

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON
February 12, 2006

Our holy father Meletius, archbishop of Antioch, was elected to the patriarchal see in 360, but within a month he was sent into exile by Emperor Constantius. Reinstated in 379, he held a council of 150 bishops and took a prominent role in the Ecumenical Council of Constantinople (381). He was persecuted on account of the Nicene faith with frequent exile and soon after presiding over the First Ecumenical Council of Constantinople departed to the Lord. His virtues were celebrated with the highest praises by Saints Gregory of Nyssa and John Chrysostom (381)

Hymn

melody: Krestu Tvoyemu (Grekokatolicki Duchovny Pisni, 1969)



1. Hear now, you faith - ful, once more the sto - ry
 2. Hear how the fa - ther, long - ing and yearn - ing,
 3. See, too, the broth - er, pout - ing in si - lence,
 4. Ev - 'ry - thing's law - ful, so says the Scrip - ture;
 5. Soon will ar - rive the sea - son of fast - ing;



Of the young man whose prod - i - gal ways
 Ran out to meet the pen - i - tent boy:
 Jeal - ous of fa - ther's heart full of love.
 Not all is good, or done at our whim.
 Pray'r and good works will fill ev - 'ry day.

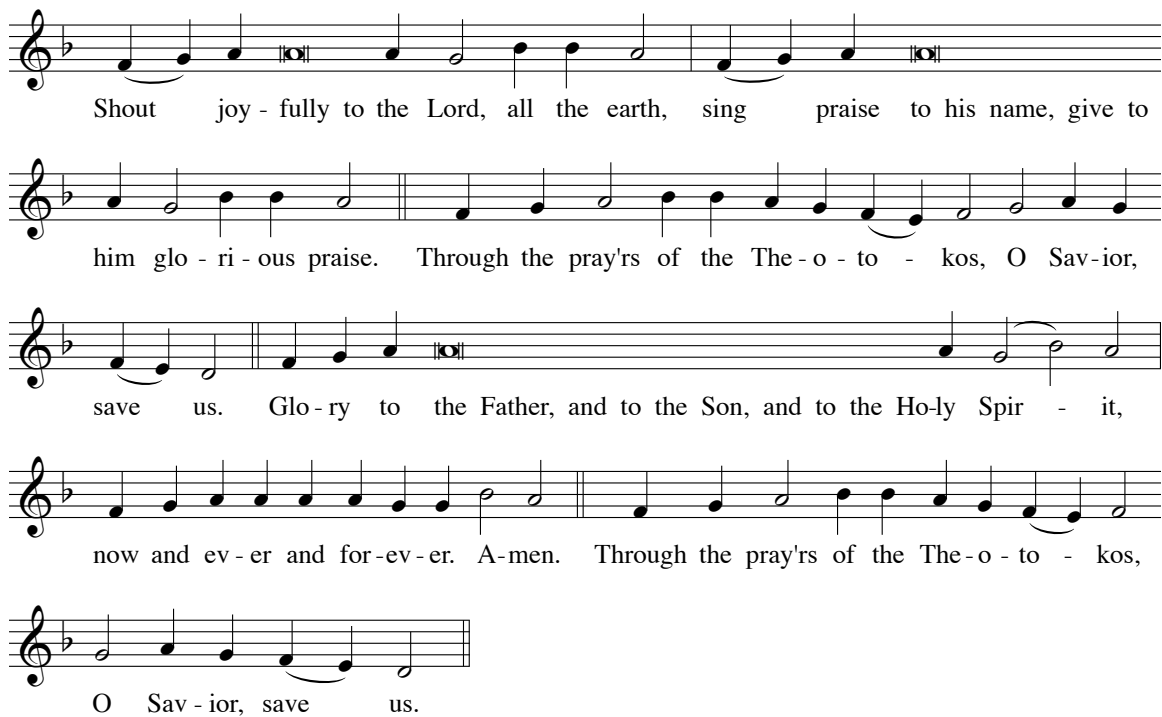


Led him to sin and then to re - pent - ance:
 Hugged him and clothed him, shoes and ring gave him,
 Thus we are of - ten guilt - y of mal - ice,
 This mor - tal bod - y, pur - chased at great price
 Give us Your grace to have the right spir - it,



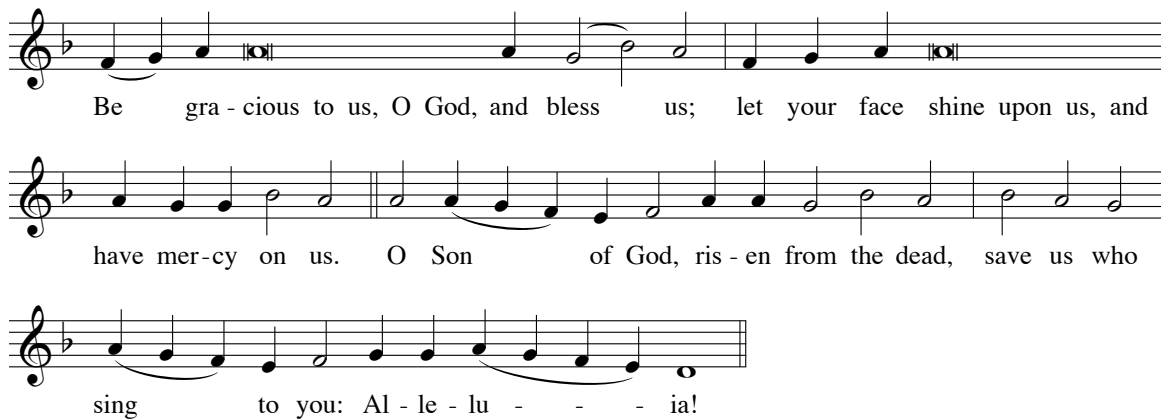
God's bound - less grace is theme for our days!
 Set out a feast to show forth his joy!
 Not un - der - stand - ing grace from a - bove.
 By Christ the Lord, should glo - ri - fy Him!
 That in our deeds, Your law we o - bey.

First Antiphon (Psalm 65:1,2):



Shout joy - fully to the Lord, all the earth, sing praise to his name, give to
him glo - ri - ous praise. Through the pray'rs of the The - o - to - kos, O Sav - ior,
save us. 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. Through the pray'rs of the The - o - to - kos,
O Sav - ior, save us.

Second Antiphon (Psalm 66:2):



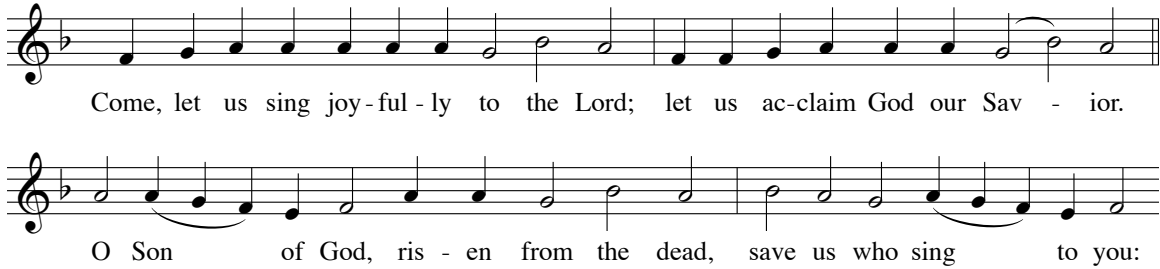
Be gra - cious to us, O God, and bless us; let your face shine upon us, and
have mer - cy on us. O Son of God, ris - en from the dead, save us who
sing to you: Al - le - lu - - - ia!

Hymn of the Incarnation - Resurrection Tone 7



Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,
now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men. O on - ly - begotten Son and
Word of God, who be - ing im - mor - tal, deigned for our sal - va - tion
to be - come in - car - nate of the ho - ly Theotokos and ever - Vir - gin Mar - y,
and be - came man with - out change; you were al - so crucified, O Christ our God,
and by death have tram - pled Death, be - ing One of the Ho - ly Trin - i - ty,
glo - rified with the Fa - ther and the Ho - ly Spir - it, save us.

Third Antiphon (Psalm 94:1)



Come, let us sing joy - ful - ly to the Lord; let us ac - claim God our Sav - ior.
O Son of God, ris - en from the dead, save us who sing to you:

Al - le - lu - - - ia!

Entrance Hymn (Psalm 94:6):

Come, let us wor - ship and bow be - fore Christ. O Son of God,
ris - en from the dead, save us who sing to you: Al - le - lu - ia!

Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 6


An - gel - ic pow - ers ap - peared at your tomb, and the guards be - came like dead
men. Mar - y stood at the tomb seeking your most pure bod - y. You de - spoiled
Ha - des with - out a chal - lenge. You, the Giv - er of Life met the
Vir - gin. O Lord, ris - en from the dead, glo - - ry to you!

Cantor

Tone 3

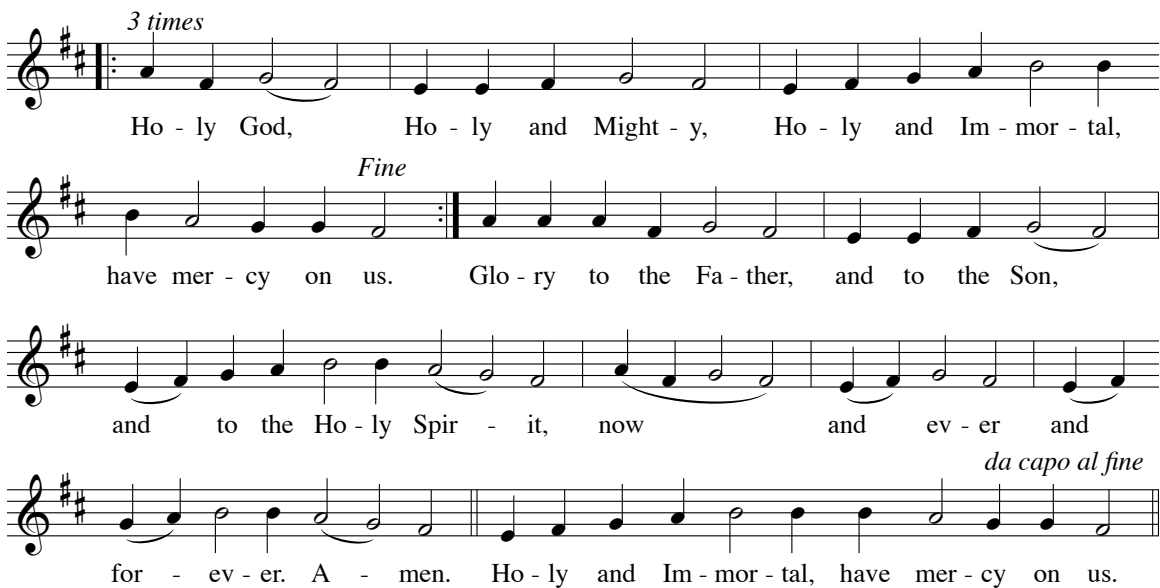
Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,
now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - - - men.

Kontakion of the Prodigal Son - Tone 3



When I fool-ish-ly spurned your fa-ther-ly glo - ry, I squan-dered the
rich-es you had given me on e - vil deeds. So now I cry out to you with the voice
of the prod - i - gal son: I have sinned a - gainst you, O mer-ci - ful Fa - ther;
ac - cept my re - pen - tance and treat me as one of your hired serv - ants.

Thrice-Holy Hymn



3 times
Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly and Im - mor - tal,
Fine
have mer - cy on us. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,
and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, now and ev - er and
da capo al fine
for - ev - er. A - men. Ho - ly and Im - mor - tal, have mer - cy on us.

A - men. That we may re-ceive, re-ceive the King of All,
 in - vis - i - bly es-cort-ed by an - gel - ic hosts. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia!

Anamnesis Acclamation

A

We praise you, we bless you, we thank you, O Lord,
 and we pray to you, our God, pray to you, our God.

It is truly proper

It is tru - ly prop - er to glo - ri - fy you, O The - o - to - kos,
 the ever-blessed, immaculate, and the moth - er of our God. More honora-ble
 than the Cher-u - bim and beyond compare more glori-ous than the Ser - a - phim,

who, a Vir - gin, gave birth to God the Word; you, tru - ly the

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

Communion Hymn for Sundays (Psalm 148:1):

A

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord from the heav - ens, praise him

Refrain

in the high-est, praise him in the high-est. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia!

We have seen the true light

Tone 2 Bolhar

We have seen the true light; we have re-ceived

the heav-en - ly Spir - it; we have found the true faith;

and we wor-ship the undi-vid - ed Trin - i - ty, for the Trin-i - ty

has saved us.

May our mouth be filled

May our mouth be filled with your praise, O Lord, so that we may sing of your

glo-ry, sing of your glo - ry; for you have deemed us wor-thy to par-take

of your ho - ly, di-vine, im - mor - tal, pure, and life - cre - at - ing mys - ter - ies.

Keep us in your ho - li - ness so that all the day long we may live ac - cord - ing

to your truth. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Blessed be the name of the Lord

Bless-ed be the name of the Lord, now and for - ev - er,

now and for - ev - er, now and for - ev - er.