

THIRD HOUR PROPER FOR MAY 11TH, 2020

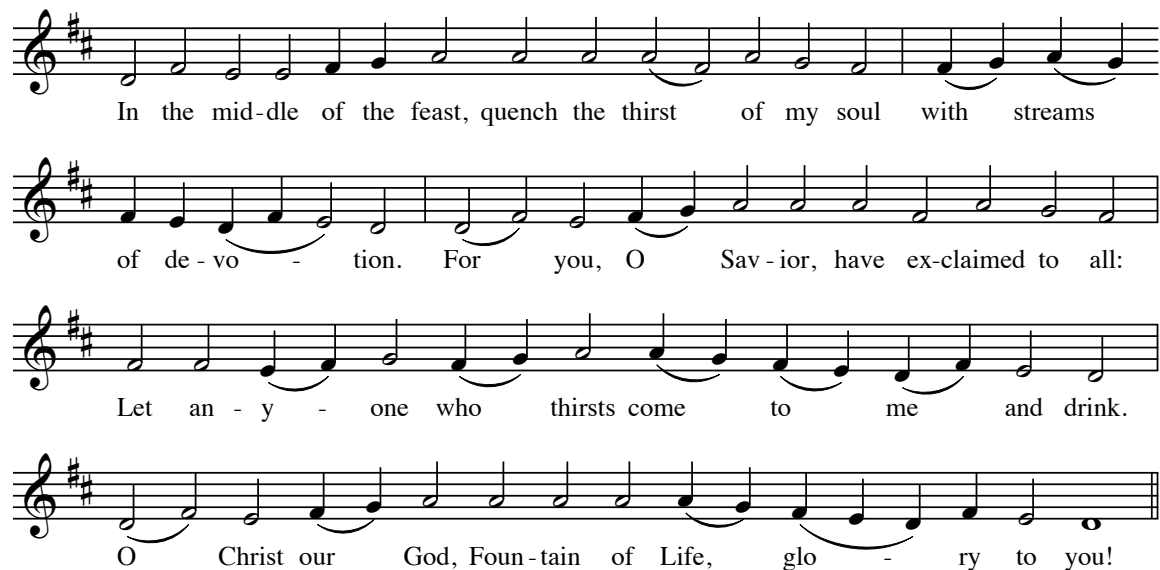
¹Postfestive Day of Mid-Pentecost

The foundation of Constantinople in 330.

The holy priest-martyr Mocius at Byzantium. A Roman by birth and a priest in Amphipolis in Macedonia, he suffered at the time of Diocletian. He destroyed a statue of the god Dionysius by his prayers, which roused some of the pagans to fury against him, but led others to faith. (250)

✙ Our holy fathers Cyril and Methodius, Apostles to the Slavs, were brothers, born in Thessalonica in the first half of the ninth century. Since Methodius had been a soldier among the Slavs in Macedonia, he was considered an excellent candidate for carrying the Gospel to the Khazars. After the invention of the first Slavonic alphabet by Cyril, they began translating the Gospel and the liturgical books into Church Slavonic. At the invitation of Prince Rastislav, they went to Moravia to spread and confirm the Faith. They went to Rome at the invitation of the Pope, and Cyril fell ill and died there on Feb. 14, 869. Then Methodius returned to Moravia and continued his apostolic work until his death on April 6, 885.

Troparion of Mid-Pentecost - Tone 8:



In the mid-dle of the feast, quench the thirst of my soul with streams
of de - vo - tion. For you, O Sav - ior, have ex-claimed to all:
Let an - y - one who thirsts come to me and drink.
O Christ our God, Foun - tain of Life, glo - ry to you!

Cantor (Tone 4):



Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.

Troparion - Tone 4



As e - quals of the apos - tles and teach - ers of the Slavs, beg the Mas - ter of all to



con - firm us in the faith and in u - nity of heart, O Cyril and Me - tho - di - us.



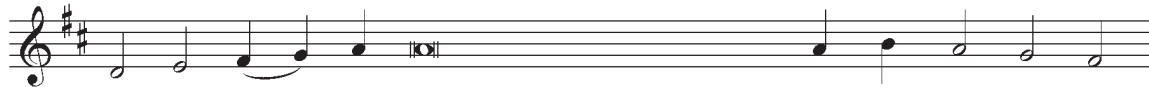
Beg him for peace in the world and mer - cy on our souls.

Cantor (Tone 4):



Now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men.

Theotokion of Third Hour – Tone 4:



O The - o - to - kos, you are the true vine laden with the Fruit of Life;



where - fore, we im - plore you, O La - dy, to in - ter - cede



to - gether with the apos - tles and all the saints that we may obtain mer - cy



for our souls.

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

Kontakion - Tone 3



The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is a simple, stepwise line with some rests and slurs. The lyrics are: We hon - or those priests who gave us the Light, who o - pened the foun - tain of theology for us by translating the Ho - ly Scrip - tures, thus start ing a riv - er from them that still runs to - day. We glo - ri - fy you, O Cyril and Me - tho - di - us, who stand in heav - en before the throne of the Lord on high, and who pray so fer - vent - ly for all of us.

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

¹ Format 26: Saint with a Vigil on a Weekday during the Paschal Season