

Vigil Divine Liturgy, October 1*

THE PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY. On October 1, 911, during the reign of emperor Leo the Wise, there was an all-night vigil in the Blacherna church of the Theotokos in Constantinople. Standing near the rear of the church was St. Andrew the Fool for Christ, and his disciple Epiphanius. At four o'clock in the morning, the Theotokos appeared above the people with a veil spread over her outstretched hands, as if to protect them. She was surrounded by angels and saints. Seeing this, Andrew asked his disciple, "Do you see the Queen and Lady of all is praying for the whole world?"

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 1 (page 123). At the Psalm verse "on 3" toward the bottom of page 116, continue as follows:*

Cantor *(on 3)*

Be - cause with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemp-tion,
Is - ra - el indeed he will re - deem from all its in - i - qui - ty.

Stichera of the Protection of the Theotokos - Tone 1 samohlasen

O most pure The-o-to - kos, you are a mighty defender for those in sor - row.
You are a read - y help to those in trou - ble. You are the salvation and
con - fir - ma - tion of the world. You are the depth of mer - cy,

* to be sung on the evening of September 30

the font of God's wis - dom, and the pro - tec - tress of the world.

O faith - ful, let us sing and praise her glorious pro-tec - tion, say - ing:

Re - joice, O wo - man full of grace, the Lord is with you!

the Lord, who be-cause of you be-stows great mer - cy on our souls.

Cantor ^(on 2)

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

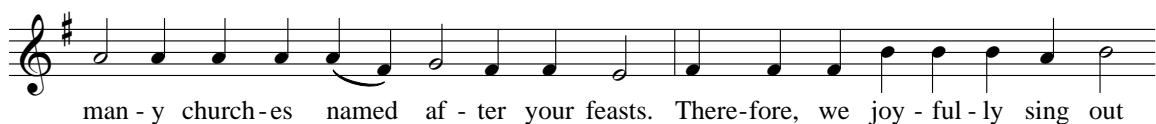
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The won-drous proph-et I - sai - ah fore-told: The moun - tain of the Lord will

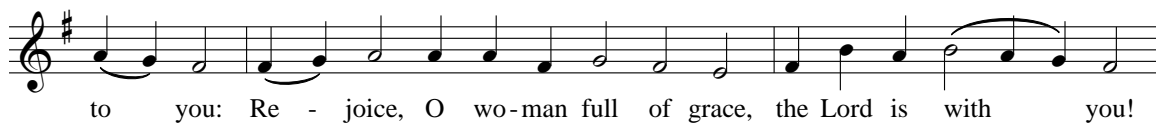
be revealed in the last days, and the house of the Lord will be up-on the

moun - tain. O Queen and La - dy, we have seen this prophecy tru-ly ful-filled

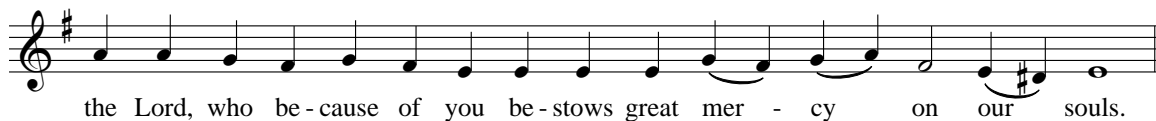
in you, be - cause the mountain and hills have been a - dorned by the



man - y church - es named af - ter your feasts. There - fore, we joy - ful - ly sing out

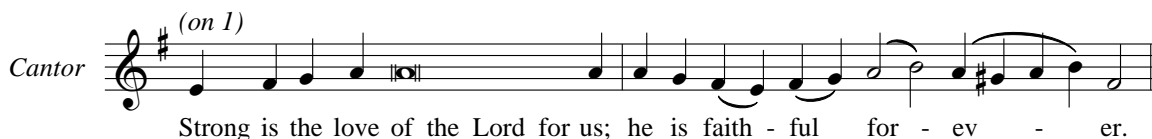


to you: Re - joice, O wo - man full of grace, the Lord is with you!



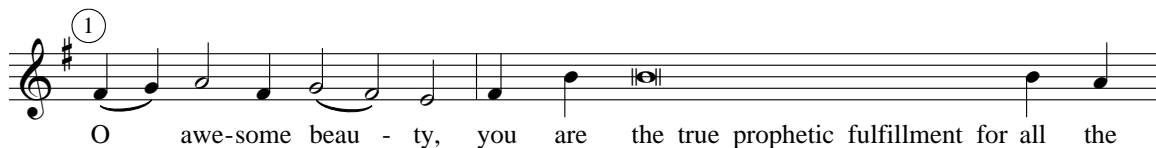
the Lord, who be - cause of you be - stows great mer - cy on our souls.

Cantor *(on 1)*

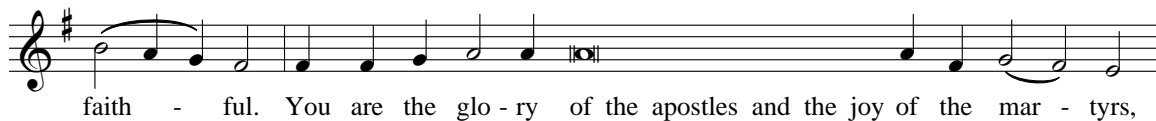


Strong is the love of the Lord for us; he is faith - ful for - ev - er.

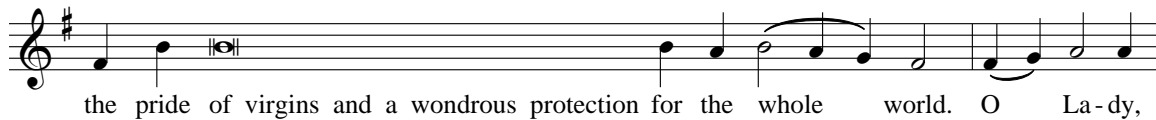
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O awe - some beau - ty, you are the true prophetic fulfillment for all the



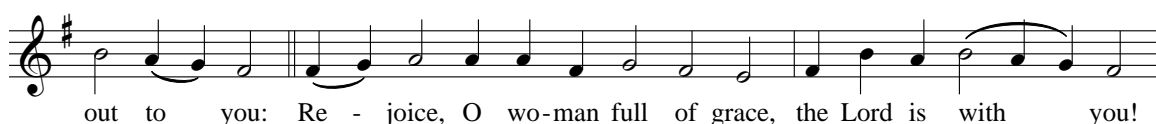
faith - ful. You are the glo - ry of the apostles and the joy of the mar - tyrs,



the pride of virgins and a wondrous protection for the whole world. O La - dy,



with the mantle of your mer - cy, pro - tect our Church and all the people who sing



out to you: Re - joice, O wo - man full of grace, the Lord is with you!

the Lord, who be-cause of you be-stows great mer - cy on our souls.

Cantor

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

Doxastikon of the Protection of the Theotokos - Tone 8 samohlasen

All the lead-ers of the heav-en - ly ar - - mies form a spir - itual choir and
re-joyce with all of us when they see the faithful praising the Lady and Queen
of all. The spir - its of the just re - joyce al - so as they wit-ness
the vision of the Queen pray-ing with out - stretched arms. She asks for peace
in the world, pow - er and strength for our Church, and sal - va - tion
for our souls.

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".

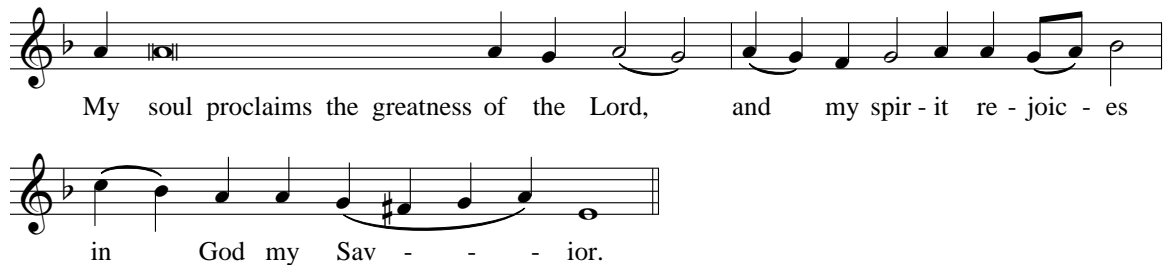
The prokeimenon of the day of the week is sung (pages 120-121).

Then the following Old Testament readings are chanted. One reading may be chosen if desired.

Readings: Genesis 28: 10 - 17 (EOT 304-305)
Ezekiel 43: 27 - 44: 4
Proverbs 9: 1 - 11

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 the Nativity of the Theotokos - Tone 3 (Luke 1:46-48):



My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, and my spir - it re - joic - es
in God my Sav - - - ior.

Verse: For he has looked with favor on the humility of his servant;
from this day forward, all generations will call me blessed.

Alleluia of the Nativity of the Theotokos - Tone 8 (Psalm 131:8,11):



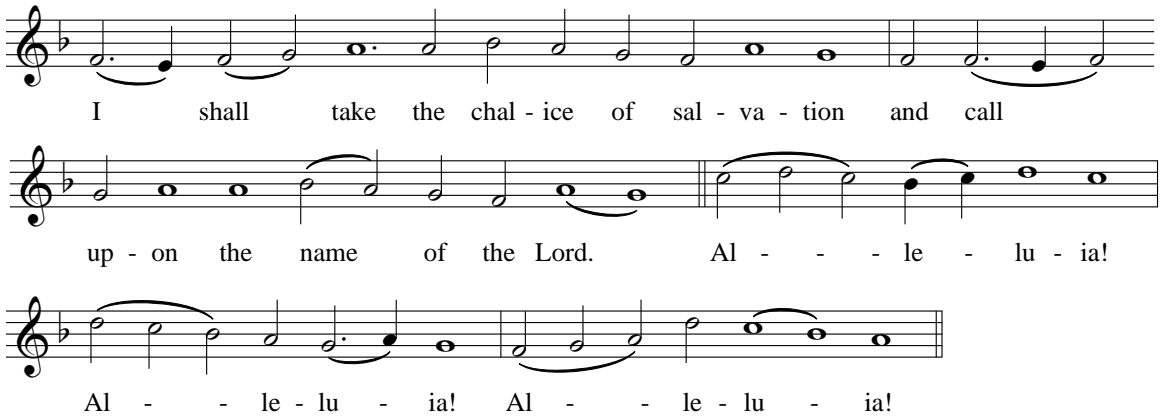
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia! Al - - - le - lu - ia!

Verse: Listen, O daughter, and see and incline your ear.

Verse: The rich among the people will seek your favor.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 115:4):

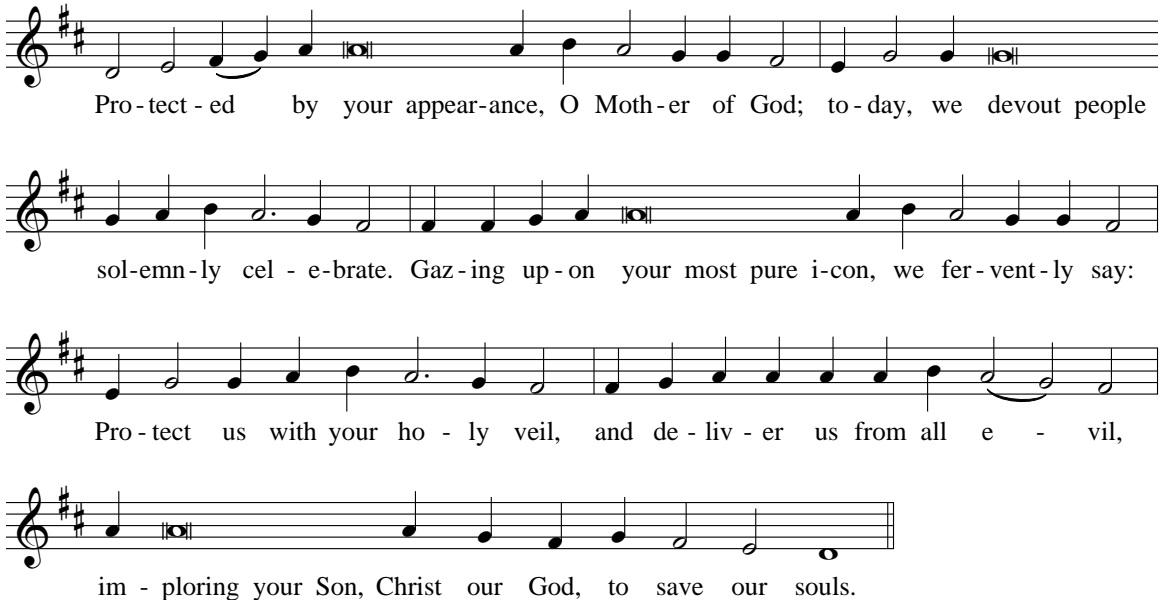
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I shall take the chal - ice of sal - va - tion and call
up - on the name of the Lord. Al - - - le - lu - ia!
Al - - - le - lu - ia! Al - - - le - lu - ia!

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 Nativity of the Theotokos - Tone 4:



Pro - tect - ed by your appear - ance, O Moth - er of God; to - day, we devout people
sol - emn - ly cel - e - brate. Gaz - ing up - on your most pure i - con, we fer - vent - ly say:
Pro - tect us with your ho - ly veil, and de - liv - er us from all e - vil,
im - ploring your Son, Christ our God, to save our souls.