

## Vesper Propers, October 1

**THE PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS 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?"

*Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays After Pentecost, 2005*  
*Lamplighting Psalms: Tone 1, beginning on page 24*

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 čudo*

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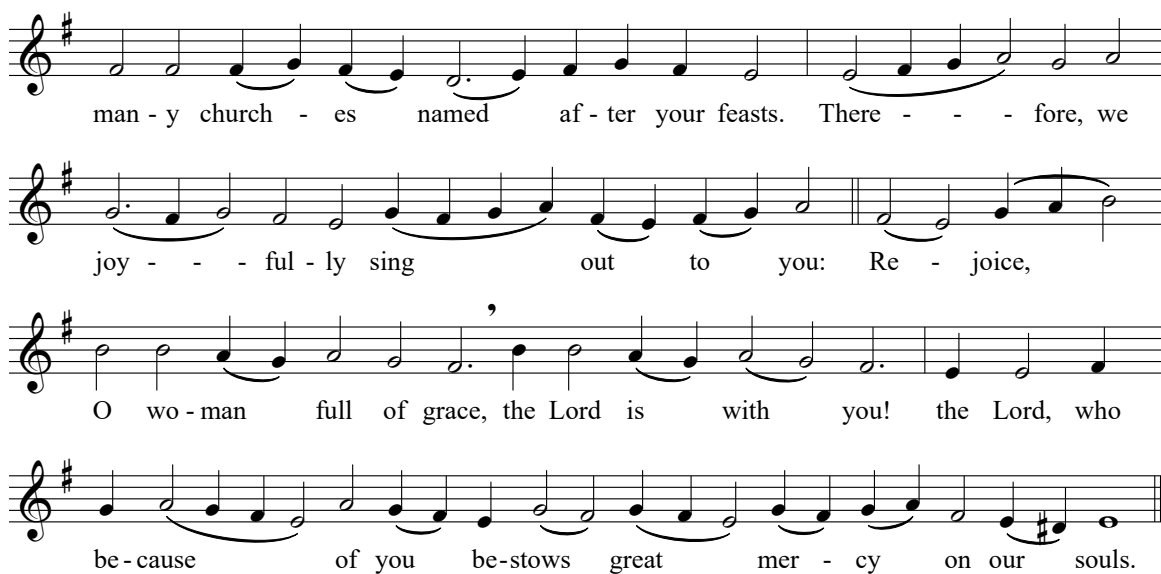
O most pure The - o - to - kos, you are a might - y de - fend - - er  
for those in sor - row. You are a read - y help to those in  
trou - ble. You are the sal - va - tion and con - fir - ma - tion of the world.  
You are the depth of mer - cy, the font of God's wis - - - dom, and the  
pro - tec - - tress of the world. O faith - ful, let us sing and

praise her glo-ri-ous 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..."*)

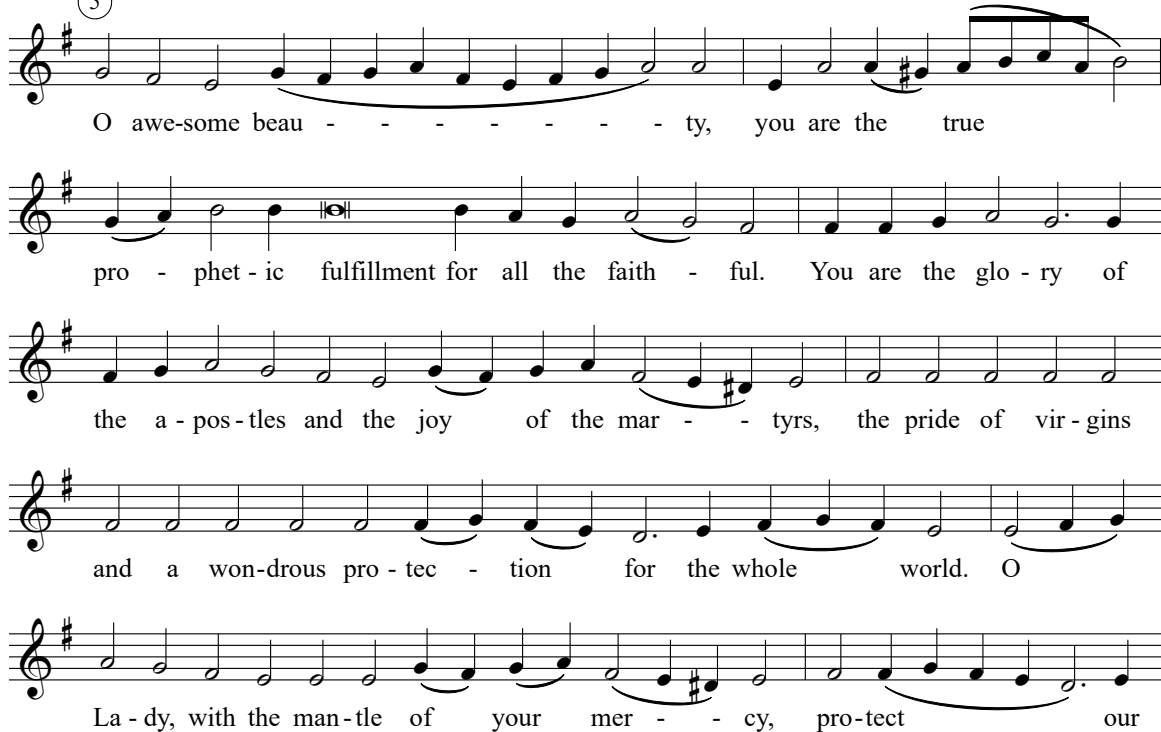
**Cantor:** If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?  
 (on 6) But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.

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 waiting for the Lord. I count on his word.  
 (on 5) 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 - jice, 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 doblja*

O The - o - to - kos, you co - op - er - at - ed with the in - vitation 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...")

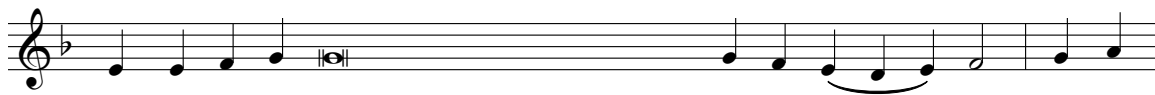
**Cantor:** Praise the Lord, all you nations, **Psalm 116**  
(on 2) acclaim him all you peoples!



Heav - en and earth are sanc - ti - fied. The Church is radiant and all the



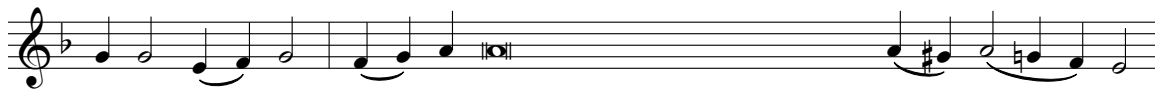
peo-ple are re-joic - - ing. Be - hold, the The - o - to - kos, to-geth-er



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,

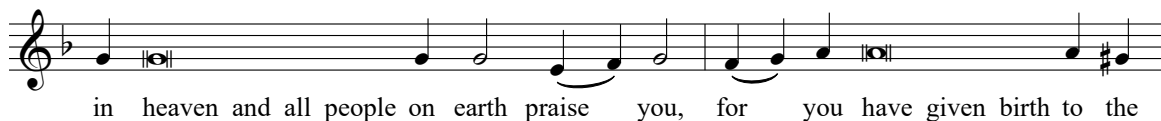
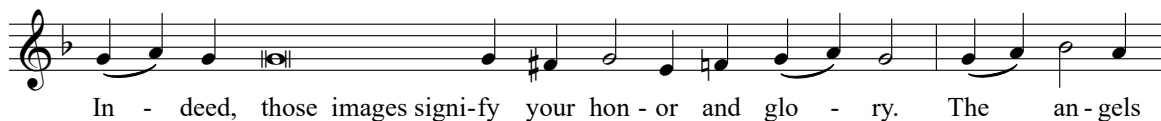


who glo - ri - fy the feast of her Pro-tec - - - tion.

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

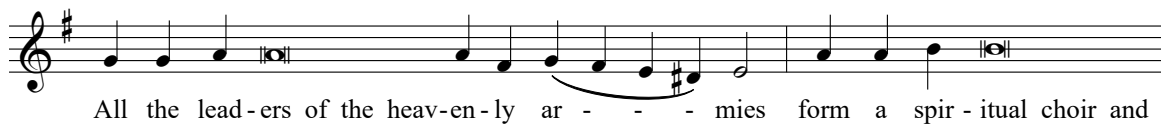


O The - o - to - kos, you are the beau-ty of Ja - - - cob;



**Cantor:** (Tone 8) Glory...now and ever...

**Doxastikon - Tone 8 samohlasen**



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.

**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.

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

**Doxastikon - Tone 2 Bolhar**



Hav - ing pu - ri - fied our minds and souls, we al - so re - joice



with the an - gels, joy - ous - ly sing - ing the hymn of Da - vid



to the vir - gin bride of Christ our God, the King of all: A - rise, O



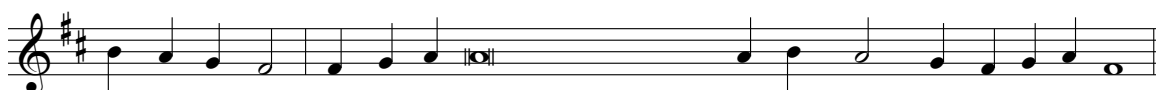
Lord, in the place of your dwell - ing, you and the ark of your maj - es - ty.



Be - cause you have a - dorned her as a beau - ti - ful pal - ace, re - ceive



her in - to your cit - y that through her pray'rs, O Lord, and with your



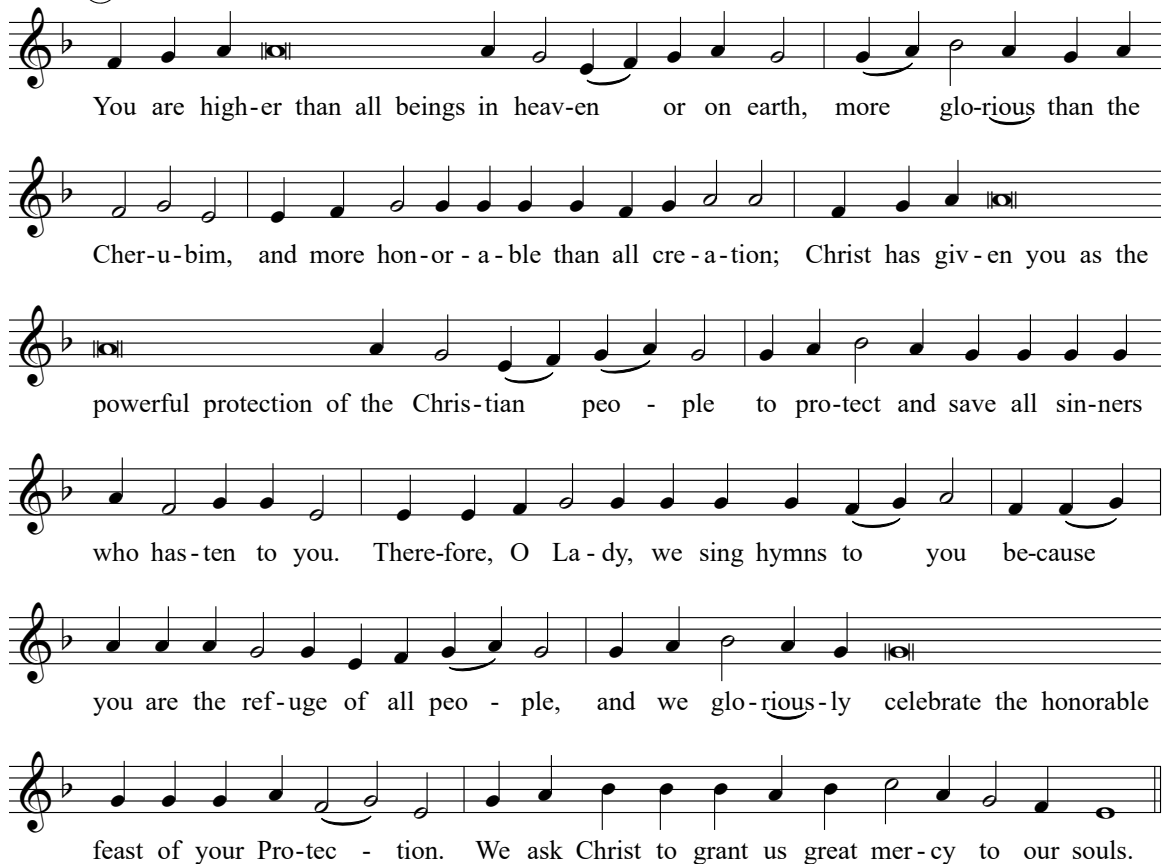
al - might - y pow'r, she will or - der our lives and pro - tect our Church from its en - e - mies.

*Litija Litany p.116*



## Aposticha

① *Tone 2 samohlasen*



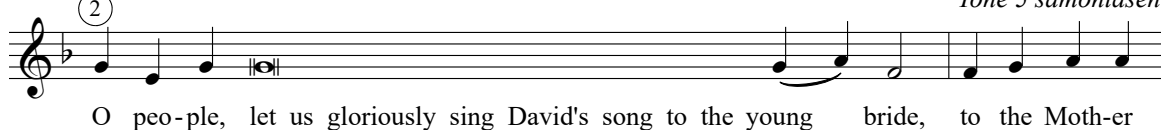
You are high-er than all beings in heav-en or on earth, more glo-ri-ous than the  
Cher-u-bim, and more hon-or - a - ble than all cre - a - tion; Christ has giv - en you as the  
powerful protection of the Chris-tian peo - ple to pro-TECT and save all sin-ners  
who has-ten to you. There-fore, O La - dy, we sing hymns to you be-cause  
you are the ref-uge of all peo - ple, and we glo-ri-ous-ly celebrate the honorable  
feast of your Pro-tec - tion. We ask Christ to grant us great mer-cy to our souls.

*Cantor* *Tone 5*



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

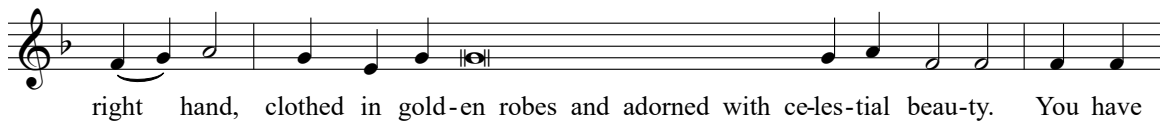
② *Tone 5 samohlasen*



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



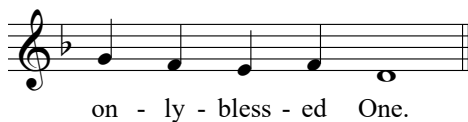
af-firmed her, chosen from a-mong wo - men, and deigned to be born of her



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



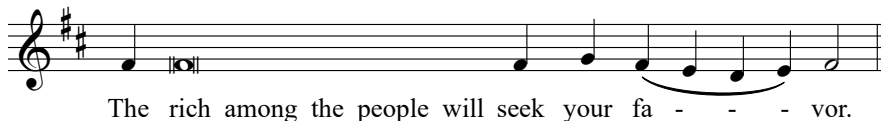
to build up and pro-tect your serv - ants from all mis - for - tunes, O



on - ly - bless - ed One.

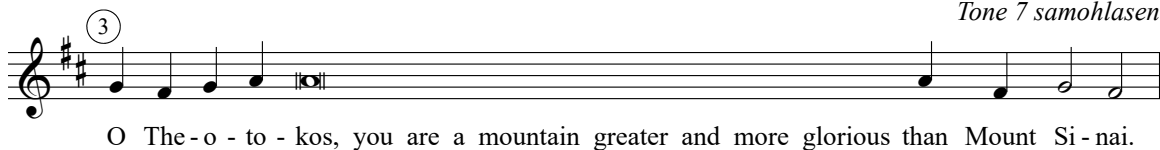
*Cantor*

*Tone 7*

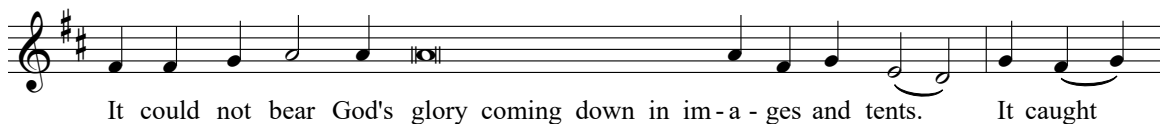


The rich among the people will seek your fa - - - vor.

*Tone 7 samohlasen*



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



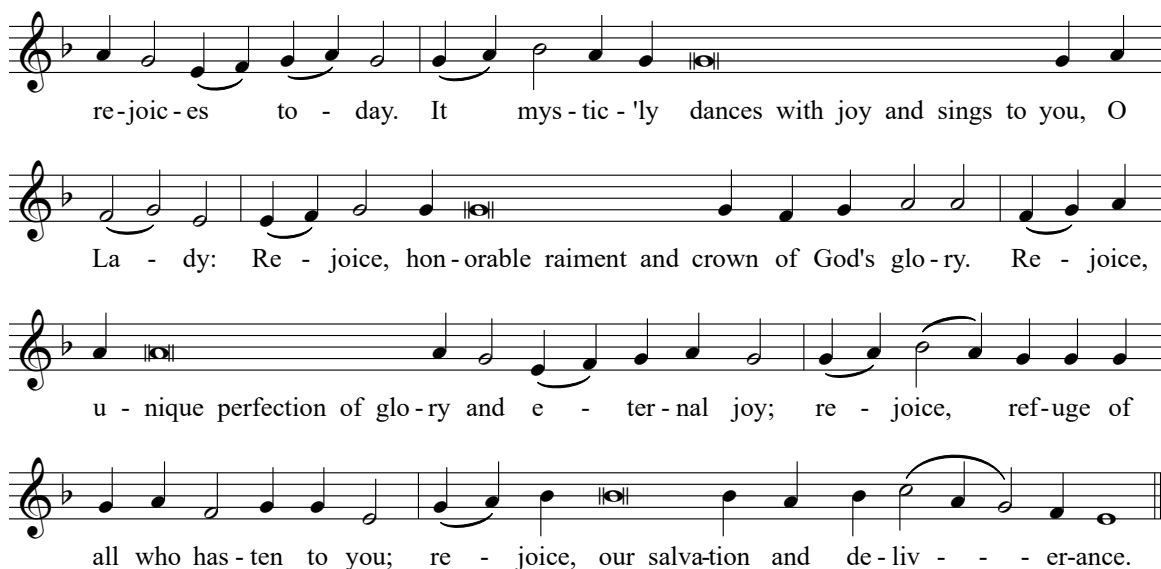
It could not bear God's glory coming down in im-a - ges and tents. It caught

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...

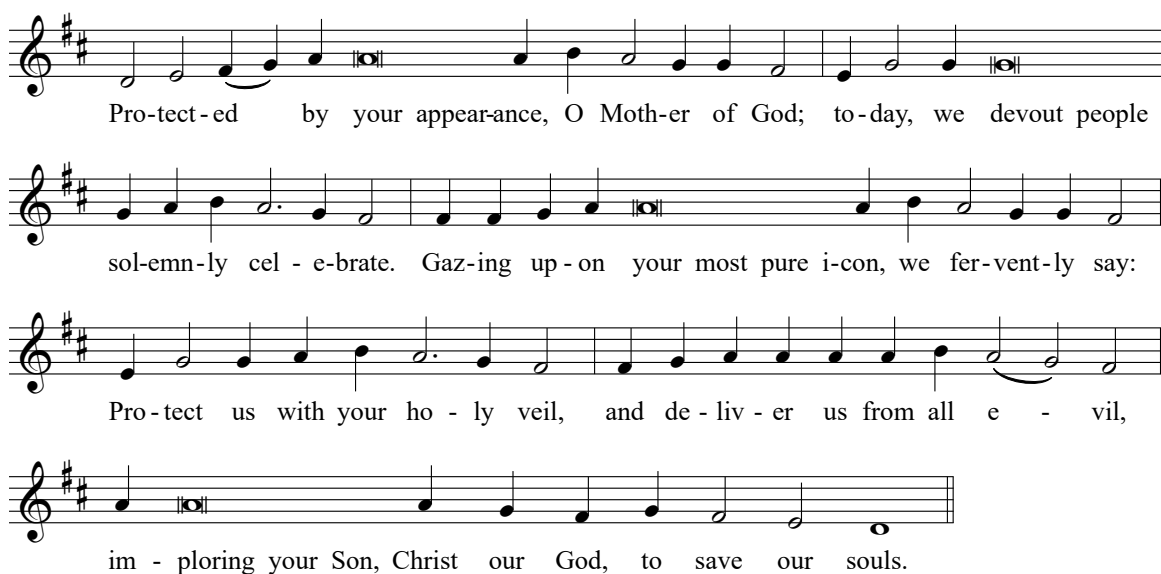
**Doxastikon - Tone 2 samohlasen**

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-joic-es to - day. It mys-tic -'ly dances with joy and sings to you, O  
 La - dy: Re - joice, hon-orable raiment and crown of God's glo-ry. Re - joice,  
 u - nique 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.

**Troparion - Resurrection Tone 4 (sung three times)**



Pro-tect-ed by your appear-ance, O Moth-er of God; to-day, we devout people  
 sol-emn-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.

*Blessing of Bread, p. 119*