

the cross in your hu - man na - ture to de - liv - er from the enemy's  
bondage those whom you cre - a - ted. There-fore, we grate-ful - ly cry  
out to you: By your com - ing to save the world, O Sav - ior,  
you have filled all with joy.

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

*Festal theotokion in the same tone (Tone 2, p. 47)*

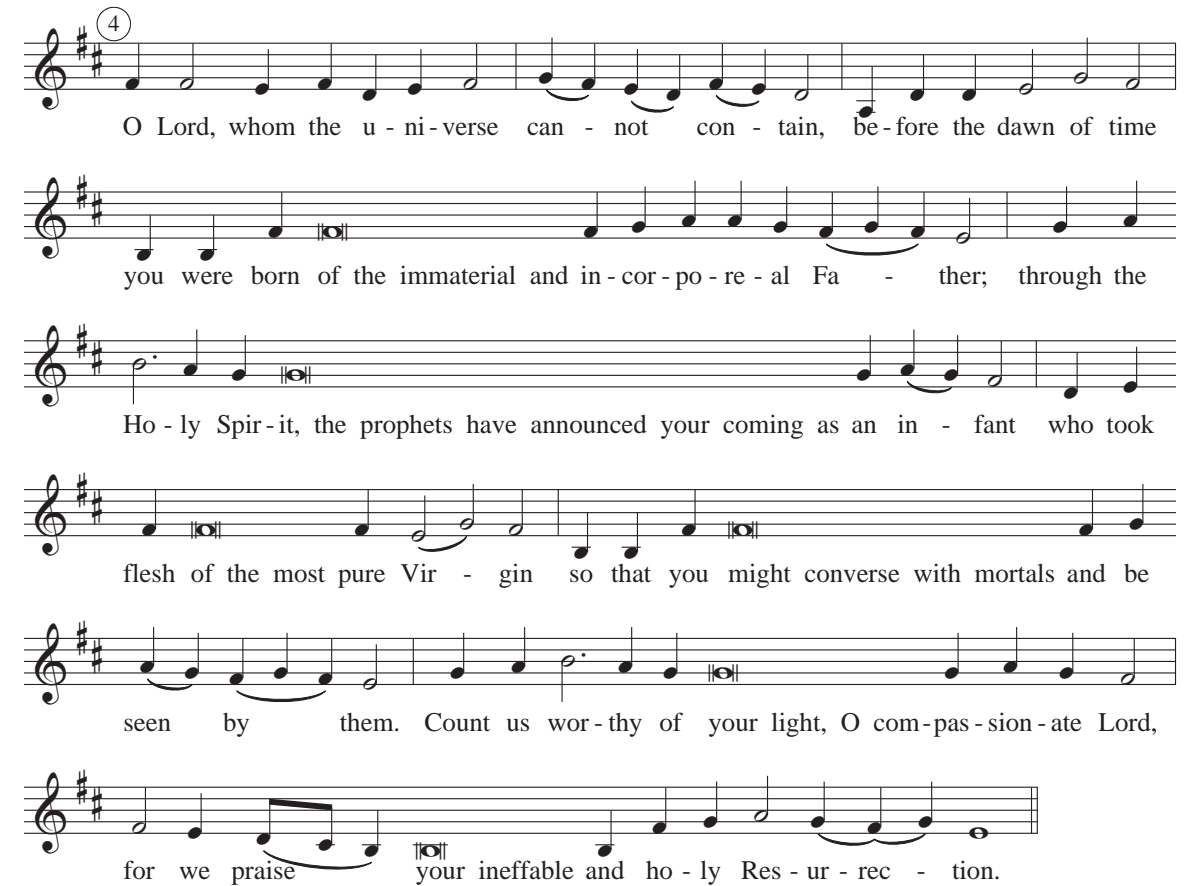
**Vesper Propers for the  
First Sunday of the Great Fast: Sunday of Orthodoxy  
Memory of the Holy Prophets**

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

*Lamplighting Psalms in the tone of the week, stichera 10-5.*

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

**Stichera of the Sunday of Orthodoxy - Tone 6 podoben: Vsju otloživše**



O Lord, whom the u - ni - verse can - not con - tain, be - fore the dawn of time  
you were born of the immaterial and in - cor - po - re - al Fa - ther; through the  
Ho - ly Spir - it, the prophets have announced your coming as an in - fant who took  
flesh of the most pure Vir - gin so that you might converse with mortals and be  
seen by them. Count us wor - thy of your light, O com - pas - sion - ate Lord,  
for we praise your ineffable and ho - ly Res - ur - rec - tion.

**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 ho - ly pro - phets have mer - it - ed e - ter - nal life, for they an - nounced you  
by their word and served you by their works. They did not wish to serve  
cre - ation instead of you, the Cre - a - tor, O God; they de - spised the world to  
an - nounce you. They were con - formed to your Pas - sion, which they have  
seen in a pro - phet - ic vi - sion. By their prayers, grant that we may  
complete the course of this Fast in all pu - ri - ty, O Lord most  
mer - ci - ful.

**Cantor:** Praise the Lord, all you nations, **Psalm 116**  
(on 2) acclaim him all you peoples!

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By your na - ture you are be - yond meas - ure, O Lord; yet in these

re - ject the godlessness of those who do not fol - low the true faith. For  
Saint Ba - sil has said: The ve - ne - ra - tion of the icon passes over to the one who  
is re - pre - sent - ed. Through the prayers of your most pure Moth - er and all the saints,  
we im - plore you, O Christ, to grant us your great mer - cy.

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

*Aposticha theotokion in the same tone (Tone 2, p. 45)*

### Troparia

*Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the Week*

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

**Troparion of the Sunday of Orthodoxy - Tone 2**

We bow be - fore your sa - cred im - age, O gra - cious Lord, and beg for - giveness for  
our of - fens - es, O Christ our God; for you, of your own good will, ascended

**Cantor:** Glory...now and ever...

**Theotokion**



O The - o - to - kos, I place all my hope in you; guard me with  
your pro - tec - tion.

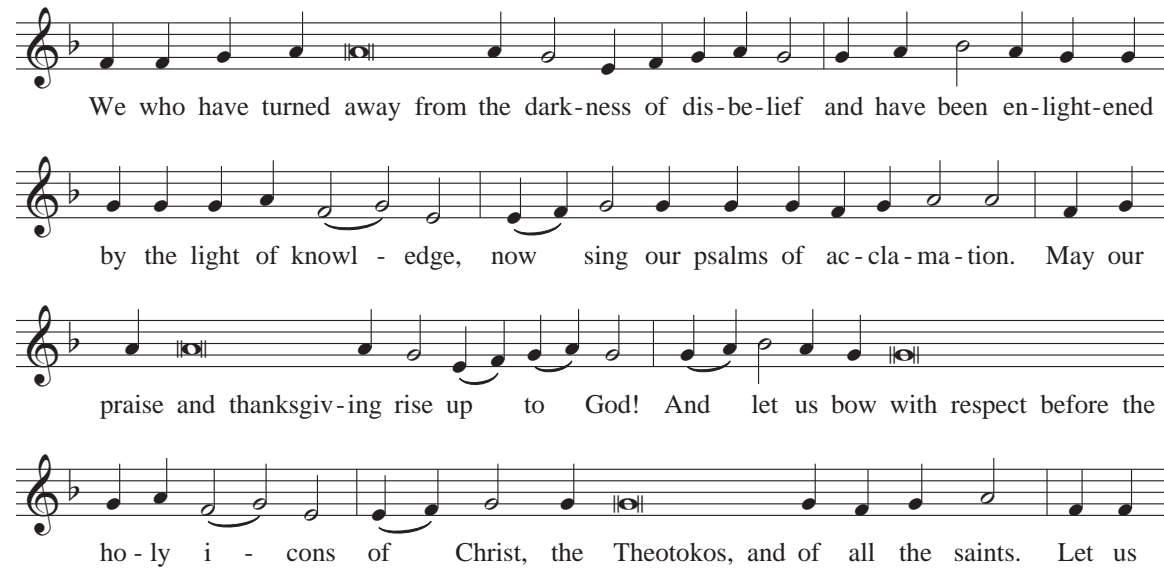
*Litany of the Litija, p.116*

**Aposticha**

*Aposticha in the tone of the week, concluding with:*

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

**Aposticha Doxastikon - Tone 2**

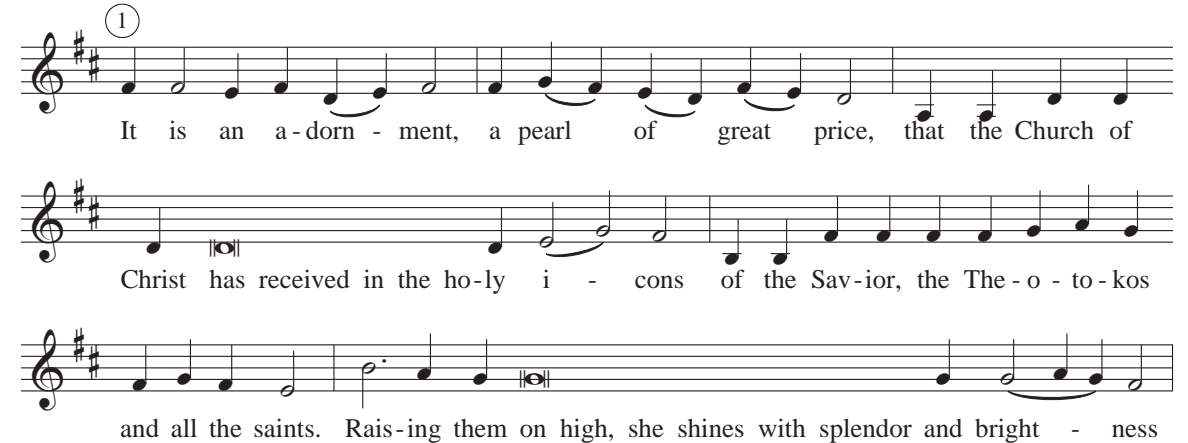


We who have turned away from the dark-ness of dis-be-lief and have been en-light-ened  
by the light of knowl - edge, now sing our psalms of ac-cla-ma-tion. May our  
praise and thanksgiv-ing rise up to God! And let us bow with respect before the  
ho - ly i - cons of Christ, the Theotokos, and of all the saints. Let us



last times, you deigned to accept the lim - i - ta - tions of the flesh. By your  
In - car - na - tion, you assumed all aspects of our hu-man na - ture. We now  
in - scribe the image of your like - ness so that we may wor - thi - ly  
ve - ne - rate it, and that we might be raised up to your love,  
from which we draw your great mer - cy, ac - cord - ing to the tradition of  
your ho - ly A - pos - - - tles.

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



It is an a - dorn - ment, a pearl of great price, that the Church of  
Christ has received in the ho-ly i - cons of the Sav-ior, the The - o - to - kos  
and all the saints. Rais-ing them on high, she shines with splendor and bright - ness

and puts down all he - re - sies. In joy, she glorifies God, who by his love for us,  
has deigned to free - ly suf - fer his Pas - sion.

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

**Doxastikon of the Sunday of Orthodoxy - Tone 2 samohlasen**

The grace of truth has shown forth; that which was for - mer - ly pre - fig - ured  
ob - scure - ly is now o - pen - ly ful - filled. Be - hold the Church is clothed  
as with a heav'n - ly gar - ment by the i - con of the Bod - y of Christ,  
which was pre - fig - ured by the Ark of the Cov - e - nant. She pre - serves  
the true faith, so that we might keep with - out blem - ish the im - age  
of the One whom we wor - ship. May those who do not believe this be cov - ered  
with shame! For we glo - ry in the image of the in - car - nate Word, which we

ven - e - rate but do not wor - ship as an i - dol. O faith - ful, let us hold it in  
rev' - rence and sing: Save your peo - ple, O God, and bless your in - he - ri - tance.

**Cantor:** (Tone of the week) Now and ever...

*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week*

**Litija**

**Of the Prophets - Tone 2 Bolhar**

Re - joyce, O ven - 'ra - ble proph - ets, who have pre - pared so well  
for the law of God and were the un - shak - a - ble col - umns of the faith.  
You are al - so the mediators of the new cov - e - nant of Christ. Now that  
you are in the heav - ens, pray that he may send peace to the world and great  
mer - cy to our souls.