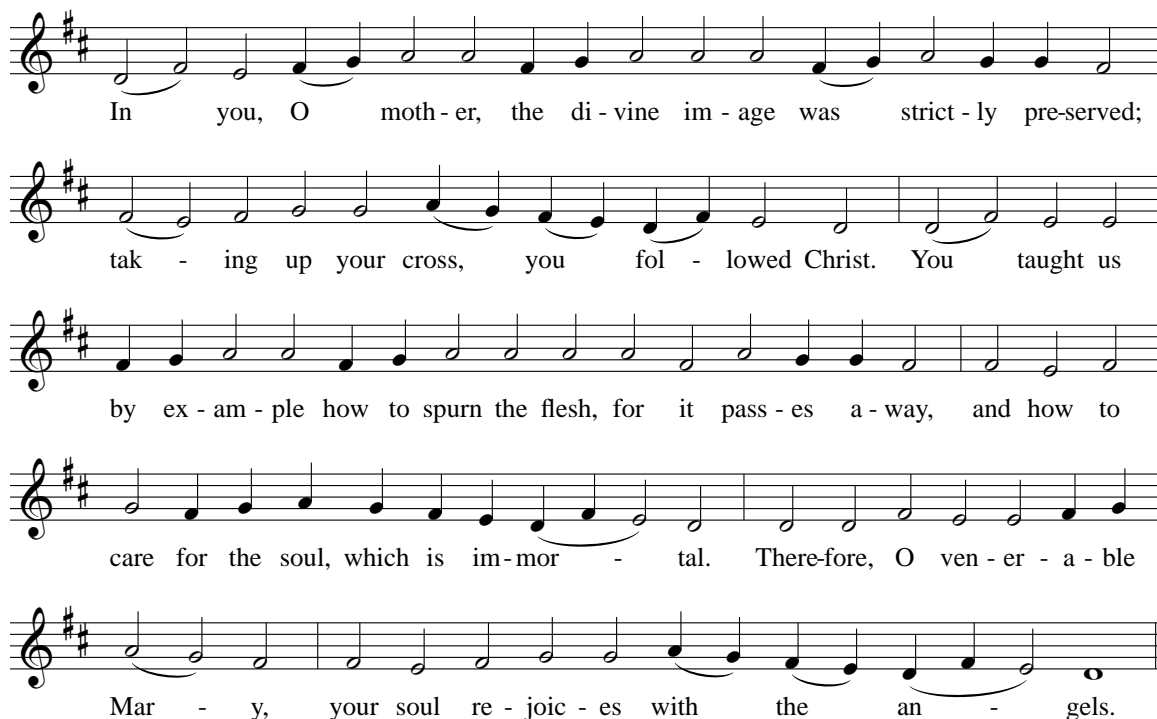


Matins Propers, March 13, 2005
Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast
Our Holy Mother Mary of Egypt

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1. *Introduction, p. 1*
2. *Hexapsalmos, p. 1*
3. *Litany of Peace, p. 10*
4. *"The Lord is God," Tone 8, p. 278*
Troparion, Tone 8, p. 278 (sung twice)
Glory...

Troparion of a Venerable Woman - Tone 8



In you, O moth-er, the di-vine im-age was strict-ly pre-served;
tak - ing up your cross, you fol - lowed Christ. You taught us
by ex - am - ple how to spurn the flesh, for it pass - es a - way, and how to
care for the soul, which is im - mor - tal. There - fore, O ven - er - a - ble
Mar - y, your soul re - joic - es with the an - gels.

Now and ever...

Festal Theotokion, Tone 8, p. 278

5. *Psalm 118 and Hosts of Angels, p. 18*
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- 8. *Let Everything that Lives, Tone 8, p. 286*
- 9. *material before the Gospel, p. 24*
- 10 *Resurrection Gospel 8 (John 20: 11 - 18)*
- 11. *Having Beheld the Resurrection of Christ, p. 25*
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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 worship in



your temple 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

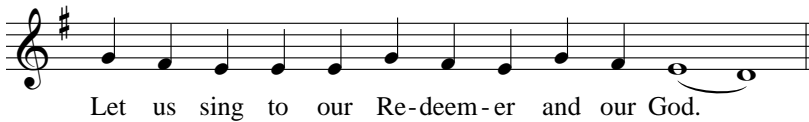
Canon

With *Katavasiai of the Theotokos*

Ode 1

Irmos

Tone 8



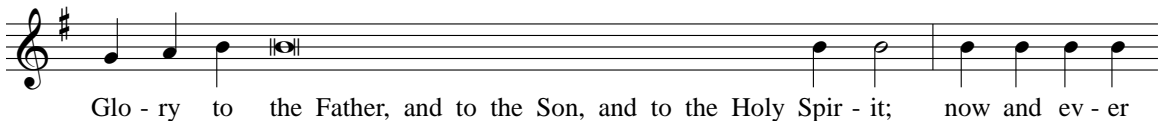
Refrain



I am like the rich man who daily took delight in the abundance of pleasures; deliver me, I pray you, O Savior, as you did Lazarus from the fire. *Refrain*

Even though I am clothed in sensual pleasures, O Savior, and adorned in purple, brocade and fine clothing as the rich man, do not throw me into the fire like him. *Refrain*

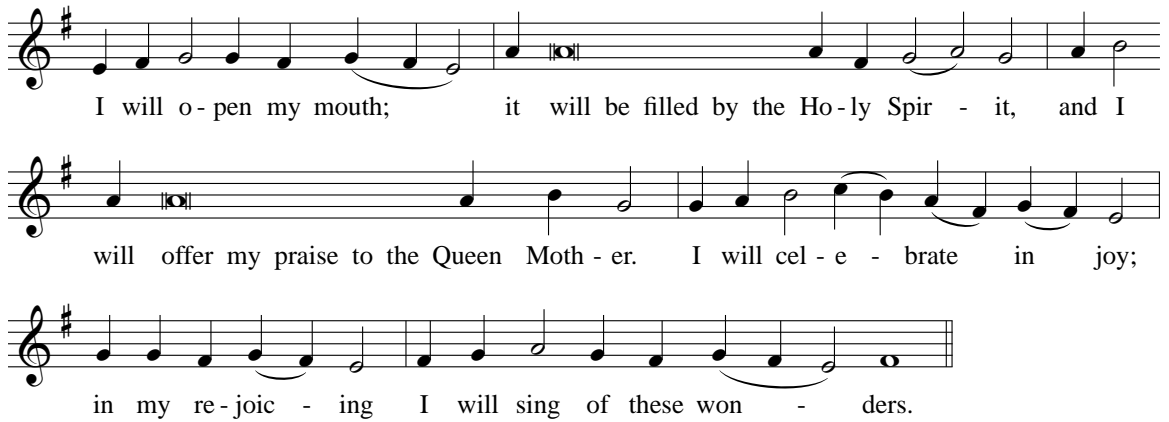
The rich man led a splendid and luxurious life in this world which passes and disappears; therefore, he was condemned to punishment, while the poor Lazarus was refreshed with dew.



The choir of angels and the company of mortals unceasingly praise you, O Virgin Mother; for you have carried in our arms as a child the Creator of the universe.

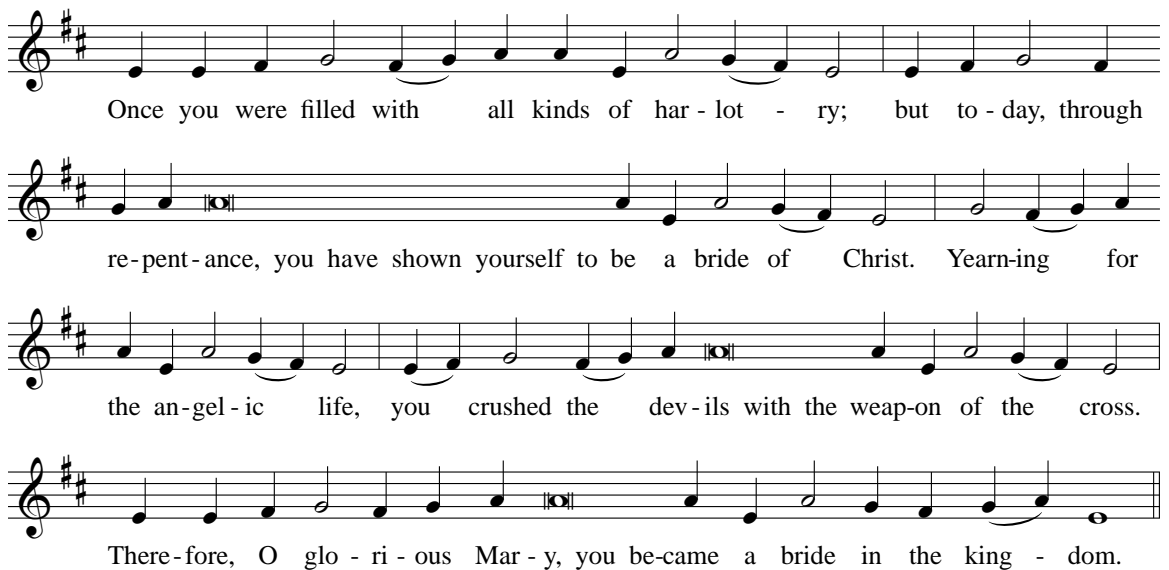
Katavasia 1 of the Theotokos

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 Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast - *Tone 3*



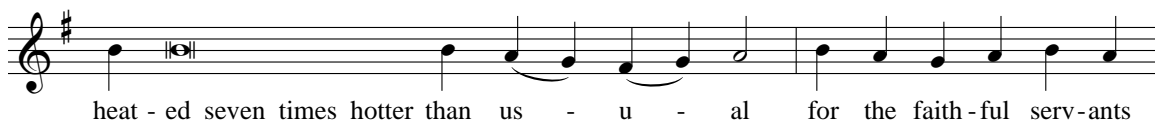
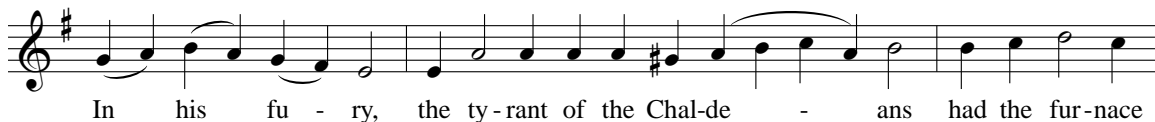
Once you were filled with all kinds of har - lot - ry; but to - day, through
re - pent - ance, you have shown yourself to be a bride of Christ. Yearn - ing for
the an - gel - ic life, you crushed the dev - ils with the weap - on of the cross.
There - fore, O glo - ri - ous Mar - y, you be - came a bride in the king - dom.

Ikos We now praise you with our hymns, O lamb and daughter of Christ; for you came forth from the stock of the Egyptians, and you have become a precious flower for the Church, struggling in temperance and prayer beyond the measure of mortals; thus, you were exalted in Christ by the merits of your life and deeds; therefore, the venerable Mary has become a bride of the kingdom.

Ode 8

Irmos

Tone 8



Once the rich man was pompously adorned, clothing himself in purple, scarlet, and fine silk; at his gate lay the poor Lazarus in his misery, longing to eat the crumbs that fell from the well-laden table; but no one gave him any. Therefore, Christ has welcomed him into his kingdom. *Refrain*

Lazarus was completely covered with sores and wounds as he lay before the gate of the rich man, in days of old; he longed to satisfy his hunger, but no one gave him anything to eat; in their compassion, the dogs licked his sores and wounds with their tongues. Therefore, he was invited to share in the delights of Paradise. *Refrain*

I have prospered in pleasures like the rich man of old, clothed in purple every day; O God of mercy, I too am condemned by the softness of my life, for I have strayed through my gratifications. Therefore, I pray you, O Lord, always deliver me from the eternal fire.

Let us bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spir-it, Lord. Now and ev - er

and for - ev - er. A - men.

Like a triple flame, the Divinity shines with one light, of one nature in three Persons; the Father who eternally begets, the consubstantial Son, and the Spirit who reigns with him. O Youths, bless your Creator and Redeemer; praise him, you priests; and all you people, exalt him for all ages.

Tone 4

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 a crea-tion to sing: All you works

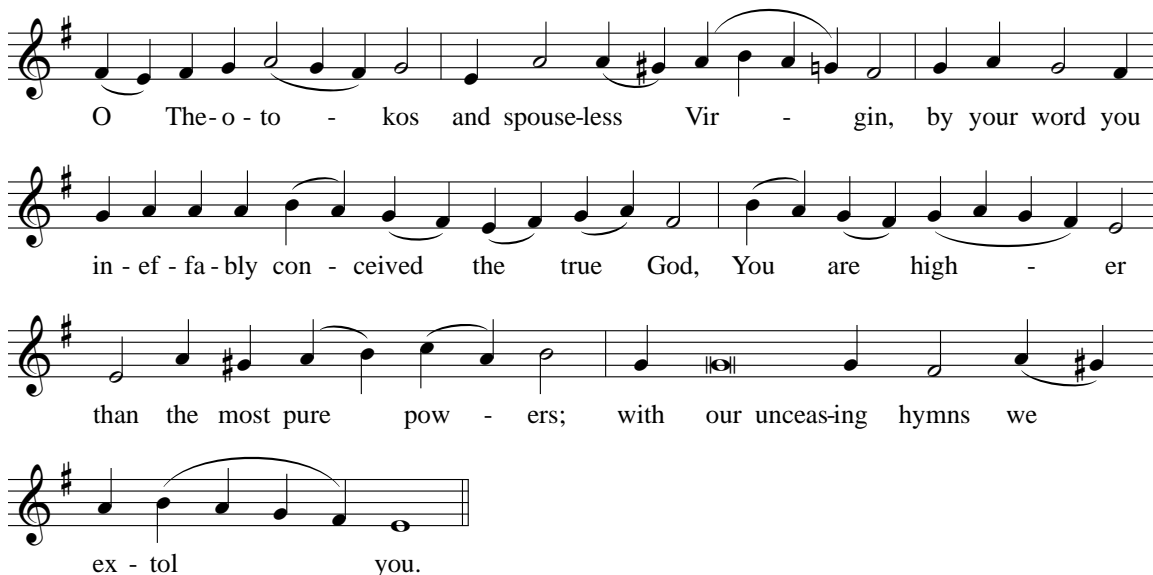
of the Lord, bless the Lord and praise him a - bove all for - ev - er.

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

Ode 9

Irmos

Tone 8



O The-o - to - kos and spouse-less Vir - gin, by your word you
in - ef - fa - bly con - ceived the true God, You are high - er
than the most pure pow - ers; with our unceas-ing hymns we
ex - tol you.

Refrain

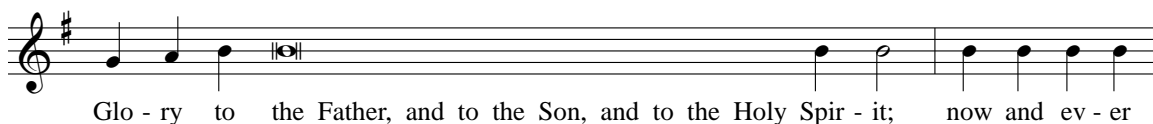


Glo - ry to you, our God, glo - ry to you.

Grant me the poverty of Lazarus, O Christ; in your power, restrain my drives for pleasure; grant me the rich abundance of virtue, that I may praise and extol you. *Refrain*

Like the merciless rich man, I have scorned your commandments, O Lord; and now, in my misery, I lie beofer your gate; but in your love and compassion, raise me up from the abyss like Lazarus your friend. *Refrain*

We all know the parable of the Lord; let us detest the heartlessness of the rich man, that we may avoid the same punishment; and then, in the bosom of Abraham, we shall rejoice with an unending joy.



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 have carried the invisible God in your arms, the One whom the angels glorify in heaven, and whom all creation praises; through you, he grants us salvation, and in faith, we extol him.

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 Mother of God and sing to her: Re - joice, O blessed and ev - er - Vir - gin,



ho - ly The - o - to - kos.

Hymns of Light

Holy is the Lord our God, Tone 8, p.300

Though the doors were locked, O Lord, you entered and filled your apostles with the Holy Spirit, and breathing over them, you gave them your peace. You said to them: Whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; whose sins you bind, they are bound. After eight days you showed Thomas your hands and your side. With them, therefore, we cry to you: You are my Lord and my God!

Glory...

When Mary saw two angels inside the grave, she was seized with fright. She did not recognize Christ but thought that he was the gardener; she said to him: Sir, where have you placed the body of Jesus? She knew from his voice that he was the Savior, and she obeyed him when he said: Touch me not, for I am going to my Father. Tell this to my disciples.

Now and ever...

You have given birth, O Virgin, to one of the Trinity in a manner beyond description, dual in nature, dual in will, but one in Person. Therefore, always beseech him for those who honor you in faith, that we may escape the temptations of the Enemy, for in you we now seek refuge, O Theotokos.

17. *Psalms of Praise: Tone 8, p. 301*
recited verses, p. 301

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.

Lord, e - ven though you stood be - fore the judg - ment seat and were con - demned by
Pi - late, you nev - er left your throne where you are seat - ed
with the Fa - ther. You rose from the dead, and freed the world from
slavery to the E - vil One, for you are mer - ci - ful and love us all.

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

③

Lord, e - ven though you were treat - ed like a mor - tal by those who placed
 you in a tomb, the sol - diers kept watch over you like a "king a - sleep,"
 sealed with a seal like a treas - u - ry of life; but you rose and grant - ed
 in - cor - rup - tion to our souls.

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

②

Lord, you have giv - en us your Cross as a weap - on a - gainst the dev - il;
 for he fears and trem - bles, un - a - ble to bear the sight of its power,
 for it rais - es the dead and has van - quished death. There - fore we worship your
 bur - ial and your re - sur - rec - tion.

Cantor: O praise him with resounding cymbals,
 (on 1) praise him with clashing of cymbals.
 Let everything that lives and that breathes
 give praise to the Lord.

①

Lord, the an - gel who an - nounced your Re - sur - rec - tion fright - ened the guards
 but said to the wo - men: Why do you seek the living a - mong the dead?
 The "God Who Is," a - rose and has granted great mer - cy to the
 u - ni - verse.

Cantor: Glory...

Doxastikon of the Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast

Tone 1

The King - dom of heaven is not eat - ing and drink - ing, but it is jus - tice and
 ho - li - ness. There - fore the rich can - not en - ter un - less they share their
 treas - ures with the poor. For the proph - et Da - vid taught us, say - ing:
 The just ones show mer - cy all day long and place their de - light in the
 law of the Lord; they walk in the light and their steps do not fal - ter.

All this was writ-ten for our un-der stand - ing, to join good deeds with fast - ing,
 and, in ex-change for earth - ly good, the Lord will grant the rich - es of
 heav - - - en.

Cantor: Now and ever...

Theotokion for normal Sundays, p. 38

- 18. *The Great Doxology, p. 39*
- 19. *Troparion "You came forth from death..." p. 43*
- 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 Eighth Gospel Sticheron in Tone 8, p. 61