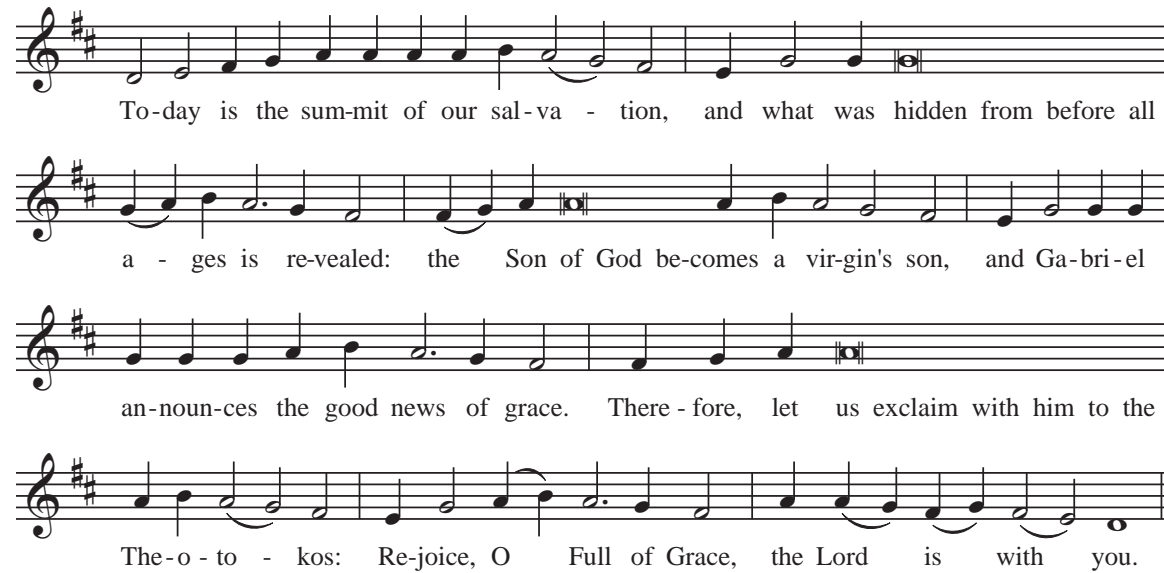


At the Blessing of Bread, p. 119, the Troparion of the Annunciation is sung once by the Priest and twice by the people.

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.

Vesper Propers, March 25, 2012

Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast

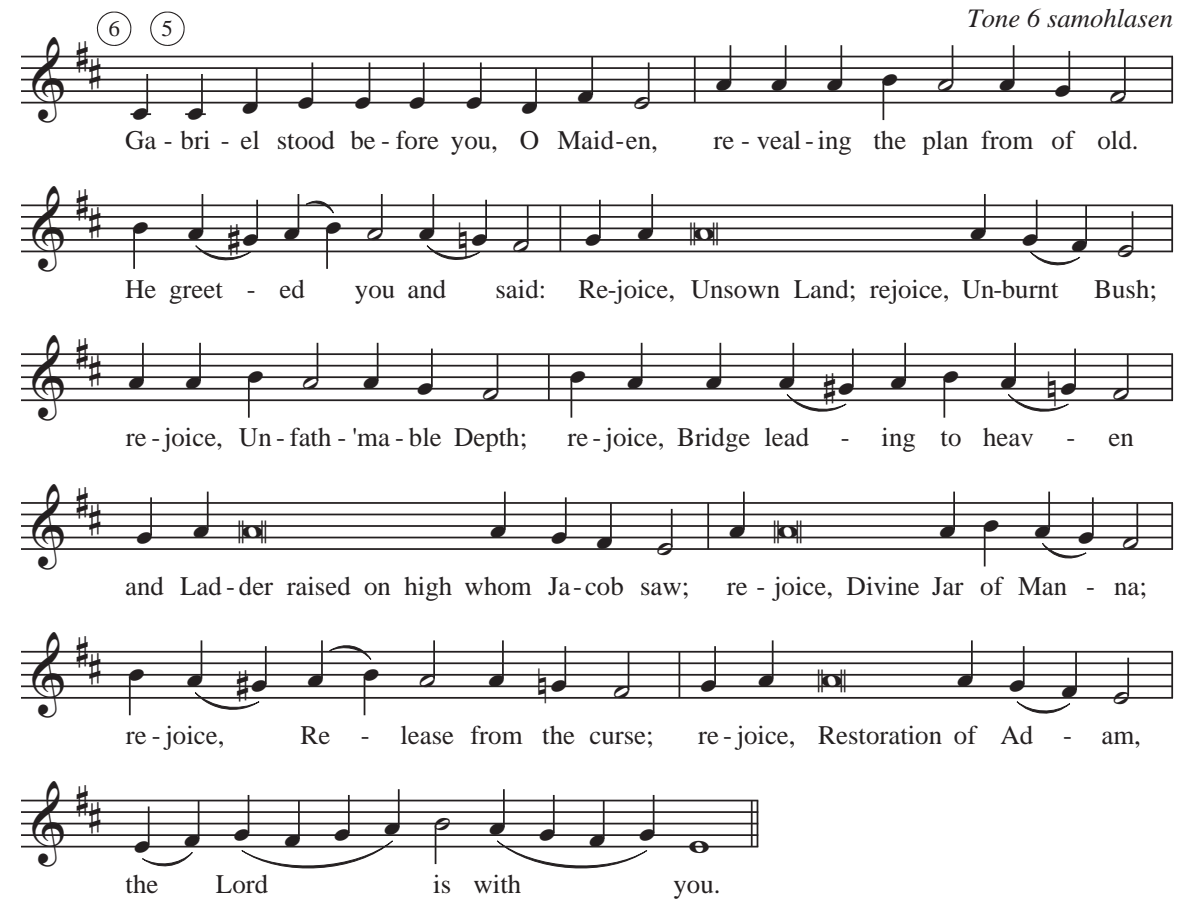
The Annunciation of the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary

Supplement for *The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2006*

Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 8, p. 102), stichera 10-7.

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

Tone 6 samohlasen



Ga - bri - el stood be - fore you, O Maid-en, re - veal - ing the plan from of old.
He greet - ed you and said: Re-joyce, Unsown Land; rejoice, Un-burnt Bush;
re - joyce, Un - fath - 'ma - ble Depth; re - joyce, Bridge lead - ing to heav - en
and Lad - der raised on high whom Ja - cob saw; re - joyce, Divine Jar of Man - na;
re - joyce, Re - lease from the curse; re - joyce, Restoration of Ad - am,
the Lord is with you.

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.
All repeat "Gabriel stood..."

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

The in - vi - o - late Maid - en said to the angelic Com - mand - er:
You ap - pear to me as a man but what you say to me is be - yond
hu - man words, for you are telling me that God will be with me
and that he will dwell in my womb. Tell me, how can I become the spacious
con - tain - er and holy temple of the one who is borne aloft on the Cher - u - bim?
Do not en - tice me de - ceit - ful - ly, for I have never known pleas - ure,
nor have I expe - ri - enced wed - lock. How then shall I bear a child?

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

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

the tem - ple of God! by the divinity of him who was con - ceived. O what
mys - tery! the incomprehensible quality of the con - des - cen - sion and the
in - expressible wealth of good - ness! An angel announc - es this mir - a - cle.
The vir - ginal womb re - ceives the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it is sent down
and the Father on high is well pleased. Through the u - niversal will, reconciliation
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 nature from you and joined it to him - self.
There - fore, im - plore him to save our souls.

The service continues with the Prayer of Simeon, p. 19

do not fear the strange - ness of my ap-pear - rance, for I am an
 arch-an - gel. For-mer-ly the serpent was the cause of grief un - to Eve,
 but now it is great joy that I an - nounce: you shall re - main
 a virgin and yet you shall give birth to the Lord.

Litija Litany, p. 116

Aposticha

Aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 8, p. 108), concluding with:

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

Theotokion of the Annunciation - Tone 4 samohlasen

To - day is the joy of the annun-ci - a - tion and the feast of vir-gin - i - ty!
 The creatures of the 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 be-comes

The bod - i - less one said: When - ever God so wills, the order of na-ture is
 o - ver - come, and su - pernatural things are ac-com - plished. Be-lieve
 that what I say is true, all holy and all spot-less one. She cried out: Let it be
 done to me according to your word and I will give birth to the fleshless one who
 bor - rows flesh from me, for he alone is able, by shar-ing in it,
 to re-store hu-man na-ture to its an-cient dig - ni - ty.

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

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...now and ever...

Theotokion of the Annunciation - 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; bless - ed is the fruit of your womb.

Hymn of the Evening, p. 12

Readings: Genesis 28: 10 - 17
Ezekiel 43: 27 - 44; 4
Proverbs 9: 1 - 11
Exodus 3: 1 - 8
Proverbs 8: 22 - 31

Litija

Tone 1 Bolhar

In the sixth month, the lead - er of the heav - en - ly ar - mies was sent to you,

O ho - ly Vir - gin, to an - nounce the word of sal - va - tion to you and say:

Re - joice, O woman full of grace, the Lord is with you! You shall give birth

to the Son who was begotten of the Father be - fore all a - ges. He is the

One who will save his peo - ple from their sins.

Cantor: *Tone 2) Glory...now and ever...*

Theotokion - Tone 2 Bolhar

To - day Ga - bri - el an - nounc - es the good news to the wo - man

full of grace: Re - joice, Vir - gin who has not known wed - lock;