

**Vespers and Divine Liturgy Propers, Evening of March 25, 2025**  
**Tuesday in the Fourth Week of the Great Fast**


**THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE THEOTOKOS 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*


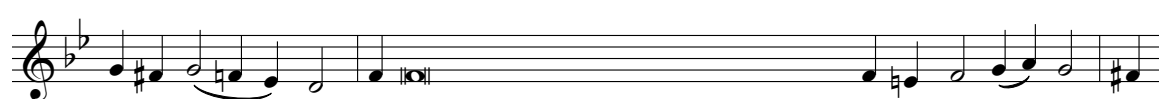

*Vespers with Divine Liturgy begins on page 104 in the **Divine Liturgies** book.*

*“O Lord, I have cried” is sung in Tone 3 (music on p. 133).*

*At the Psalm verse “on 10” at the top of page 116, continue as follows:*

Cantor  Bring my soul out of this pris-on and then I shall praise your name.

**Stichera for Tuesday in the Fourth Week of the Great Fast - Tone 3 samohlasen**

 I have sur-passed the Pub-lican in my trans-gres-sions, but I do not even match  
 his re-pen - tence. I have not accomplished the good deeds of the Pha-ri - see, yet  
 I bold-ly out-do his boast-ing. By your in - finite humili-ty, O Christ our God,

by which you laid low the demons of high-mind-ed-ness on the Cross, est-ab-lish  
 in me the good deeds of the one and the low-ness in mind of the o - ther  
 Con-firm me in the good intentions of each and save me O Sa - vior.

*Cantor*

A - round me the just will assem-ble be-cause of your good - ness to me.

*All repeat: "I have surpassed the Publican in my transgressions..."*

*Cantor*

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; Lord hear my voice!

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The pro-phets, a-pos-tles and the mar-tyrs of Christ taught us to sing the praises of the  
 consub-stan-tial Tri - ni - ty. They enlighten the nations that had gone a - stray  
 and made us com - pan - ions of the an - gels.


Cantor 

Let your ears be at - ten - tive to the voice of my plead - ing.


*Tone 6 podoben, Vsju otloživše*


In the mid - dle of the earth you suf - fered the Pas - sion and the Cross




to grant us, in your good - ness, both re - demp - tion and the con - trol of our



pas - sions. In the mid - dle of the Fast, today we bring out your Cross



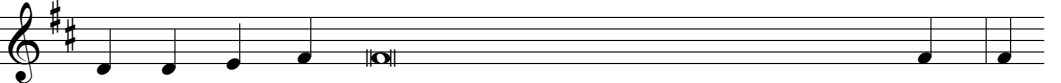
and bow low before it, kiss - ing it with joy. Grant that we may see your suf - fer - ings



and your life - giv - ing Re - sur - rec - tion in the light of the heaven - ly vir - tues



O Word of God who a - lone have mer - cy on us.

Cantor 

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would sur - vive? But



with you is found for - give - ness: for this we re - vere you.

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You willingly suf-fered death on the Cross; you were pierced with a lance and tas-ted



the bit-ter gall, O long-suf-f'ring Lord, who by the hand of Moses sweet-ened the



wa-ters of Me - ri - bah. I now im - plore you and cry out:



De - liv - er my heart from the bitterness of pas - sions; sweet-en my soul with the



ho-ney of re - pen - tence; and grant that I may ven-e-rate your ho-ly Pas - sion.



*Cantor*

My soul is wait - ing for the Lord. I count on his word.



My soul is longing for the Lord more than watch-man for day - break.

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*Tone 1 samohlasen*



To-day we see ex-posed be-fore our eyes the Cross which Moses prefig-ured in days



of old when he stretched out his hands to ov-er-come Am-al-ek. Let us kiss it in the

purity of our lips and hearts. For on it, Christ was exalted, triumph-ing o - ver death.

Hav-ing been deemed worth-y of his grace let us sing with a joyful melody to the

Lord of the u - ni-verse and be - seech him to show all of us his life - giv - ing

Re - sur - rec - tion.

*Tone 4 samohlasen*

*Cantor*

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

**Stichera for the Annunciation - Tone 4 samohlasen**

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In the sixth month the Arch - an - gel was sent to a pure Vir - gin.

He greet-ed her: Re-joice! He an - nounced that the Redeemer would come forth

from her. She re-ceived his greet - ing with faith and conceived you, the God from

be-fore all a - ges, for it was your inexpressible good pleasure to be - come man

for the sal - va - - - tion of our souls.


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.

All repeat: *“In the sixth month the Archangel was sent...”*

Cantor

Praise the Lord, all you na-tions, ac-claim him all you peo - ples!  
 ②  
 The The - o - to - kos heard a voice she did not know. The Archangel spoke  
 to her the words of good news. She re-ceived the greet-ing with faith and con-ceived  
 you, the God from be-fore all a - ges. There - fore, we also rejoice and cry  
 out to you, O un - ap - proach - able God who were in - car - nate of her:  
 Grant peace to the world and great mer - - cy to our souls.

Cantor 

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

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Be - hold our res-to - ra - tion is now re - vealed. God beyond words



is united with hu-man-i - ty. The er - ror is erased by the Arch-an-gel's voice,



for the vir - gin re-ceive the joy. What is earthly has be-come heav - en;



the world is freed from the an - cient curse. Let cre - a - tion rejoice and give voice



to hymns: O Lord, our Creator and Re - deem - er, glo - ry to you!

*The faithful STAND.*

*Tone 8 samohlasen*

Cantor 

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

**Doxastikon of Tuesday in the Fourth Week of the Great Fast - *Tone 8 samohlasen***



To-day, the King of Glo - ry, the Mas-ter of all is cru-ci-fied on the Cross.

A lance pier-ces his side, and he tastes vin-e-gar and gall, yet in him the Church finds  
its sweet - ness; he cov-ered the sea with clouds, yet he is crowned with thorns;  
he is cov-ered with a robe in mockery and is slapped by mor - tals, yet he created all  
mor-tals with his own hand. He is wrapped with clouds in the hea - vens,  
yet to-day he is scourged on the back. He is spat u - pon, struck, and slapped.;  
he is wound-ed and suffers all this to save the world from death, for he is my  
Redeemer and the God of com - pas - - - sion,

*As the second Doxastikon is sung, the Little Entrance with the holy gospel book and censer is made through the northern door and the holy doors.*

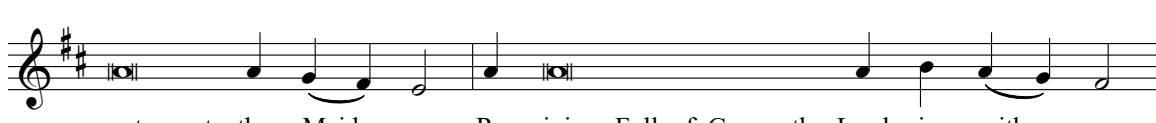
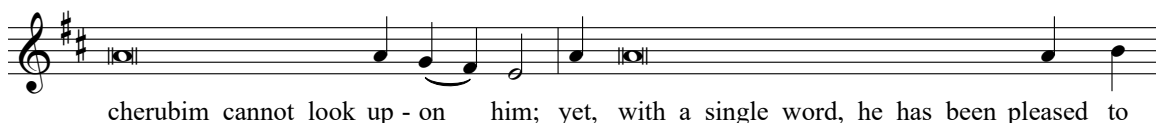
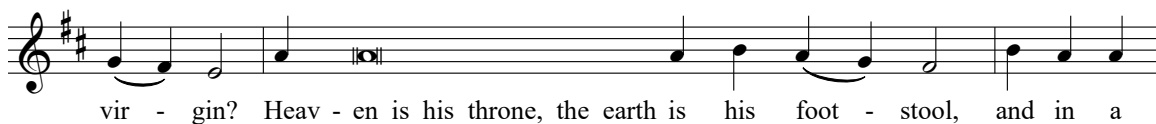
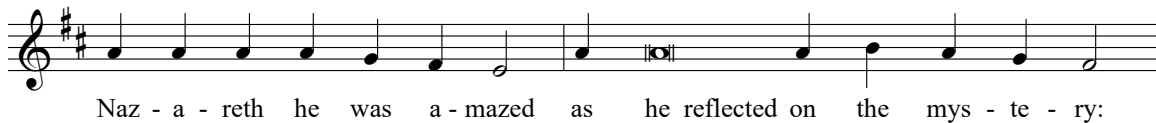
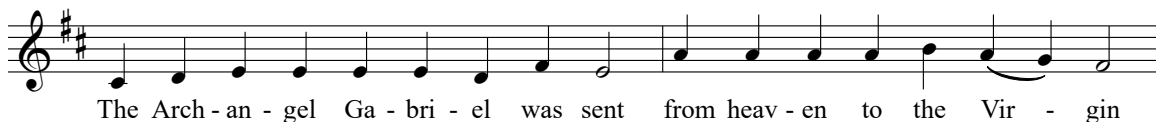
*Tone 6 samohlasen*

Cantor

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



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





Re-joyce, pure Vir - gin; re - joice, Un - wed - ded Bride; re - joice, Moth - er of Life;



bles - ed is the fruit of your womb?

**Deacon:** Wisdom! Be attentive!

*The clergy and servers enter the sanctuary as "O Joyful Light" is sung.  
The sanctuary and the faithful are incensed.*



O Joy - ful Light of the ho - ly glo - ry of the Fa - ther Im - mor - tal,



the hea - ven - ly, ho - ly, bles - sed One, O Je - sus Christ: Now that we have



reached the set - ting of the sun, and see the eve - ning light, we sing to God,



Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it. It is fit - ting at all times to raise



a song of praise in meas - ured mel - o - dy to you, O Son of God, the



Giv - er of Life. There - fore, the u - ni - verse sings your glo - ry.

## Old Testament Readings for Tuesday in the Fourth Week of the Fast

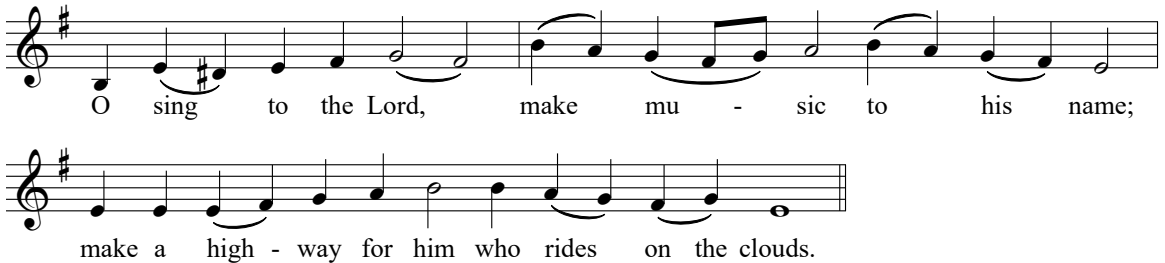
**Deacon:** Let us be attentive!

**Celebrant:** Peace be to all!

**Deacon:** Wisdom! Be attentive!

*The faithful STAND.*

**Prokeimenon I - Tone 6** (Psalm 67: 5a, 5b)



O sing to the Lord, make music to his name;  
make a high-way for him who rides on the clouds.

*Verse:* Rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence.

**Deacon:** Wisdom!

**Lector:** A Reading from Genesis

**Deacon:** Let us be attentive!

*The faithful SIT while the lector chants the reading.*

**Lector:** [Genesis 9:8-17]

**Deacon:** Wisdom! Be attentive!

*The faithful STAND.*

**Prokeimenon II - Tone 6** (Psalm 68: 30, 33)



Let your help, O God, let your help, O God, lift me up.



I will praise God's name with a song.

*Verse:* The poor, when they see it, will be glad; and God-seeking hearts will revive.

**Deacon:** Wisdom!

**Lector:** A reading from Proverbs.

**Deacon:** Let us be attentive!

*The faithful SIT while the lector chants the reading.*

**Lector:** [Proverbs 12:8-22]

### **Old Testament Readings for the Annunciation**

**Deacon:** Wisdom!

**Lector:** A reading from Exodus.

**Deacon:** Let us be attentive!

**Lector:** [Exodus 3:1-8] (EOT 317; EOT 2011 321)

**Deacon:** Wisdom!

**Lector:** A reading from Proverbs.

**Deacon:** Let us be attentive!


**Lector:** [Proverbs 8:22-31] (EOT 312; EOT 2011 315)

**Celebrant:** Peace be to you, reader(s).

The service continues with the *Small Litany* on p. 122, followed by the *Thrice-Holy Hymn* of the *Divine Liturgy*.

The *propers* for the *Divine Liturgy* can be found on the following pages.

**Prokeimenon of the Annunciation - Tone 4** (Psalm 95:2,1):



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

*Verse:* Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

**Epistle: Hebrews 2:11-18** (EOT 234; EOT 2011 230)

**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.

**Gospel: Luke 1:24-38** (for the Annunciation)

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

**Magnification:**

O earth, an - nounce the good news, the good news  
of great joy. You heav - ens, sing the glo - ry, the glo - ry of God.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some slurs and ties.

**Irmos:**

*Tone 6 Irmos, simple setting*

Let no un - in - i - ti - a - ted hand touch the liv - ing Ark of God;  
but let faith - ful lips, sing - ing with - out ceas - ing the words of  
the angel to the The - o - to - kos, cry a - loud in great joy: Re - jice,  
O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, the second for the second line, the third for the third line, and the fourth for the fourth line. The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some slurs and ties.

**Communion Hymn (Psalm 131:13):**

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

*Refrain*

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

*The following hymn may be sung at the end of the Divine Liturgy if desired, either after the Ambon Prayer (if bread is blessed) or after the dismissal.*

**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.