

Vesper Propers, October 1

THE PROTECTION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY.

On October 1, 911, during the reign of emperor Leo the Wise, there was an all-night vigil in the Blachernae church of the Theotokos in Constantinople. Standing near the rear of the church was St. Andrew the Fool for Christ, and his disciple Epiphanius. At four o'clock in the morning, the Theotokos appeared above the people with a veil spread over her outstretched hands, as if to protect them. She was surrounded by angels and saints. Seeing this, Andrew asked his disciple, "Do you see the Queen and Lady of all is praying for the whole world?"

The holy apostle Ananias, who baptized St. Paul in Damascus, as is related in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 9:10-19)

Our venerable father Romanus the Melodist, deacon, who merited the name "the Melodist" from his sublime art in composing ecclesiastical hymns in honor of the Lord and the saints.(496)

Our venerable mother Therese of the Child Jesus, who entered the Carmelite monastery of Lisieux in France while still a youth and was made a master of sanctity in Christ in innocence and simplicity. She taught a way of Christian perfection through spiritual childhood and poured herself out in the salvation of souls and in care for the mystical increase of the Church. She fell asleep in the Lord in her twenty-fifth year of life, on the thirtieth day of September. (1897)

Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2004

"O Lord I have cried." Tone 1, p.25

Bring my soul out of this prison *
and then I shall praise *your* name.

Around me the just will assemble *
because of your goodness to me.

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

Tone 1 podoben: O divnoje cudo(

The musical notation is on a single staff in G major (one sharp). It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first two notes are circled and labeled with the numbers 8 and 7, indicating the starting notes for the 8th and 7th tones. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics are written below the staff.

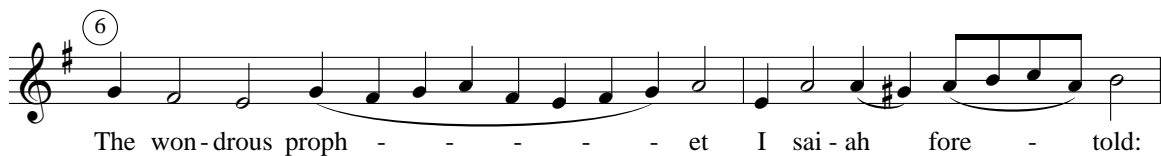
O most pure The-o - to - kos, you are a might-y de-fend - er



for those in sor - row. You are a read - y help to those in
trou - ble. You are the sal - va - tion and con - fir - ma - tion of the world.
You are the depth of mer - cy, the font of God's wis - dom, and the
pro - tec - tress of the world. O faith - ful, let us sing and
praise her glo - rious pro - tec - tion, say - - - ing: Re - joice,
O wo - man full of grace, the Lord is with you! the Lord, who
be - cause of you be - stows great mer - cy on our souls.

Cantor: Let your ears be attentive
(on 7) to the voice of my pleading. (*Repeat "O most pure Theotokos..."*)

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.



⑥
The won - drous proph - - - - et I sai - ah fore - told:



The moun-tain of the Lord will be re-vealed in the last days, and the house
of the Lord will be up-on the moun-tain. O Queen and La-dy,
we have seen this proph-e-cy tru-ly ful-filled in you,
be-cause the moun-tains and hills have been a-dorned by the
man-y church-es named af-ter your feasts. There-fore, we
joy-ful-ly sing out to you: Re-joice,
O wo-man full of grace, the Lord is with you! the Lord, who
be-cause of you be-stows great mer-cy on our souls.

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.



O awe-some beau-ty, you are the true

pro - phet - ic fulfillment for all the faith - ful. You are the glo - ry of
the a - pos - tles and the joy of the mar - tyrs, the pride of vir - gins
and a won - drous pro - tec - tion for the whole world. O
La - dy, with the man - tle of your mer - cy, pro - tect our
Church and all the peo - ple who sing out to you:
Re - joice, O wo - man full of grace, the Lord is with you!
the Lord, who be - cause of you be - stows great mer - cy
on our souls.

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

Tone 4 podoben: Jako dobl'ja

O The - o - to - kos, you co - op - er - at - ed with the in - vi - ta - tion offered

by the Ho - ly Spir - it. You were like a par - a - dise plant - ed by God
 and the sight of the liv - ing Tree. We ac - knowl - edge you as having
 brought forth the Cre - a - tor of all, who feeds the faith - ful with
 the Bread of Life. We ask you to pray for us, with the Fore - run - ner.
 With your mantle, pro - tect all peo - ple from ev - 'ry dan - ger.

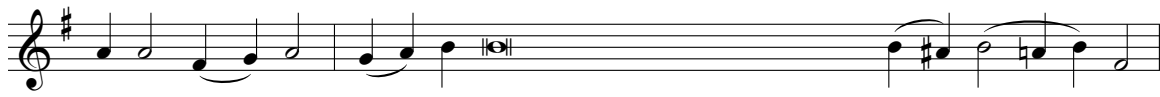
Cantor: Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. *(Repeat "O Theotokos...")*

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

②
 Heav - en and earth are sanc - ti - fied. The Church is radiant and all the
 peo - ple are re - joi - cing. Be - hold, the The - o - to - kos, to - geth - er
 with the an - gel - ic hosts, the Forerunner, and the The - o - lo - gian, with the



proph-ets and apostles, has in-vis-i-bly en-tered. She prays to Christ in behalf



of all Chris-tians, that he may have mercy on our city and all peo-ple,



who glo-ri-fy the feast of her Pro-tec-tion.

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



O The-o-to-kos, you are the beau-ty of Ja-cob; you are the heav-en-ly



lad-der by which Christ came down to earth. In-deed, those



im-ages signify your hon-or and glo-ry. The an-gels in heaven



and all peo-ple on earth praise you, for you have giv-en birth to



the God of all. We hon-or you as you pray for the whole world



and cov-er with your man-tle all those who ob-serve your



ho - ly feast.

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

Doxastikon

Tone 8 samohlasen



All the lead - ers of the heav - en - ly ar - - mies form a spir - itual choir and



re-joyce with all of us when they see the faithful praising the Lady and Queen



of all. The spir - its of the just re - joyce al - so as they wit-ness



the vision of the Queen pray - ing with out - stretched arms. She asks for peace



in the world, pow - er and strength for our Church, and sal - va - tion



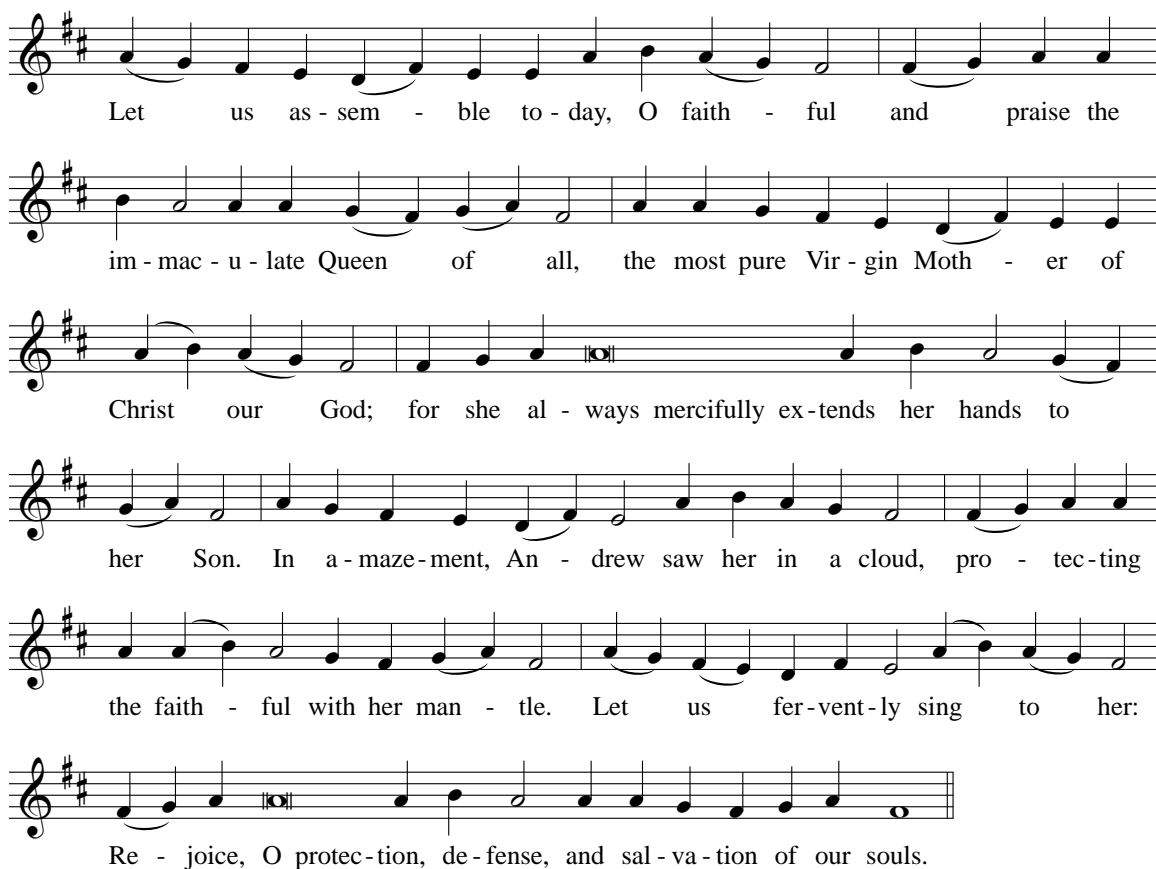
for our souls.

*The service continues with the Hymn of the Evening, p. 12
Prokeimena for weekdays, pp. 114 - 115*

Readings: Genesis 28: 10 - 17
Ezekiel 43: 27 through 44: 4
Proverbs 9: 1 - 11

At the Litija

Tone 2 Bolhar



Let us as - sem - ble to - day, O faith - ful and praise the
im - mac - u - late Queen of all, the most pure Vir - gin Moth - er of
Christ our God; for she al - ways mercifully ex - tends her hands to
her Son. In a - maze - ment, An - drew saw her in a cloud, pro - tec - ting
the faith - ful with her man - tle. Let us fer - vent - ly sing to her:
Re - joice, O protec - tion, de - fense, and sal - va - tion of our souls.

Litija Litany p.116

Aposticha

Tone 2



①
You are high - er than all beings in heav - en or on earth, more glo - rious than the



Cher-u-bim, and more hon-or - a - ble than all cre - a - tion; Christ has giv-en you as the



powerful protection of the Chris - tian peo - ple to pro-TECT and save all sin-ners



who has - ten to you. There - fore, O La - dy, we sing hymns to you be - cause



you are the ref - uge of all peo - ple, and we glo - rious - ly celebrate the honorable



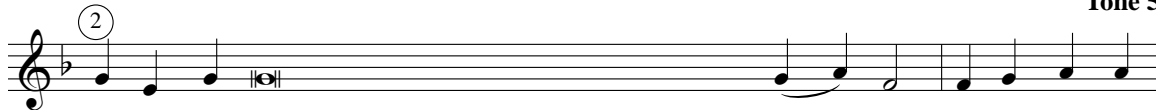
feast of your Pro - tec - tion. We ask Christ to grant us great mer - cy to our souls.

Cantor:



Lis - ten, O daugh - ter, and see, and in - cline your ear.

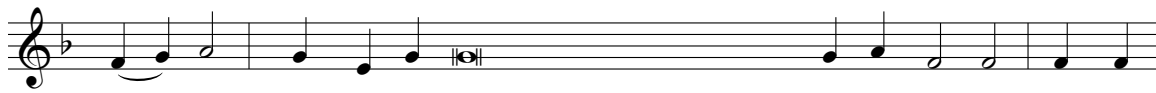
Tone 5



O peo - ple, let us gloriously sing David's song to the young bride, to the Moth - er



of Christ our God and the King of all. O Mas - ter, the Queen stood at your



right hand, clothed in gold - en robes and adorned with ce - les - tial beau - ty. You have



af - firmed her, chosen from a - mong wo - men, and deigned to be born of her



because of your great mer - cy. You have giv - en her as a help to your peo - ple.

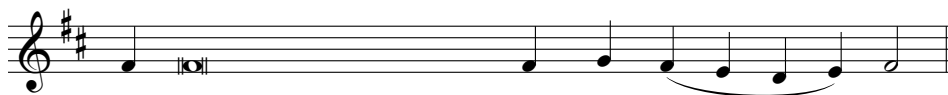


to build up and pro - tect your serv - ants from all mis - for - tunes, O



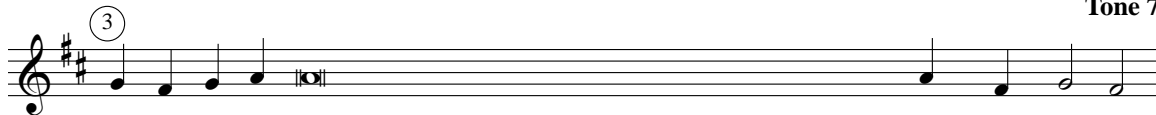
on - ly - bless - ed One.

Cantor:

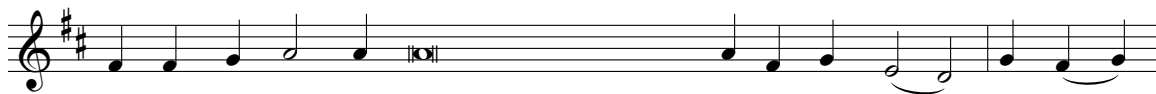


The rich among the people will seek your fa - - - vor.

Tone 7



O The - o - to - kos, you are a mountain greater and more glorious than Mount Si - nai.



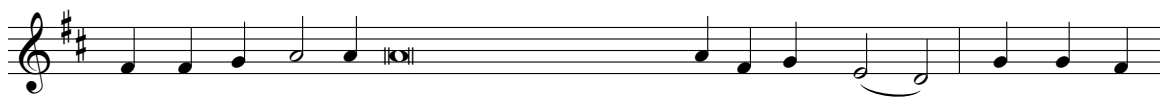
It could not bear God's glory coming down in im - a - ges and tents. It caught




fire and shook with thun - der and light - ning. You like - wise had the Divine Fire




in you. Through the will of him who holds all in the palm of his hand,


you bore the Word of God in your womb with-out be-ing burned. Since you have


a moth-er's confidence before him, O La-dy, help those who faith-ful-ly celebrate


your pre-cious feast. Do not for-get in your mer-cy to vis-it us, for


you have re-ceived a gift from God to build up and pro-TECT the Chris-tian


flock of your serv-ants.


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


Doxastikon

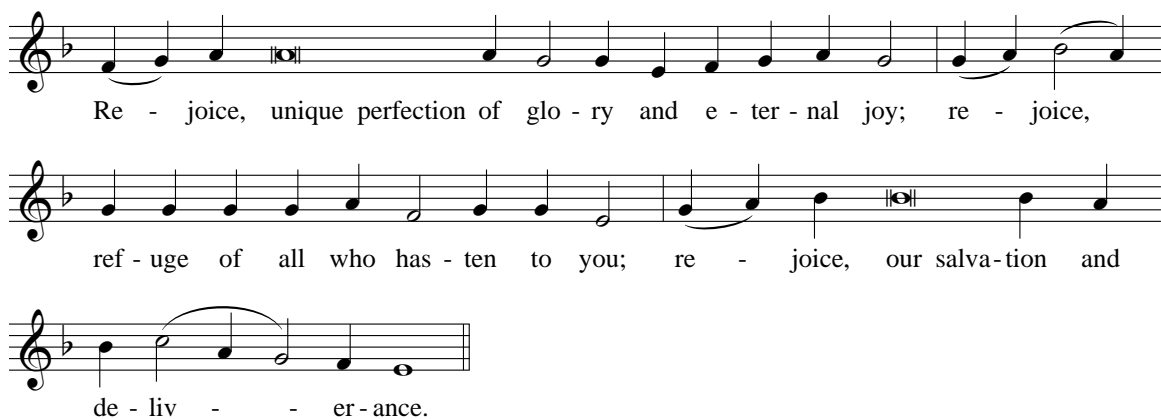
Tone 2


O all-pure The-o-to-kos, the Church is clothed with your honora-ble


pro-TEC-tion as with a most glo-ri-ous wreath. It ra-diant-ly


re-joi-ces to-day. It mys-tic-ly dances with joy and sings to


you, O La-dy: Re-joyce, hon-orable raiment and crown of God's glo-ry.



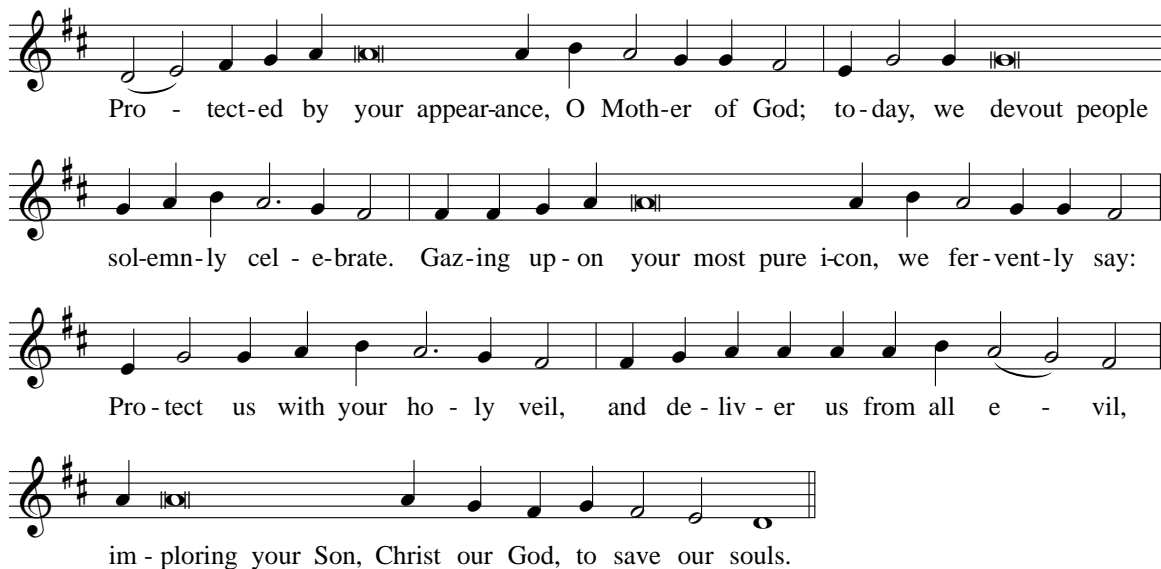
Re - joice, unique perfection of glo - ry and e - ter - nal joy; re - joice,
 ref - uge of all who has - ten to you; re - joice, our salva - tion and
 de - liv - er - ance.

The service continues with the Prayer of St. Simeon, p. 19

Troparion

Sung three times:

Tone 4



Pro - tect-ed by your appear-ance, O Moth-er of God; to-day, we devout people
 sol-enn-ly cel - e-brate. Gaz-ing up-on your most pure i-con, we fer-vent-ly say:
 Pro - tect us with your ho - ly veil, and de - liv - er us from all e - vil,
 im - ploring your Son, Christ our God, to save our souls.

The service continues with the Blessing of Bread, p. 119