

VESPERS PROPER FOR MAY 23RD, 2020

from the Menaion

¹Postfestive 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)

Psalm 140 (*Tone 4*)

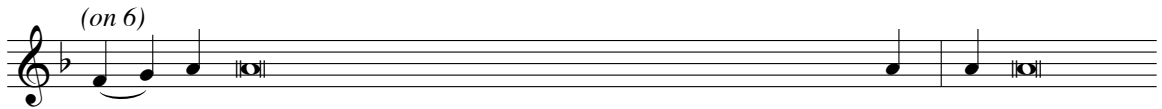
O Lord, I have cried to you, hear me. Hear me, O Lord! O Lord, I have cried to you, hear me; re - ceive the voice of my pray'r when I call up - on you. Hear me, O Lord! Let my pray'r ascend to you like in - cense and the lifting up of my hands like an eve-ning sac - ri - fice. Hear me, O Lord!

Continue with Psalm 140: "O Lord, set a guard before my mouth..." (p.9).

Stichera at the Lamplighting Psalms

3 stichera from the Pentecostarion:

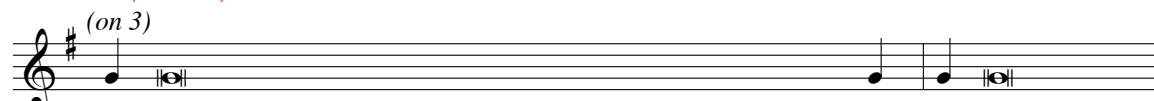
Cantor - (Tone 4):



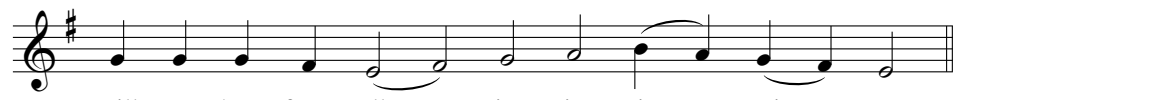
3 stichera for our venerable father and confessor Michael from the Menaion:

Cantor – (Tone 8):

(on 3)



Be - cause with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemp-tion, Is - rael indeed he



will re - deem from all its in - i - qui - ty.

(3) Sticheron

O blessed and divinely inspired father Michael, * as is proper, you have been made worthy to behold the Well-spring of blessings, * the Fulfillment of the desire for the uttermost desires, * the true Blessedness * which all nature truly desires. * O your beautiful attractiveness, O glorious one! * Rejoicing therein, you stand now before Christ ** as a radiant hierarch.

Cantor:

(on 2)



Praise the Lord, all you na-tions, ac-claim him all you peo - - - ples!

(2) Sticheron

Arrayed in priestly vesture, O God-pleasing father Michael, * you hastened to the tribunal of the tyrant * and offered yourself to Christ; * and, adorned with twofold crowns, O blessed one, * you looked upon the ranks of the hierarchy. * O your ineffable gladness, O all-wise one, * in which you were truly counted worthy to share, ** O divinely blessed one.

Cantor:

(on 1)



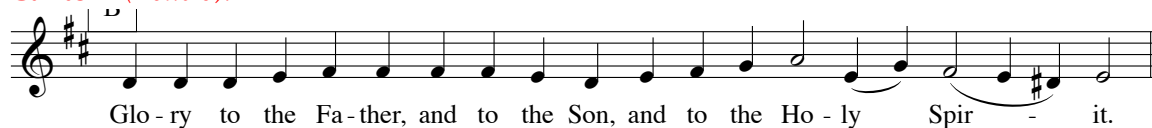
Strong is the love of the Lord for us; he is faith - ful for - ev - - - er.

(1) Sticheron

Bedewed from on high, * O divinely wise father Michael, * you divinely quenched the fire of temptations * and passed through it unharmed; * and, rejoicing, O blessed hieromartyr, * you were splendidly added to the holy hierarchs who were before you. *

O your ineffable and radiant habitation * wherein Christ has now caused you to dwell **
as an honored hierarch!

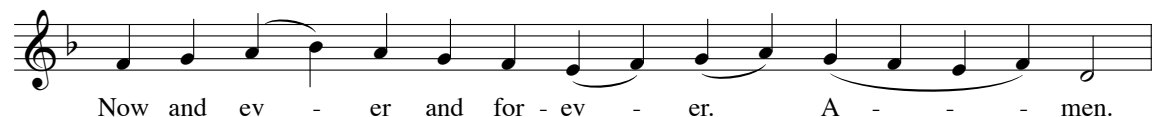
Cantor - (Tone 6):



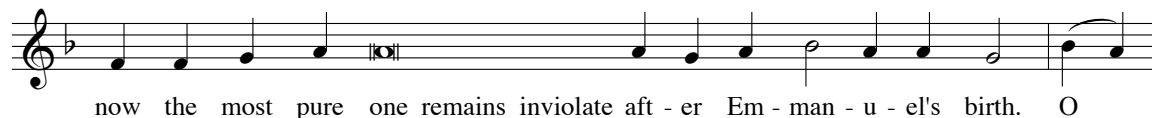
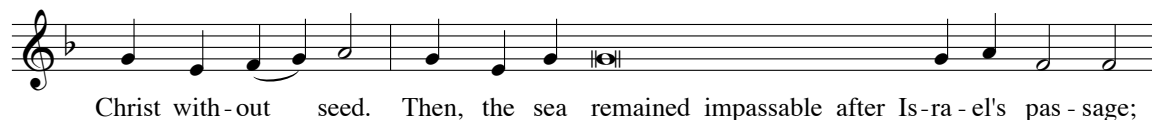
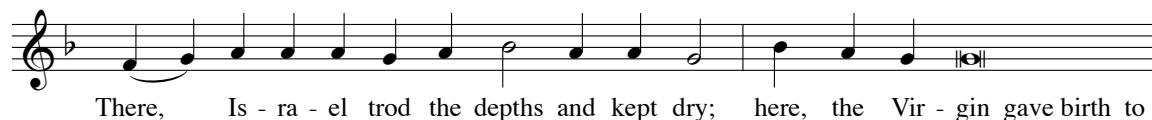
Doxastikon

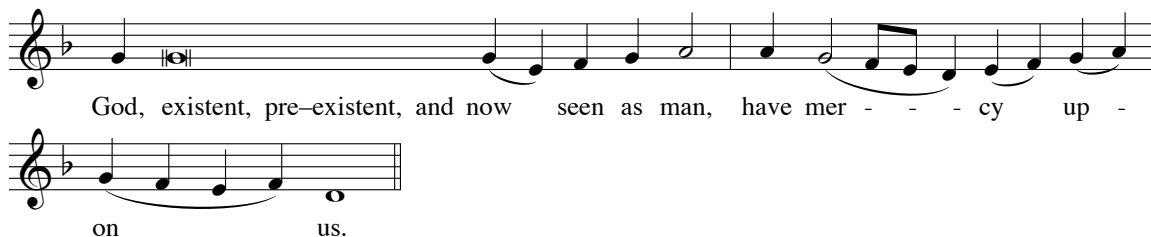
Today the Powers on high see our nature in heaven, * and they marvel at this wondrous
Ascension, * and they say to one another: * Who is this who has just arrived in heaven? *
But when they recognize their own Lord, * they order the gates of heaven to be opened. *
With them let us praise unceasingly * the One who shall come again from heaven in our
flesh ** as the judge of the universe and the almighty God.

Cantor - (Tone 5):



Dogmatikon





Continue with "Wisdom..." and the Hymn of the Evening (p. 12)

The Prokeimenon is for the Day of the Week (pp. 13-15).

Aposticha

The aposticha are from the Pentecostarion:

(Tone 2)

Aposticheron:

Fulfilling the good will of the Father, O good One, * uniting earth with heaven, * You ascended in glory ** to your eternal abode.

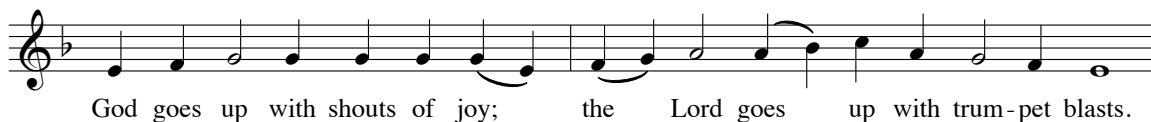
Cantor:



Aposticheron:

You went up to your Father, O bountiful One, * whom You had never left, * raising up, O Master, * the nature which had fallen.

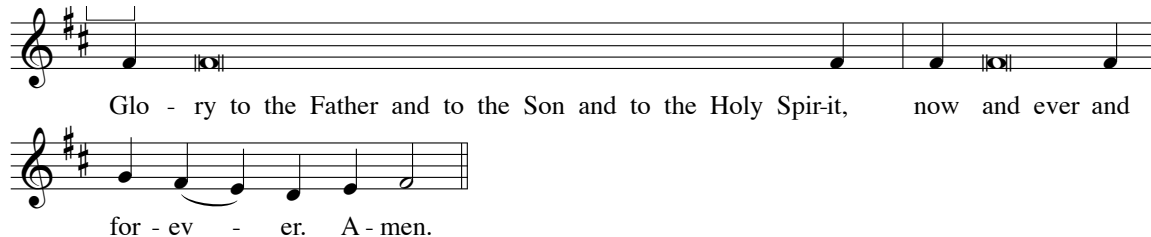
Cantor:



Aposticheron:

A cloud of light lifted You to the heavens. * With fear and trembling, * all the Powers of heaven ** hastened to serve your divine majesty.

Cantor (Tone 7):



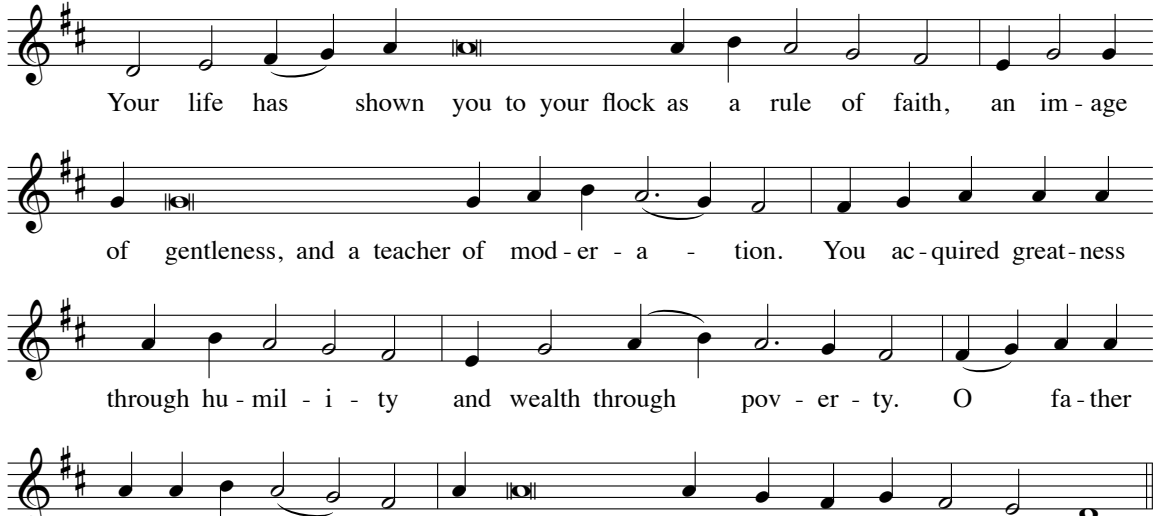
Doxastikon

In your mercy for us, You came to the Mount of Olives; * a cloud lifted You from before the eyes of the disciples. * They were filled with trembling as they beheld this sight * but rejoiced in expectation of the Holy Spirit. ** Confirm us in Him, O Savior and have mercy on us.

Continue with the Prayer of the Holy Prophet Simeon (p. 21).

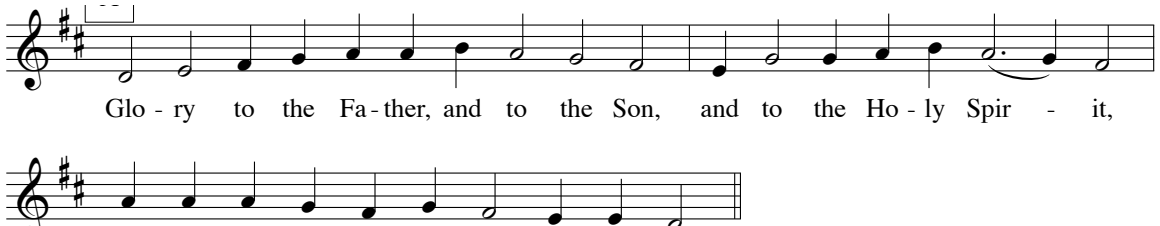
Troparia

Troparion - 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 4):



Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it,
now and ev-er and for-ev-er. A-men.

Troparion of the Ascension - Tone 4



You were tak-en up in glo-ry, O Christ our God; you glad-dened the disciples

with the promise of the Ho - ly Spir - it. By bless-ing them you con-firmed

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

Continue with the Litany of Daily Vespers (p.23) and then the Dismissal (p. 24).

¹Format 10: Postfestive Day with an Ordinary Saint on a Weekday