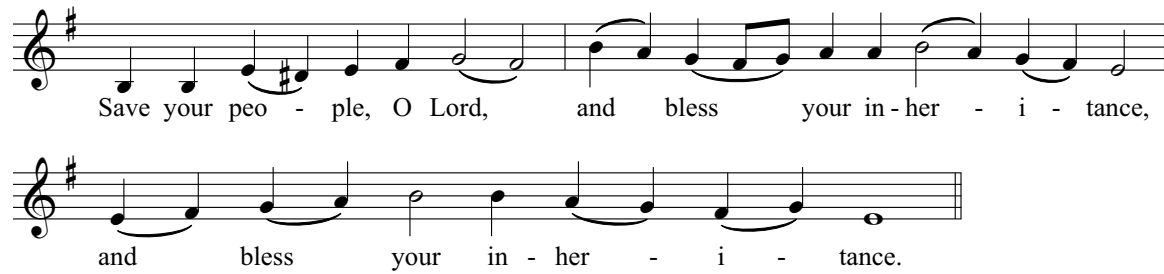


Divine Liturgy Propers, September 7, 2008
SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
Pre-festive Day of the Nativity of the Theotokos

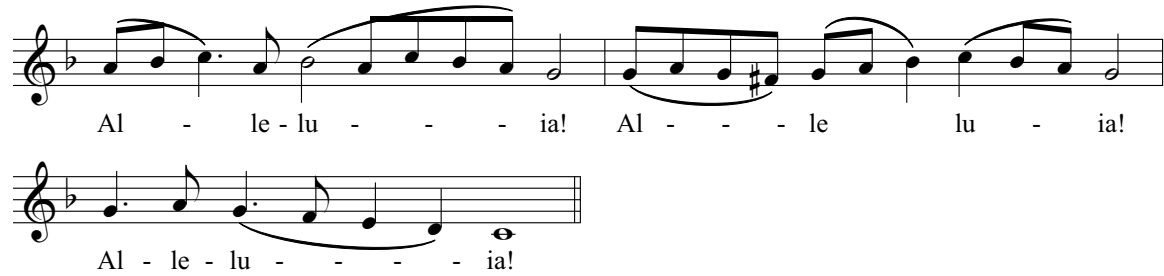
Prokeimenon - *Tone 6 (Psalm 27:9,1):*



Save your peo - ple, O Lord, and bless your in - her - i - tance,
 and bless your in - her - i - tance.

Verse: To you, O Lord, I cry out: My God, be not silent to me.

Alleluia - *Tone 1 (Psalm 88:20-22):*



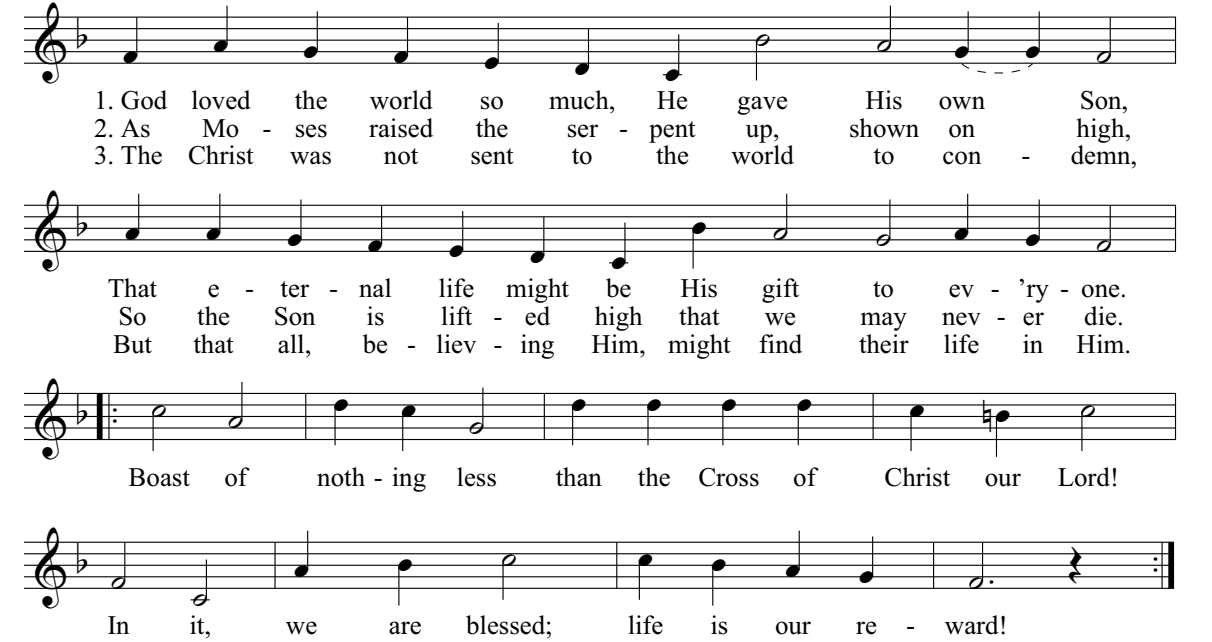
Al - le - lu - - - ia! Al - - - le lu - ia!
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Verse: I have exalted one chosen from my people and with my holy oil I have anointed him.

Verse: My hand shall protect him and my arm shall make him strong.

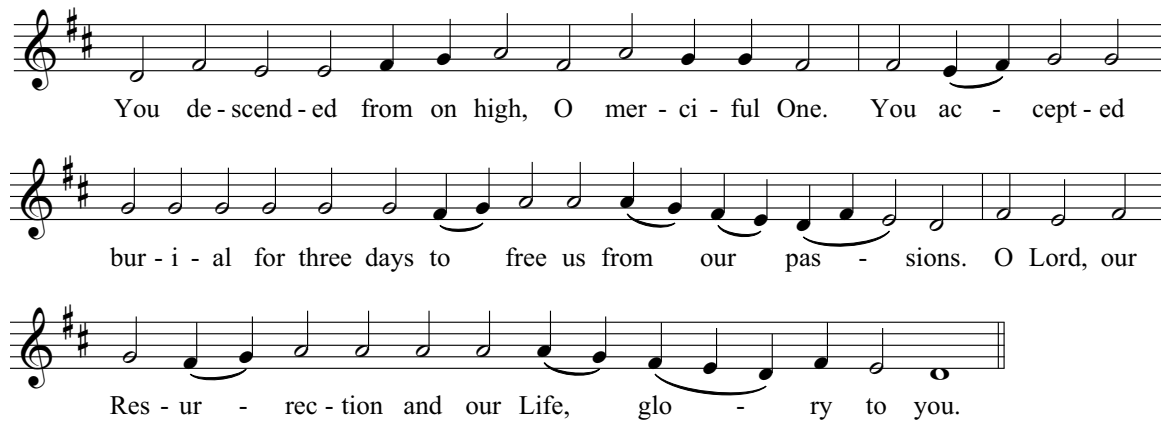
Hymn

melody: O Marije Mati Boža/O Mary, Mother of our God



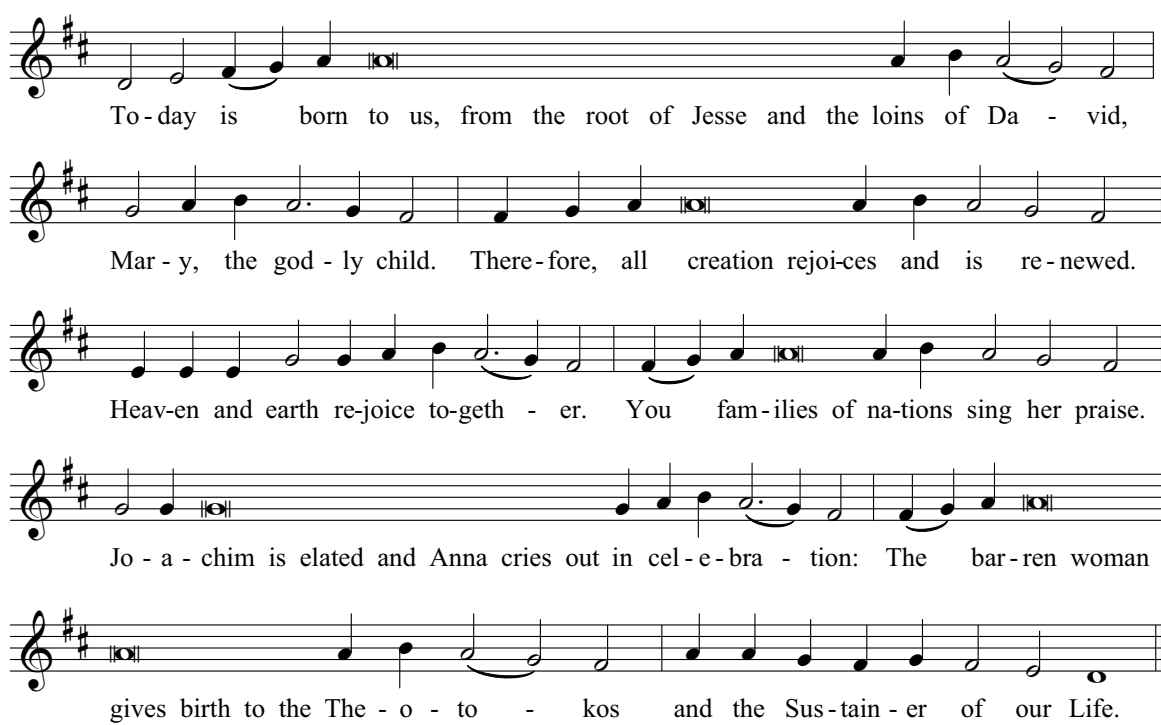
1. God loved the world so much, He gave His own Son,
 2. As Mo - ses raised the ser - pent up, shown on high,
 3. The Christ was not sent to the world to con - demn,
 That e - ter - nal life might be His gift to ev - 'ry - one.
 So the Son is lift - ed high that we may nev - er die.
 But that all, be - liev - ing Him, might find their life in Him.
 Boast of noth - ing less than the Cross of Christ our Lord!
 In it, we are blessed; life is our re - ward!

Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 8



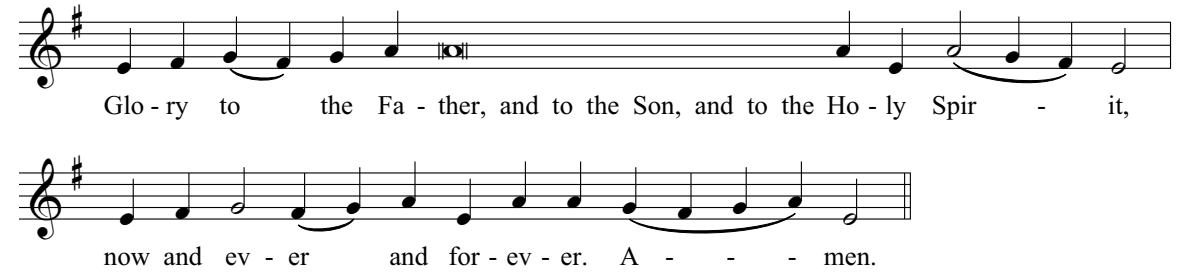
You de-scend-ed from on high, O mer-ci-ful One. You ac-cept-ed bur-i-al for three days to free us from our pas-sions. O Lord, our Res-ur-rec-tion and our Life, glo-ry to you.

Pre-festive Troparion of the Nativity of the Theotokos - Tone 4



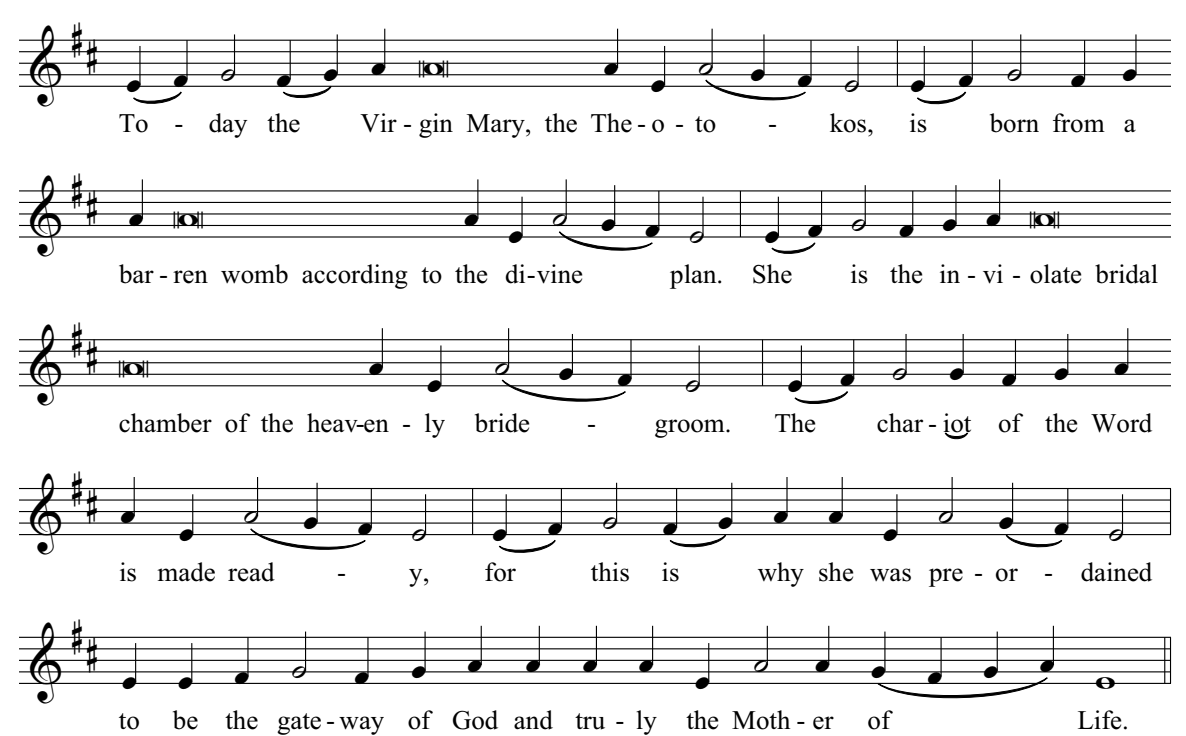
To-day is born to us, from the root of Jesse and the loins of Da-vid, Mar-y, the god-ly child. There-fore, all creation re-joice and is re-newed. Heav-en and earth re-joice to-gether. You fam-ilies of na-tions sing her praise. Jo-a-chim is elated and Anna cries out in cel-e-bra-tion: The bar-ren woman gives birth to the The-o-to-kos and the Sus-tain-er of our Life.

Cantor



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

Pre-festive Kontakion of the Nativity of the Theotokos - Tone 3



To-day the Vir-gin Mary, the The-o-to-kos, is born from a bar-ren womb according to the di-vine plan. She is the in-vi-olate bridal chamber of the heav-en-ly bride-groom. The char-iot of the Word is made read-y, for this is why she was pre-or-dained to be the gate-way of God and tru-ly the Moth-er of Life.