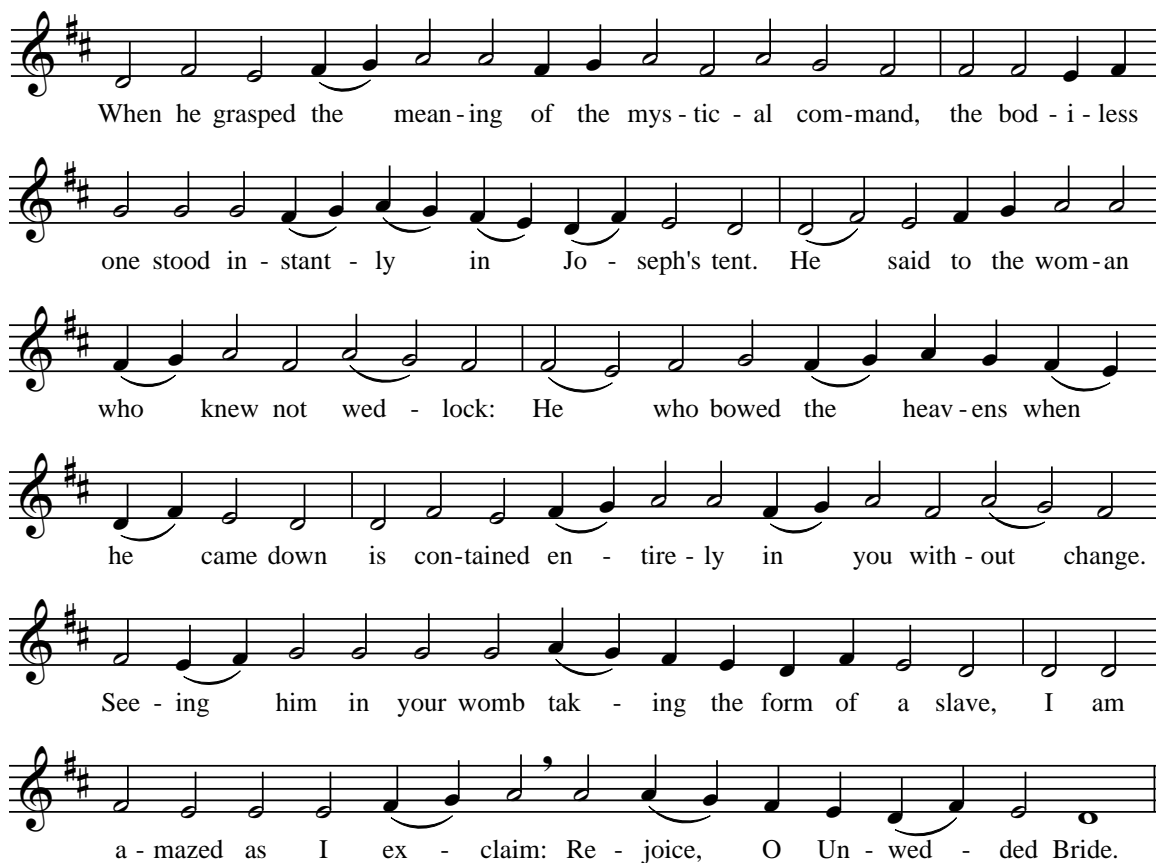


**Divine Liturgy, March 24, 2012**  
**Saturday in the Fifth Week of the Great Fast**  
**Akathistos Saturday**  
**Pre-festive Day of the Annunciation**

**Troparion of Akathistos Saturday - Tone 8**



When he grasped the mean-ing of the mys-tic - al com-mand, the bod - i - less  
one stood in - stant - ly in Jo - seph's tent. He said to the wom-an  
who knew not wed - lock: He who bowed the heav - ens when  
he came down is con-tained en - tire - ly in you with - out change.  
See - ing him in your womb tak - ing the form of a slave, I am  
a - mazed as I ex - claim: Re - joice, O Un - wed - ded Bride.

**Pre-festive troparion of the Annunciation - Tone 4**



To - day is the pre-lude of joy for all the world and hymns are sung in



an - ti - ci - pa - tion. For, be - hold, Gabriel appears bringing good news to the



Vir - gin and ex - claims to her: Re - joice, O Full of Grace, the Lord is



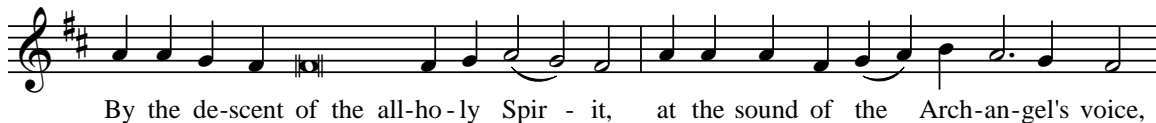
with you.

*Cantor*

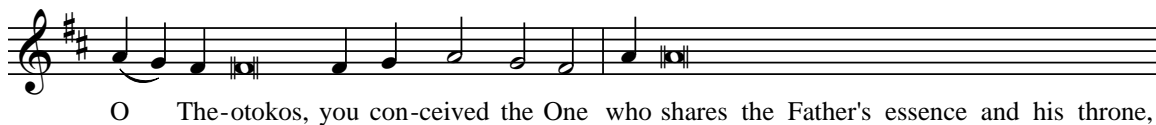


Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.

**Pre-festive kontakion of the Annunciation - Tone 4**



By the de - scent of the all - ho - ly Spir - it, at the sound of the Arch - an - gel's voice,

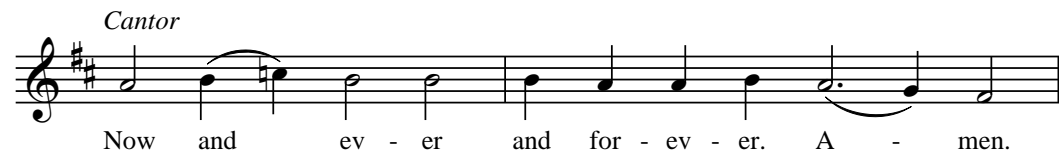


O The - otokos, you con - ceived the One who shares the Father's essence and his throne,



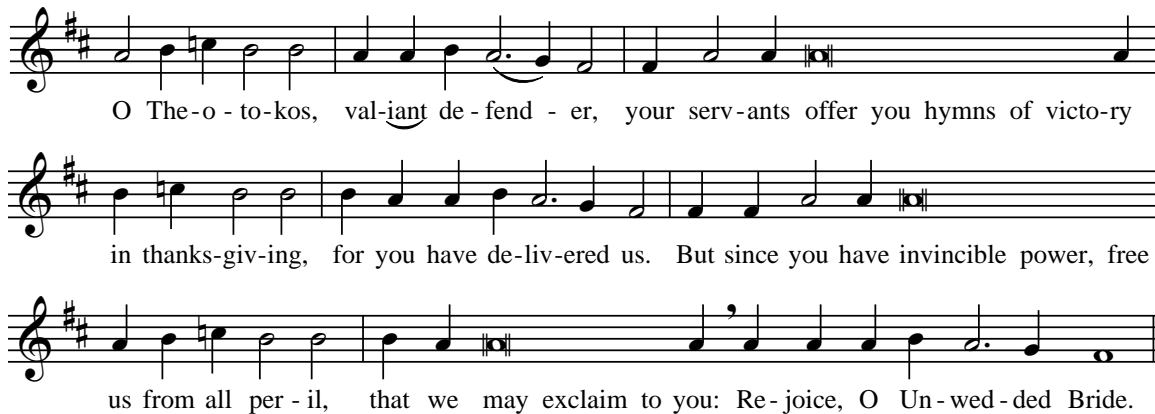
and is A - dam's res - to - ra - tion.

*Cantor*



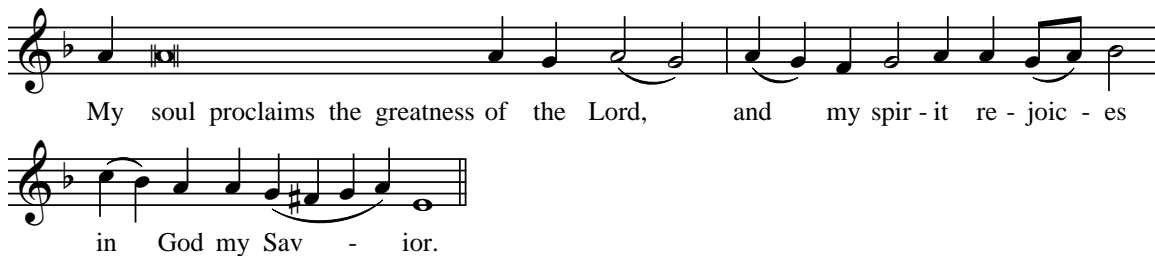
Now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men.

**Kontakion of Akathistos Saturday - Tone 8**



O The-o - to-kos, val-iant de-fend - er, your serv-ants offer you hymns of victo-ry  
in thanks-giv-ing, for you have de-liv-ered us. But since you have invincible power, free  
us from all per - il, that we may exclaim to you: Re-joice, O Un-wed-ded Bride.

**Prokeimenon - Tone 3 (Luke 1:46-48):**



My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, and my spir - it re - joic - es  
in God my Sav - ior.

**Verse:** For he has looked with favor on the humility of his servant;  
from this day forward, all generations will call me blessed.

**Alleluia - Tone 8 (Psalm 131:8,11):**



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia! Al - - - le - lu - - ia!

**Verse:** Go up, Lord, to your rest, you and your holy ark.

**Verse:** The Lord swore a true oath to David; he will not go back on his word.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 115:4):

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I shall take the chal - ice, the chal-ice of sal - va - tion and call up - on the



name of the Lord, and call up - on the name of the Lord.

*Refrain*



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!