

## Vesper Propers, January 30

**THE THREE HOLY HIERARCHS: BASIL THE GREAT, GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN, AND JOHN CHRYSOSTOM.** All three of these saints have their own feast days. This celebration began in 1100 in the days of the Emperor Alexis Comnenus. A great quarrel arose in Constantinople as to which of these three was the greatest theologian. They appeared in a dream to then Patriarch John and told him that they were equal before God, and each had his special gifts and talents. John chose January 30 to commemorate all three of them together, and composed the office.

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

*"O Lord, I have cried..." in Tone 4 (p. 58).*

Bring my soul out of this prison  
and then I shall praise **your** name.

Around me the just will assemble  
because of your goodness **to** me.

**Cantor:** (Tone 4) Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;  
(on 8) Lord, hear my voice!

**Stichera of the Three Holy Hierarchs - Tone 4 samohlasen**

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Let us glorify the three great preachers of the Trin-i - ty, the instruments of grace and  
harps of the Spir - it, re - nowned trumpets of di-vine preach - ing  
who thun-dered awe-some wonders which were re-vealed from on high. John, Ba-sil

and Gregory made known the glo - ry of God to the ends of the earth.

**Cantor:** Let your ears be attentive  
(on 7) to the voice of my pleading.

Let us worthily venerate the defenders of the Trin - i - ty. They are the three apostles

add - ed to the Twelve. They are rivers which overflowed living waters out of E - den.

They nour - ished the face of the earth with life - giving di - vine wa - ters.

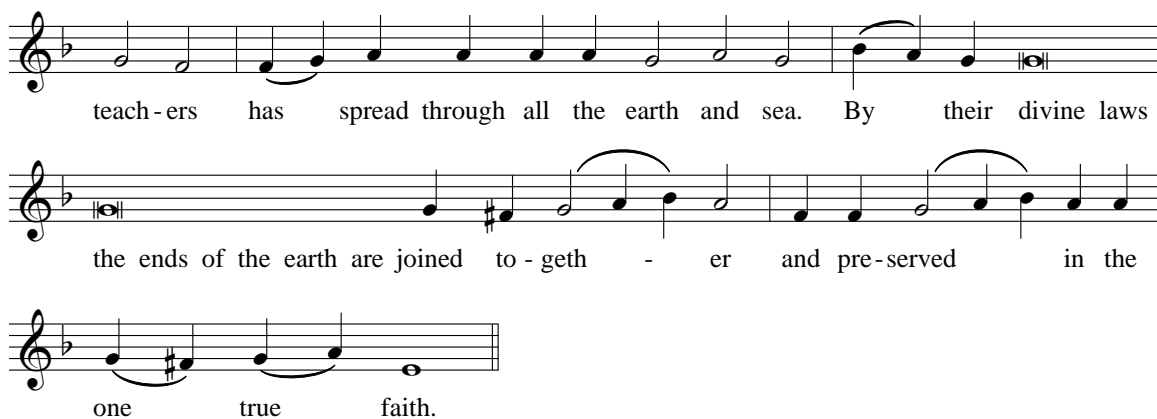
They are the ba - sic ele - ments of na - ture, fash - ioning not cre - a - tion

but the true faith.

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

The prophet spoke of them, say - ing: No one who lives or speaks has not

heard their voic - es, for the famous and excellent work of these sublime and wise



teach-ers has spread through all the earth and sea. By their divine laws  
the ends of the earth are joined to - geth - er and pre-served in the  
one true faith.

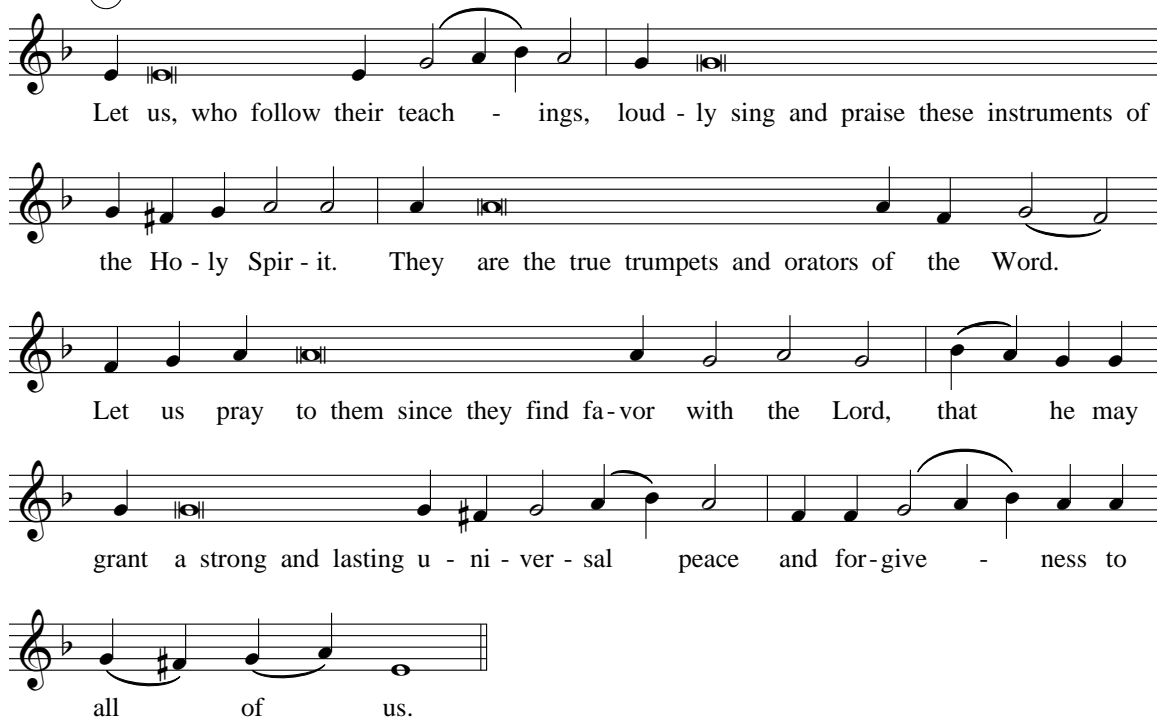
**Cantor:**

My soul is waiting for the Lord. I count on his word.

(on 5)

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My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.



Let us, who follow their teach - ings, loud - ly sing and praise these instruments of  
the Ho - ly Spir - it. They are the true trumpets and orators of the Word.  
Let us pray to them since they find fa - vor with the Lord, that he may  
grant a strong and lasting u - ni - ver - sal peace and for-give - ness to  
all of us.

**Cantor:** (Tone 2) Let the watchman count on daybreak  
(on 4) and Israel on the Lord.

*Tone 2 samohlasen*

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With what praise - worthy crowns shall we crown the teach - ers, dis - tinct  
in bod - y but joined together in the Spir - it? They are the God - bear - ing  
de - fend - ers of the Trin - i - ty, the tri - ad of min - is - ters, the  
lu - mi - nar - ies who enlighten the world, and pil - lars of the Church. Be - cause  
they con - quered all, Christ our God merciful - ly gave them crowns of glo - ry.

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

③

With what songs of joy shall we crown the God - bear - ing mys - tics and preach - ers?  
They were the most out - stand - ing theologians of the true faith: Bas - il  
the Great who re - vealed truths a - bout God; the sub - lime theologian Gregory,

and John the Gol - den - mouthed. They are fit - ting - ly glorified by the  
 Trin - i - ty, the Lord who grants his great mer - cy.

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

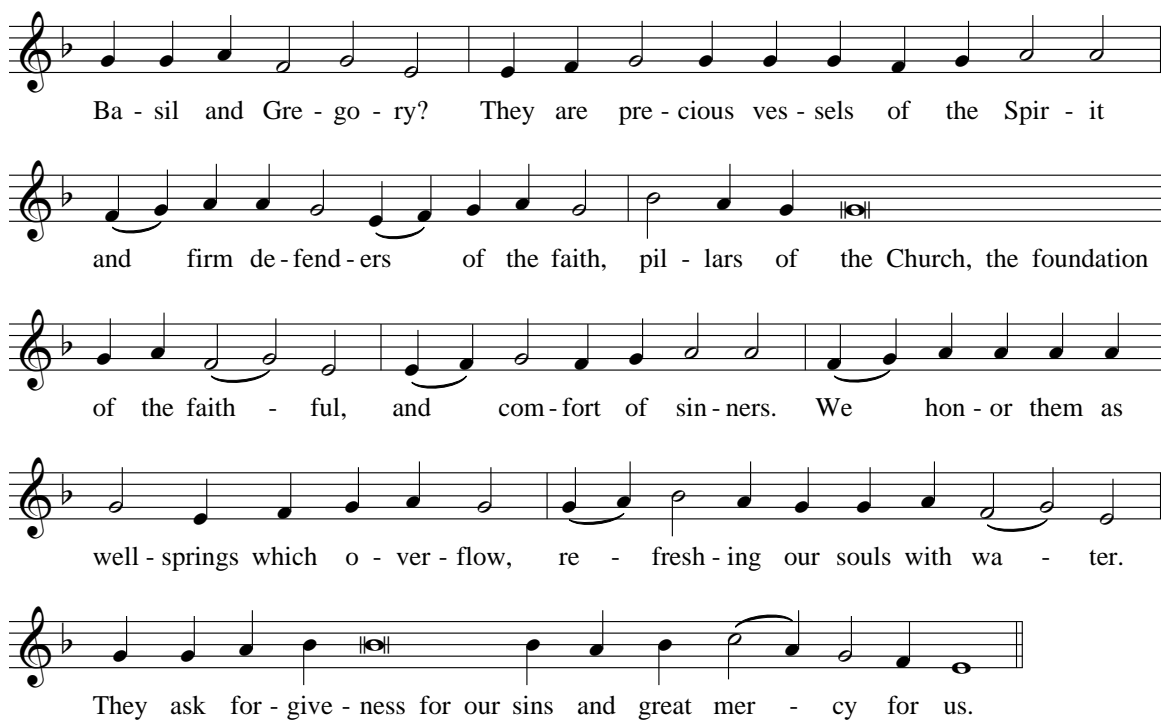
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With what praise - worthy words shall we honor the ho - ly bish - ops? They were  
 com - para - ble to the apostles in rank and gifts through grace. They de - feat - ed  
 her - esy and were sanctifiers by word and deed. They were Christ - like shep - herds  
 in the faith. They were earth - ly an - gels and heav'n - ly men. They were hon - ored by  
 the Lord of glo - ry, by Christ who grants his great mer - cy.

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

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With what praise - wor - thy crowns shall we crown John the Golden - mouthed,

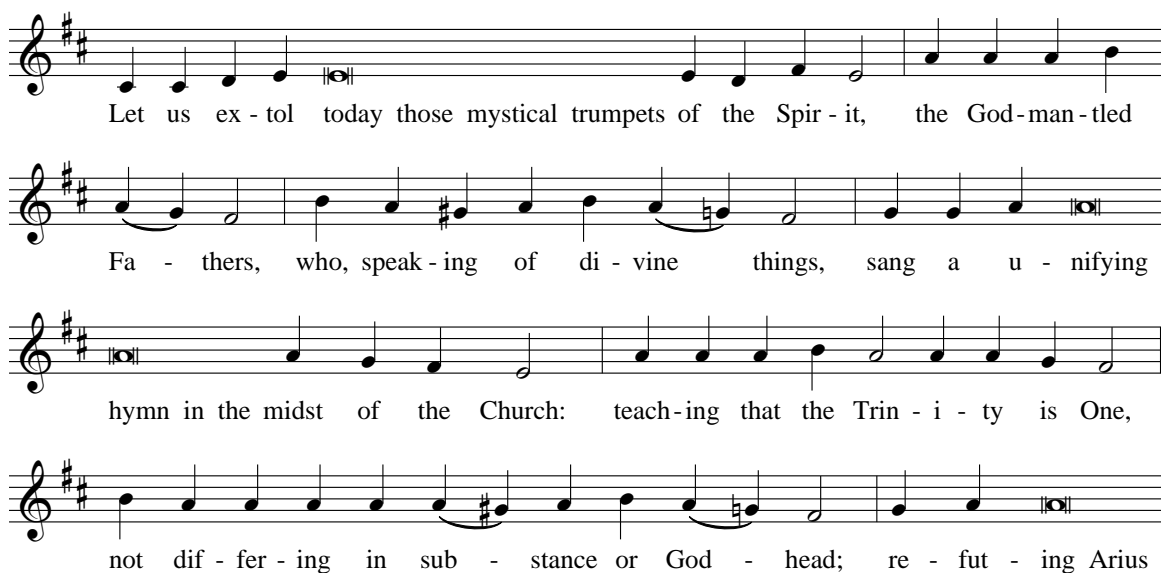


Ba - sil and Gre - go - ry? They are pre - cious ves - sels of the Spir - it  
 and firm de - fend - ers of the faith, pil - lars of the Church, the foundation  
 of the faith - ful, and com - fort of sin - ners. We hon - or them as  
 well - springs which o - ver - flow, re - fresh - ing our souls with wa - ter.  
 They ask for - give - ness for our sins and great mer - cy for us.

**Cantor:** (Tone 6) Glory...

**Doxastikon**

*Tone 6 samohlasen*



Let us ex - tol today those mystical trumpets of the Spir - it, the God - man - tled  
 Fa - thers, who, speak - ing of di - vine things, sang a u - nifying  
 hymn in the midst of the Church: teach - ing that the Trin - i - ty is One,  
 not dif - fer - ing in sub - stance or God - head; re - fut - ing Arius

and contending for the true faith; and who always in - ter - cede with the Lord  
to have mer - - - cy on our souls.

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

*Dogmatikon in the same tone (Tone 6), p. 87.*

*The service continues with the Hymn of the Evening, p. 12.*

*Weekday Prokeimena are found on pages 114-115.*

**Readings:** Deuteronomy 1: 8-11, 15-17 (EOT 301)  
Deuteronomy 10: 14-21 (EOT 301)  
Wisdom 3: 1 - 9 (EOT 315-316)

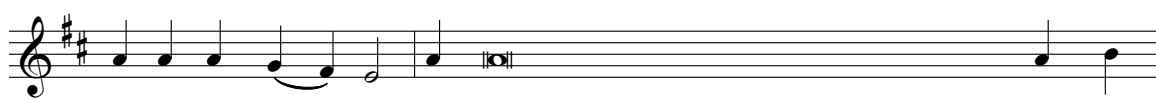
## Litija

*Tone 6*

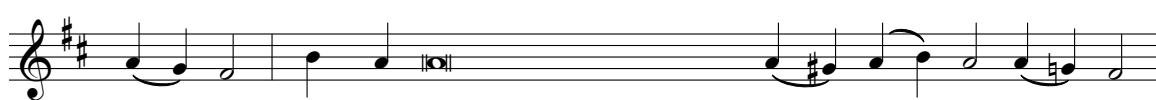
O Ho - ly Trin - ity, worthy of ad - o - ra - tion, glo - ry to your wise plan of  
sal - va - tion, for you have given three great lu - mi - nar - ies to us.  
They en - light - en us by the light of their knowl - edge of you, they inspire us by  
their teach - ings, and they shine with the radiance of your precious de - sires for



our sal - va - tion. Through them the whole world has been enriched with the light



of un - der - stand - ing; it radiates with your glory and hastens to your bless - ed



king - dom. Since you are an all - generous God, O Ho - ly Trin - i - ty,



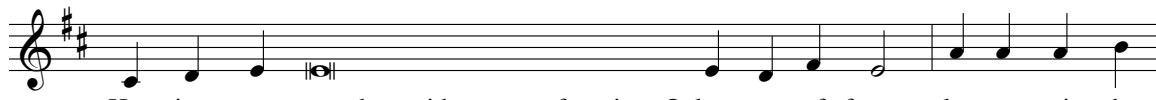
be at - ten - tive to their prayers on our be - half and save our souls, O



Lord and Lov - er of us all.

**Cantor:** (Tone 6) Glory...

**Doxastikon - Tone 6**



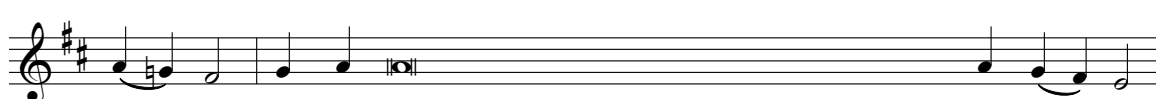
Hav - ing come together with songs of praise, O lov - ers of feasts, let us praise the



bish - ops of Christ and the glo - ry of the Fa - thers, the pil - lars of

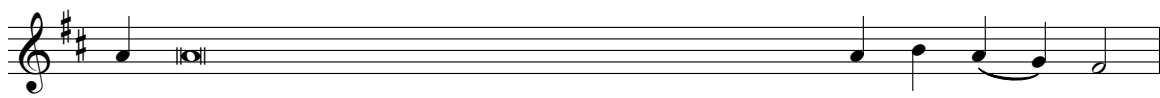


the faith, the teachers and defenders of the faith - ful. Let us cry out

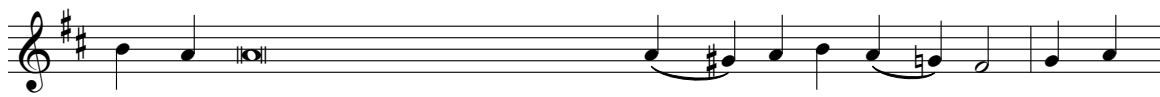


to them: Re-joyce, O luminary of the Church and immutable pillar, wise Ba - sil.





Re - joyce, O heavenly mind and great hierarch, Gregory the The - o - lo - gian.



Re - joyce, O golden - voiced John, splendid preach - er of pen - ance. O thrice -



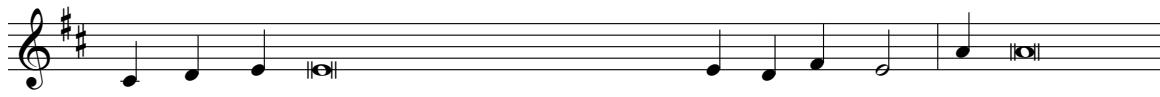
blessed Fathers, never cease to pray to Christ in behalf of those who in faith



and love ob - serve your sa - cred and sub - lime feast.

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

### Theotokion



Hav - ing come together with songs of praise, O lov - ers of feasts, let us extol the



boast of virgins and the joy of an - gels, the on - ly Mother of God and the



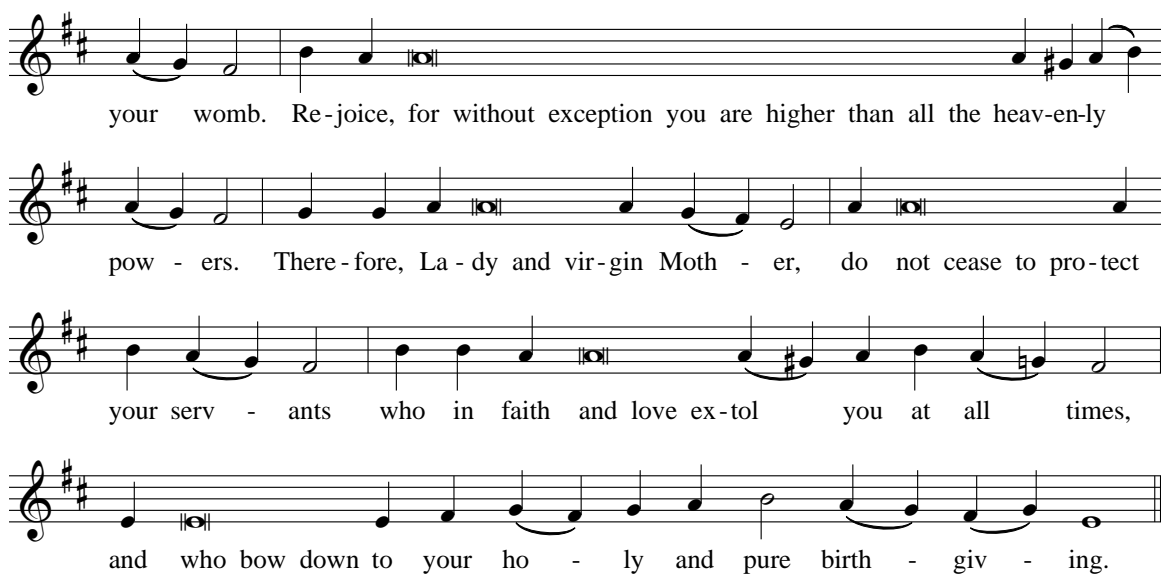
strength of be - liev - ers. Let us all cry out to her: Re - joyce, O



pure vir - gin Moth - er, splen - drous lu - minary and gate of heav - en.



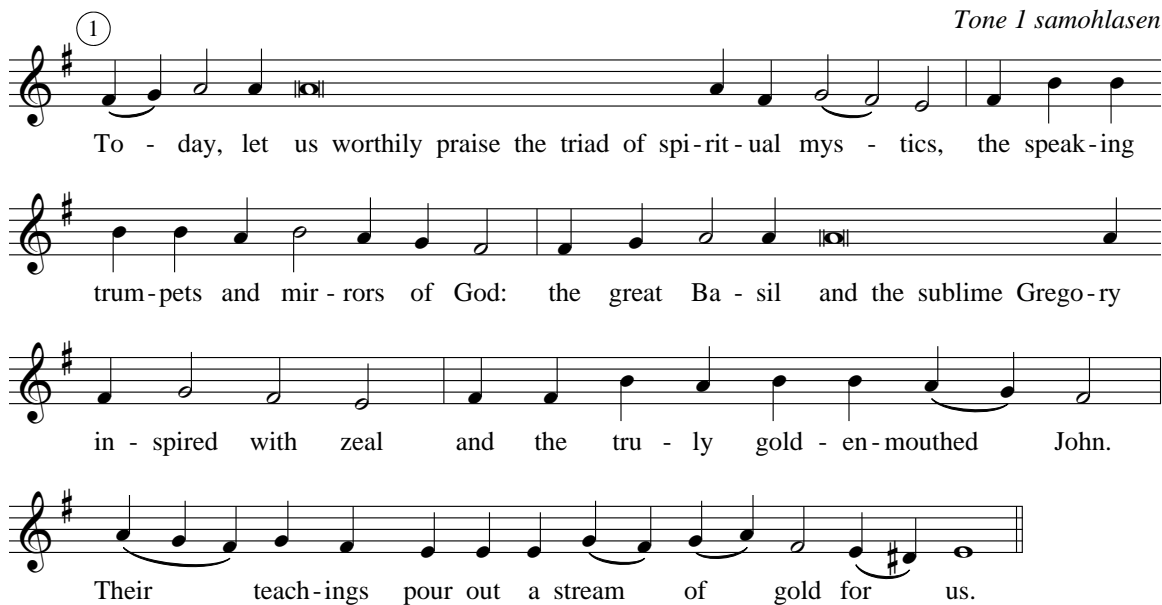
Re - joyce, O sacred tabernacle and all - pure One who con - tained God with - in



your womb. Re-joice, for without exception you are higher than all the heav-en-ly  
 pow - ers. There - fore, La - dy and vir - gin Moth - er, do not cease to pro-ect  
 your serv - ants who in faith and love ex-tol you at all times,  
 and who bow down to your ho - ly and pure birth - giv - ing.

*Litany of the Litija, page 16*

## Aposticha



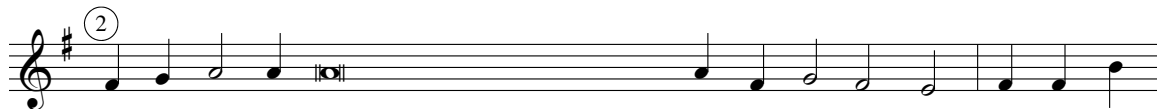
<sup>①</sup> *Tone 1 samohlasen*  
 To - day, let us worthily praise the triad of spi-rit-ual mys - tics, the speak-ing  
 trum-pets and mir - rors of God: the great Ba - sil and the sublime Grego-ry  
 in - spired with zeal and the tru - ly gold - en-mouthed John.  
 Their teach-ings pour out a stream of gold for us.

*Cantor*

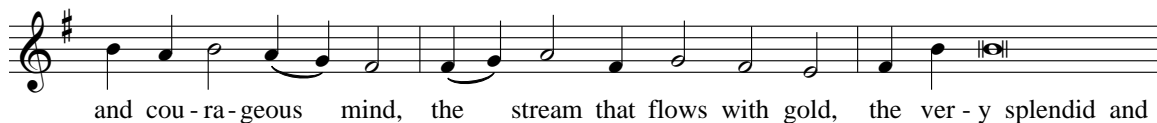


Pre-cious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faith - - - ful.

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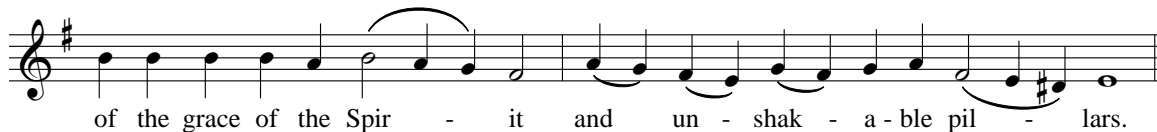
Let us wor - thi - ly sing the praises of the foun-da - tion of the faith, the sub-lime



and cou-ra-geous mind, the stream that flows with gold, the ver-y splendid and

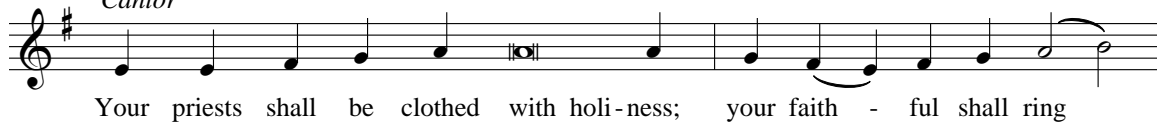


pre-cious lu-mi-nar - ies, and de-fend-ers of the Trin-i - ty, the re-cep-ta-cles



of the grace of the Spir - it and un - shak - a - ble pil - - lars.

*Cantor*

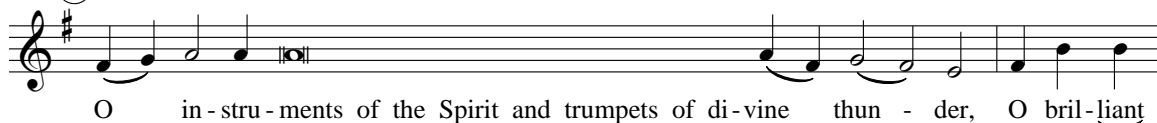


Your priests shall be clothed with holi-ness; your faith - ful shall ring



out their joy.

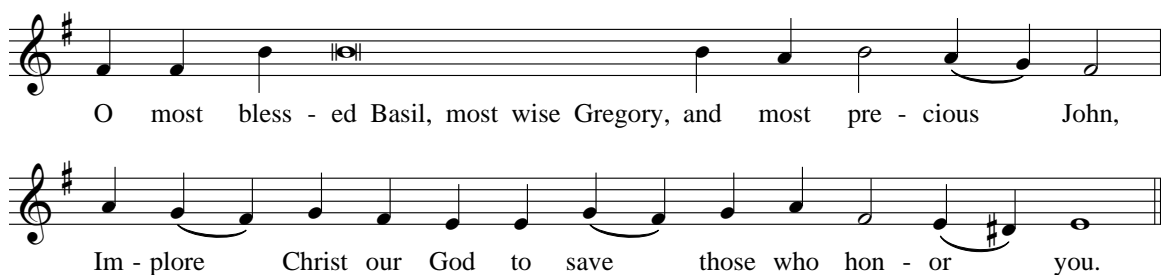
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O in - stru - ments of the Spirit and trumpets of di-vine thun - der, O bril-liant



lights of preach - ing, O gold - en, light-bearing, re-splen-dent lamps of God,

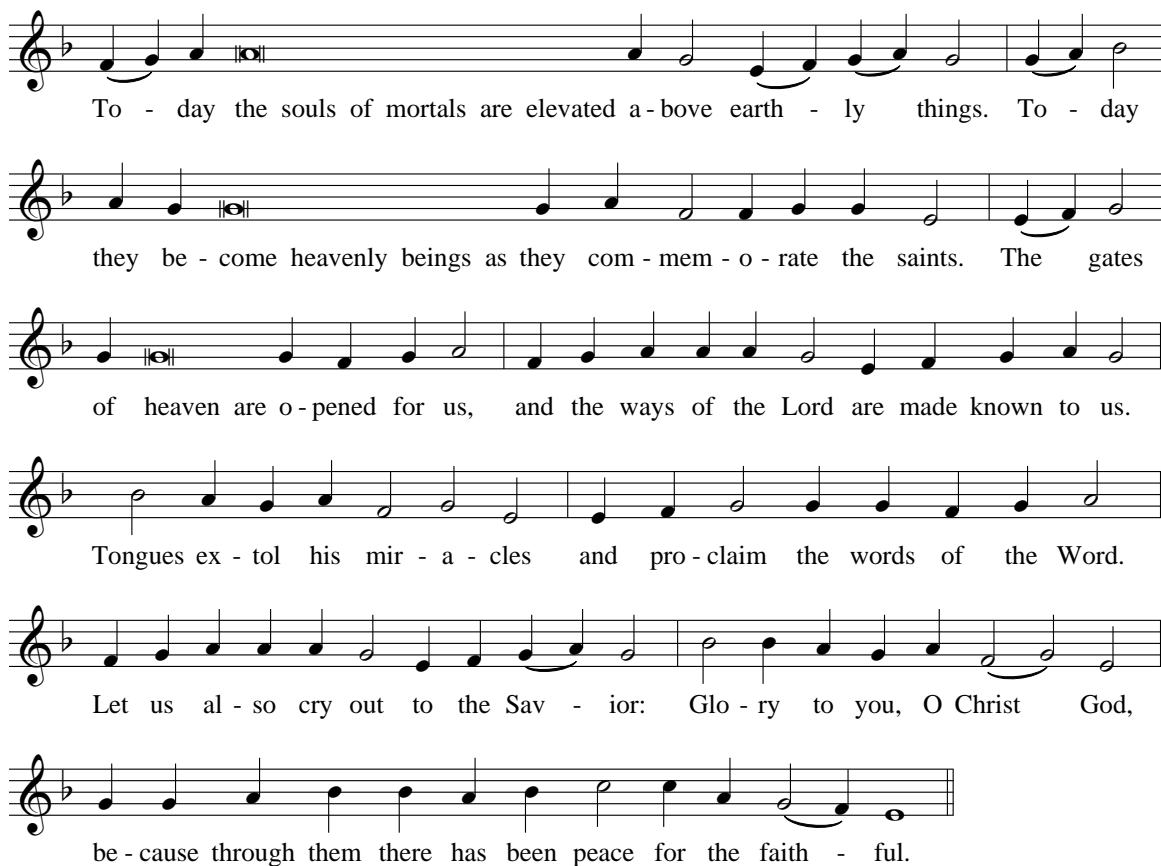


O most bless - ed Basil, most wise Gregory, and most pre - cious John,  
Im - plore Christ our God to save those who hon - or you.

**Cantor:** (Tone 2) Glory...

**Doxastikon**

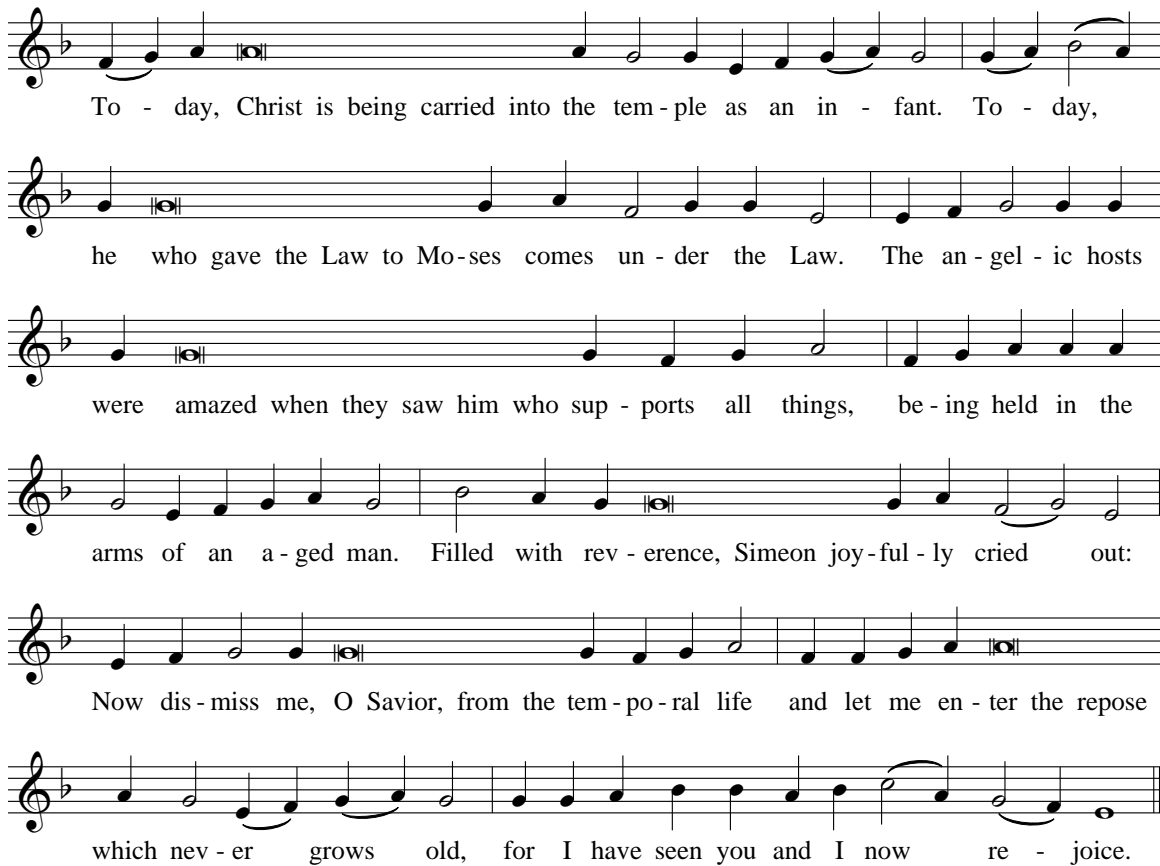
*Tone 2 samohlasen*



To - day the souls of mortals are elevated a - bove earth - ly things. To - day  
they be - come heavenly beings as they com - mem - o - rate the saints. The gates  
of heaven are o - pened for us, and the ways of the Lord are made known to us.  
Tongues ex - tol his mir - a - cles and pro - claim the words of the Word.  
Let us al - so cry out to the Sav - ior: Glo - ry to you, O Christ God,  
be - cause through them there has been peace for the faith - ful.

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

**Theotokion - Tone 2**



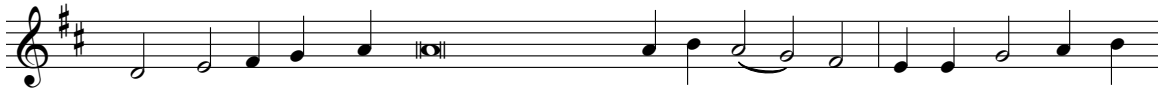
The musical score is written on six staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The music is a single melodic line. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The text is as follows:

To - day, Christ is being carried into the tem - ple as an in - fant. To - day,  
he who gave the Law to Mo - ses comes un - der the Law. The an - gel - ic hosts  
were amazed when they saw him who sup - ports all things, be - ing held in the  
arms of an a - ged man. Filled with rev - erence, Simeon joy - ful - ly cried out:  
Now dis - miss me, O Savior, from the tem - po - ral life and let me en - ter the repose  
which nev - er grows old, for I have seen you and I now re - joice.

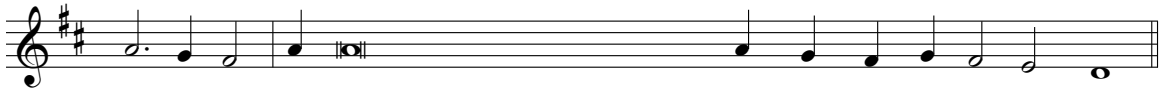
## Troparia

### Troparion of the Three Holy Bishops - Tone 4

*Sung twice, once by the priest and once by the faithful.*



Teach - ers of the world, of one mind with the a - pos - tles, in - ter - cede with the



Lord of all to grant peace to the world, and a - bun - dant mer - cy to our souls.

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

*"Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos...", page 119, followed by the Blessing of Bread.*