

# DIVINE LITURGY PROPER FOR MAY 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2020

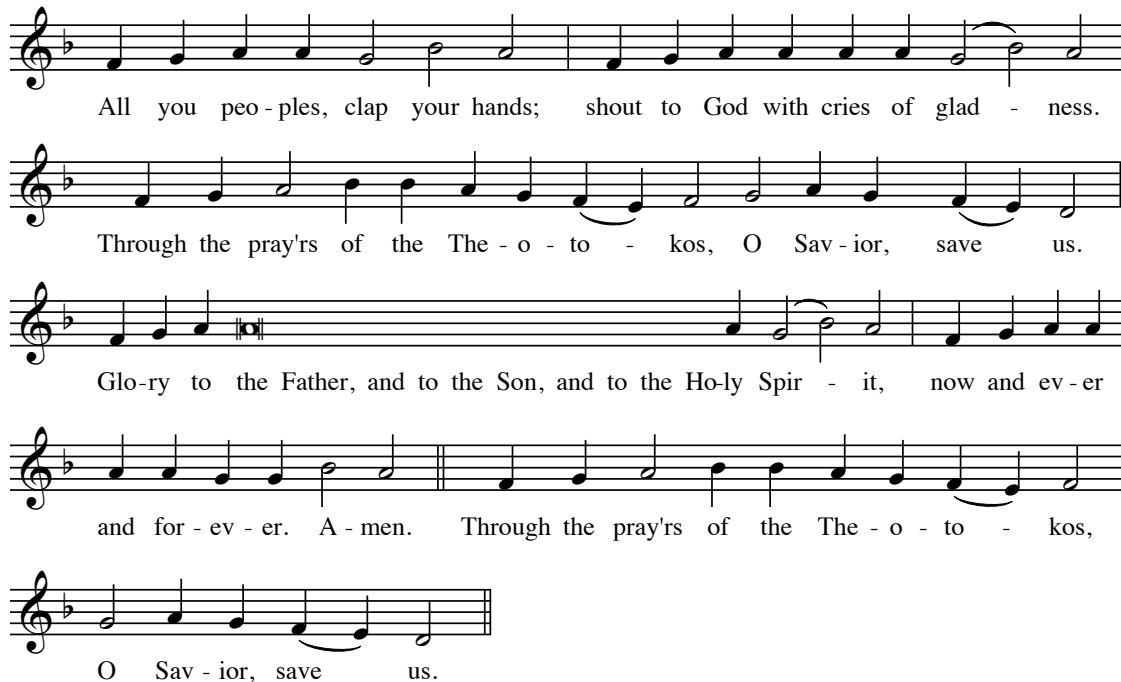
## Saint Stephen Byzantine Catholic Church

### Postfestive Day of the Ascension

**Our venerable father and confessor Michael**, bishop of Synnada. As a peacemaker he fostered peace and concord between the Greeks and the Latins. He was sent into exile because of the cult of holy icons and died far from his home. (818)

**The venerable Euphrosyne**, hegumena of the Monastery of our Holy Savior in Polotsk was the daughter of Prince Vseslav of Polotsk. When her parents wished her to marry, she ran away to a monastery and became a nun. Euphrosyne professed many women in the monastic life, which she led prayerfully and powerfully. She died on pilgrimage to Jerusalem (1173)

#### First Antiphon of the Ascension (Psalm 46:2):



All you peo - ples, clap your hands; shout to God with cries of glad - ness.

Through the pray'rs of the The - o - to - kos, O Sav - ior, save us.

Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, now and ev - er

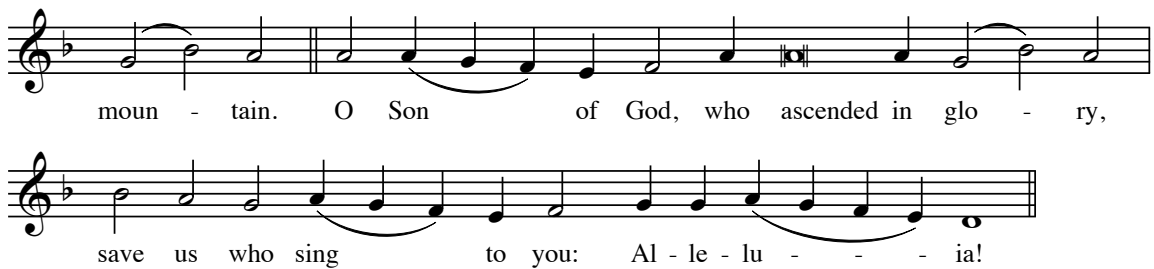
and for - ev - er. A - men. Through the pray'rs of the The - o - to - kos,

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#### Second Antiphon of the Ascension (Psalm 47:2):

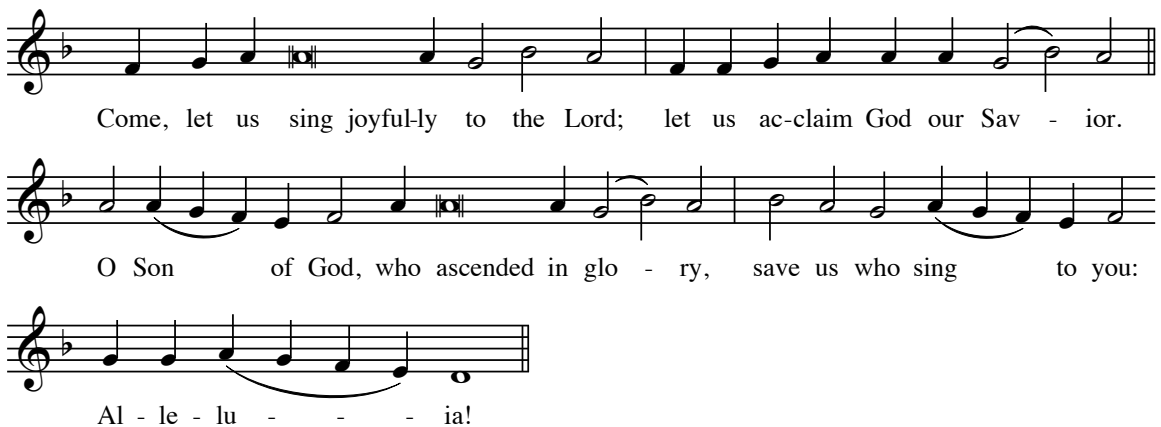


The Lord is great and wor - thy of all praise in the ci - ty of our God, his ho - ly



*The Second Antiphon concludes with the Hymn of the Incarnation ("O only-begotten Son..")..*

**Post-festive Third Antiphon** (Psalm 94:1):



**Post-festive Entrance Hymn** (Psalm 94:6):



**Troparion of the Feast – Ascension – Tone 4**



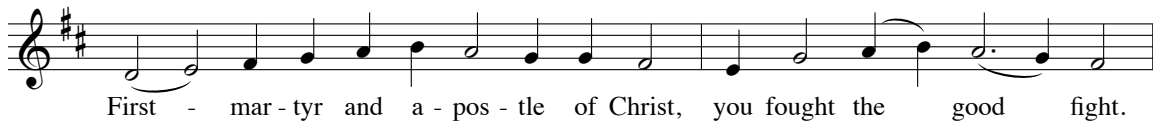


with the promise of the Ho - ly Spi - rt. By bles-sing them you con-firmed



that you are the Son of God, the Re-deem - er of the world.

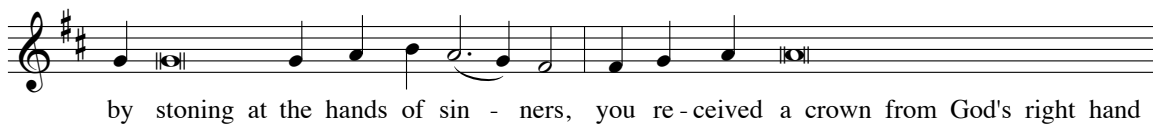
**Troparion of the Patron of the Church – The holy apostle, martyr, and deacon Stephen– Tone 4**



First - mar - tyr and a - pos - tle of Christ, you fought the good fight.



You con - vict - ed the tyrants of their wick - ed - ness. When you were killed

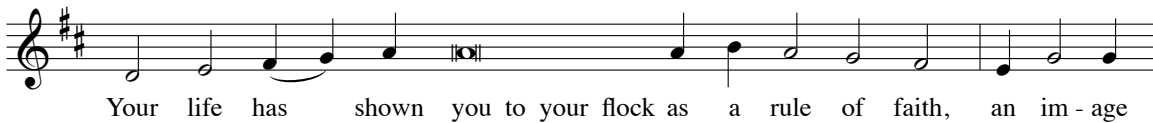


by stoning at the hands of sin - ners, you re - ceived a crown from God's right hand



while you cried out: Lord, do not hold this sin a - gainst them.

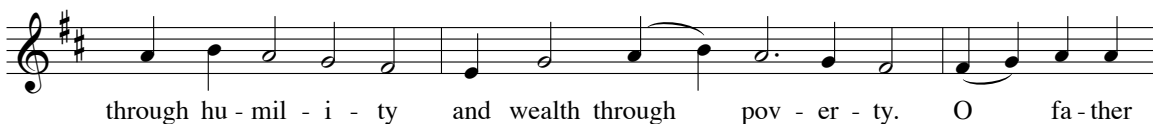
**Troparion of the Saint of the Day – Our venerable father and confessor Michael – Tone 4**



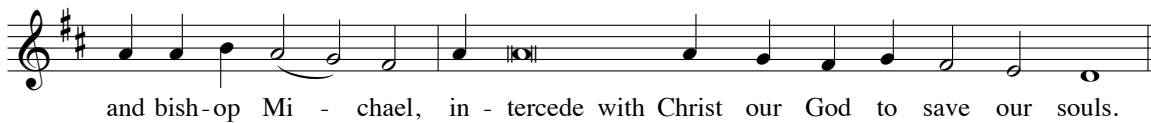
Your life has shown you to your flock as a rule of faith, an im - age



of gentleness, and a teacher of mod - er - a - tion. You ac - quired great - ness

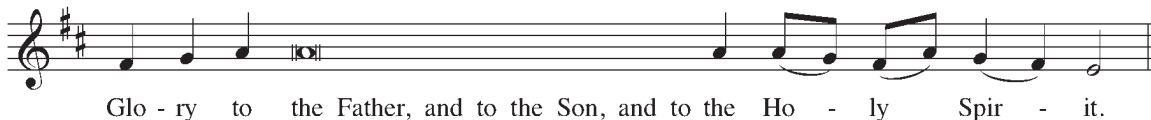


through hu - mil - i - ty and wealth through pov - er - ty. O fa - ther



and bish-op Mi - chael, in - tercede with Christ our God to save our souls.

**Cantor (Tone 2):**



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

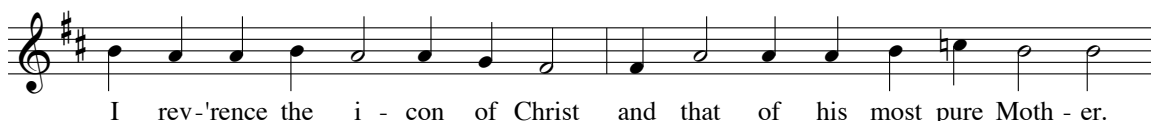
**Kontakion of the Saint of the Day – Our venerable father and confessor Michael – Tone 8**



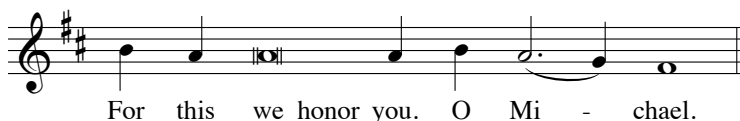
As a dear pre - late and a ho ly mar - tyred priest, you did not fear the threats



of the e - vil one. You fought her - etical for ces by pro - claim - ing:

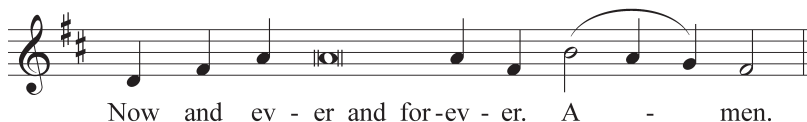


I rev-'rence the i - con of Christ and that of his most pure Moth - er.



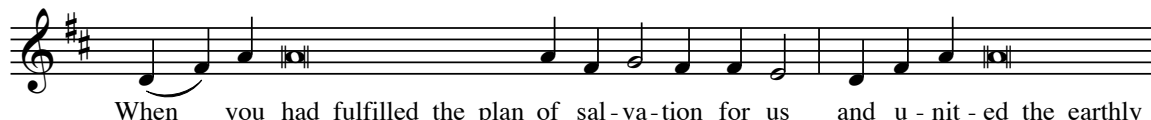
For this we honor you. O Mi - chael.

**Cantor (Tone 6):**



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

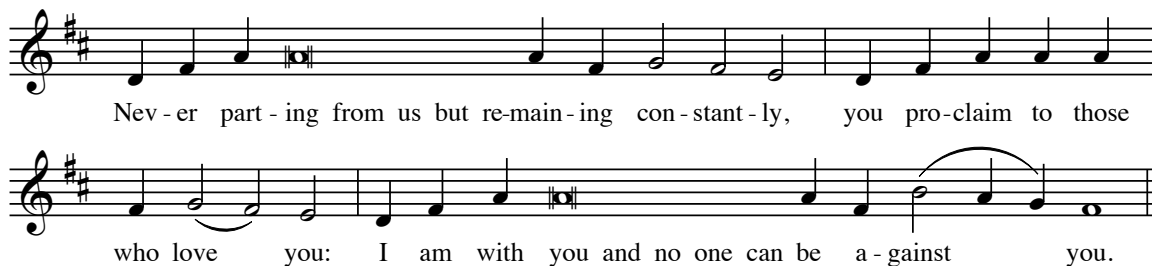
**Kontakion of the Feast - Ascension – Tone 6:**



When you had fulfilled the plan of sal - va - tion for us and u - nit - ed the earthy



with the heav - en - ly, you were tak - en up in glo - ry, O Christ our God.

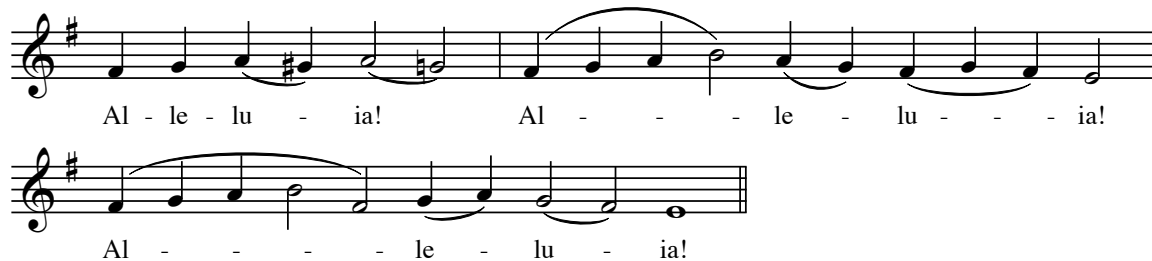


**Prokeimenon of the Ascension – Tone 7** (Psalm 56:6,8):



**Verse:** My heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready. I shall sing, I shall sing your praise.

**Alleluia - Tone 2** (Psalm 46:6,2):

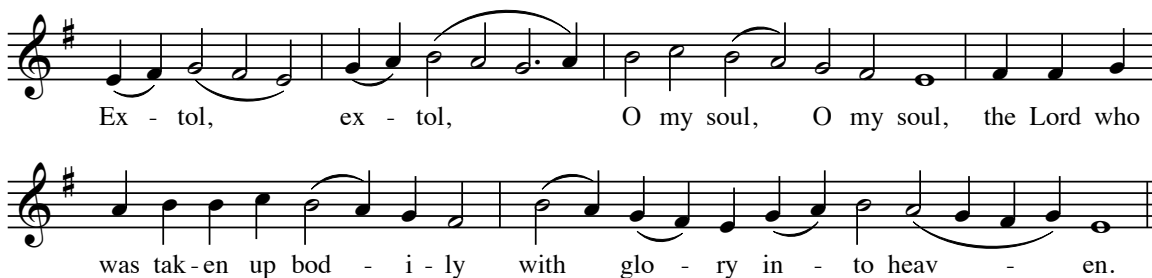


**Verse:** God ascends amid shouts of joy; the Lord amid trumpet blasts.

**Verse:** All you peoples clap your hands, shout to God with cries of gladness.

*Instead of* “It is truly proper . . .”

**Magnification:**



**Irmos:***Tone 6 Irmos, simple setting*

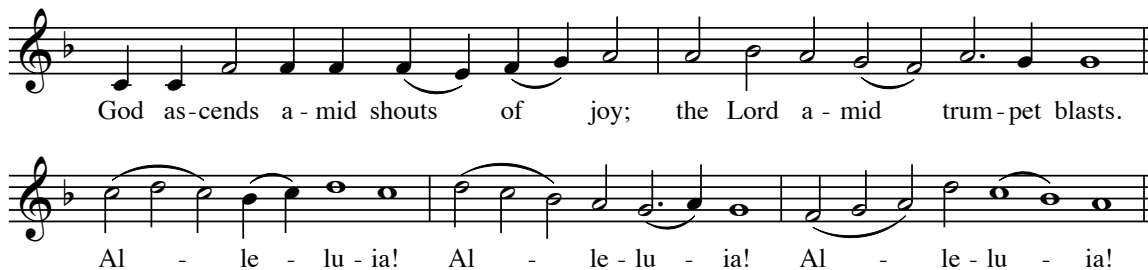
We, the faith-ful, with one ac-cord pro - claim your great-ness, O Mother of God.

For, be - yond un - der-stand-ing or ex - pres-sion, you gave birth in

time to the Time - less One.

**Communion Hymn (Psalm 46:6):**

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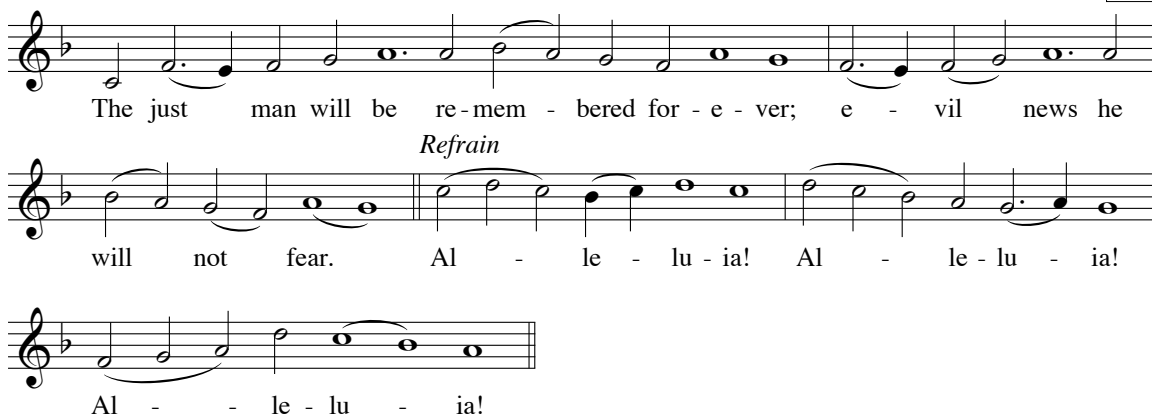


God as-cends a - mid shouts of joy; the Lord a - mid trum-pet blasts.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):**

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The just man will be re-mem - bered for - e - ver; e - vil news he

*Refrain*

will not fear. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia!

*The Prokeimenon of the Ascension* “Be exalted above the heavens . . .” is sung once in place of: “We have seen the true light; . . .” and “May our mouth be filled . . .”:

**Prokeimenon of the Ascension - Tone 7** (Psalm 56:6,8):

Be ex - alt - ed a - bove the heav - ens, O God,  
and let your glo - - - ry be o - ver all the earth.

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<sup>i</sup>Format 10: Postfestive Day with an Ordinary Saint on a Weekday