

**Vesper Propers, November 20, 2022**  
**Twenty-fourth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**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)

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

*Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 7, p. 92), 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.

**Stichera of the pre-feast - Tone 1 podoben: Nebesnych činov**

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The can-dle-bear-ing vir-gins brightly es-cort the ev - er Vir - gin. They are in spir-it

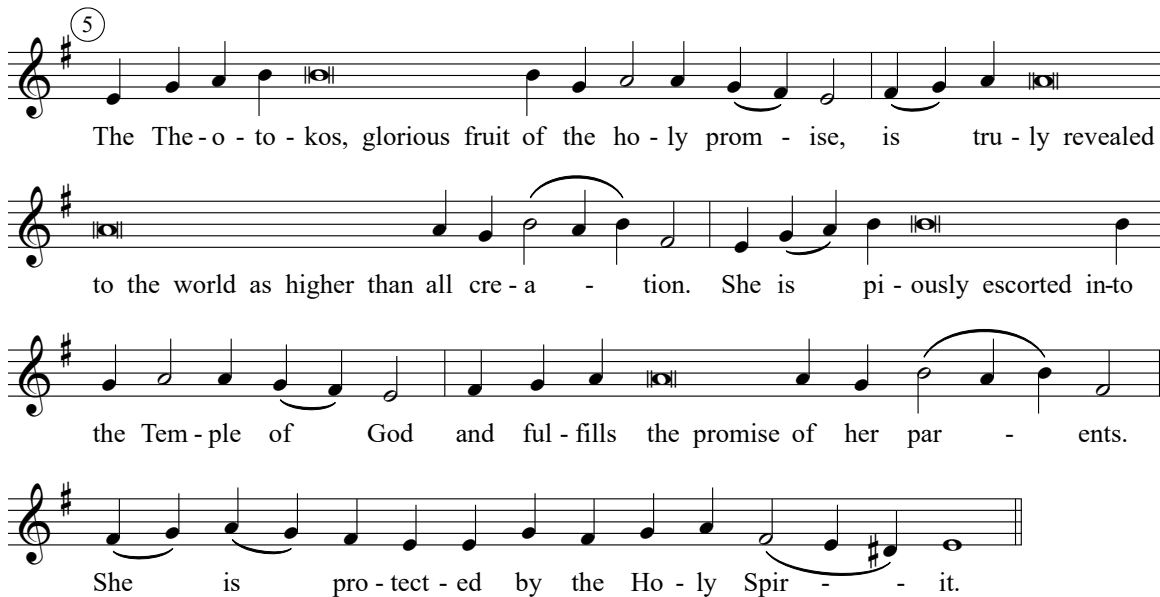
tru - ly prophesy-ing the fu - ture be-cause the The - otokos is the tem - ple

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.

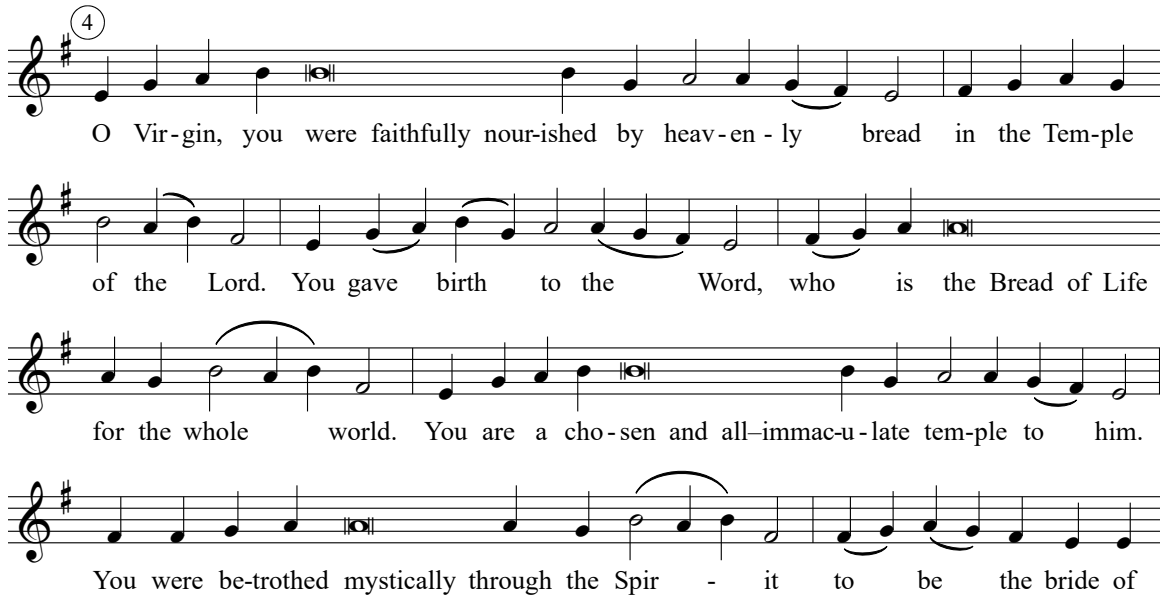
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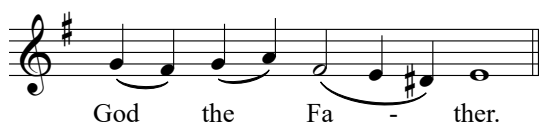
The The-o - to - kos, glorious fruit of the ho - ly prom - ise, is tru - ly revealed  
to the world as higher than all cre - a - tion. She is pi - ously escorted in-to  
the Tem - ple of God and ful - fills the promise of her par - ents.  
She is pro - tect - ed by the Ho - ly Spir - it.

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

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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

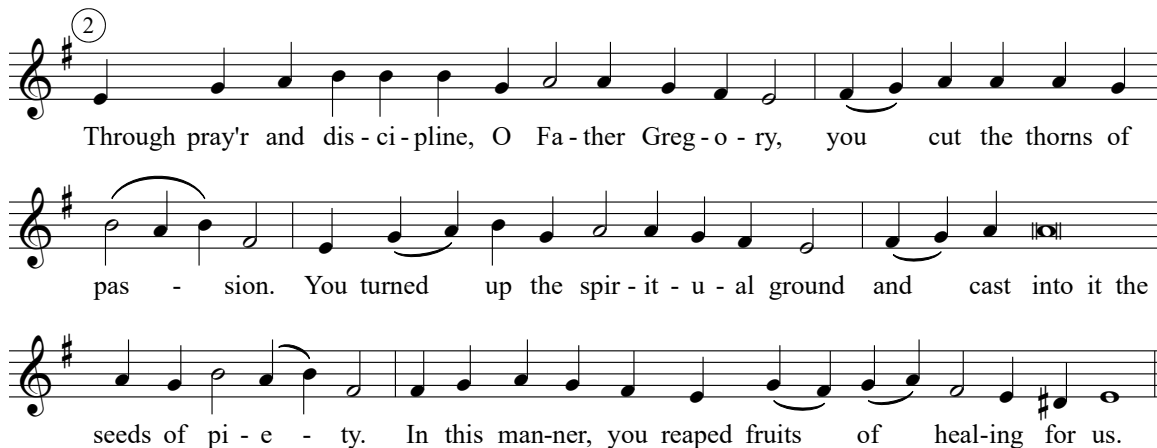


**Cantor:** Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,  
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

**Stichera of our venerable father Gregory the Decapolite - Tone 1 podobn: Nebesnych činov**

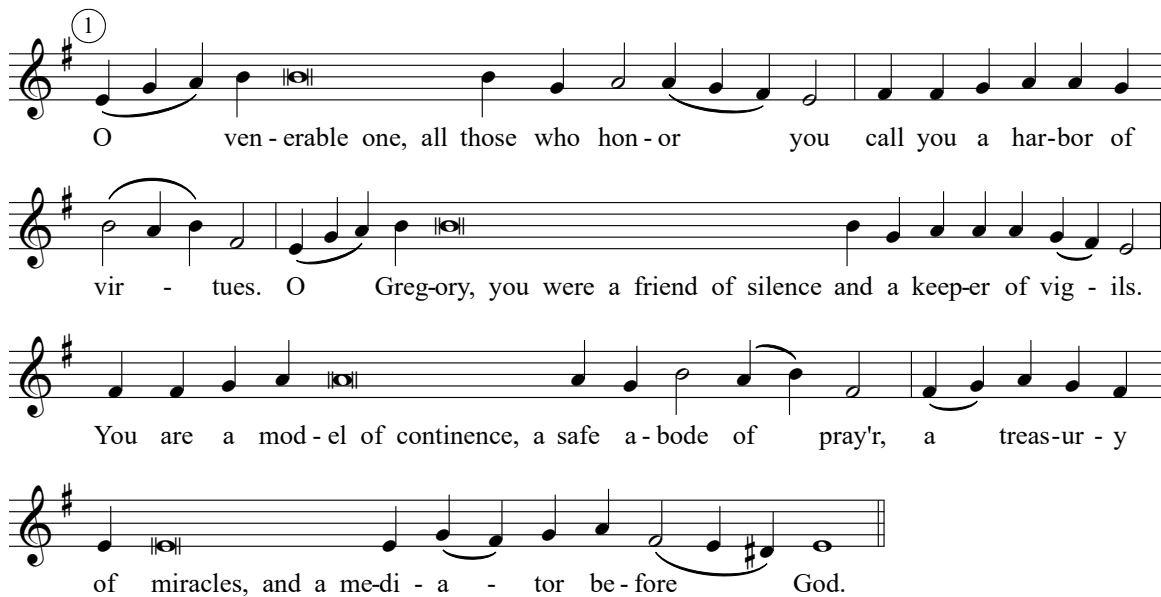


**Cantor:** Praise the Lord, all you nations,  
(on 2) acclaim him all you peoples!



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

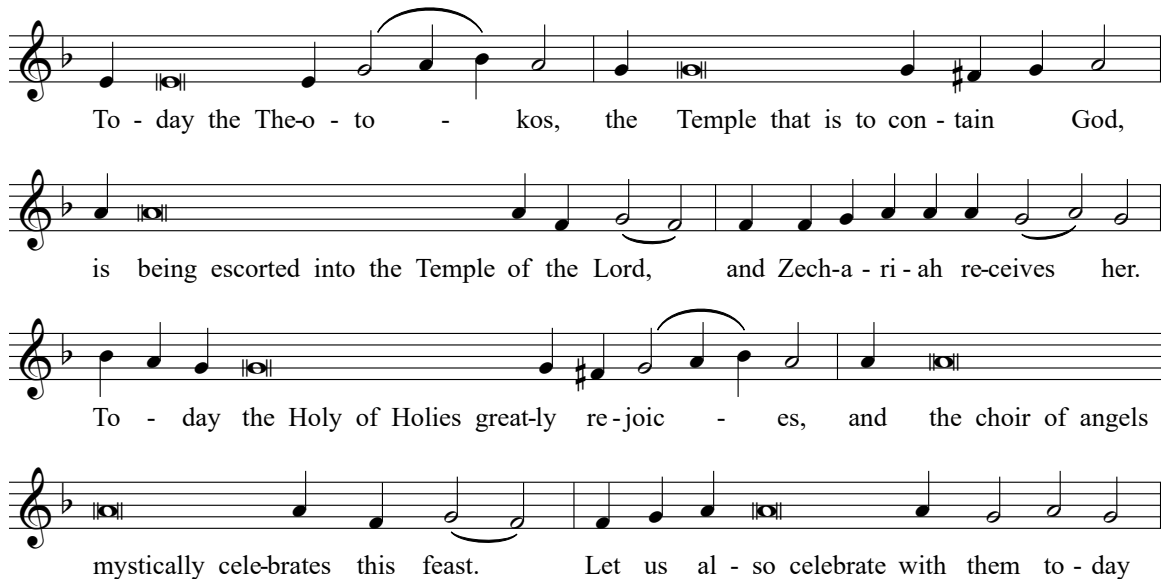
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O ven-er-able one, all those who hon-or you call you a har-bor of  
vir-tues. O Greg-ory, you were a friend of silence and a keep-er of vig-ils.  
You are a mod-el of continence, a safe a-bode of pray'r, a treas-ur-y  
of miracles, and a me-di-a-tor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

**Cantor:** (Tone 4) Glory...

**Doxastikon of the pre-feast - 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-ceive her.  
To-day the Holy of Holies great-ly re-joice-s, 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:** (Tone 7) Now and ever...

*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the week (Tone 7, page 98).*

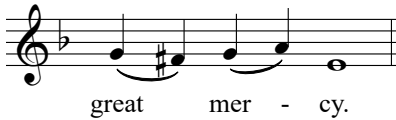
### Aposticha

*Sunday aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 7, p. 99), concluding with:*

**Cantor:** (Tone 4) Glory... now and ever...

**Aposticha doxastikon of the pre-feast - Tone 4 samohlasen**

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



*The service continues with the Prayer of the Holy Prophet Simeon on p. 19.*

## Troparia

*Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the Week (Tone 7, p. 101), then:*

**Cantor:** (Tone 4) Glory...now and ever...

### Troparion of the pre-feast - Tone 4

Musical notation for the Troparion of the pre-feast. It consists of four staves in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The lyrics are written below the staves.

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.

*The service continues with the dismissal on p. 21.*