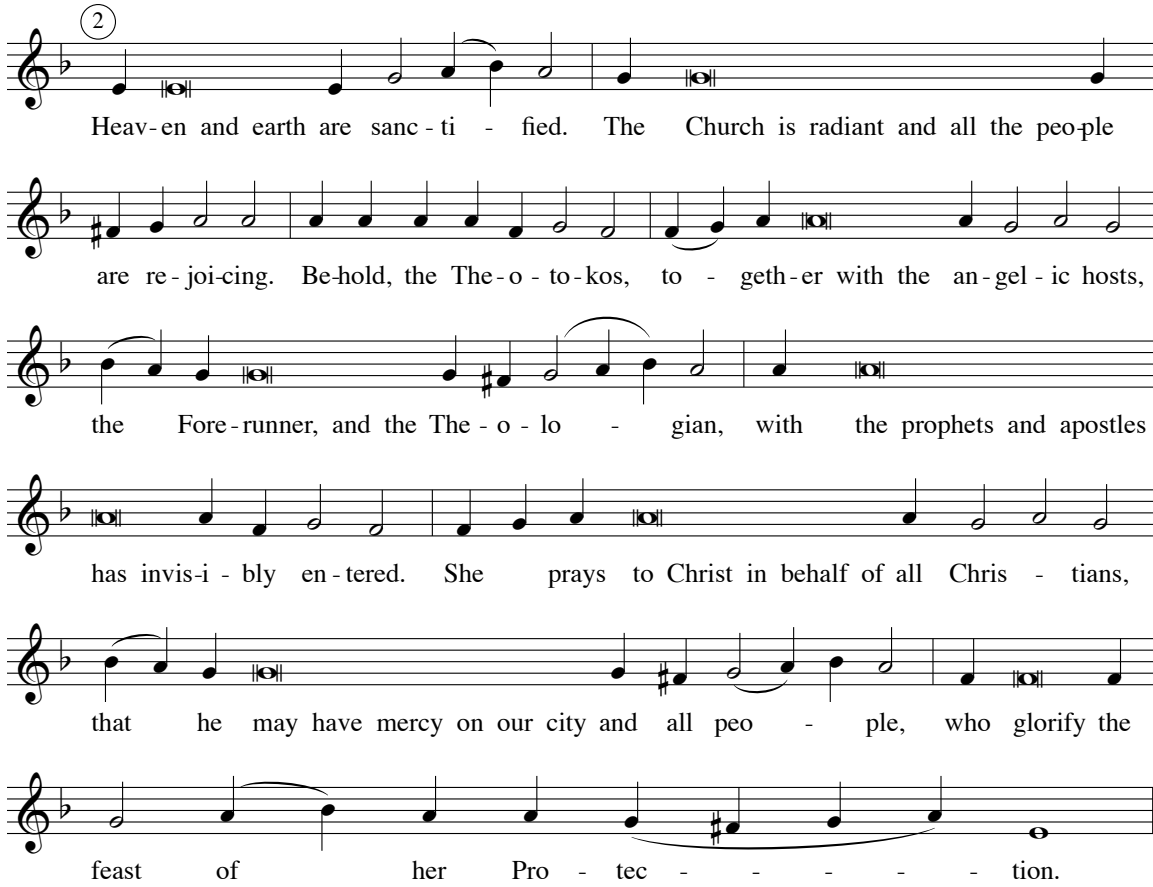
ask you to pray for us, with the Fore-run - ner. With your mantle, protect all



peo - - ple from ev - 'ry dan - ger.

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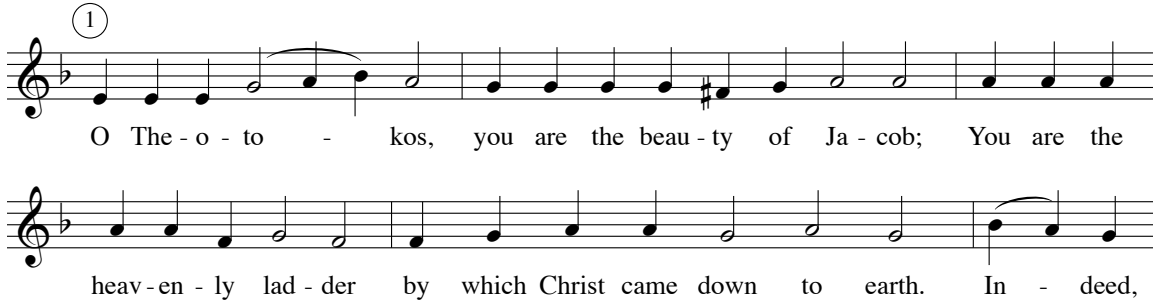
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Heav-en and earth are sanc-ti - - fied. The Church is radiant and all the peo-ple
are re-joi-cing. Be-hold, the The-o - to-kos, to - geth-er with the an-gel - ic hosts,
the Fore-runner, and the The - o - lo - - gian, with the prophets and apostles
has invis-i - bly en-tered. She prays to Christ in behalf of all Chris - tians,
that he may have mercy on our city and all peo - ple, who glorify the
feast of her Pro - tec - - - - - tion.

Cantor: Strong is the love of the Lord for us;
(on 1) he is faithful forever.

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O The - o - to - - kos, you are the beau - ty of Ja - cob; You are the
heav - en - ly lad - der by which Christ came down to earth. In - deed,

those images signify your hon-or and glo - ry. The angels in heaven and
all people on earth praise you, for you have given birth to the God of all.
We hon - or you as you pray for the whole world and cov - er with your
man - tle all those who ob - serve your ho - ly feast.

Please turn to page 6 in this supplement for the Doxastikon.