

Moleben to Our Holy Fathers Cyril and Methodius

Priest: Blessed is our God, always, now and ever and forever.

Response:



A - men.



Glo - ry to you, our God, glo - ry *to* you.

Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth,
everywhere present and filling all things,
Treasury of Blessings and Giver of Life,
come and dwell within us,
cleanse us of all stain,
and save our souls, O *gracious* One.

During the Paschal season, omit "Glory to you" and "Heavenly King" and sing three times:



Christ is ris - en from the dead! By death he tram - pled death,

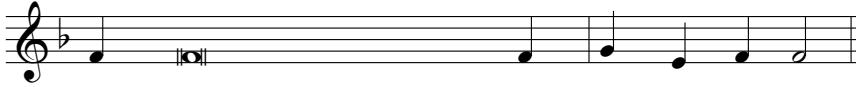


and to those in the tombs he gran - ted life.

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal,
have mercy *on* us. (*3 times*)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
now and ever and forever. *Amen.*

Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us;
Lord, cleanse us of our sins;
Master, forgive our transgressions;
Holy One, come to us and heal our infirmities for *your* name's sake.

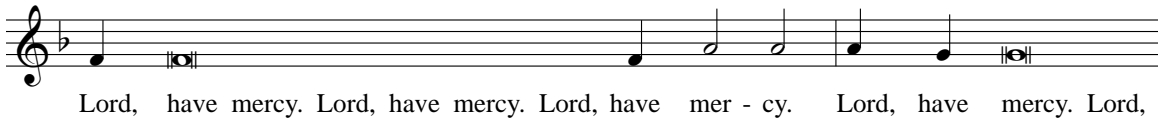


Lord, have mercy. Lord have mer-cy. Lord have mer - cy.

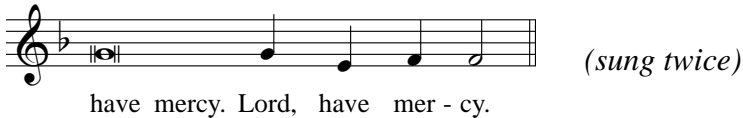
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
now and ever and forever. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us *from* evil.

Priest: For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.



Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mercy. Lord,



have mercy. Lord, have mer - cy.

(sung twice)

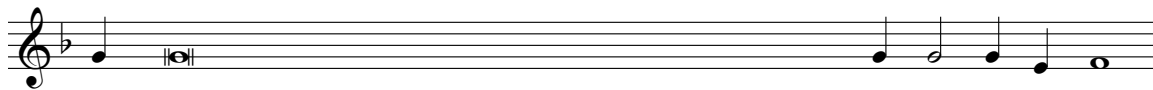
Glory to the Father, and to the the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
now and ever and forever. Amen.

Call to Worship

Each time with a reverence:



Come, let us worship our King and God. Come, let us worship Christ, our King and God.



Come, let us worship and bow before the only Lord Jesus Christ, the King and our God.

Psalm 142

O Lord, listen to my prayer: turn your ear to my appeal.
You are faithful, you are just; *give* answer.

Do not call your servant to judgment
for no one is just in *your* sight.

The enemy pursues my soul;
he has crushed my life to *the* ground;

he has made me dwell in darkness
like the dead, long *forgotten*.

Therefore my spirit fails;
my heart is numb *within* me.

I remember the days that are past:
I ponder all *your* works.

I muse on what your hand has wrought
and to you I stretch out my hands.
Like a parched land my soul thirsts *for* you.

Lord, make haste and answer;
for my spirit fails *within* me.

Do not hide your face
lest I become like those in *the* grave.

In the morning let me know your love
for I put my trust *in* you.

Make me know the way I should walk:
to you I lift up *my* soul.

Rescue me, Lord, from my enemies;
I have fled to you *for* refuge.

Teach me to do your will
for you, O Lord, are *my* God.

Let your good spirit guide me
in ways that are level *and* smooth.

For your name's sake, Lord, save my life;
in your justice save my soul from *distress*.

In your love make an end of my foes;
destroy all those who oppress me
for I am your servant, *O* Lord.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:
now and ever and forever. *Amen*.

Three times, each with a reverence:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glory to you, *O* God!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glory to you, *O* God!

The third time, with melody:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry to you, O God!

The musical notation is a single line of music on a five-line staff. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter notes, eighth notes, and half notes. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes: "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry to you, O God!". The final note is a whole note, and the staff ends with a double bar line.

The Deacon chants on one tone:

Deacon: The Lord is God and has revealed himself to us;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Response:

Resurrection Tone 4

The Lord is God and has re-vealed him-self to us; bless-ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.

The deacon remains at the ambon and chants the verses. If there is no deacon, the priest remains at the Holy Doors and chants the verses.

Deacon: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his love endures forever.

Response: *repeat "The Lord is God..."*

Deacon: They encircled me, compassed me about;
in the Lord's name I crushed them.

Response: *repeat "The Lord is God..."*

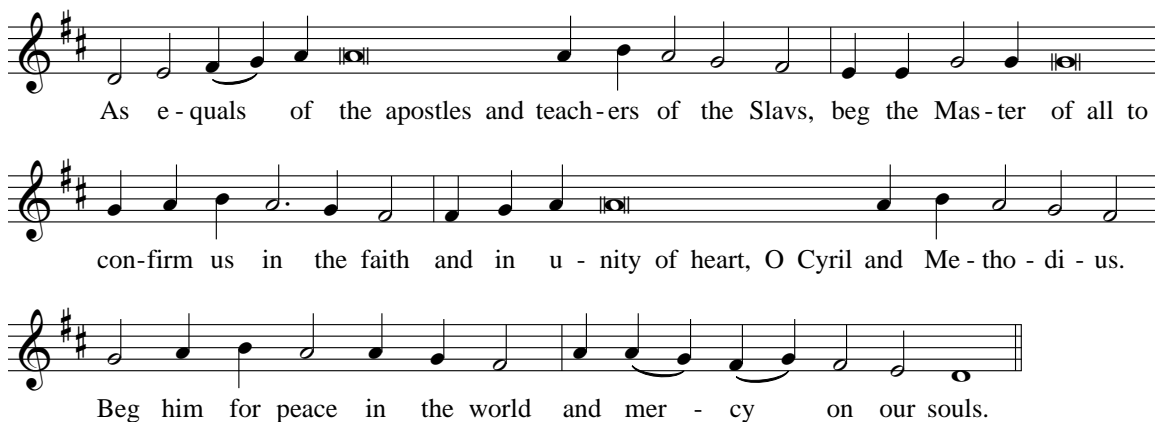
Deacon: I shall not die, I shall live
and recount the deeds of the Lord.

Response: *repeat "The Lord is God..."*

Deacon: The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

Response: *repeat "The Lord is God..."*

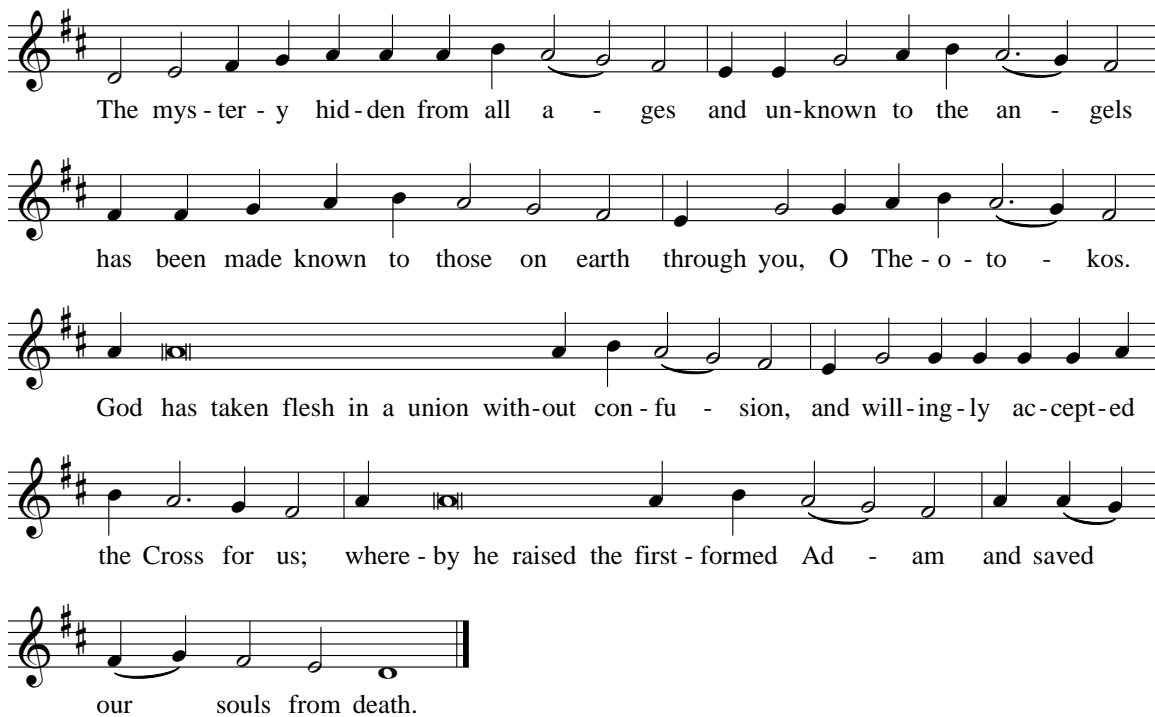
Troparion - Tone 4



As e - quals of the apostles and teach - ers of the Slavs, beg the Mas - ter of all to
con - firm us in the faith and in u - nity of heart, O Cyril and Me - tho - di - us.
Beg him for peace in the world and mer - cy on our souls.

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

Festal Theotokion - Tone 4



The mys - ter - y hid - den from all a - ges and un - known to the an - gels
has been made known to those on earth through you, O The - o - to - kos.
God has taken flesh in a union with - out con - fu - sion, and will - ing - ly ac - cept - ed
the Cross for us; where - by he raised the first - formed Ad - am and saved
our souls from death.

Exaltation

We ex - tol you, O holy Methodius and Cyril, equals to the a - pos - tles,
for by your teach - ings you il - lu - mined all the Slav na - tions,
and guid - ed them to Christ.

The Deacon chants the following verses, and the faithful repeat the Exaltation after each verse.

Verse: My lips will speak words of wisdom. My heart is full of insight.

Verse: Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly.

Verse: The mouth of the just utters wisdom, and his lips speak what is right.

Verse: They are happy who dwell in your house, forever singing your praise.

Verse: Glory...now and ever...

Then three times, each with a reverence:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry to you, O God!

All repeat "We extol you..."

Psalm 50

Have mercy on me, O God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my *offense*.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from *my* sin.

My offenses truly I know them;
my sin is always *before* me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I *have* done.

That you may be justified when you give sentence
and be without reproach when *you* judge,
O see, in guilt I was born,
a sinner was I *conceived*.

Indeed you love truth in the heart;
then in the secret of my heart teach *me* wisdom.
O purify me, then I shall be clean;
O wash me, I shall be whiter *than* snow.

Make me hear rejoicing and gladness,
that the bones you have crushed *may* thrill.
From my sins turn away your face
and blot out all *my* guilt.

A pure heart create for me, O God;
put a steadfast spirit *within* me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your *holy* spirit.

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervor *sustain* me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return *to* you.

O rescue me, God, my helper,
and my tongue shall ring out *your* goodness.

O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth will declare *your* praise.

For in sacrifice you take no delight,
burnt offering from me you would *refuse*,
my sacrifice, a contrite spirit,
a humbled, contrite heart you will *not* spurn.

In your goodness, show favor to Zion:
rebuild the walls of *Jerusalem*.
Then you will be pleased with lawful sacrifice,
burnt offerings wholly consumed,
then you will be offered young bulls on *your* altar.

Kontakion - Tone 3

We hon - or those priests who gave us the Light, who o - pened the
foun - tain of theology for us by translating the Ho - ly Scrip - tures, thus start - ing
a riv - er from them that still runs to - day. We glo - ri - fy you, O Cyril
and Me - tho - di - us, who stand in heav - en before the throne of the Lord on high,
and who pray so fer - vent - ly for all of us.

Ikos

O faithful, come and let us praise the God-bearing fathers, Methodius and Cyril. They glistened in virtue as preachers of piety. They are true pillars and foundations of the Church and celestial trumpets of the teachings of Christ. They dispelled the darkness of unbelief; and, by the fire of the Spirit, they burned up dishonorable heresies. Through their translation of the Scriptures, the Slav nation was changed from a wild to a fertile olive tree; and, by divine baptism, it was brought into the faith of Christ. They filled the whole world with a multitude of miracles. Because of that, they stand before the throne of almighty God, wearing their crowns. Let us cry out to them: O heavenly Fathers, equal to the apostles, pray to Christ that he grant solidarity and unity of the true faith to all Slav peoples. Ask him to give peace to the world and to save our souls.

Deacon: Let us be attentive!

Priest: Peace be to all!

Deacon: Wisdom! Be attentive!

Prokeimenon - Tone 4

Your priests shall be clothed with ho - li - ness; your faith - ful shall
ring out their joy.

Deacon: Hear this, all you peoples, give heed all who dwell in the world.

All repeat the prokeimenon

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord.

Response:

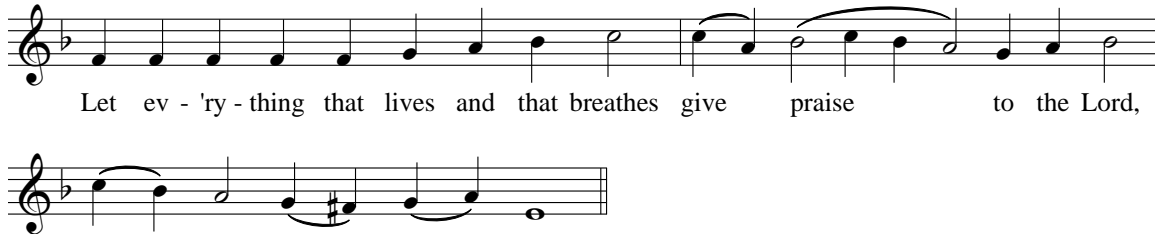
Lord, have mer - cy.

Priest: For you are holy, O our God, and you dwell in the holy place, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.

Response:  A - - men.

Deacon: Let everything that lives and that breathes give praise to the Lord!

Response: *Tone 4*



Let ev - 'ry - thing that lives and that breathes give praise to the Lord,
give praise to the Lord!

Deacon: Praise God in his holy place; praise him in his mighty heavens.

All repeat "Let everything that lives..."

Deacon: That we may be deemed worthy of hearing the holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord, our God.

Response:  Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - - cy.

Deacon: Wisdom! Let us stand and listen to the Holy Gospel.

Priest: Peace be to all!

Response:  And to your spi - - - - it.

Priest: A reading of the holy Gospel according to John.

Response:



Deacon: Let us be attentive.

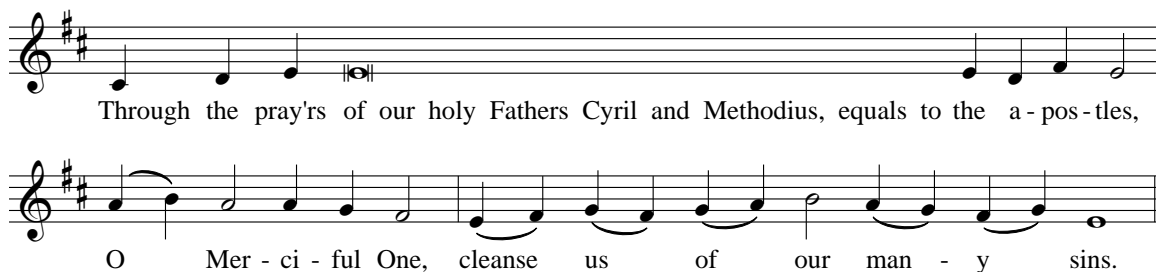
Priest: [John 10: 1 - 9]

Response:

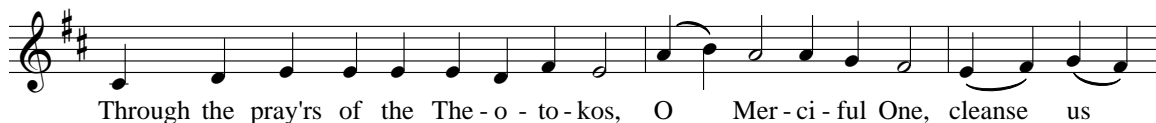


Cantor: (*Tone 6*) Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Tone 6 samohlasen



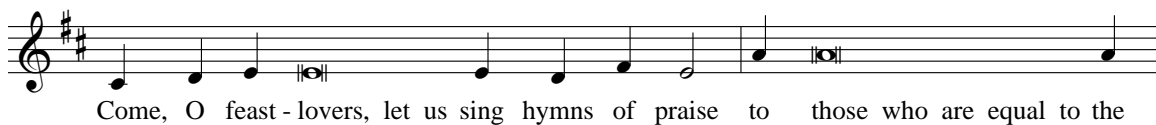
Cantor: Now and ever and forever. Amen.



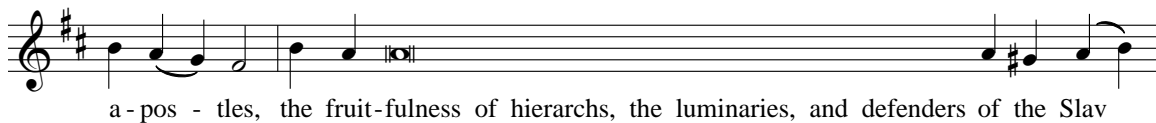


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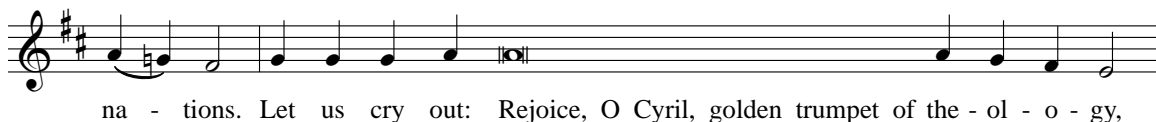
Cantor: Have mercy on me, O God, in your kindness.
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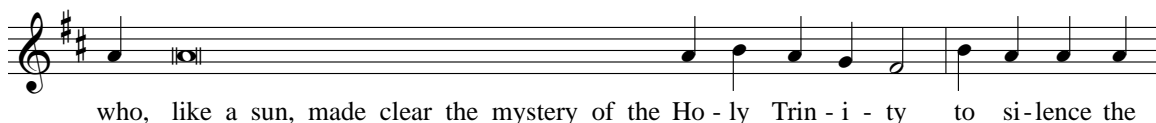
Come, O feast - lovers, let us sing hymns of praise to those who are equal to the



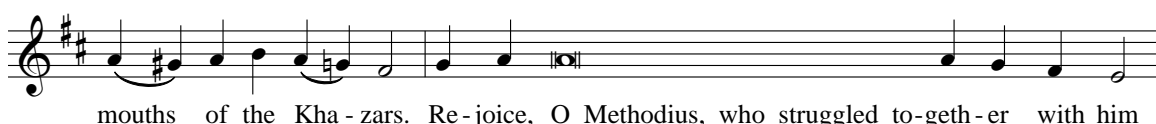
a - pos - tles, the fruit - fulness of hierarchs, the luminaries, and defenders of the Slav



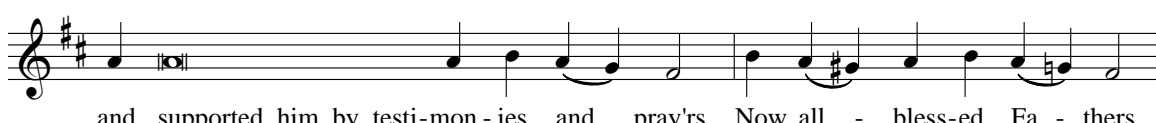
na - tions. Let us cry out: Rejoice, O Cyril, golden trumpet of the - ol - o - gy,



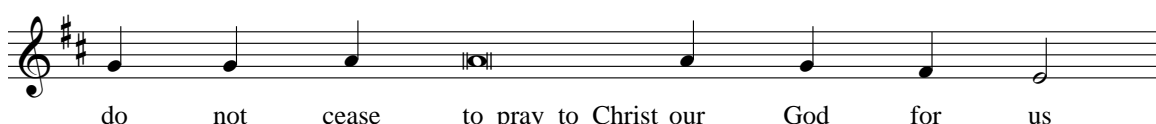
who, like a sun, made clear the mystery of the Ho - ly Trin - i - ty to si - lence the



mouths of the Kha - zars. Re - joice, O Methodius, who struggled to - geth - er with him



and supported him by testi - mon - ies and pray'rs. Now all - bless - ed Fa - thers,



do not cease to pray to Christ our God for us

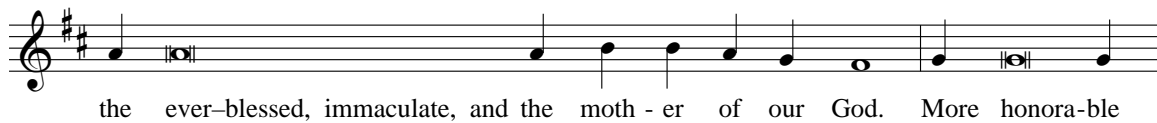


who faith - ful - ly and lov - ing - ly ex - tol you.

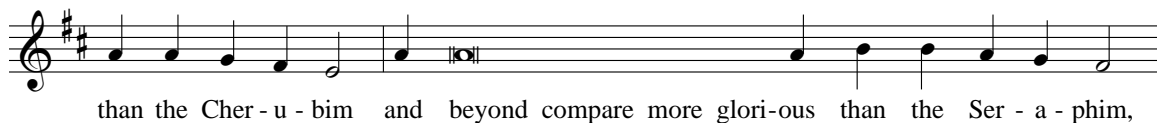
Hymn to the Theotokos



It is tru - ly prop - er to glo - ri - fy you, O The - o - to - kos,



the ever-blessed, immaculate, and the moth - er of our God. More honora-ble



than the Cher - u - bim and beyond compare more glori-ous than the Ser - a - phim,



who, a Vir - gin, gave birth to God the Word; you, tru - ly the



The - o - to - kos, we mag - ni - fy.

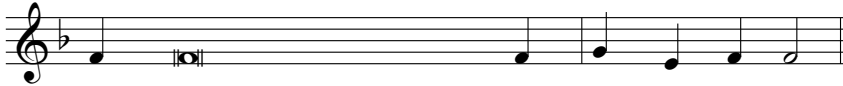
During the Paschal season, “Shine in splendor” is sung in place of “It is truly proper.”

Trisagion Prayers

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have mercy *on* us. (3 times)

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now and ever and forever. Amen.

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Priest: For thine is the kingdom and the power and glory,
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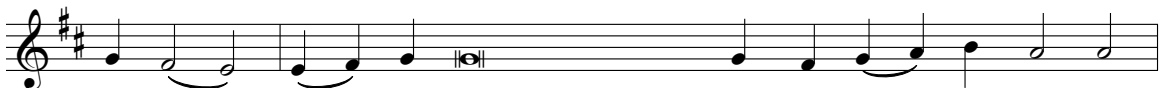
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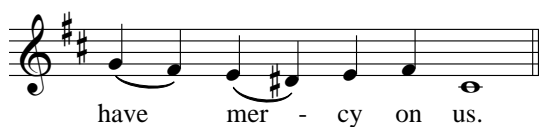
Troparion - Tone 6 (adapt.):



Have mer - cy on us, O Lord, have mer - cy on us: since we have no



de-fense, we sin - ners offer this supplica-tion to you, our Mas - ter;

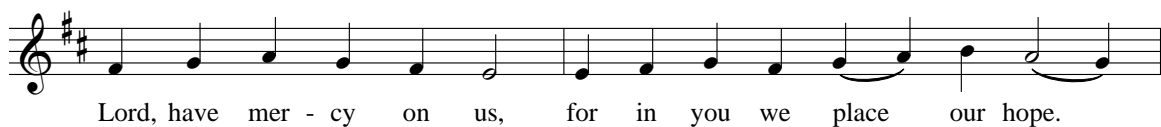


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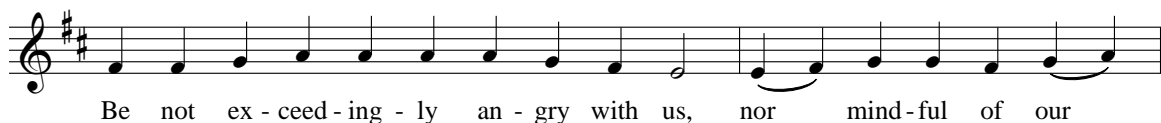


Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.

Kontakion - Tone 6 Troparion (adapt.):



Lord, have mer - cy on us, for in you we place our hope.



Be not ex - ceed - ing - ly an - gry with us, nor mind - ful of our



trans - gres - sions, but look up - on us even now with mer - cy,



and de - liv - er us from our en - e - mies. For you are our God



and we are your peo - ple: we all are the work of your hands,



and we call up - on your name.



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

Theotokion - Tone 6 Troparion (adapt.):



O - pen un - to us the doors of mer - cy, O bless - ed The - o - to - kos.



Let us not per - ish who place our trust in you, but rath - er through you be de - liv - ered



from mis - for - tune. For you are the sal - va - tion of all Chris - tians.

Litany of Fervent Supplication

Deacon: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your great mercy, we pray you, hear and have mercy.

Response:



Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

Deacon: Again we pray for our holy father, (*Name*), pope of Rome, and for our most reverend metropolitan, (*Name*), for the God-loving bishop, (*Name*), for those who serve and have served in this holy church, for our spiritual fathers, and for all our brothers and sisters in Christ.


Response:



Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

Deacon: Again we pray for our government and for all in the service of our country.

Response:



Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

(Special petitions may be inserted here if desired.)

Deacon: Again we pray for the people here present who await your great and abundant mercy, for those who show us mercy, and for all Christians of the true faith.

Response:



Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

Priest: For you are a merciful and loving God, and we give glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.

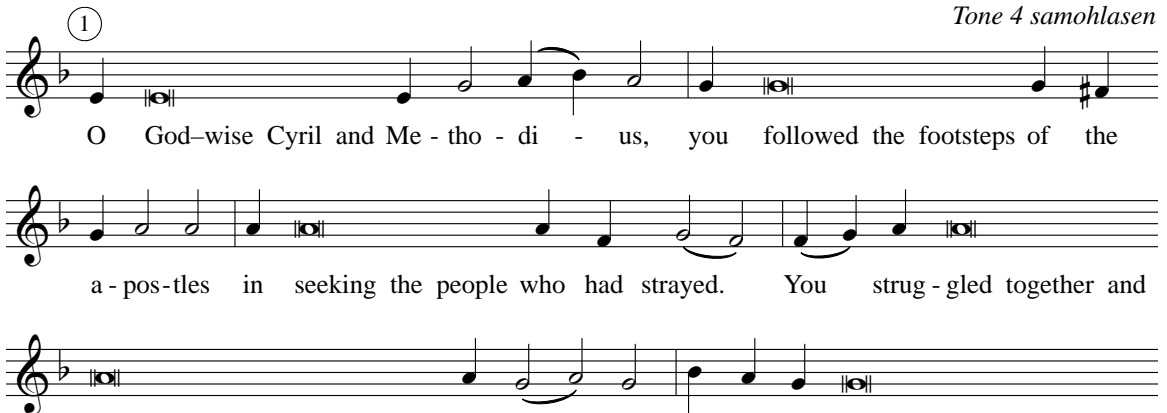
Response:




A - men.

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Tone 4 samohlasen



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O God-wise Cyril and Me - tho - di - us, you followed the footsteps of the
a - pos - tles in seeking the people who had strayed. You strug - gled together and
traveled the Slav regions like swift ea - gles. You il - lu - mined them with the light




of the knowl-edge of God, and you guided them to the Lov - er of us all and



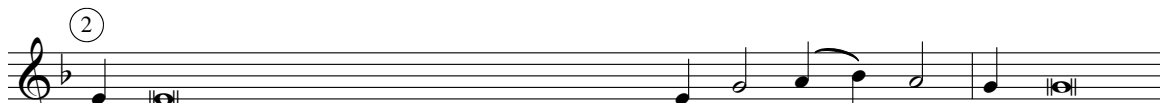
Sav - ior of our souls.

Cantor



Your priests shall be clothed in holiness, your faith-ful shall ring out their joy.

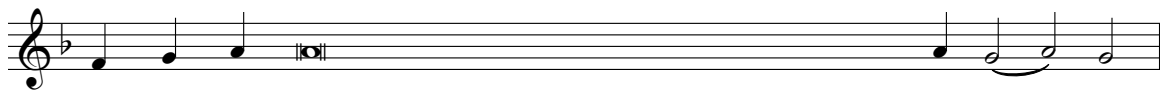
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O toilers in the vineyard of Christ and sowers of pi - e - ty, you zealously



sought and found the Slav peo - ple who were likened to the lost coin.



They re - ceived the Word like a treasury of eternal life, O God-bear-ing Fa - thers,



and now you rejoice with the an - gels. Pray to Christ, the Lov - er of us



all and Sav - ior of our souls.

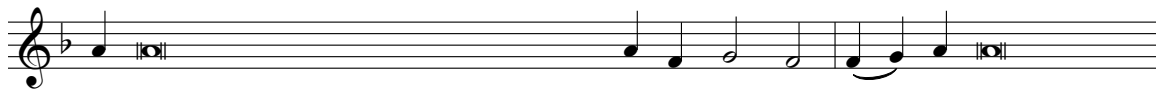
Cantor



For the Lord has chosen Zion; he has de-sired it for his dwell - ing.



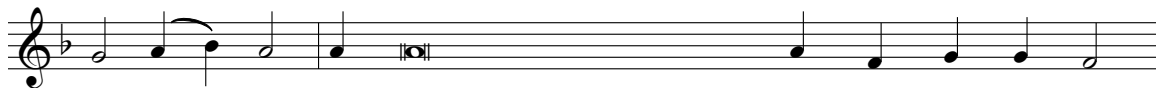
O defenders of the Ho-ly Trin - i - ty; O guides of those who strayed;



O persuaders against the wicked blasphemy of the Kha-zars, you put the disgrace of



the non - be - liev - ers to shame. For Christ, the Lover of us all and Sav - ior



of our souls, you hastened to keep the Church in-tact and fav - 'ra - ble



from the snares of the en - e - my. This is the Church which you had taught



through your God - pleas - ing la - bors and toil.



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

Doxastikon - Tone 6 samohlasen

O peo-ple, piously observing the memory of our en-light-'ners, let us grate-ful-ly

cry out: Re-joyce, O most splen - drous shin - ing lights! You il - lu-mined

the Slav regions with the light of the knowl-edge of God. Re - joyce, O good shepherds

who gath-ered in - to one the hu - man sheep that were scattered in the ra-vines

of un - be - lief. You brought them back to Christ, the chief Shep - herd.

We ex - tol him and we bless you.

Cantor

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

Theotokion

O The - o - to - kos, you are the true vine laden with the fruit of life. There-fore, we

im-plore you, O La - dy, to in - tercede together with the a-pos - tles

and the saints so that we may ob - tain mer - cy for our souls.

Deacon: Bowing our heads in humility. let us pray.

Response:

Lord, have mer - cy.

Priest: O Cyril and Methodius, most glorious teachers and enlighteners of the Slav peoples, we fervently hasten to you like children to their father, illumined by the light of your teaching and writings leading us to faith in Christ. We pray to you with a contrite heart. Even though, like disobedient children, we have not observed your commands, nor nourished the divine virtues which you taught, and have fallen away from the harmony and love which you as brothers in faith and in the flesh have so well bequeathed to us, nevertheless, as of old in your lives you did not turn away the ungrateful and unworthy with nothing, but returned good for evil, so now do not turn away from the prayer of your sinful and unworthy children. As you have great confidence before the Lord, fervently pray to him that he lead us and turn us to the path of salvation, repair discord arising among brothers and sisters of the same faith, and bring to peace and unite all of us in the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. For we know, we know indeed, that the prayers of man may be acceptable to the Lord of mercy, even if they are offered by a sinful people. Do not turn away from us, your sorrowful children unworthy because of sin.

Through your prayers, give us a zeal for true faith, that excited by the truth, we might hold fast to our ancestral traditions and hasten to observe faithfully the rules and customs of the Church; and that we might flee from every false and strange teaching. In this way may we be well-pleasing in our life here on earth, and be made worthy of the heavenly life in paradise, where we will glorify with you the Lord of all, one God in three persons, forever and ever.

Response: 
A - men.

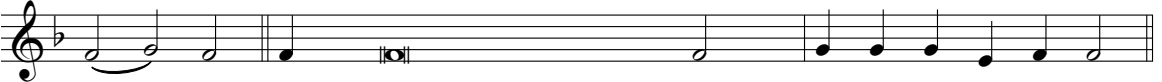
Dismissal

(In Paschal time, see page 25)



Deacon: Wisdom!

Response: 
Give the bles - sing.

Priest: Blessed is Christ our God, the One-Who-Is, always, now and ever and forever.

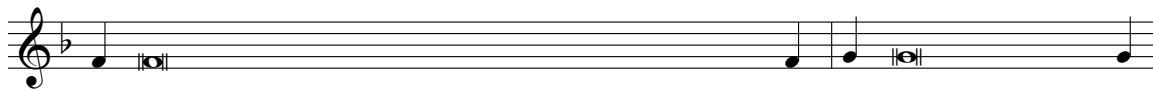
Response: 
A - men. O God, strengthen the true faith, for - ev - er and ev - er.

Priest: O most holy Theotokos, save us!

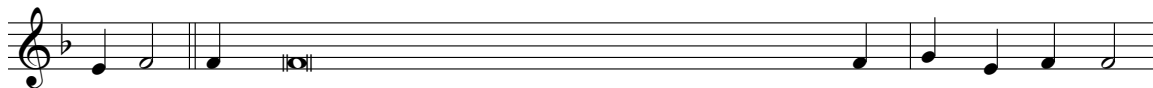
Response: 
More honorable than the cheru-bim, and beyond compare more glorious than the sera-phim,

who, a virgin, gave birth to God the Word, you, truly the Theotokos, we mag - ni - fy.

Priest: Glory to you, O Christ God, our hope; glory to you!

Response:



Glo-ry to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir-it; now and ever and for ev-er.



A-men. Lord, have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord, have mer-cy. Give the bless-ing.

Priest: May Christ our true God, risen from the dead, have mercy on us and save us through the prayers of his most pure Mother; through the prayers of the holy, glorious, and illustrious apostles, and of our holy fathers, Cyril and Methodius, apostles of the Slavs and the patrons of this church, and though the prayers of all the saints; for Christ is good and loves us all.

Response:



A - - - - - men.

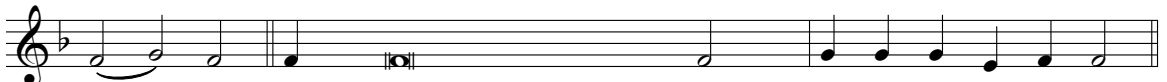
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Paschal Dismissal

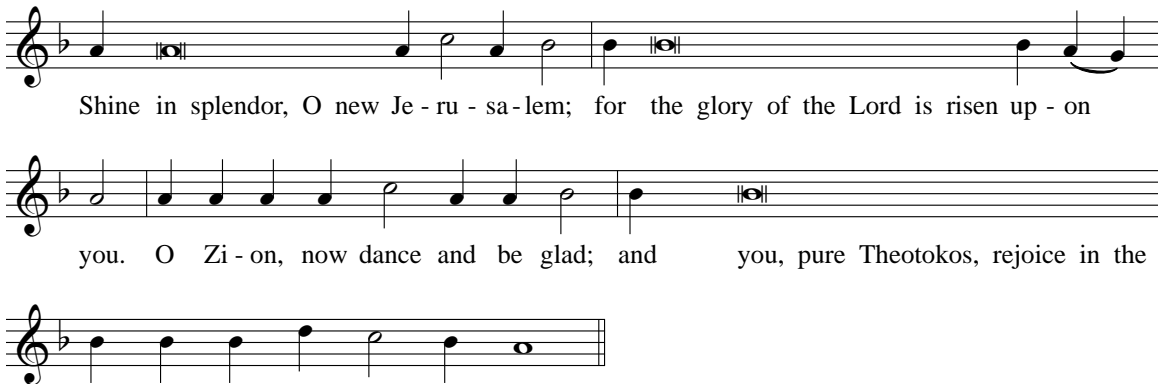
Deacon: Wisdom!

Response: 
Give the bles - sing.


Priest: Blessed is Christ our God, the One-Who-Is, always, now and ever and forever.

Response: 
A - men. O God, strengthen the true faith, for - ev - er and ev - er.

Priest: O most holy Theotokos, save us!

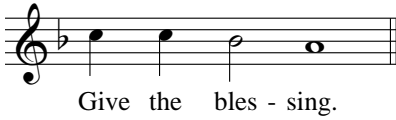
Response: 
Shine in splendor, O new Je - ru - sa - lem; for the glory of the Lord is risen up - on
you. O Zi - on, now dance and be glad; and you, pure Theotokos, rejoice in the
re - sur - rec - tion of your Son.

Priest: Glory to you, O Christ God, our hope; glory to you!

Response: 
Christ is ris - en from the dead! By death he tram - pled death; and to those in the tombs



he grant - ed life. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



Give the bles - sing.

Priest: May Christ our true God, [risen from the dead,] have mercy on us and save us through the prayers of his most pure Mother; through the prayers of the holy, glorious, and illustrious apostles, and of our holy fathers, Cyril and Methodius, apostles of the Slavs and the patrons of this church, and though the prayers of all the saints; for Christ is good and loves us all.

Response:



A - - - - - men.

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Hymn to Saints Cyril and Methodius

Slava vam brata



Glo - ry to you, bro - thers, glo - rious en - light - en - ers,



ho - ly Fa - thers of our Church!



Glo - ry to you, tea - chers of the truths of Christ!



Glo - ry to you who brought us the writ - ten Word!



Glo - ry to you who brought us the writ - ten Word!