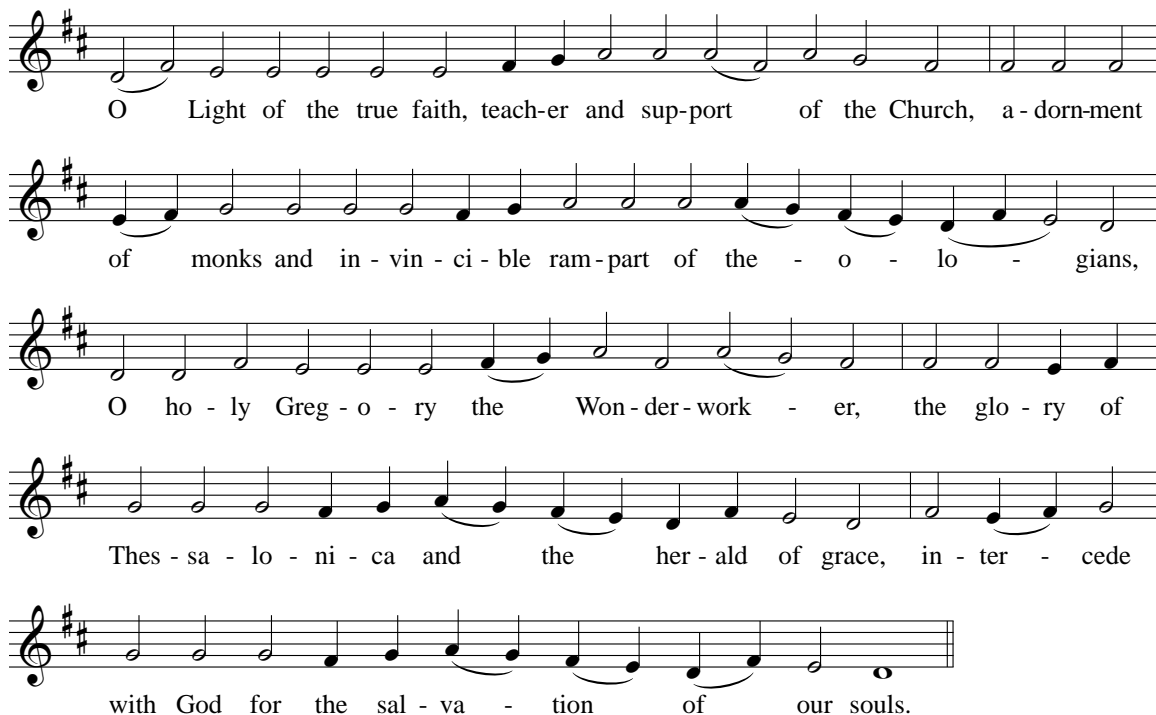


**Matins Propers February 20, 2005**  
**Second Sunday of the Great Fast**  
**Memory of our Holy Father Gregory, Archbishop of Thessalonica**  
**Our Venerable Father Leo, Bishop of Catania**  
**Our Holy Father Agathon, Pope of Rome**

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2. *Hexapsalmos, p. 1*
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*Troparion, Tone 5, p. 188 (sung twice)*  
*Glory...*

**Troparion of our Holy Father Gregory - Tone 8**



O Light of the true faith, teach-er and sup-port of the Church, a - dorn-ment  
of monks and in - vin - ci - ble ram-part of the - o - lo - gians,  
O ho - ly Greg - o - ry the Won - der - work - er, the glo - ry of  
Thes - sa - lo - ni - ca and the her - ald of grace, in - ter - cede  
with God for the sal - va - tion of our souls.

*Now and ever...*

*Festal Theotokion, Tone 8, p. 278*

5. *Psalm 118 and Hosts of Angels, p. 18*
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**Penitential Stichera after Ps. 50**

*Cantor*




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

*All*




O - pen to me the doors of repent-ance, O Giv - er of life. As we wor-ship in



your tem-ple this morn - ing, teach us how to purify the temples of our bod - ies,



and, in your com-pas - - - sion, pur - ify me by the good - ness of



your mer - - - cies.

*Cantor*



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

*All*



Lead me to the paths of salva-tion, O The-o-to - kos, for I have condemned



my - self with shame - ful sins and have was - ted all my life in sloth - ful - ness.



By your in - ter - ces - sion, pur - i - fy me from all sin - ful - ness.

*Cantor*



Have mer-cy on me, God, in your kind-ness. In your com-pas - sion blot out

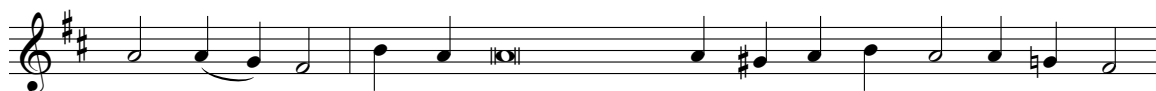


my of - fense.

*All*



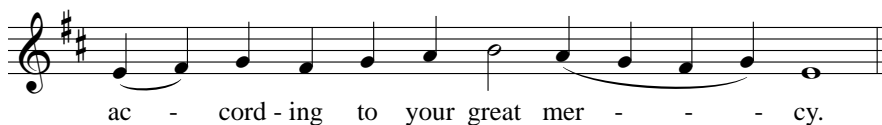
When I think upon the multitude of my e - vil deeds, I tremble for the ter-ri - ble



Judg-ment Day. But trust - ing in the com-pas - sion of your mer - cy, O Lord,



I cry to you like Da - vid: Have mer - cy on me, O God,



ac - cord - ing to your great mer - - - cy.

14. Prayer after Ps. 50, p. 29

**Canon**

(with *Katavasiai* of the *Theotokos*)

**Ode 1**

**Irmos**

*Tone 8*



In days of old, Pha - roah, who was at the head of his char - i - ots, was



drowned be-cause of the staff of Mo-ses; in a won-drous way, he struck the sea



in the form of a cross and it di - vi - ded. But he saved Is - ra - el



who was able to flee as on dry ground, sing - ing a hymn to the Lord.

*Refrain*

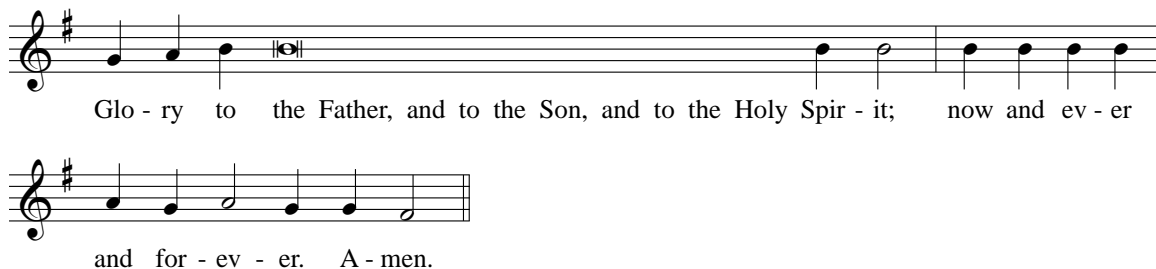


Glo - ry to you, our God, glo - ry to you.

With heartfelt tears, let us make our own the words of the prodigal, We fall before you, O Father of all and God, saying: we have sinned, for we fled far from you and became enslaved to lust, but now accept our repentance. *Refrain*

I cared little for the royal birthright that you bestowed by becoming human for my sake. I have cruelly condemned myself to feed pigs, tasting sin, but, in your mercy, take pity on me, O Savior. *Refrain*

O Master and Lord, I fall on my knees like the prodigal of old. Run to receive me, hold me in your arms, form in me the image of your salvation in place of slavery, and make me your child again, O Lover of us all.

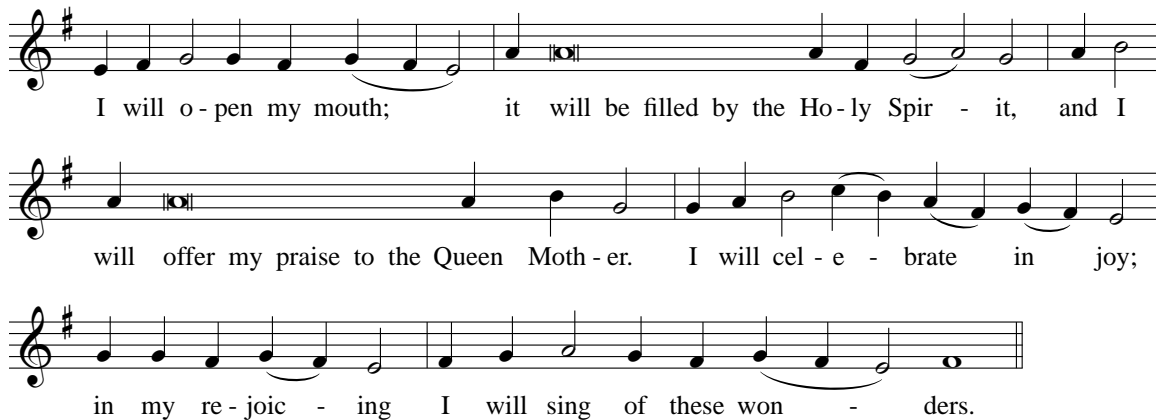


Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spir - it; now and ev - er  
and for - ev - er. A - men.

O Virgin full of grace, through you human nature was made worthy of the appearance of God, for you were the one mediatrix between God and humankind. Therefore, we all glorify you worthily as the Theotokos.

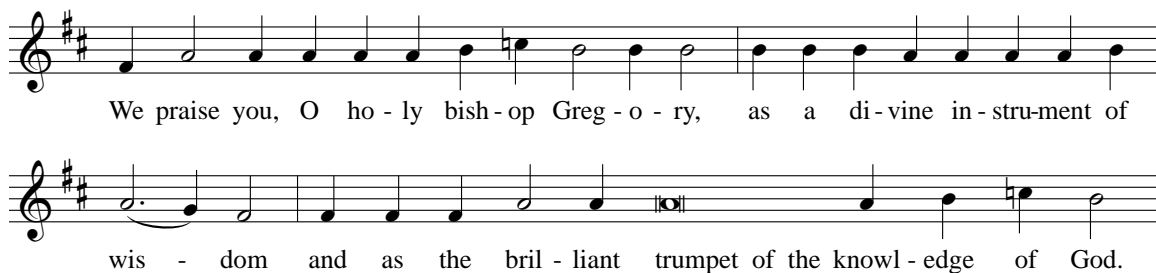
**Katavasia 1 of the Theotokos**

*Tone 4*

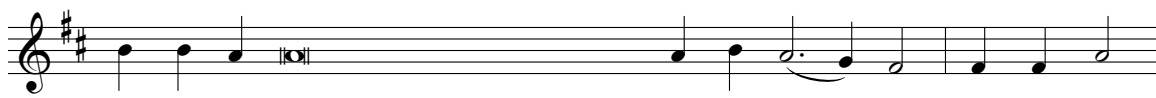


I will o - pen my mouth; it will be filled by the Ho - ly Spir - it, and I  
will offer my praise to the Queen Moth - er. I will cel - e - brate in joy;  
in my re - joic - ing I will sing of these won - ders.

**Kontakion of the holy Father - *Tone 8***



We praise you, O ho - ly bish - op Greg - o - ry, as a di - vine in - stru - ment of  
wis - dom and as the bril - liant trumpet of the knowl - edge of God.



We sub-mit our minds to the intelligence of the Cre - a - tor; lead our hearts



to him that we may sing: Re-joyce, O preach - er of grace.

**Ikos:** You appeared as a heavenly angel on earth, proclaiming the divine mysteries to mortals; joining your spirit to the incorporeal choirs, you inspire us to sing:

Rejoyce, through you night has disappeared,  
Rejoyce, through you daylight has appeared.  
Rejoyce, messenger of the uncreated God who is good,  
Rejoyce, chastiser of the created falsehood.

Rejoyce, height that reveals the nature of God,  
Rejoyce, depth that probes the energy of God.  
Rejoyce, sublime proclaimer of the glory of God,  
Rejoyce, wise denouncer of those who err against God.

Rejoyce, reflection of the Sun that never dies,  
Rejoyce, bowl of divine nectar that always satisfies,  
Rejoyce, through you truth shines out,  
Rejoyce, through you falsehood is wiped out.



Re - joyce, O preach - er of grace.


**Kontakion of the Second Sunday of the Great Fast - Tone 4**




To - day is the time when earth - ly deeds are re - vealed, for judg - ment



is at hand. Let us be found fast - ing; and let us bring tears



of sup - pli - ca - tion, beg-ging mer - cy and cry - ing out: I have sinned




more times than there are sands of the sea; but for-give me, O Cre - a - tor of all,



that I may receive the crown that does not per - ish.


**Ikos:** I have loved the fleeting pleasures of the earth and have thrown away eternal blessings, O Christ Jesus. You alone love us all, and you do not cut off sinners without hope, pouring out mercy upon those who repent. O Jesus, do not turn from me now as I repent, but see in me the thief who was saved by his confession, the tax-collector who was cleansed by mercy, and the prodigal who resolved to weep, for in all these you have instilled a pattern of repentance. When you see me from afar repenting and running to you as Father, come out with warm and tender mercy. If you wish, you can forgive the sins by which I have polluted myself after baptism and my promise to lead a blameless life: but forgive us, O Creator of all,



that we may receive the crown that does not per - ish.

**Ode 8**  
**Irmos**

*Tone 8*



In his fu - ry, the ty - rant of the Chal - de - ans had the fur - nace



heat-ed seven times hotter than u - su - al for the faith-ful serv-ants of the Lord;



but when he saw them saved by a more pow-er-ful force, he cried out:



O Youths, bless the Lord; praise him, you priests; and all you peo - ple,



ex - alt him for all a - ges.

*Refrain*



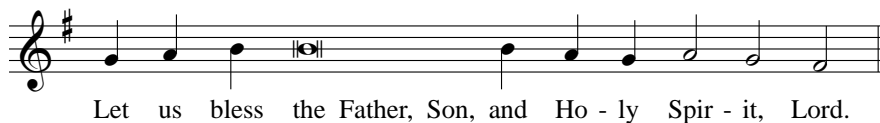
Glo - ry to you, our God, glo - ry to you.

O Master, we, your faithful, know the depths of your infinite and great mercy. Therefore, we fervently prostrate vefore you with the prodigal. Receive us sinners as we hasten to you, for there is no sin at all that can conquer your love for all of us.

*Refrain*

O Master, in your mercy you humbled yourself before your fallen son when he approached you. O Lover of us all, you kissed him and gave him salvation, for you love people and show mercy and not anger to those who fall. *Refrain*

A very terrible judgment will be passed on me, O Master, for though I see that you are a merciful and gracious Lover of us all, I do not hasten to you repeating the words of the prodigal, but instead spend my life in laziness. However, be merciful to me, compassionate Lord, and save me from this judgment through repentance.



Let us bless the Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Lord.

We do not glorify three gods, but only one Divinity. In truth, we honor three Persons: the Father unbegotten, the Son begotten from the Father, and the Holy Spirit proceeding from the Father, the Trinity of one God, and in faith, we glorify each with the name of God.





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

O all-pure Theotokos, by your prayers save me from the onslaught of temptations and the tempest of sorrows that threaten to drown me. O refuge of salvation, by your prayers, deliver me from all these evils and grant that I may worthily glorify you forever as my faithful guardian.



Let us praise, bless, and worship the Lord, sing-ing and highly exalting him a-bove all



for - ev - - - er.

**Katavasia 8 of the Theotokos**

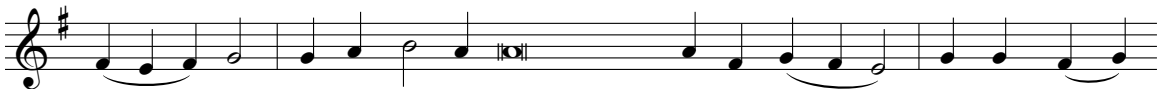
*Tone 4*



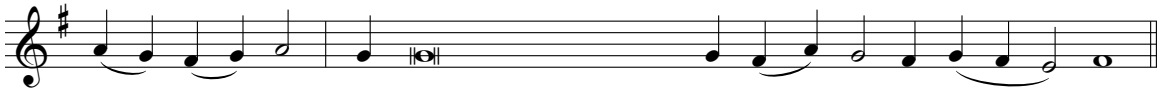
The three youths in the fur - nace were saved by the



Off - spring of the The-o - to - kos. He who was foretold has been born



on earth, and he joins to - gether all crea-tion to sing: All you works



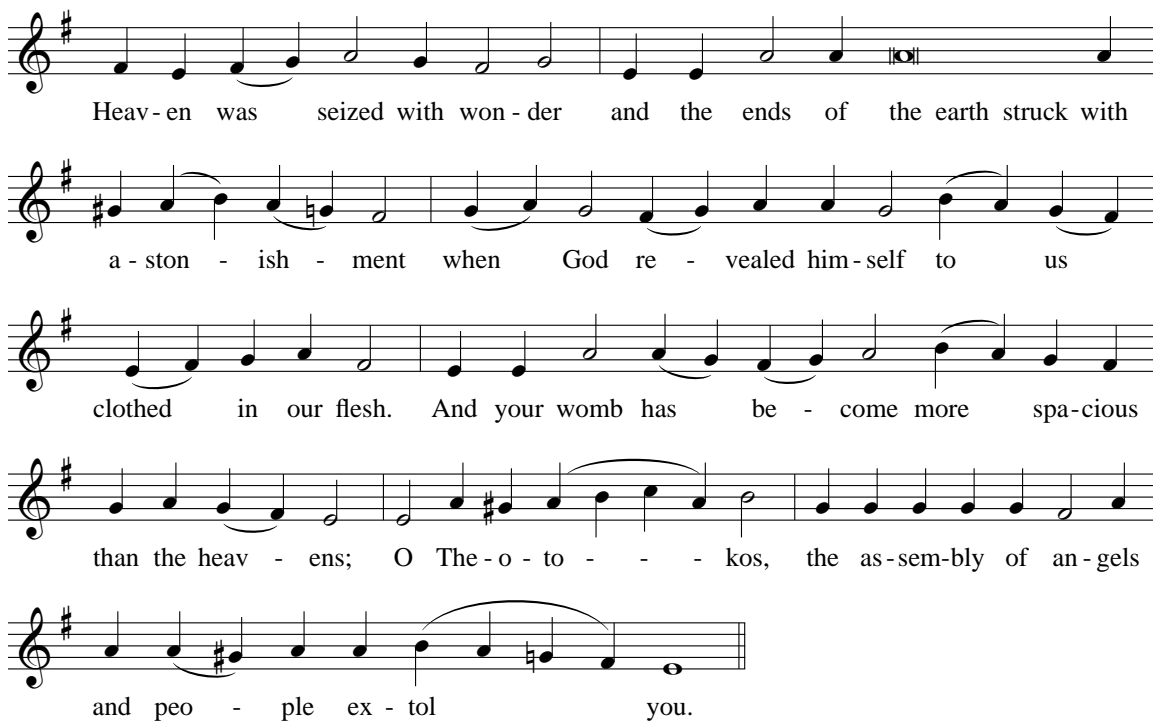
of the Lord, bless the Lord and praise him a-bove all for-ev - er.

*The Canticle of the Theotokos (Magnificat) is found on page 32.*

## Ode 9

### Irmos

Tone 8



Heav-en was seized with won-der and the ends of the earth struck with  
a-ston-ish-ment when God re-vealed him-self to us  
clothed in our flesh. And your womb has be-come more spa-cious  
than the heav-ens; O The-o-to-kos, the as-sembly of an-gels  
and peo-ple ex-tol you.

### Refrain



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

My soul puts its trust in you, O God: fill me with joy and gladness, kill the fattened calf. I have gone astray, welcome me back; I was dead, raise me up to life, and clothe me in the divine garment of salvation and purity. *Refrain*

O souls far from God and deprived of his gifts, come with fervor and imitate the conversion of the prodigal, crying out: Good Father, who are in heaven, we have all sinned against you; purify and save us as we hasten to your mercy. *Refrain*

O Lord, O Lord, your mercy is abundant beyond measure, but I have spent these riches in many pleasures. Do not turn from me, as now I run to you and cry out with the words of the prodigal: I have sinned before you, save me as I flee to your mercy.

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.

You are a refuge of salvation for me, your servant. You are my guide and protectress, the opponent of all cruelty. As our blessed Lady, pray to God for my salvation, for in you I place all my hope, and in love and faith proclaim your greatness.

**Katavasia 9 of the Theotokos**

*Tone 4*

May ev - 'ry child of the earth ex - ult in spir - it and hold a - loft

the burn - ing lamp; may the an - gels in heav - en praise with joy the ho - ly

feast of the Theoto-kos and sing to her: Re - jice, O blessed and ev-er - Vir - gin,

ho - ly The - o - to - kos.

**The Hymns of Light**

*Holy is the Lord our God, Tone 5, p. 211*

Christ our Way and our Life, after his resurrection from the dead, accompanied Luke and Cleopas, who had recognized him at Emmaus in the breaking of the bread. Their hearts and souls were inflamed as he spoke to them on the way, explaining to them all the Scriptures that pertained to him. Let us, therefore, shout with them, saying: Truly the Lord has risen and has appeared to Peter.

Rejoice, pride of our holy fathers; rejoice, voice of inspired theologians, tabernacle of inward stillness, dwelling-place of knowledge and throne of doctrine, spiritual ocean where action and contemplation blend, healer of human illness. You are the temple of the Spirit, O Father who are dead and yet still alive.

*Glory...now and ever...*

O Virgin and Queen of the universe, come to our aid in peril and affliction; help us in times of distress; rescue us from the Devil, from Hades and perdition; make us worthy to stand fearlessly before the awesome judgment seat of your Son, through your prayers, O Theotokos.

17. *Psalms of Praise: Tone 5, p. 211*  
*recited verses, p. 211*

To carry out the sentence pre-ordained:  
 this honor is for all *the* faithful.

Praise God in his holy place, **Psalm 150**  
 praise him in his mighty heavens.

**Cantor:** Praise him for his powerful deeds,  
*(on 4)* praise his surpassing greatness.

*Tone 5*

Al - though the lawless sealed your grave, O Lord, you came forth from the tomb  
 just as you were born from the Vir - gin. Your bod - illess angels did not know  
 how you were in - car - nate and the sol - diers guarding you did not perceive your  
 re - sur - rec - tion. Both these mar - vels are sealed to those who in - ves - ti - gate,

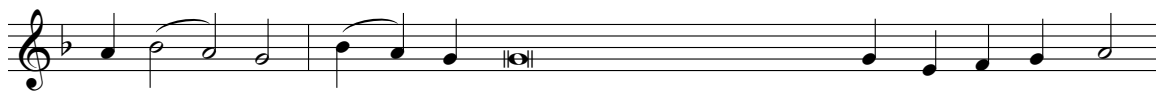
but are man - ifest to those who worship the mys - te - ry with faith. As we now  
 praise them in song, grant us joy and great mer - - - cy.

**Cantor:** O praise him with sound of trumpet  
 (on 3) praise him with lute and harp.

O Lord, you smashed the e - ter - nal bolts and ripped the chains a - sun - der;  
 you rose from the tomb and left your bur - ial shroud be - hind as a  
 wit - ness to the truth of your three - day bur - i - al. You who were kept in a cave  
 pro - ceed - ed to Gal - i - lee. Great is your mer - cy! In - com - pre - hen - si - ble  
 Lord, have mer - cy on us.

**Cantor:** Praise him with timbrel and dance,  
 (on 2) praise him with strings and pipes.

O Lord, the women ran to your tomb to see you, O Christ, who suffered the pas - sion



for our sake. And draw - ing near, they found an angel seat - ed on the stone



which he had rolled a - way with fear. He cried out to them, saying: The Lord

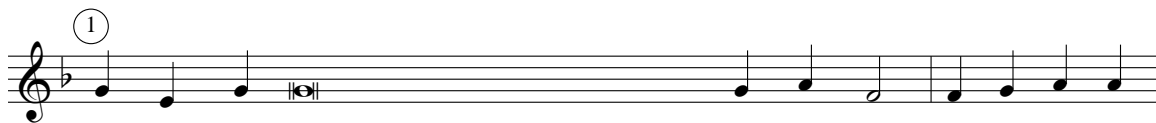


is ris - en! Tell the disciples that the Sav - ior of our souls is ris - en



from the dead.

**Cantor:** O praise him with resounding cymbals,  
(on 4) praise him with clashing of cymbals.  
Let everything that lives and that breathes  
give praise to the Lord.



O Lord, just as you emerged from the grave, de - spite its seals, so you ent - ered



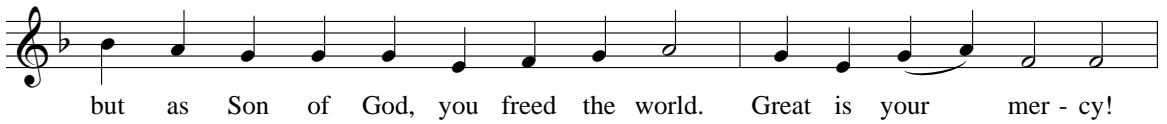
where your disciples were, al - though the doors were locked, show - ing them on



your body the signs of your pas - sion, which you had accepted, O long -



- suf - fer - ing Sav - ior. As Son of Da - vid, you en - dured wounds



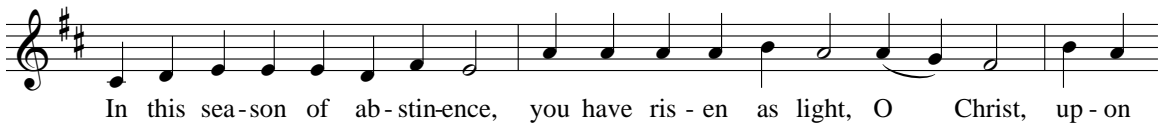
but as Son of God, you freed the world. Great is your mer - cy!



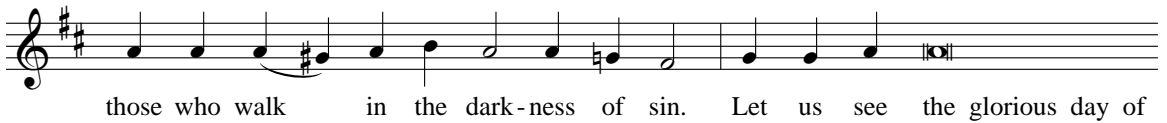
In - com - pre - hen - si - ble Sav - ior, have mer - cy on us.

**Cantor:** Glory...

**Doxastikon of the Second Sunday of the Great Fast - Tone 6**



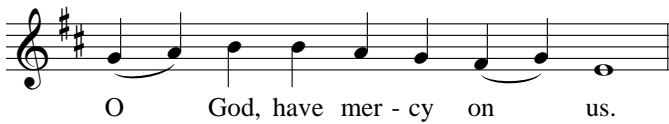
In this sea-son of ab-stin-ence, you have ris - en as light, O Christ, up - on



those who walk in the dark-ness of sin. Let us see the glorious day of



your Pas - sion, so that we may sing to you: A - rise,



O God, have mer - cy on us.

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

*Theotokion for normal Sundays, p. 38*

18. *The Great Doxology, p. 39*

19. *Troparion "Today salvation has come..." p. 42*

20. *Litany "Let us complete," p. 43*

21. *Prayer over bowed heads, p. 45*

22. *Dismissal, p. 46*

*After the "Amen" of the dismissal, we sing the Fifth Gospel Sticheron in Tone 5, p. 57.*