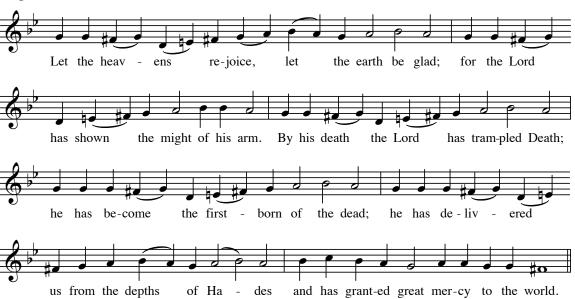
THIRD HOUR PROPERS FOR MAY 5TH, 2020

¹The holy and glorious martyr Irene, at Thessalonica in Macedonia. Since she had hidden the sacred books in violation of the edict of Diocletian, she was taken to a public house of ill repute, then burned in a fire by order of the governor Dulcetius. It was under this same governor that her sisters Agape and Chionia had suffered previously. (1st century)

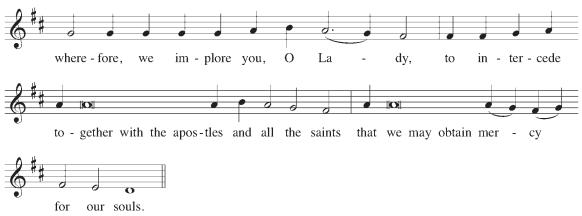
Our venerable father Nicephor, hegumen of the Medikion Monastery. He lived the life of an ascetic as a monk on Mt. Athos with the wise Theoliptos. He was a teacher of Gregory Palamas and wrote a work on mental prayer. Nicephor taught: "Gather your mind and force it to enter into the heart and remain there. When your mind is established in the heart, it should not remain empty, but allow it to continually perform this prayer: O LORD JESUS CHRIST, SON OF GOD, HAVE MERCY ON ME [THE JESUS PRAYER]! Never allow it to be silent. Because of this, the entire chain of virtues will enter into you: love, joy, peace and all others, because of which your every petition to God will be fulfilled later." (14th century)

Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Pascha

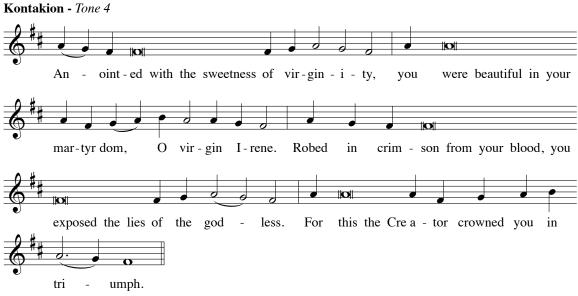
Troparion of the Resurrection - *Tone 3:*







Third Hour continues with "May the Lord God be blessed..." on p. 9



Third Hour continues with "Lord, have mercy..." (40 times) on p. 11

¹Format 24: Weekdays during the Paschal Season