

**Propers for the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**  
**Friday in the Fifth Week of the Great Fast**  
**March 24, 2023**

**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 Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (2009). Page numbers refer to the people's book with complete music.*

*Antiphonal psalms for Friday, p. 12 Then the beginning of Psalm 140 is sung in Tone 6:*

O Lord, I have cried to you, hear me. Hear me, O Lord! O Lord, I have  
cried to you, hear me; re - ceive the voice of my pray'r when I call  
up - on you. Hear me, O Lord! Let my pray'r ascend to  
you like in - cense and the lift - ing up of my hands like an eve - ning  
sac - ri - fice. Hear me, O Lord!


*Followed by the recited verses of the Lamp-lighting Psalms, pp. 19-21.*

Cantor:   
Let the watch-man count on day - break and Is - ra - el on the Lord.


**Sticheron of Friday in the Fifth Week of the Great Fast - Tone 6 samohlasen**

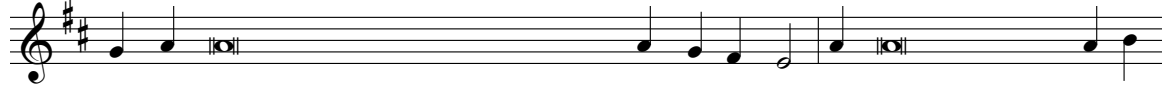
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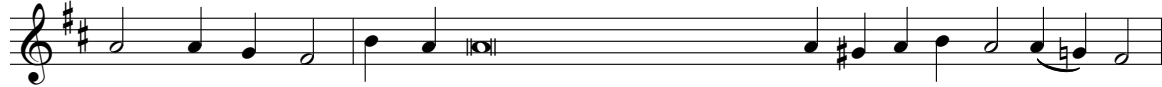
  
I left the Jerusalem of your di - vine com - mands and went down toward the

  
pas-sions of Je - ri - cho, dragged down by the false glo - ry of earth-ly cares.

  
I fell in with thieving thoughts of e - vil, who stripped off the robe of my

  
a - dop - tion by grace, leav - ing me wound-ed, with - out the breath of life.

  
A priest came by and ignored me, looking down at my fall; then a Levite avoided me as

  
some-thing un-clean. But you, O Lord, incarnate from the Vir-gin in-ex-pres-si - bly,

  
have poured out your sal - va - tion like oil on my scars, O Christ our God,

in the blood and water will-ing-ly shed from your side. Bind up my wounds with

lin - en and merciful-ly in-clude me in the choir of heav - en.

Cantor

Be - cause with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemp-tion.

Is - rael indeed he will re - deem from all its in - i - qui - ty.

**Stichera of the Annunciation - Tone 6 podoben: Vsju otloživše**


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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-joyce, Un-sown Land; re-joyce, Un - burnt Bush;

re - joyce, Un-fath-om - a - ble Depth; re - joyce, Bridge leading to heav - en

and Lad-der raised on high whom Ja - cob saw; re - joyce, Di-vine Jar of



Man - na; re - joice, Re-lease from the curse; re - joice, Restora-tion of Ad - am,




the Lord is with you.

*Cantor* 

Praise the Lord, all you na-tions, ac-claim him all you peo - ples!

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The in - vi - o - late Maid - en said to the angel-ic Com-mand - er:



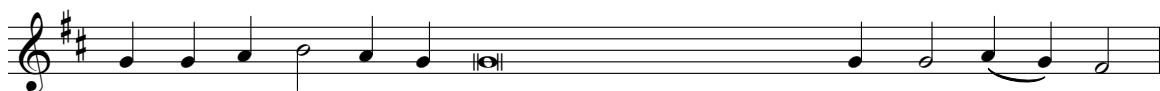
You ap-pear to me as a man but what you say to me is be-yond hu - man words,



for you are tell - ing me that God will be with me and that he will



dwell in my womb. Tell me, how can I be-come the spa-cious con-tain - er



and ho - ly tem - ple of the one who is borne aloft on the Cher - u - bim?



Do not en-tice me de-ceit - ful - ly, for I have nev - er known pleas - ure,

nor have I ex-pe-ri-enced wed - lock. How then shall I bear a child?

Cantor

Strong is the love of the Lord for us; he is faith-ful for-ev - er.

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The bod - i - less one said: When-ev - er 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 ho - ly 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 a - ble, by shar-ing in it,

to re - store hu - man na - ture to its an - cient dig - ni - ty.

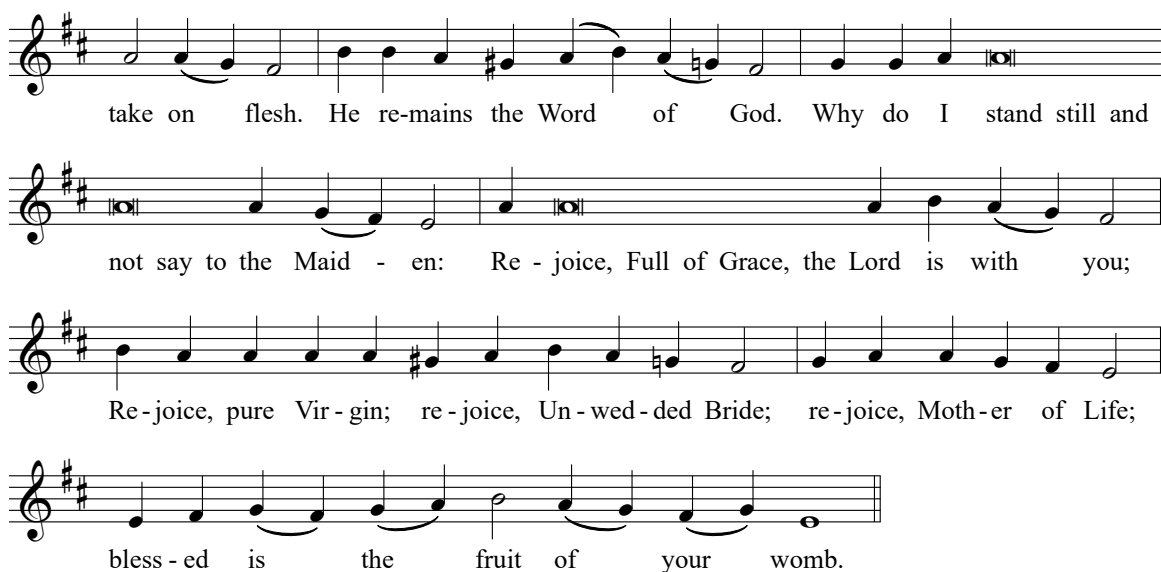
*The faithful STAND.*

*Cantor:*

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

**Theotokion - 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.

*Prokeimena for the Friday in the Fifth Week of the Great Fast (p. 112)*

**Readings for the Great Fast:**

Genesis 12: 1-7  
Proverbs 14: 15-26

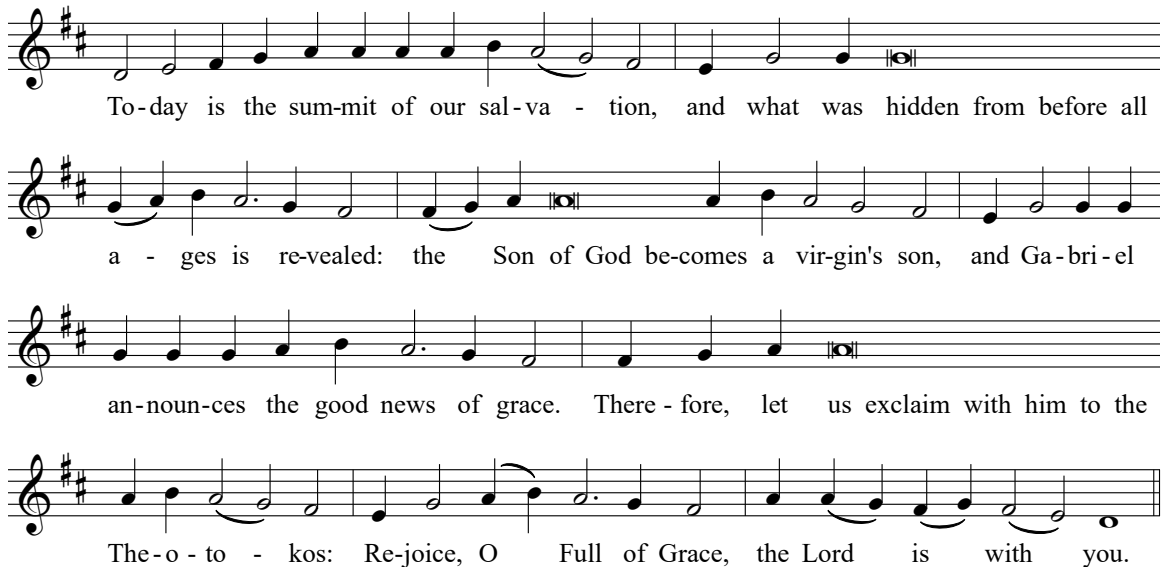
**Readings for the Annunciation:**

Genesis 28: 10-17  
Exodus 3: 1-8  
Proverbs 8: 22-31

*The service continues with the Solemn Evening Psalm on p. 25.*

*If desired, Litija may be sung after the Ambon prayer. Then the celebrant sings the Troparion of the Annunciation once, censing the bread, wheat, wine, and oil. The people sing the Annunciation Troparion twice (incensing), the priest then blesses the litija, and all sing "Blessed be the name..." in the Lenten tone, and the Dismissal. The bread will be distributed at Matins.*

**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-joice, O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you.

*If bread is not blessed, the troparion of the Annunciation may be sung after the dismissal.*