

## Vesper Propers, January 30

**THE THREE HOLY HIERARCHS: BASIL THE GREAT, GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN, AND JOHN CHRYSOSTOM.** All three of these saints have their own feast days. This celebration began in 1100 in the days of the Emperor Alexis Comnenus. A great quarrel arose in Constantinople as to which of these three was the greatest theologian. They appeared in a dream to then Patriarch John and told him that they were equal before God, and each had his special gifts and talents. John chose January 30 to commemorate all three of them together, and composed the office.

*Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2006*

*"O Lord, I have cried..." in Tone 4 (p. 58).*

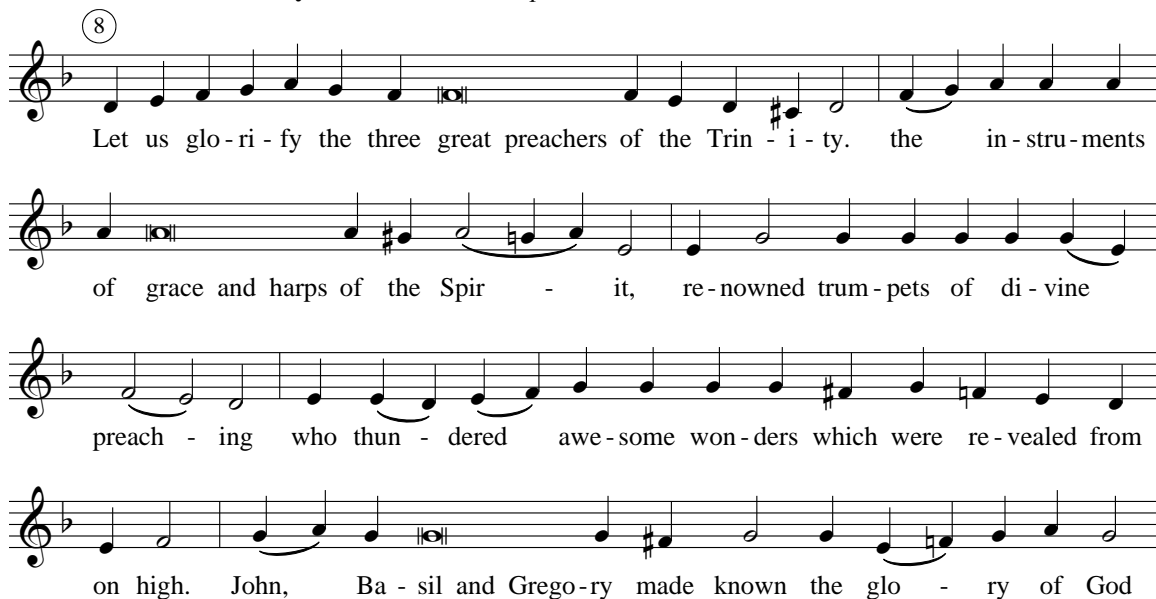
Bring my soul out of this prison  
and then I shall praise *your* name.

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

**Cantor:** (Tone 4) Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;  
(on 8) Lord, hear my voice!

**Stichera of the Three Holy Hierarchs - Tone 4 podoben: Jako dobl'a**

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Let us glo-ri-fy the three great preachers of the Trin-i-ty. the in-stru-ments  
of grace and harps of the Spir-it, re-nowned trum-pets of di-vine  
preach-ing who thun-dered awe-some won-ders which were re-vealed from  
on high. John, Ba-sil and Grego-ry made known the glo-ry of God



to the ends of the earth.

**Cantor:** Let your ears be attentive  
(on 7) to the voice of my pleading.

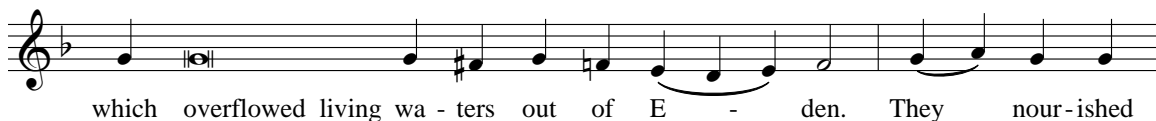
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Let us wor-thi-ly ven-er-ate the de-fend-ers of the Trin-i-ty.



They are the three apostles add-ed to the Twelve. They are riv-ers



which overflowed living wa-ters out of E-den. They nour-ished



the face of the earth with life-giv-ing di-vine wa-ters.



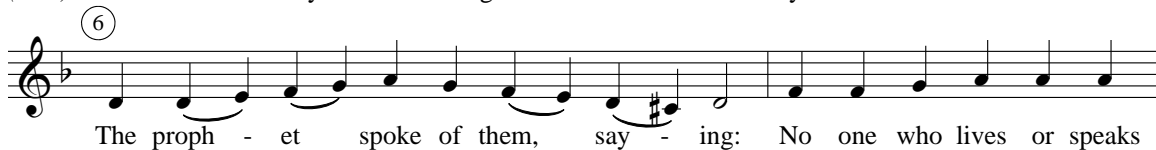
They are the ba-sic ele-ments of na-ture, fash-ion-ing not cre-a-tion



but the true faith.

**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.

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The proph-et spoke of them, say-ing: No one who lives or speaks

has not heard their voice, for the fa-mous and ex-cel-lent work of these  
 sub-lime and wise teach-ers has spread through all the earth and  
 sea. By their di-vine laws the ends of the earth are joined to-geth-er  
 and pre-served in the one true faith.

**Cantor:** My soul is waiting for the Lord. I count on his word.  
 (on 5) My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.

Let us, who fol-low their teach-ings, loud-ly sing and praise these  
 instruments of the Ho-ly Spir-it. They are the true trum-pets and  
 or-a-tors of the Word. Let us pray to them since they find fa-vor with  
 the Lord, that he may grant a strong and last-ing u-ni-ver-sal peace  
 and for-give-ness to all of us.

**Cantor:** (Tone 2) Let the watchman count on daybreak  
(on 4) and Israel on the Lord.

*Tone 2 samohlasen*

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With what praise - worthy crowns shall we crown the teach - ers, dis - tinct  
in bod - y but joined together in the Spir - it? They are the God - bear - ing  
de - fend - ers of the Trin - i - ty, the tri - ad of min - is - ters, the  
lu - mi - nar - ies who enlighten the world, and pil - lars of the Church. Be - cause  
they con - quered all, Christ our God merciful - ly gave them crowns of glo - ry.

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

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With what songs of joy shall we crown the God - fear - ing mys - tics and preach - ers?  
They were the most out - stand - ing theologians of the true faith: Bas - il  
the Great who re - vealed truths a - bout God; the sub - lime theologian Gregory,

and John the Gol - den - mouthed. They are fit - ting - ly glorified by the  
 Trin - i - ty, the Lord who grants his great mer - cy.

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

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With what praise - worthy words shall we honor the ho - ly bish - ops? They were  
 com - para - ble to the apostles in rank and gifts through grace. They de - feat - ed  
 her - esy and were sanctifiers by word and deed. They were Christ - like shep - herds  
 in the faith. They were earth - ly an - gels and heav'n - ly men. They were hon - ored by  
 the Lord of glo - ry, by Christ who grants his great mer - cy.

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

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With what praise - wor - thy crowns shall we crown John the Golden - mouthed,

Ba - sil and Gre - go - ry? They are pre - cious ves - sels of the Spir - it  
 and firm de - fend - ers of the faith, pil - lars of the Church, the foundation  
 of the faith - ful, and com - fort of sin - ners. We hon - or them as  
 well - springs which o - ver - flow, re - fresh - ing our souls with wa - ter.  
 They ask for - give - ness for our sins and great mer - cy for us.

**Cantor:** (Tone 6) Glory...

**Doxastikon**

*Tone 6 samohlasen*

Let us ex - tol today those mystical trumpets of the Spir - it, the God - man - tled  
 Fa - thers, who, speak - ing of di - vine things, sang a u - nifying  
 hymn in the midst of the Church: teach - ing that the Trin - i - ty is One,  
 not dif - fer - ing in sub - stance or God - head; re - fut - ing Arius

and contending for the true faith; and who always in - ter - cede with the Lord  
to have mer - - - cy on our souls.

**Cantor:** Now and ever...

*Dogmatikon in the same tone (Tone 6), p. 87.*

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

*Weekday Prokeimena are found on pages 114-115.*

**Readings:** Deuteronomy 1: 8-11, 15-17 (EOT 301)  
Deuteronomy 10: 14-21 (EOT 301)  
Wisdom 3: 1 - 9 (EOT 315-316)

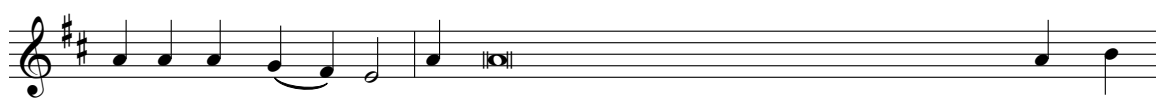
## Litija

*Tone 6*

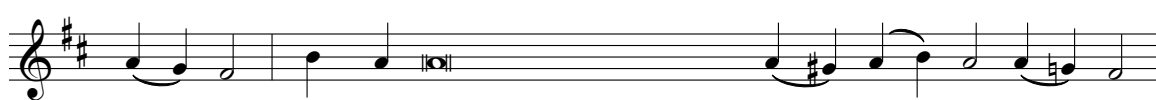
O Ho - ly Trin - ity, worthy of ad - o - ra - tion, glo - ry to your wise plan of  
sal - va - tion, for you have given three great lu - mi - nar - ies to us.  
They en - light - en us by the light of their knowl - edge of you, they inspire us by  
their teach - ings, and they shine with the radiance of your precious de - sires for



our sal - va - tion. Through them the whole world has been enriched with the light



of un - der - stand - ing; it radiates with your glory and hastens to your bless - ed



king - dom. Since you are an all - generous God, O Ho - ly Trin - i - ty,



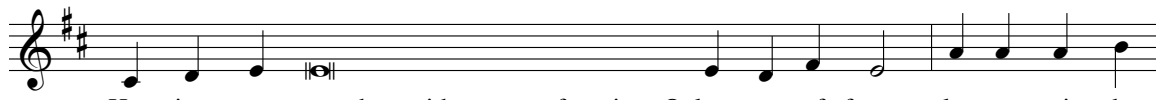
be at - ten - tive to their prayers on our be - half and save our souls, O



Lord and Lov - er of us all.

**Cantor:** (Tone 6) Glory...

**Doxastikon - Tone 6**



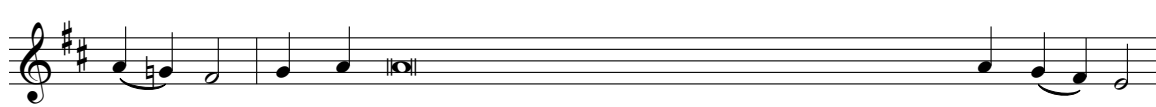
Hav - ing come together with songs of praise, O lov - ers of feasts, let us praise the



bish - ops of Christ and the glo - ry of the Fa - thers, the pil - lars of

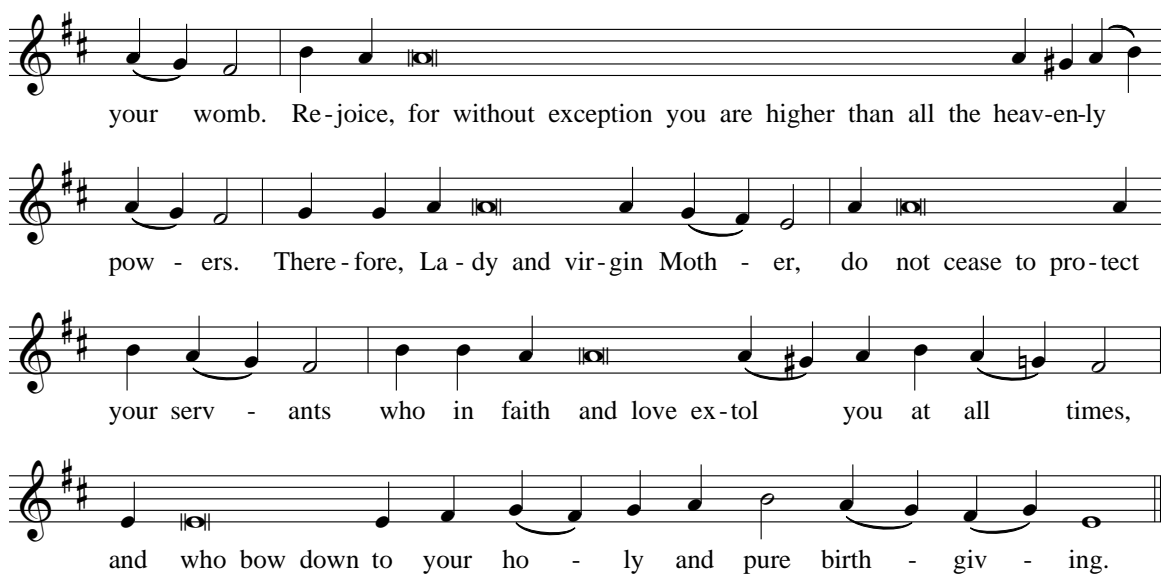


the faith, the teachers and defenders of the faith - ful. Let us cry out



to them: Re-joyce, O luminary of the Church and immutable pillar, wise Ba - sil.



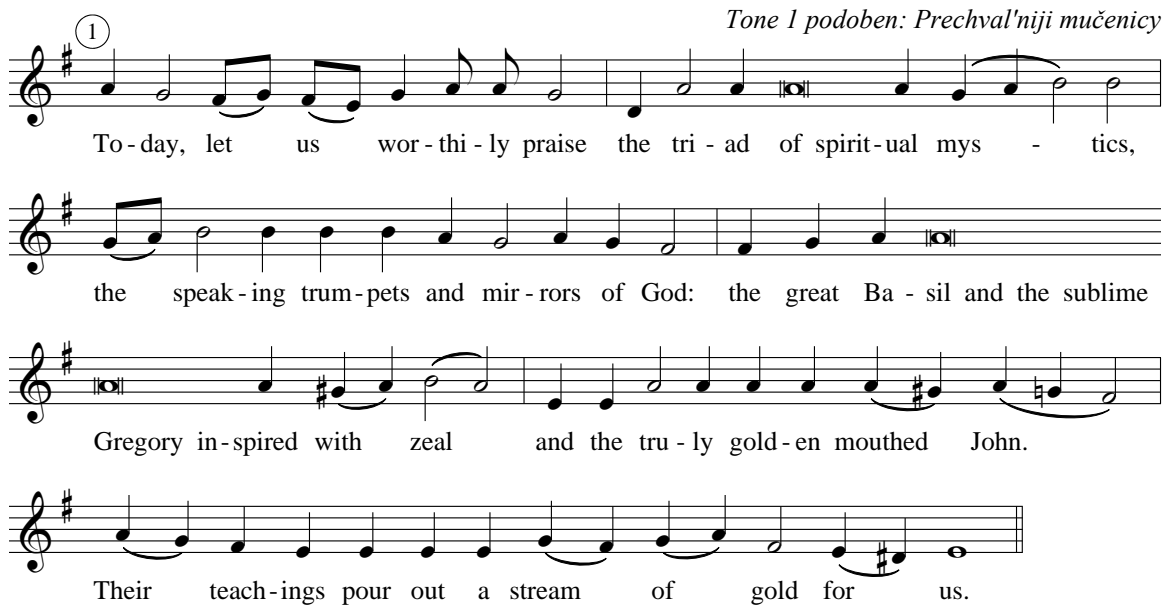


your womb. Re-joyce, for without exception you are higher than all the heav-en-ly  
 pow - ers. There - fore, La - dy and vir - gin Moth - er, do not cease to pro-tect  
 your serv - ants who in faith and love ex-tol you at all times,  
 and who bow down to your ho - ly and pure birth - giv - ing.

*Litany of the Litija, page 16*

## Aposticha

*Tone 1 podoben: Prechval'niji mučenicicy*



To-day, let us wor - thi - ly praise the tri - ad of spirit-ual mys - tics,  
 the speak - ing trum - pets and mir - rors of God: the great Ba - sil and the sublime  
 Gregory in - spired with zeal and the tru - ly gold - en mouthed John.  
 Their teach - ings pour out a stream of gold for us.

*Cantor*

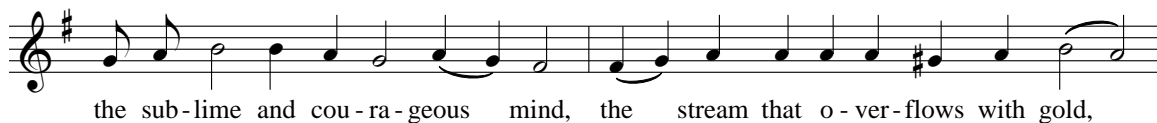


Pre-cious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faith - - - ful.

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Let us wor - thi - ly sing the prais - es of the foun - da - tion of the faith,



the sub - lime and cou - ra - geous mind, the stream that o - ver - flows with gold,



the ver - y splen - did and pre - cious lu - mi - nar - ies, and de - fend - ers

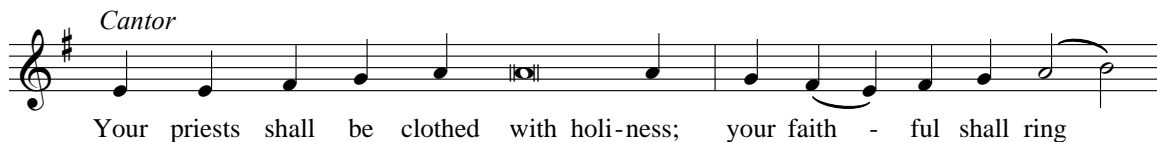


of the Trin - i - ty, the re - cep - tacles of the grace of the Spir - it



and un - shak - a - ble pil - lars.

*Cantor*

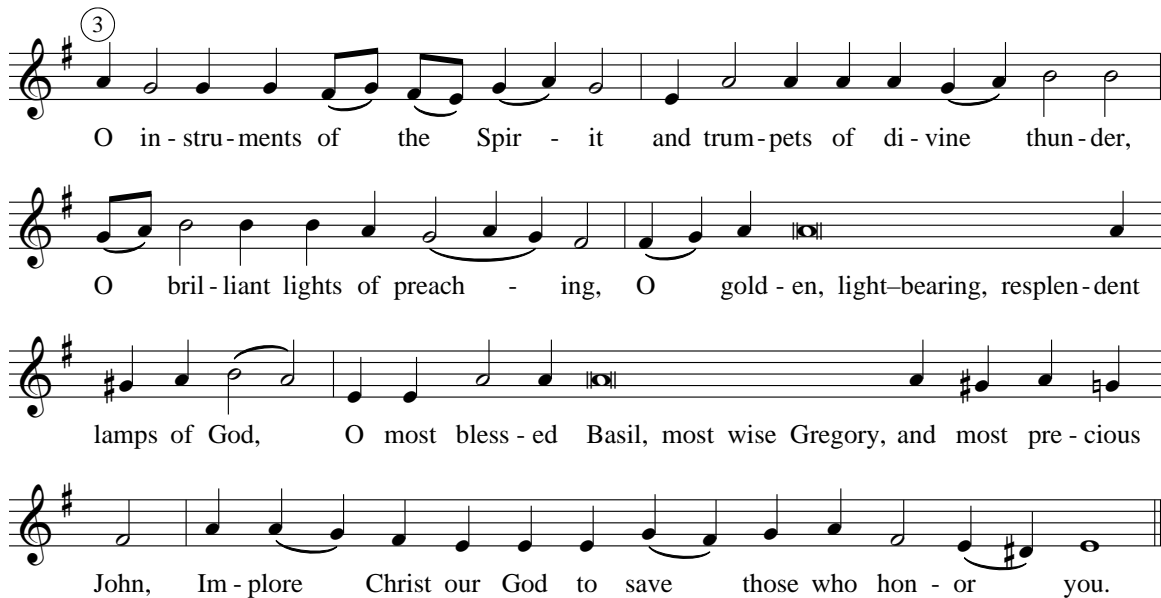


Your priests shall be clothed with holi-ness; your faith - ful shall ring



out their joy.

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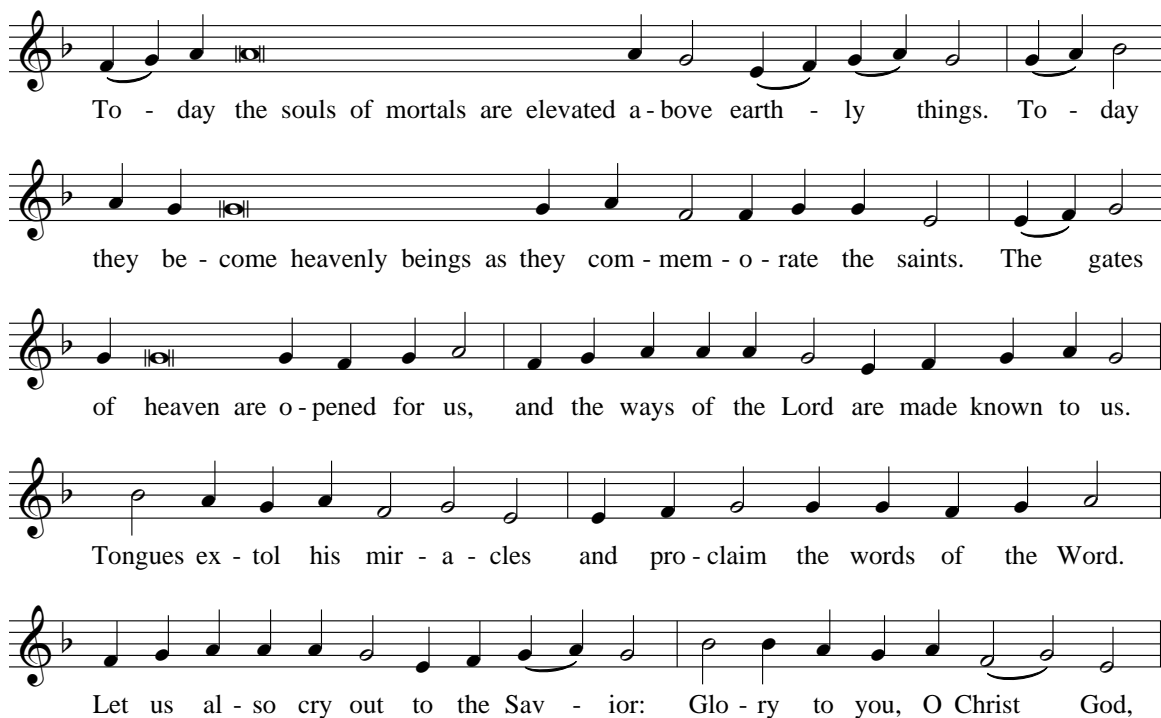


O in - stru - ments of the Spir - it and trum - pets of di - vine thun - der,  
 O bril - liant lights of preach - ing, O gold - en, light - bearing, resplen - dent  
 lamps of God, O most bless - ed Basil, most wise Gregory, and most pre - cious  
 John, Im - plore Christ our God to save those who hon - or you.

**Cantor:** (Tone 2) Glory...

**Doxastikon**

*Tone 2 samohlasen*



To - day the souls of mortals are elevated a - bove earth - ly things. To - day  
 they be - come heavenly beings as they com - mem - o - rate the saints. The gates  
 of heaven are o - pened for us, and the ways of the Lord are made known to us.  
 Tongues ex - tol his mir - a - cles and pro - claim the words of the Word.  
 Let us al - so cry out to the Sav - ior: Glo - ry to you, O Christ God,



be - cause through them there has been peace for the faith - ful.

**Cantor:** Now and ever...

**Theotokion - Tone 2**



To - day, Christ is being carried into the tem - ple as an in - fant. To - day,



he who gave the Law to Mo - ses comes un - der the Law. The an - gel - ic hosts



were amazed when they saw him who sup - ports all things, be - ing held in the



arms of an a - ged man. Filled with rev - erence, Simeon joy - ful - ly cried out:



Now dis - miss me, O Savior, from the tem - po - ral life and let me en - ter the repose



which nev - er grows old, for I have seen you and I now re - joice.

