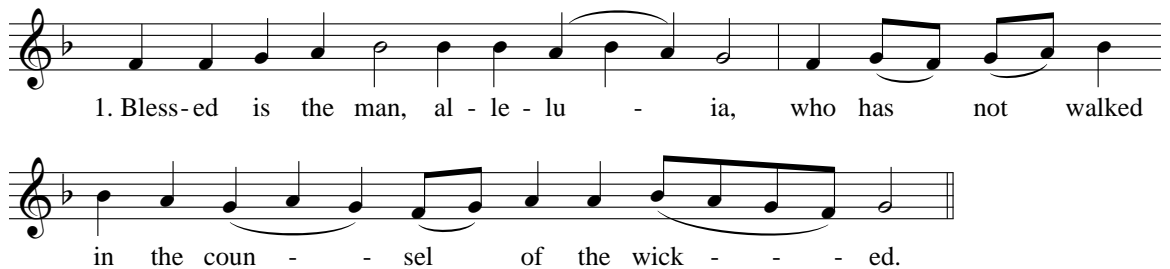


Vesper Propers, February 13, 2005
First Sunday of the Great Fast
The Holy Martyr Auxentius
Our Holy Father Constantine the Philosopher
Cyril, Apostle to the Slavs

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The First Kathisma

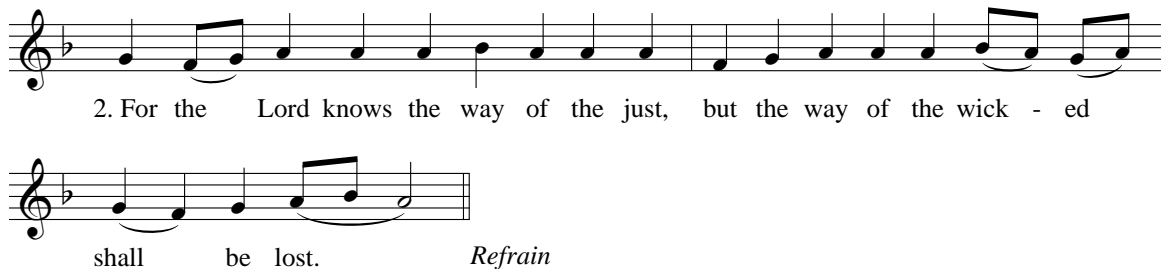


1. Bless-ed is the man, al-le-lu-ia, who has not walked
in the coun-sel of the wick-ed.


Refrain



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.




2. For the Lord knows the way of the just, but the way of the wick-ed
shall be lost. *Refrain*




3. Serve the Lord with fear, ex - ult in him with trem - bling. *Refrain*




4. Bless-ed are those who trust in him. 5. A-rise, O Lord!




Save me, my God. *Refrain*



6. Sal - va-tion is of the Lord! Up - on your peo - ple, your bles - sing! *Refrain*



7. Glo-ry to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it. *Refrain*



8. Now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

Two times, each with a reverence:



Al - leluia, alleluia, allelu-ia! Glo-ry to you, O God!

Last time, with a reverence:



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

5. Psalm 140, Tone 4, p. 36 with recited verses

Cantor: Bring my soul out of this prison
(on 10) and then I shall praise your name.

Stichera of the First Sunday of the Great Fast - Tone 4

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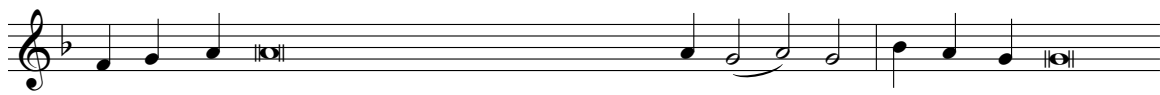
Grant contrition and estrangement from e - vil to my soul submerged in the
a - byss of pas - sions and separated from you, O divine King of the u - ni - verse.
I have no oth - er hope but you. May I find up - right - ness and vir - tue.
Save me, a poor sinner, in your im - mense good - ness, O al - might - y Lord
and Sav - ior of us all.

Cantor: Around me the just will assemble,
(on 9) because of your goodness to me. *All repeat "Grant contrition..."*

Cantor: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; **Psalm 129**
(on 8) Lord hear my voice!

(8)

Mo - ses the divine prophet was purified by fast - ing, and he contemplated the One
whom he de - sired. And you, O my poor soul, hasten to im i - tate him.



In this time of abstinence purify yourself of ev-'ry e - vil, so that you may also



con-tem-plate the Lord who grants you for-give-ness. He is good and the Lov-er



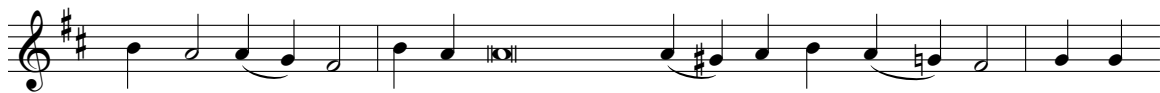
of us all, the Lord al-might - y.

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

Tone 6



Let us be-gin this second week of the Fast in joy; O faithful, let us exert our-selves



from day to day as did the prophet E-li - jah the Tish - bite. May the



four cardinal virtues be our char-iot of fire! Let us lift our spirit by turning a-way



from pas - sions, and through pur - ity, let us strug - gle a-gainst the flesh,



so that we may resist and con - - - quer the En - e - my.

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.

Stichera of our Venerable Father Cyril - Tone 4

O Father, you shone with the beauty of vir - tue, and you went a-bout
the whole world, like a bee putting the purest honey of di-vine wis - dom
in the good hearts of those believing in the one Christ, who came on earth and
vis - it - ed our low - li - ness with his end - less mer - cy and hu - mil - i - ty.

Cantor: My soul is longing for the Lord, I count on his word.
(on 5) My soul is longing for the Lord, more than watchman for daybreak.
All repeat "O Father..."

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

With the wisdom of meek - ness and filled with love of God and knowl-edge
of the true faith, you net-ted the cities and countryside for God, O bless-ed Cyr - il.
By grace you came to those who had not re-ceived sav-ing wis-dom, and there-fore,

we praise you with ho - ly hymns.

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

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

You lived a life without fault and wor-thy of praise, and your death was precious to

God in the eyes of all. Glo - rious with righteous-ness, O Fa - ther, you

gave your soul in-to God's hands. There-fore we ask you to pray to him for mer-cy

for those who faith-ful - ly praise you.

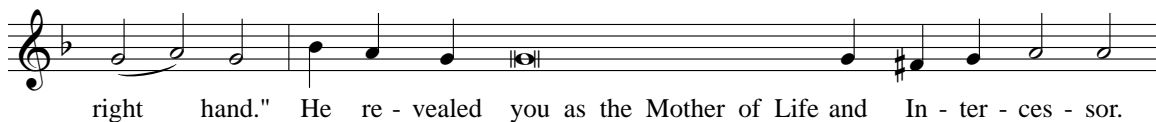
Cantor: Strong is the love of the Lord for us;
(on 1) he is faithful forever.

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

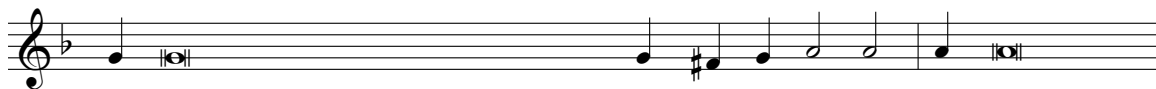
Dogmatikon - Tone 4

O The-o - to - kos, Da - vid the prophet and ancestor of God an - nounced in song

to the One who would do great things for you: "The Queen stands at your



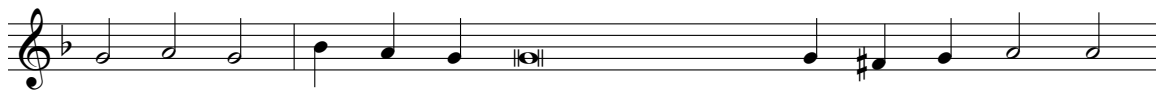
right hand." He re - vealed you as the Mother of Life and In - ter - ces - sor.



God was pleased to become man from you with - out a fa - ther so that he might



restore the image which passions had de - formed, and find the sheep stray - ing



in the hills, lift it on his shoulders, and bring it to the Fa - ther,



u - niting it to the heav - en - ly pow - ers. Thus Christ will save the world,



for he has a - bun - dant and great mer - - - - cy.

6. *Hymn of the Evening*, p.9

7 *Great Prokeimenon*, Tone 8 "You have granted us the heritage..." p.10

- Readings:**
- 1) Wisdom 5: 15 - 6: 3 (*Epistles and Old Testament Readings*, pp. 303-304)
 - 2) Wisdom 3: 1 - 9 (*ibid.*, pp. 315-316)
 - 3) Wisdom 4: 7, 16 - 17, 19: 5 - 7 (*Festal Menaion*, Composite Reading 111, pp. 488-489)

9. *Homily*

*After the Readings and homily, the Royal Doors are closed, the Litany of Supplication is **not** said, and the priest, deacon, and servers change into dark vestments. Lenten tones are used.*

10. *Apostichera of the First Sunday in the Great Fast, Tone 4, p 63*

Cantor: Glory...

Aposticha Doxastikon of our Venerable Father Cyril - Tone 8

The pure spir - it - ual mem - ry of the saints dwelt in your pure heart, O vener - a - ble
Fa - ther, most bless - ed Cyr - il. It showed you to be an exorcist terrifying
to the e - vil spir - its and a doc - tor of hid - den ill - ness - es.
There - fore, since you have confidence before God, the Lov - er of us all,
pray to him with - out ceas - ing to free us from stain of soul and bod - y.

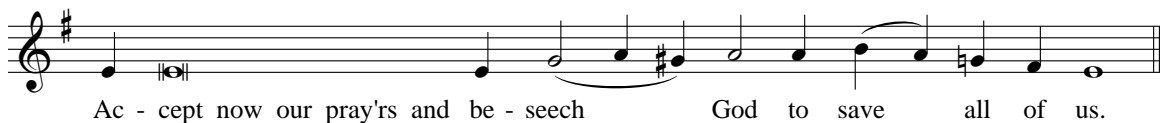
Cantor: Now and ever...

Theotokion - Tone 8

O Vir - gin, you have nev - er known wed - lock, yet you con - ceived our
God in the flesh in a man - ner which words can nev - er de - scribe.
You thus became the moth - er of God on high. O im - mac - u late Lady,



receive your servants' sup-pli-ca - tion, grant-ing us the cleans-ing of our sins.



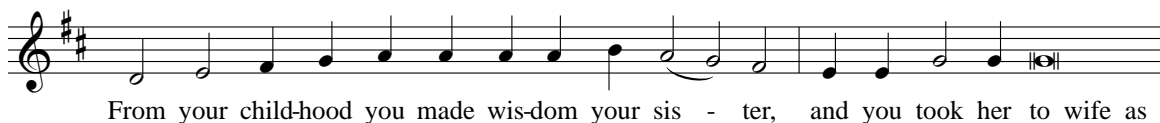
Ac - cept now our pray'rs and be - seech God to save all of us.

11. *Prayer of St. Simeon, p. 14*

12. *Trisagion Prayers, p.15*

The usual Penitential Troparia are not sung, but immediately:

Troparion of our Venerable Father Cyril - Tone 4



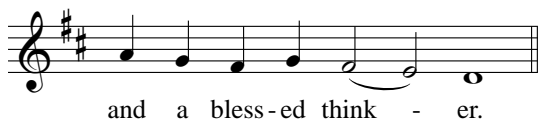
From your child-hood you made wis-dom your sis - ter, and you took her to wife as



a ra-diant vir - gin. You a-dorned you mind and soul with it like gold.



You be-came a second great Cyr-il, O voice of God. You be-came a mar-vel by name



and a bless-ed think - er.

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.

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 our bishop (*Name*) whom God loves; 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 mercy. (*Three times*)

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

Response: Lord, have mercy. (*Three times*)

The deacon may intone special petitions here.

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 mercy. (*Three times*)

Celebrant: 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.


Three prostrations are made in silence.

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, strength-en the true faith, for-ev-er and ev - er.

Priest: O most holy Theotokos, save us!

Response:  More honorable than the cher - u - bim, and beyond compare more glo-rious than the

ser - a - phim, who, a virgin, gave birth to God the Word, you, truly the

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

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

Response:

Glo - ry to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it; now and ev - er

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 _____ (*patron of the church*) and of _____ (*whose feast we keep this day*) and of all the saints; for Christ is good and loves us all.

Response:

A - - - - men.