

Vesper Propers, November 20, 2005
Prefestive Day of the Entrance of the Theotokos

Our venerable father Gregory the Decapolite at Constantinople, monk. He first professed the monastic life and then the life of an anchorite. Then he made a journey and settled for a long while in Thessalonica. Finally he returned his soul to God at Constantinople where he fought vigorously in defense of the holy Images. (9th century)

Our holy father Proclus, archbishop of Constantinople, who vigorously proclaimed blessed Mary to be the Theotokos (“she who gave birth to God”). He returned the body of St. John Chrysostom from exile in a triumphal translation. His episcopate was so adorned with blessings that at the Ecumenical Council of Chalcedon he was thought worthy to be called the Great. (446)

Our venerable mother Josaphata Hordashevskia, in the town of Chervohohrad near L’viv in Galicia, who served wherever the need was greatest in the Institute of the Sisters Servant of Mary Immaculate. She founded this community to serve the Greek-Catholic Church in Galicia and Canada. (1919)

Supplement for **The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2005**

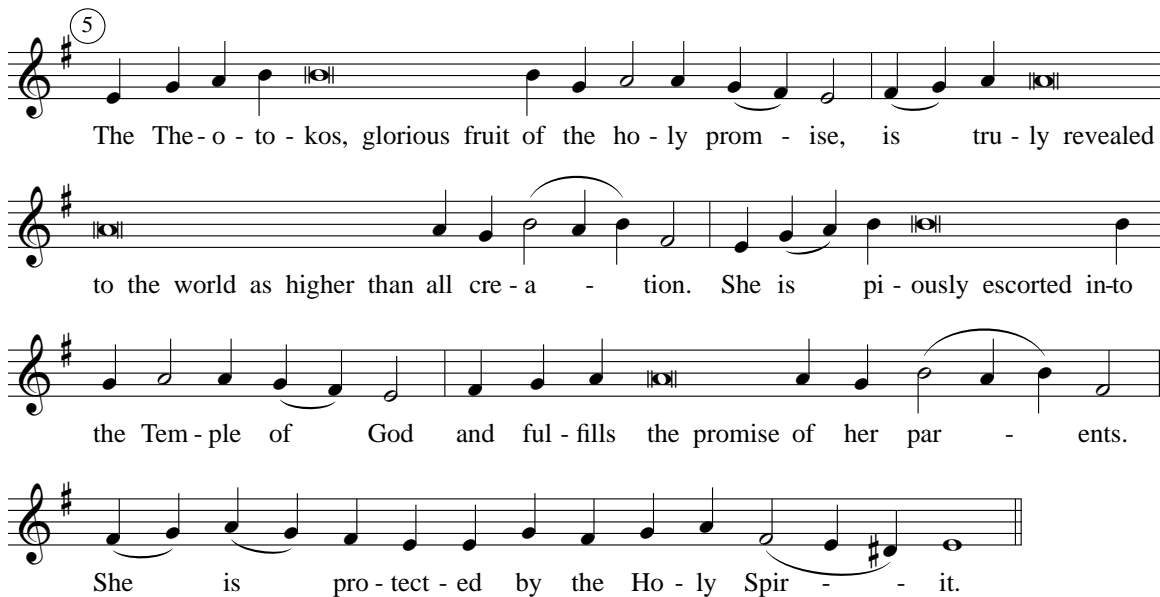
Tone of the Week: Tone 2 (begins on page 34), stichera 10 - 7.

Cantor: (Tone 1) 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.

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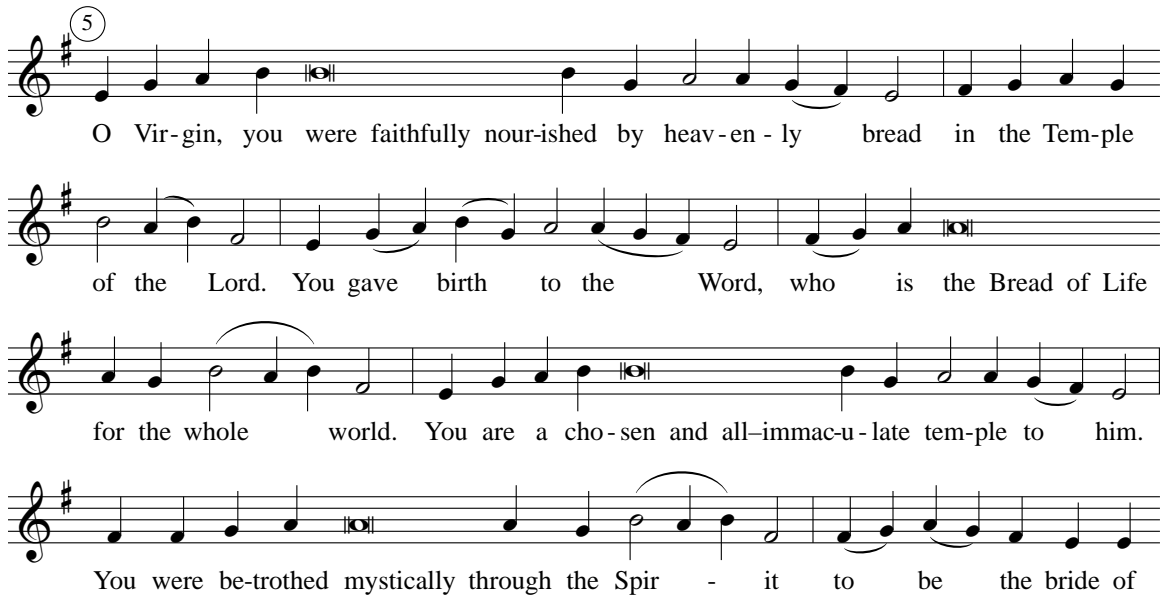
The can-dle-bear-ing vir-gins brightly es-cort the ev - er Vir - gin. They are in spir-it
tru - ly prophesy-ing the fu - ture be-cause the The - otokos is the tem-ple
of God; and with a vir-gin's glo - ry, she is be-ing led as a young
child in - to the Tem - ple.

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.

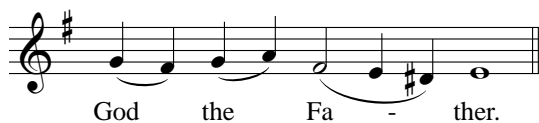


The The-o - to - kos, glorious fruit of the ho - ly prom - ise, is tru - ly revealed
to the world as higher than all cre - a - tion. She is pi - ously escorted in-to
the Tem - ple of God and ful - fills the promise of her par - ents.
She is pro - tect - ed by the Ho - ly Spir - it.

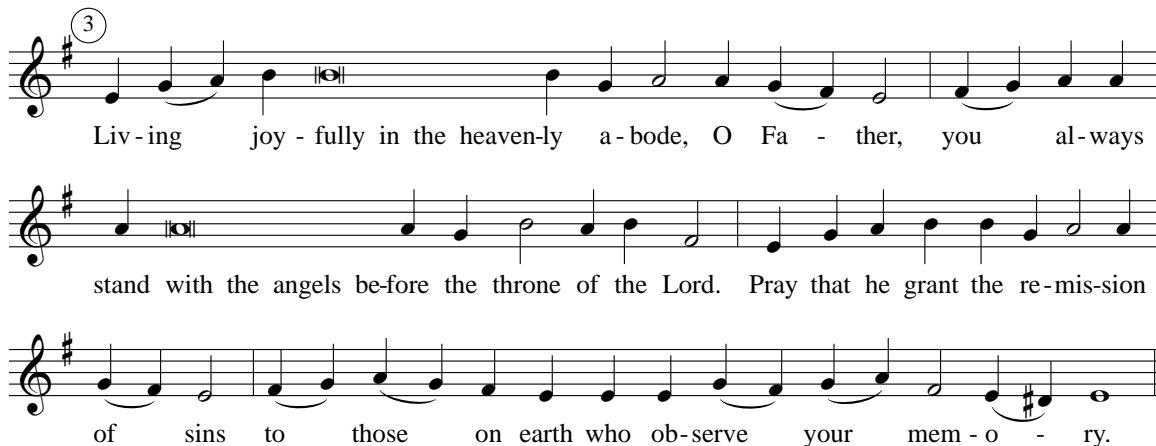
Cantor: Let the watchman count on daybreak
(on 4) and Israel on the Lord.



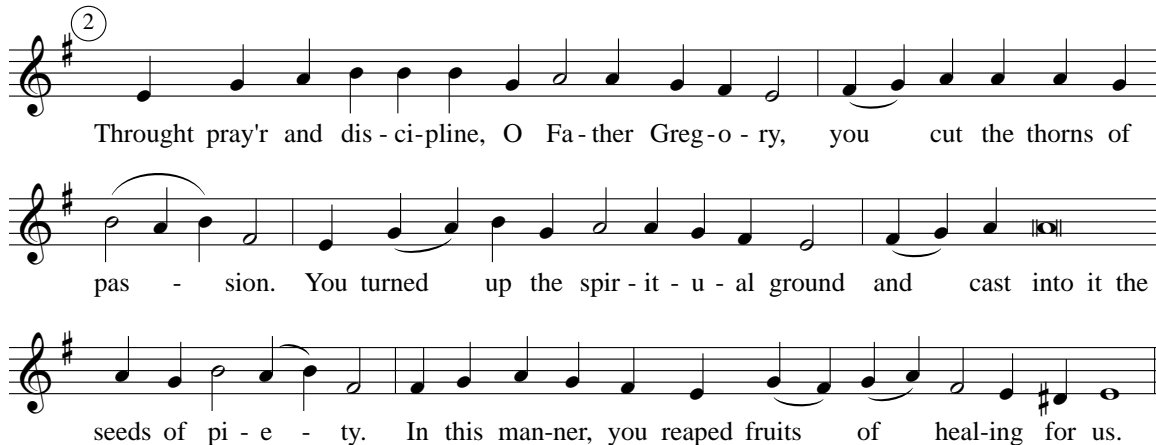
O Vir-gin, you were faithfully nour-ished by heav-en - ly bread in the Tem-ple
of the Lord. You gave birth to the Word, who is the Bread of Life
for the whole world. You are a cho-sen and all-immac-u-late tem-ple to him.
You were be-trothed mystically through the Spir - it to be the bride of



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

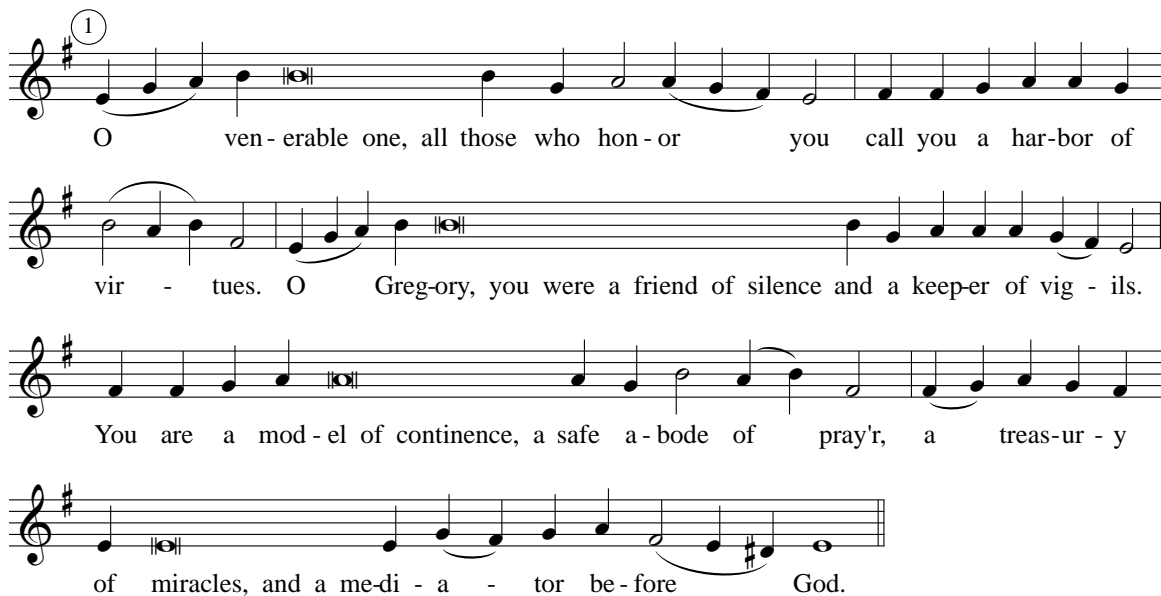


Cantor: Praise the Lord, all you nations,
(on 2) acclaim him all you peoples!



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

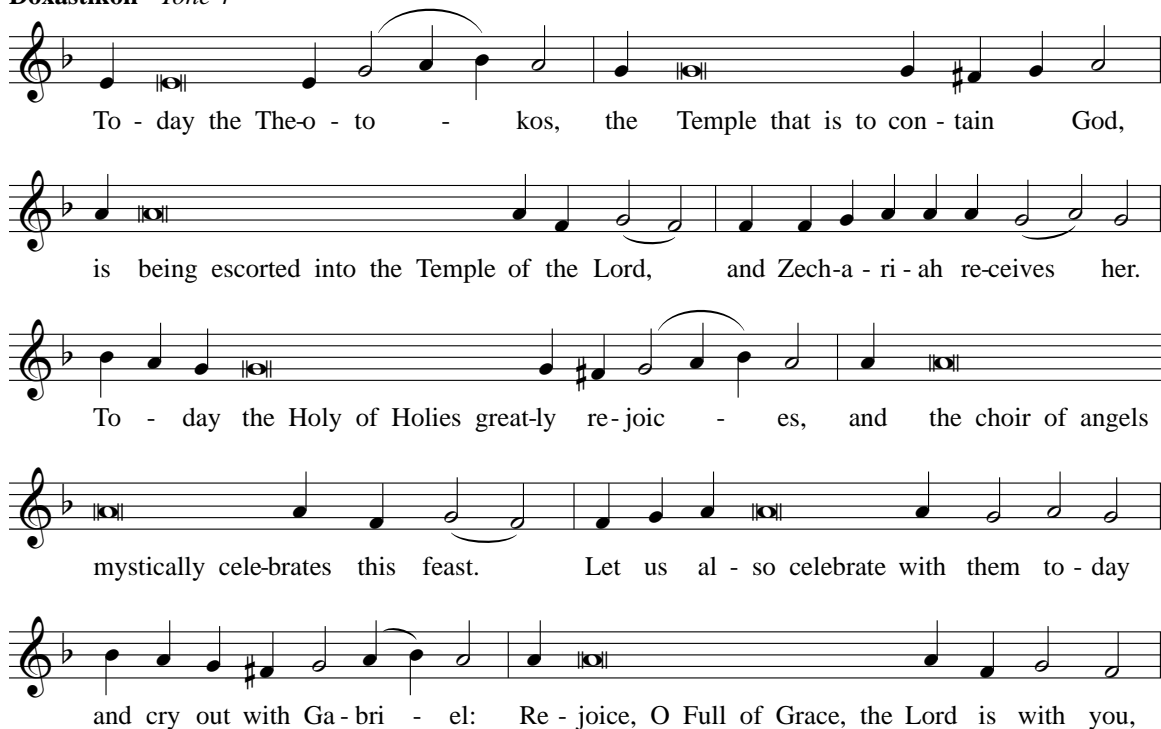
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O ven-erable one, all those who hon-or you call you a har-bor of
vir-tues. O Greg-ory, you were a friend of silence and a keep-er of vig-ils.
You are a mod-el of continence, a safe a-bode of pray'r, a treas-ur-y
of miracles, and a me-di-a-tor be-fore God.

Cantor: (Tone 4) Glory...

Doxastikon - Tone 4



To-day the The-o-to-kos, the Temple that is to con-tain God,
is being escorted into the Temple of the Lord, and Zech-a-ri-ah re-ceives her.
To-day the Holy of Holies great-ly re-joic-es, and the choir of angels
mystically cele-brates this feast. Let us al-so celebrate with them to-day
and cry out with Ga-bri-el: Re-joice, O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you,

and he grants us great mer - cy.

Cantor: Now and ever...

Dogmatikon, Tone 2, p. 42

The service continues with the Hymn of the Evening, p.12.

Aposticha, Tone 2, p. 43

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

Doxastikon - Tone 4

Come all you peo - ple, and let us praise the only-im-mac - u - late One

who was foretold by the proph - ets and is be - ing led into the Tem - ple.

She was cho - sen from eternity to be the Moth - er; and in time she was

revealed as the The - o - to - kos. O Lord, by her pray'rs, grant us peace and

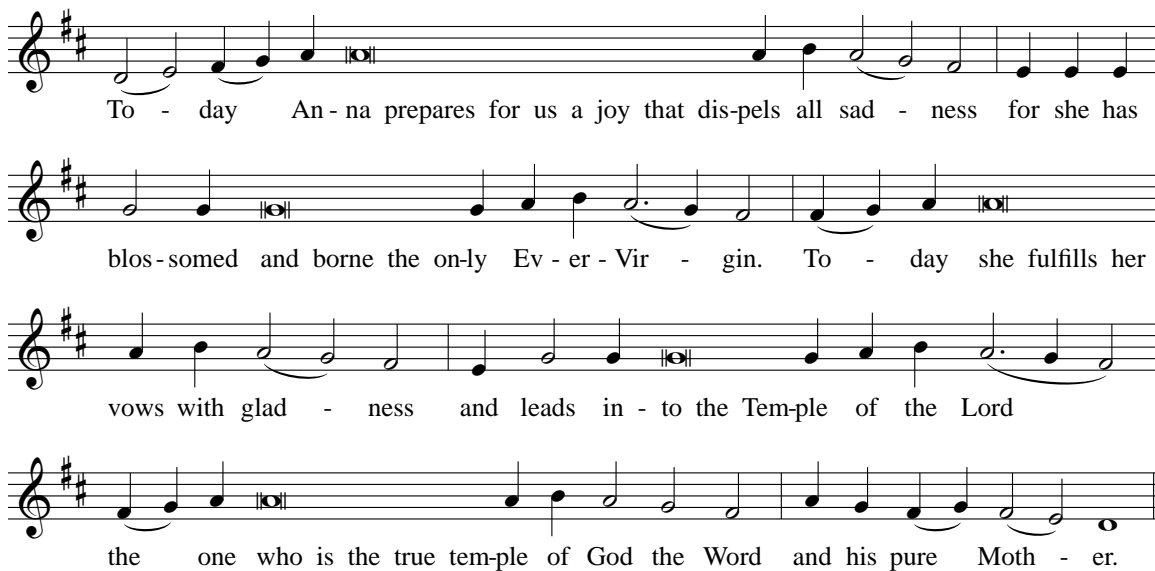
great mer - cy.

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

Troparion, Tone 2, p 47

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

Troparion of the Pre-feast - Tone 4



To - day An - na prepares for us a joy that dis - pels all sad - ness for she has
blos - somed and borne the on - ly Ev - er - Vir - gin. To - day she fulfills her
vows with glad - ness and leads in - to the Tem - ple of the Lord
the one who is the true tem - ple of God the Word and his pure Moth - er.

Dismissal, p. 21