

**Vesper Propers , March 25, 2018\***  
**Palm (Flowery) Sunday**

**THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY** when, in the city of Nazareth, the angel of the Lord announced to Mary, "Behold, you will conceive and bear a son, and he will be called the Son of the Most High." Mary said: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And thus the fullness of time was accomplished, and he who before time was the only-begotten Son of God was made flesh for our sake and for our salvation, by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became human.

*Supplement for **The Divine Liturgies of our holy fathers John Chrysostom and Basil the Great, 2006***

*The Vigil Divine Liturgy begins on page 104 in the **Divine Liturgies** book. The beginning verses of the Lamp-lighting Psalms ("O Lord, I have cried") are sung in Tone 6 (page 149). At the Psalm verse "on 4" toward the bottom of page 116, continue as follows:*

**Cantor:** (Tone 6) Let the watchman count on daybreak  
(on 4) and Israel on the Lord.

**Stichera of the Annunciation - Tone 6 samohlasen**

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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 - joice, Unsown Land; rejoice, Un - burnt Bush;  
re - joice, Un - fath - 'ma - ble Depth; re - joice, Bridge lead - ing to heav - en  
and Lad - der raised on high whom Ja - cob saw; re - joice, Divine Jar of Man - na;

\* to be sung on the evening of March 24

re - joice, Re - lease from the curse; re - joice, Restoration of Ad - am,  
the Lord is with you.

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

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The in - vi - o - late Maid - en said to the angel - ic 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:** Praise the Lord, all you nations, **Psalm 116**  
(on 2) acclaim him all you peoples!

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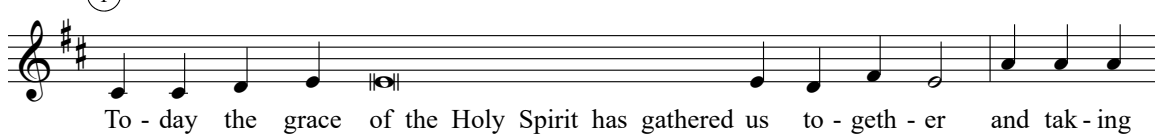


The bod - i - less one said: When - ever God so wills, the order of na - ture is  
o - ver - come, and su - pernatural things are ac - com - plished.  
Be - lieve that what I say is true, all holy and all spot - less one.  
She cried out: Let it be done to me ac - cord - ing to your word  
and I will 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.

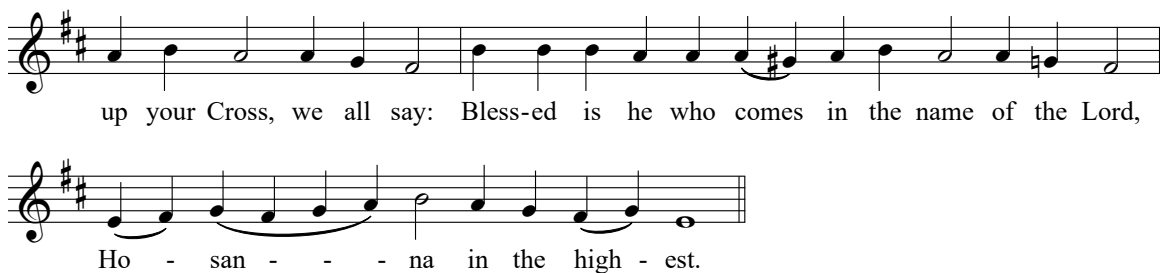
**Cantor:** Strong is the love of the Lord for us;  
(on 1) he is faithful forever.

**Sticheron of Palm Sunday - Tone 6 samohlasen**

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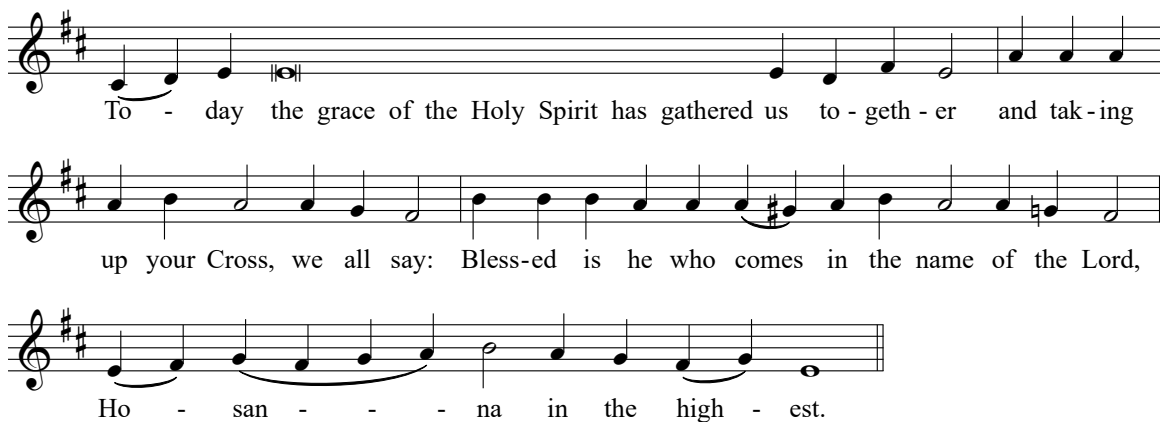
To - day the grace of the Holy Spirit has gathered us to - geth - er and tak - ing



up your Cross, we all say: Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,  
Ho - san - - - na in the high - est.

**Cantor:** Glory...

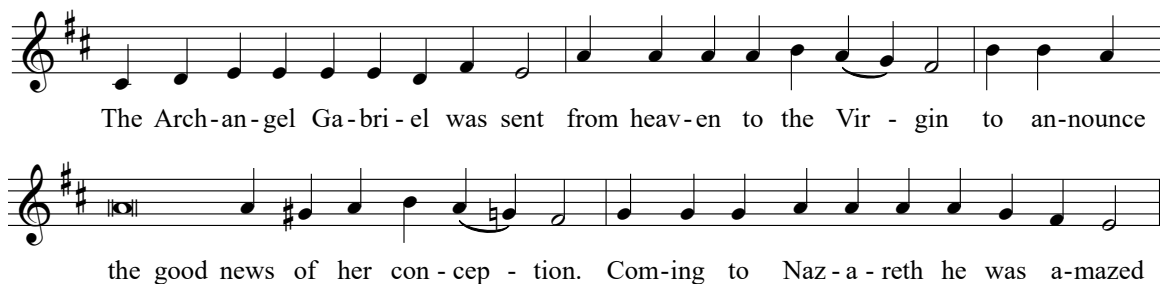
**Doxastikon of Palm Sunday - Tone 6 samohlasen**



To - day the grace of the Holy Spirit has gathered us to - geth - er and tak - ing  
up your Cross, we all say: Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,  
Ho - san - - - na in the high - est.

**Cantor:** Now and ever...

**Doxastikon of the Annunciation - Tone 6 samohlasen**



The Arch-an-gel Ga-bri-el was sent from heav-en to the Vir - gin to an-ounce  
the good news of her con - cep - tion. Com-ing to Naz - a - reth he was a-mazed



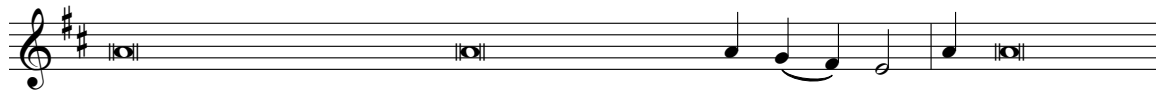
as he reflected on the mys-te - ry: How can the One Who Is incomprehen-si - ble



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.

*As the doxastikon is sung, the clergy enter the Holy Place with the gospel book and censer.*

*The service continues on page 117 with the singing of the Hymn of the Evening, "O Joyful Light". The prokeimenon of the Saturday evening is sung (page 118), and then the following readings may be chanted:*

**Readings (Annunciation):** Genesis 28:10-17  
 Ezekiel 42:27-44  
 Proverbs 9:1-11 (EOT 304)  
 Exodus 3:1-8  
 Proverbs 8:22-31 (EOT 317)

**Readings (Palm Sunday):** Genesis 49: 12-18 (EOT 285)  
 Zephaniah 3: 14-19 (EOT 285)  
 Zechariah 9:9-15 (EOT 285)

*After the Small Litany (page 122), the Divine Liturgy continues with the Thrice-Holy Hymn ("Holy God") on page 27 of the **Divine Liturgies** book.*

**Prokeimenon of Palm Sunday - Tone 4 (Psalm 117:26,27,1)**

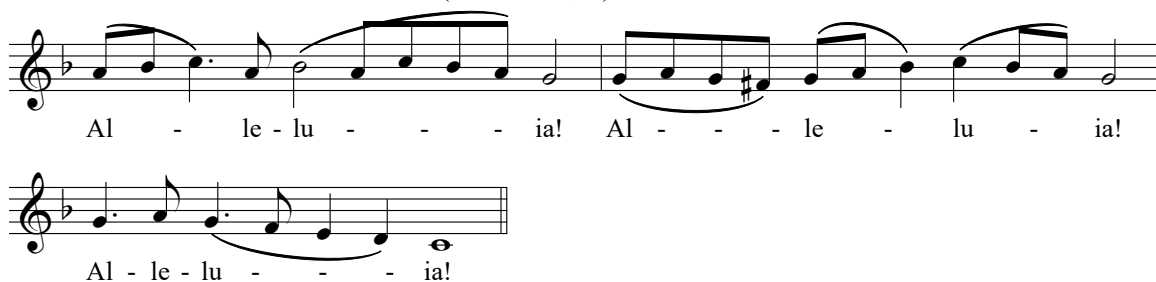
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. The Lord is God  
 and has re-vealed him - self to us.

**Verse:** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his mercy endures forever.  
*And immediately after the verse:*

**Prokeimenon of the Annunciation - Tone 4 (Psalm 95:2):**

Day af-ter day an-nounce the good news of our God's sal - va - tion.

**Alleluia of the Annunciation - Tone 1 (Psalm 71:6,17):**



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

Al - le - lu - - - ia!

**Verse:** He will descend like rain on the meadows, like raindrops on the earth.

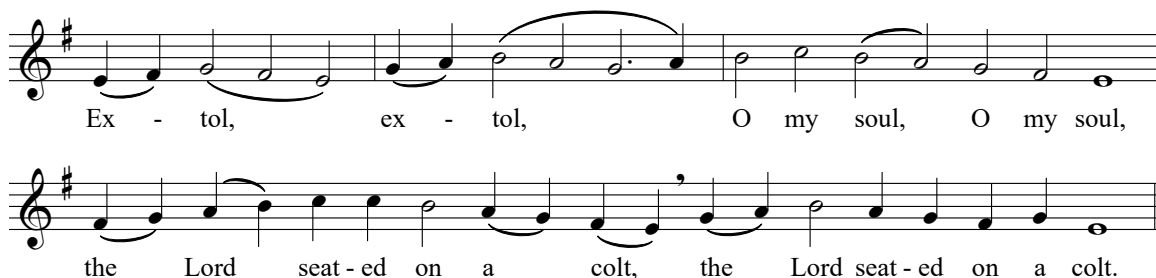
**Verse:** May his name be blessed forever, more enduring than the sun.

*Additional verse for Palm Sunday (Psalm 97:1):*

**Verse:** Sing a new song to the Lord, for the Lord has worked wonders.

*Instead of "It is truly proper . . ."*

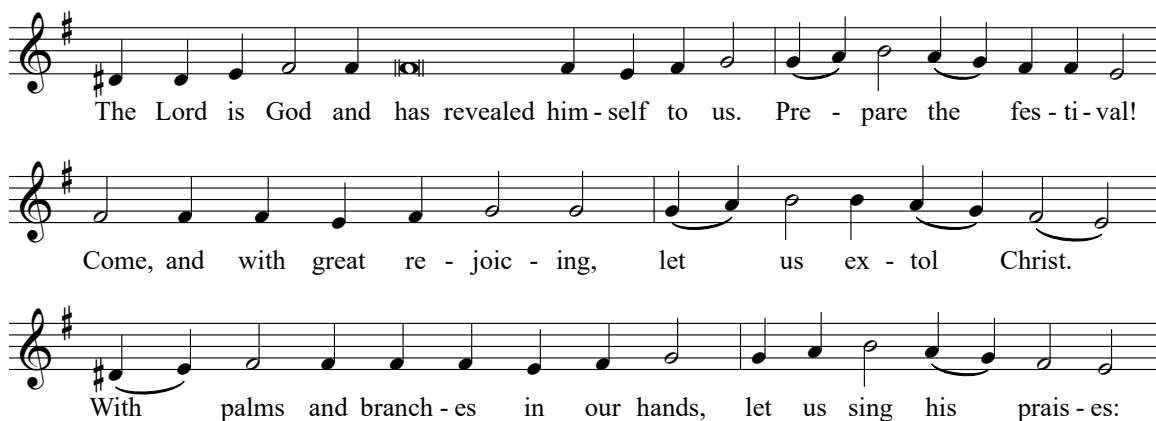
**Magnification**



Ex - tol, ex - tol, O my soul, O my soul,  
the Lord seat - ed on a colt, the Lord seat - ed on a colt.

**Irmos**

*Tone 6 Irmos, simple setting*



The Lord is God and has revealed him - self to us. Pre - pare the fes - ti - val!  
Come, and with great re - joic - ing, let us ex - tol Christ.  
With palms and branch - es in our hands, let us sing his prais - es:

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord our Sav - ior.

*But if the church is dedicated to the Annunciation, we sing the Magnification and Irmos of the Annunciation (DL 330-3331) instead of that of Palm Sunday.*

**Communion Hymn for the Annunciation (Psalm 131:13):**

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The Lord has cho - sen, has cho - sen Zi - on; he pre-fers her for his dwell-ing,

*Refrain*

he pre-fers her for his dwell-ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**Communion Hymn of Palm Sunday (Psalm 117:26,27):**

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Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. The Lord is God

*Refrain*

and has re-vealed him-self to us. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!