

Aposticha of the third Sunday of the Great Fast, p. 75, but concluding with:

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

Aposticha theotokion of the pre-feast - Tone 4 samohlasen

The Mother of God, upon hearing, did not un - der - stand the mes - sage of the
arch - an - gel be - cause he was speaking the words of glad tid - ings to her.
She ac - cept - ed his greet - ing with faith and con - ceived you, the e - ter - nal God.
There - fore, we joyful - ly sing to you: O God, you became incarnate, with - out change,
from her; and you grant peace and great mer - cy to the world.

**Vespers Propers on the Evening of the
Third Sunday of the Great Fast
March 23, 2025**

Prefestive day of the Annunciation

Supplement for The Order of Vespers on the Sunday of Forgiveness (Cheesefare Sunday) and the Sundays of the Great Fast.

Psalm 140 and Stichera of Forgiveness in the Tone of the Week (Tone 3, p. 30)

Stichera of the Third Sunday of the Great Fast, p. 72

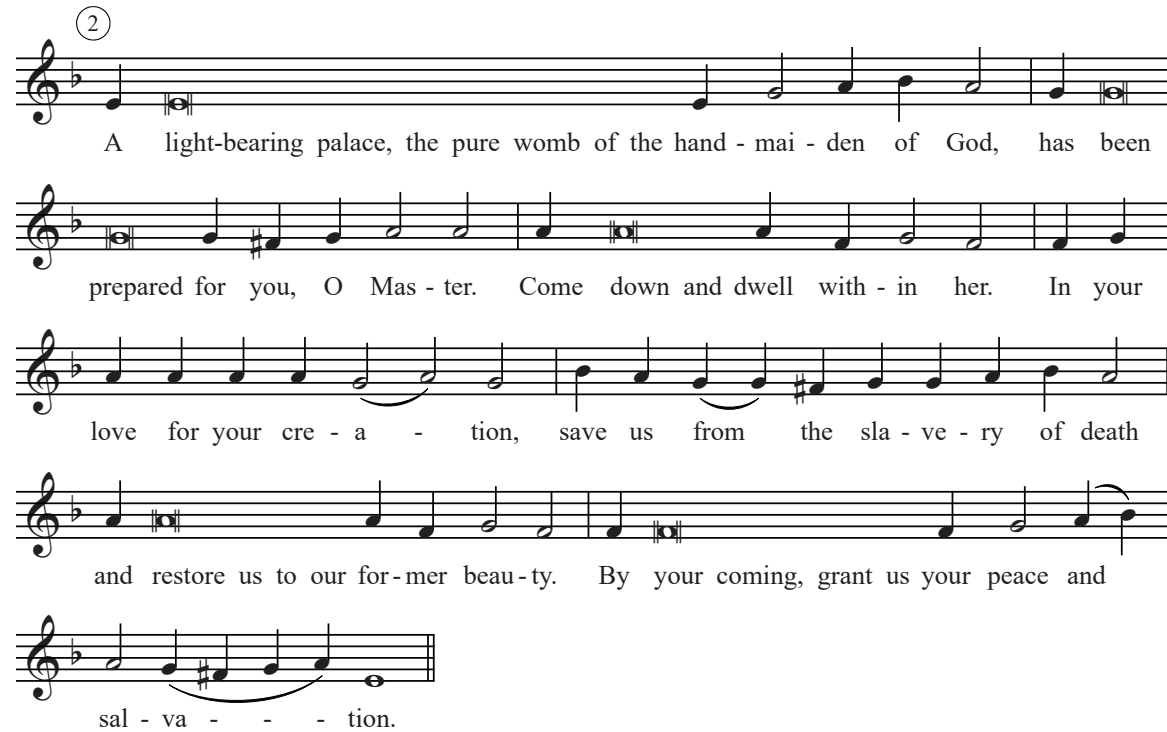
Cantor: (Tone 4) Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

Stichera of the pre-feast of the Annunciation - Tone 4 samohlasen

The archangel Gabriel affirms the mys - te - ry which was hidden and un - known to the
an - gels; he now comes to you, the most pure and beautiful Dove, the chosen one of the
hu - man race. He cries out to you: Rejoice, O most Ho - ly One, pre - pare yourself
to receive, by my word, the Word of God in your womb.

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

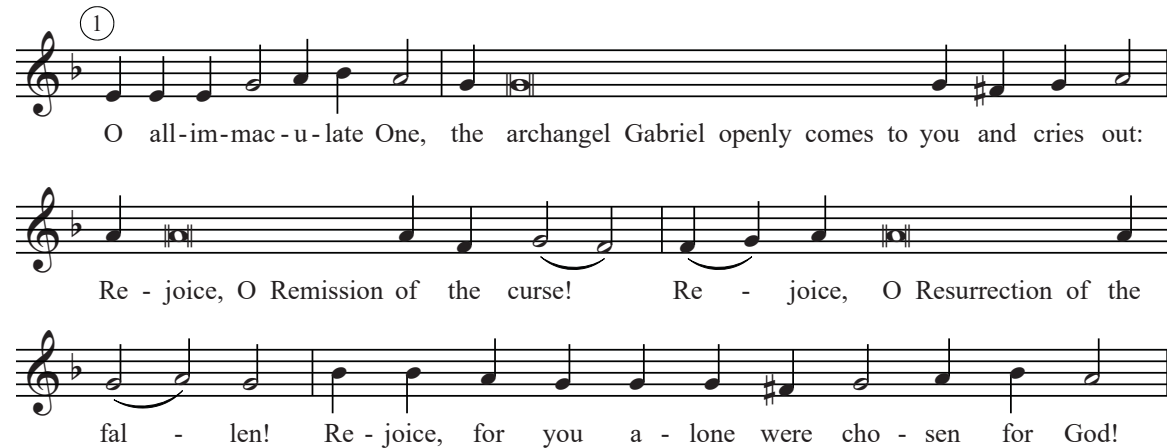
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A light-bearing palace, the pure womb of the hand - mai - den of God, has been prepared for you, O Mas - ter. Come down and dwell with - in her. In your love for your cre - a - tion, save us from the sla - ve - ry of death and restore us to our for-mer beau-ty. By your coming, grant us your peace and sal - va - - - tion.

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

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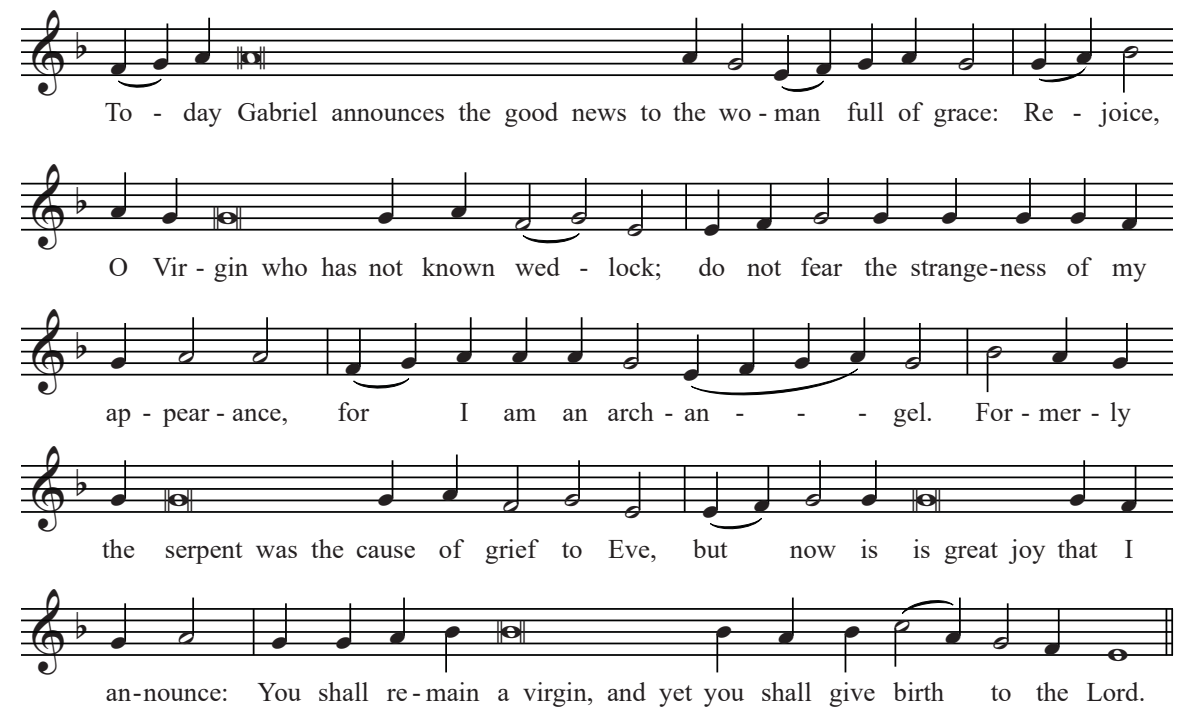
O all-im-mac-u-late One, the archangel Gabriel openly comes to you and cries out: Re - joice, O Remission of the curse! Re - joice, O Resurrection of the fal - len! Re - joice, for you a - lone were cho - sen for God!



Re - joice, O Chariot of the Sun of Glo-ry! Re-ceive Him who is with-out flesh and who de-sires to a bide in your womb.

Cantor: (Tone 2) Glory...now and ever...

Theotokion - Tone 2 samohlasen



To - day Gabriel announces the good news to the wo - man full of grace: Re - joice, O Vir - gin who has not known wed - lock; do not fear the strange-ness of my ap - pear - ance, for I am an arch - an - - - gel. For - mer - ly the serpent was the cause of grief to Eve, but now is is great joy that I an-nounce: You shall re-main a virgin, and yet you shall give birth to the Lord.

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