If the Annunciation falls on a Lenten weekday, the Divine Liturgy of Our Holy Father John Chrysostom is celebrated with Vespers on March 25, in the evening.

Supplement for The Divine Liturgies of our Holy Fathers John Chrysostom and Basil the Great, 2006.

The service begins on page 104; either setting of Psalm 103 may be sung.

The Lamp-lighting Psalms

Tone 4 samohlasen

Then the recited verses are chanted by the cantor and faithful. The faithful may SIT when the incensation of the church is complete.
O Lord, set a guard before my mouth
and set a seal on the door of my lips.
Let not my heart be inclined to evil,
nor make excuses for sins I commit.

Let me never share in sinners' feasting.
    If a just man strikes or reproves me it is kindness
but let the oil of the wicked not anoint my head.
    Let my prayer be ever against their malice.

The princes were thrown down by the side of the rock;
    then they understood that my words were kind.
As a millstone is shattered to pieces on the ground,
    so their bones were strewn at the mouth of the grave.

To you, Lord God, my eyes are turned;
    in you I take refuge; spare my soul!
From the trap they have laid for me keep me safe;
    keep me from the snares of those who do evil.

Let the wicked fall into the traps they have set
    while I pursue my way unharmed.

Psalm 141

With all my voice I cry to the Lord,
    with all my voice I entreat the Lord.
I pour out my trouble before him;
    I tell him all my distress while my spirit faints within me.

But you, O Lord, know my path.
    On the way where I shall walk they have hidden a snare to entrap me.
Look on my right and see:
    there is no one who takes my part.

I have no means of escape,
    not one who cares for my soul.
I cry to you, O Lord.
    I have said: "You are my refuge, all I have in the land of the living."
Listen, then, to my cry  
for I am in the depths of distress.
Rescue me from those who pursue me  
for they are stronger than I.

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.

Psalm 129

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;  
Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my pleading.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?  
But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.
My soul is waiting for the Lord. I count on his word.  
My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.

Let the watchman count on daybreak  
and Israel on the Lord.

Cantor:

Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,

Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

All:

Stichera of the Annunciation - Tone 4 samohlasen

In the sixth month the Angel was sent to a pure Virgin.

He greeted her: Rejoice! He announced that the Redeemer would come forth
from her. She received his greeting with faith and conceived you, the God from before all ages, for it was your inexpressible good pleasure to become man for the salvation of our souls.

Cantor:

Praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples!

All:

The Theotokos heard a voice she did not know. The Archangel spoke to her the words of good news. She received the greeting with faith and conceived you, the God from before all ages. Therefore, we also rejoice and cry out to you, O unapproachable God who were incarnate of her:

Grant peace to the world and great mercy to our souls.
Strong is the love of the Lord for us; he is faithful forever.

Be hold our restoration is now revealed. God beyond words is united with humanity. The error is erased by the Archangel's voice, for the virgin receives the joy. What is earthly has become heaven; the world is freed from the ancient curse. Let creation rejoice and give voice to hymns: O Lord, our Creator and Redeemer, glory to you!

The faithful STAND.

Glorify to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

Doxastikon - Tone 6 samohlasen

The Archangel Gabriel was sent from heaven to the Virgin
to announce the good news of her conception. Coming to Nazareth he was amazed as he reflected on the mystery:

How can the One Who Is incomprehensible in the highest be born of a virgin? Heaven is his throne, the earth is his footstool, and in a woman's womb he is contained. The six-winged seraphim and the many eyed cherubim cannot look upon him; yet, with a single word, he has been pleased to take on flesh. He remains the Word of God. Why do I stand still and not say to the Maiden: Rejoice, Full of Grace, the Lord is with you; Rejoice, pure Virgin; rejoice, Unwedded Bride; rejoice, Mother of Life;
Deacon: Wisdom! Be attentive!

The clergy and servers enter the sanctuary as "O Joyful Light" is sung.
The sanctuary and the faithful are incensed.
Old Testament Readings from the Triodion

Deacon: Let us be attentive!

Celebrant: Peace be to all!

Deacon: Wisdom! Be attentive!

Prokeimenon I - Tone 4 (Psalm 79: 2)

Shepherd of Israel, hear us, you who lead Joseph's flock.

Verse: Shine forth from your cherubic throne.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Lector: A Reading from Genesis

Deacon: Let us be attentive!

The faithful SIT while the lector chants the reading.


Deacon: Wisdom! Be attentive!

Prokeimenon II - Tone 6 (Psalm 120:7, 1)

Ring out your joy to God, our strength. Ring out your joy to God, our strength.

Verse: Raise a song and sound the timbrel.
Wisdom!

A reading from Proverbs.

Let us be attentive!

[Proverbs 14:15 - 26]

Old Testament Readings for the Annunciation

Wisdom!

A reading from Exodus.

Let us be attentive!


Wisdom!

A reading from Proverbs.

Let us be attentive!

[Proverbs 8:22-31] (Epistle Book, p. 312)

Peace ✠ be to you, reader.

The service continues with the Small Litany page 122) followed by the Trisagion ("Holy God") of the Divine Liturgy, on pages 27-30.

Propers for the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom are on the following pages.
Prokeimenon of the Annunciation - Tone 4 (Psalm 95:2,1):

Day after day announce the good news of our God's salvation.

Verse: Sing to the Lord a new song; * sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Alleluia of the Annunciation - Tone 1 (Psalm 71:6,17):

Verse: He will descend like rain on the meadows, * like raindrops on the earth.

Verse: May his name be blessed forever, * more enduring than the sun.

Instead of “It is truly proper . . .”

Magnification:

Irmos: Tone 6 Irmos, simple setting

Let no uninitiated hand touch the living Ark of God;
but let faithful lips, singing without ceasing the words of the angel to the Theotokos, cry aloud in great joy:

Rejoice, O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you.

Or

Irmos:

Tone 4 samopoden

Let no uninitiated hand touch the living Ark of God; but let faithful lips, singing without ceasing the words of the angel to the Theotokos, cry aloud in great joy: Rejoice, O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you.
Communion Hymn (Psalm 131:13):

The Lord has chosen Zion; he prefers her for his dwelling.

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!