

**Vespers Propers on the Afternoon of
The Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast
March 22, 2009**

Pre-festive day of the Annunciation.

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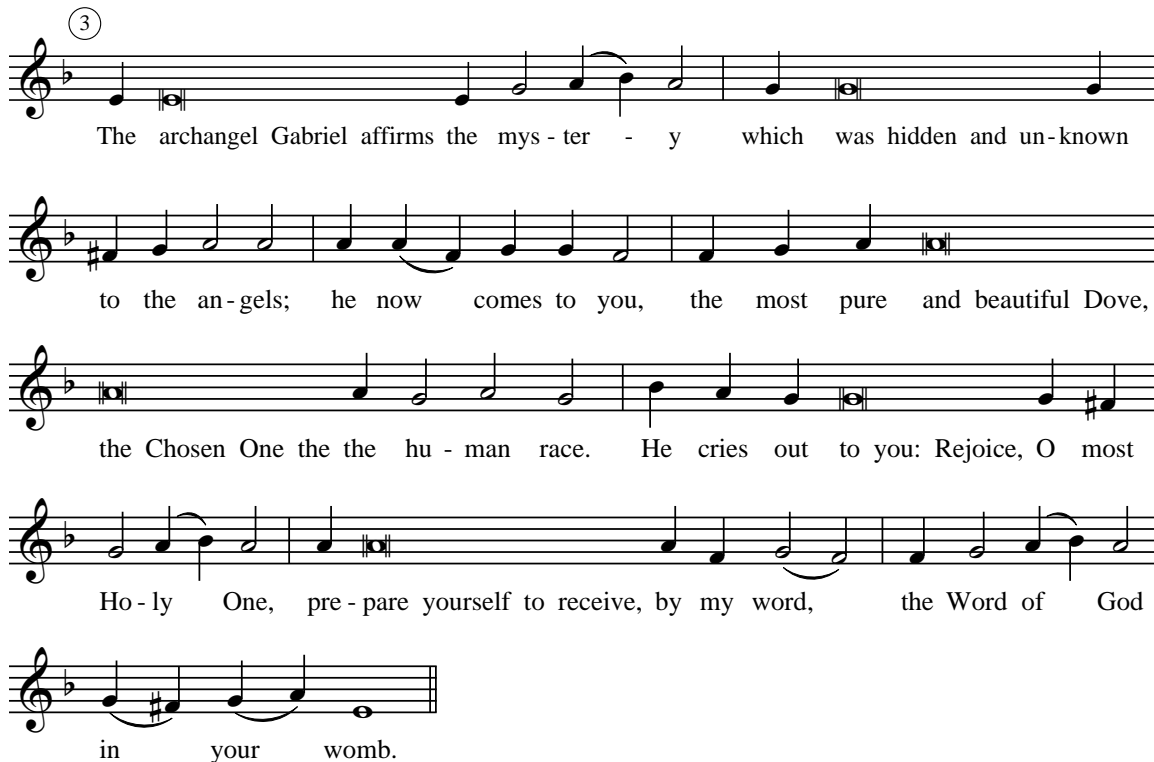
Psalm 140 and Stichera of Forgiveness in the tone of the week (Tone 4, p. 36)

Stichera of the Fourth Sunday of the Fast, p. 73

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

Pre-festive stichera of the Annunciation - Tone 4 samohlasen

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The archangel Gabriel affirms the mys - ter - y which was hidden and un-known
to the an-gels; he now comes to you, the most pure and beautiful Dove,
the Chosen One the the hu - man race. He cries out to you: Rejoice, O most
Ho - ly One, pre - pare yourself to receive, by my word, the Word of God
in your womb.

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

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A light-bear-ing pal - ace, the pure womb of the hand-maid-en of God

has been prepared for You, O Mas - ter. Come down and dwell with-in her.

In your love for your cre - a - tion, save us from the slaver-y of death

and re-store us to our for-mer beau - ty. By your com-ing, grant us your peace

and sal - va - tion.

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

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O all-im-mac-u-late One, the archangel Gabriel openly comes to you and cries out:

Re-joyce, O Remission of the curse! Re - joyce, O Resurrection of the fall - en!

Re - joyce, for you a-lone were cho-sen for God! Re - joyce, O Chariot of the Sun

of Glo - ry! Re - ceive Him who is with - out flesh and who de - sires

to a - bide in your womb.

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

Prefestive doxastikon of the Annunciation - Tone 2 samohlasen

To - day Gabriel announces the good news to the wo-man full of grace: Re - joice,

O Vir - gin who has not known wed - lock; do not fear the strange-ness of my

ap - pear - ance, for I am an arch - an - - - gel. For - mer - ly

the serpent was the cause of grief to Eve, but now is is great joy that I

an-nounce: You shall re-main a virgin, and yet you shall give birth to the Lord.

The service continues on page 9.

Prokeimenon for the Fourth Sunday, p. 10

Aposticha of the Fourth Sunday, p. 75, concluding with:

Cantor: (Tone 4) Glory...now and ever...

Aposticha Doxastikon of the Prefeast of the Annunciation - Tone 4

The Mother of God, upon hearing, did not un - der - stand the mes - sage of the
arch - an - gel be - cause he was speaking the words of glad tid - ings to her.
She ac - cept - ed his greet - ing with faith and con - ceived you, the e - ter - nal God.
There - fore, we joy - ful - ly sing to you: O God, you became incarnate, with - out
change, from her; and you grant peace and great mer - cy to the world.

The service continues with the Prayer of Simeon on page 14.