

VESPERS PROPERs FOR AUGUST 1ST, 2020

from the Menaion

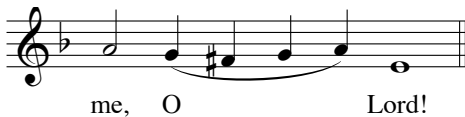
1 The procession of the Wood of the venerable and life-creating Cross. This feast was established in the reign of the Greek Emperor Manuel, as a memorial of Greek victory over the Saracens. The procession with the relic of the Precious Cross was made from the imperial palace to the church of Hagia Sophia; there the relic remained for fourteen days, and was then carried back in procession to the church in the palace grounds.

The holy seven Maccabees, their mother Solomonias, and the elder Eleazar at Antioch in Syria, under Antiochus Epiphanes the king. For the sake of keeping the law of the Lord with unconquered faith, they were cruelly handed over to death with their mother. She suffered with her sons as they were martyred, one by one, and was crowned with them, as it is written in the second book of the Maccabees [2 Mac. 7]. Likewise is commemorated St. Eleazar, one of the first scribes, a man of advanced age. In that same persecution, refusing to eat forbidden meat on account of his love for the Torah of the Lord, he achieved a most glorious death rather than a shameful life; he voluntarily went to his punishment, leaving an excellent example of virtue.

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!

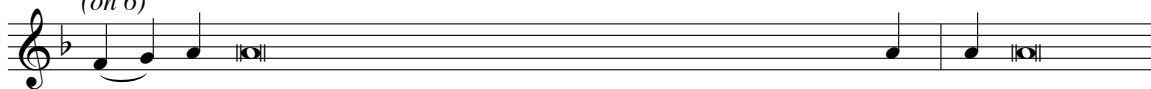
Continue with Psalm 140: "O Lord, set a guard before my mouth..." (p.9).

Stichera at the Lamplighting Psalms

3 stichera of the Cross from the Menaion:

Cantor - (Tone 4):

(on 6)



If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would sur-vive? But with you is



found forgive - ness: for this we re - vere you.

(6) Sticheron



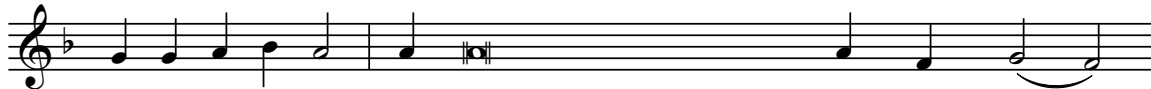
To-day all the faith-ful re-joice; for the glorious Cross appears through-out the world.



It brightens the universe with an indescrib-a - ble ra - di-ance, il - lu-mines the skies,



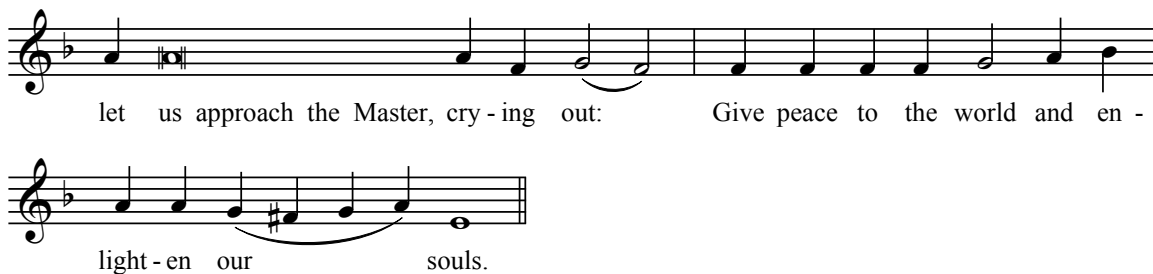
and encompasses the whole earth. The Church of Christ sings spiritual songs and



min - is - ters in faith and venerates the divine and most won - drous Cross



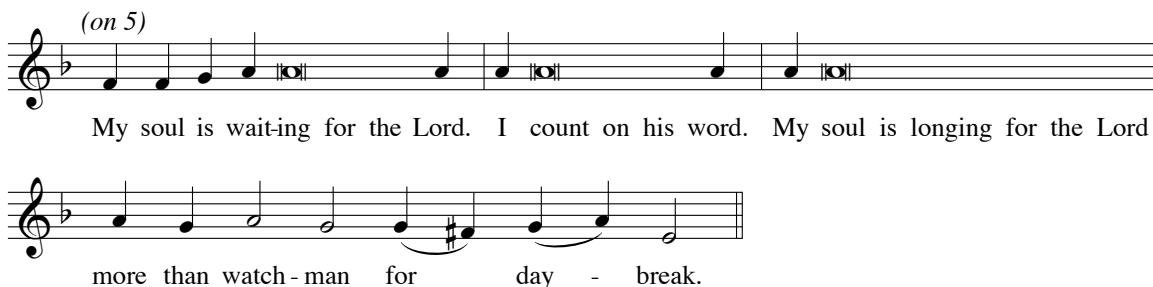
which pre-serves her from on high. Strength-ened now by this hea-ven - ly pow'r,



let us approach the Master, cry - ing out: Give peace to the world and en -
light - en our souls.

Cantor:

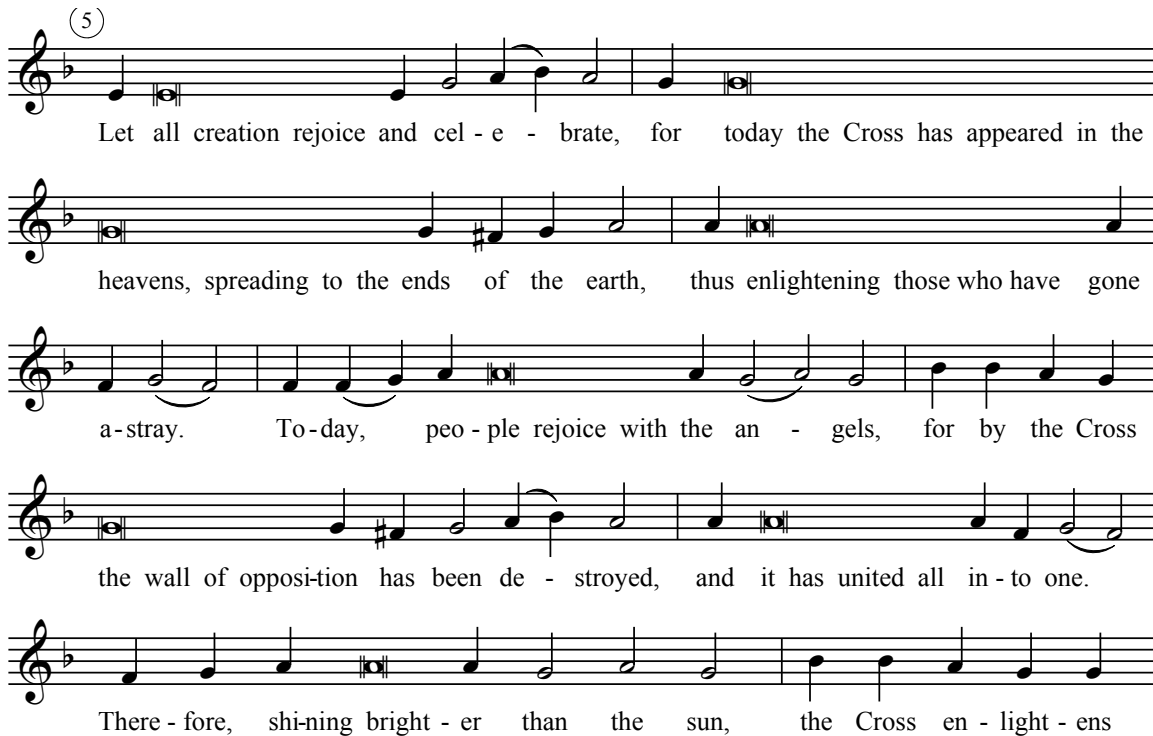
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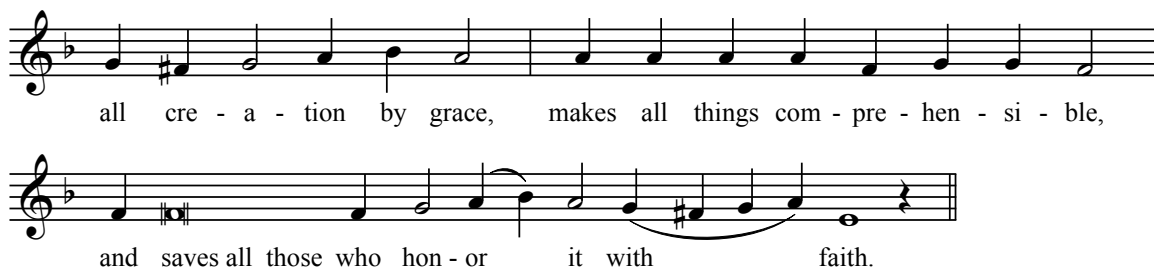
My soul is waiting for the Lord. I count on his word. My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watch - man for day - break.

Sticheron

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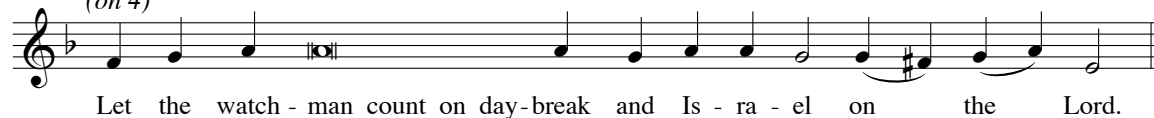


Let all creation rejoice and cel - e - brate, for today the Cross has appeared in the
heavens, spreading to the ends of the earth, thus enlightening those who have gone
a-stray. To-day, peo - ple rejoice with the an - gels, for by the Cross
the wall of opposi-tion has been de - stroyed, and it has united all in - to one.
There - fore, shi-ning bright - er than the sun, the Cross en - light - ens



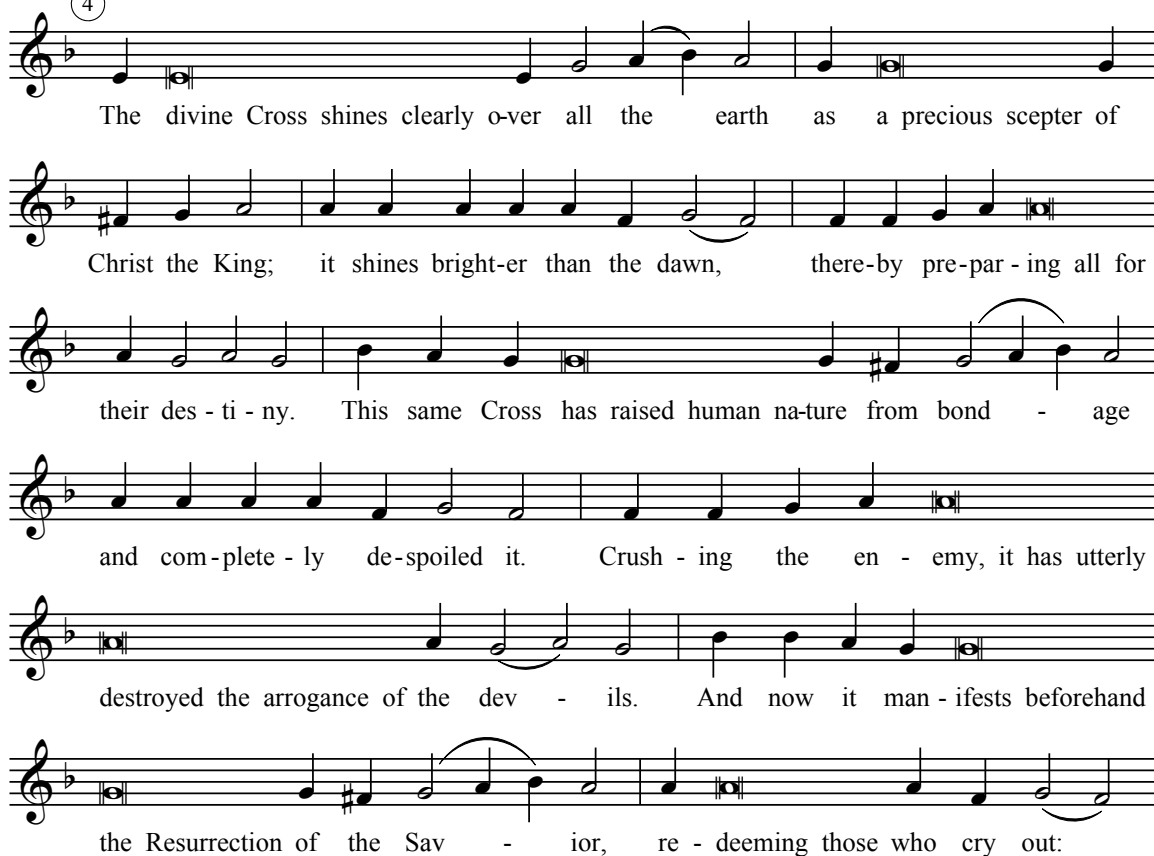
Cantor:

(on 4)



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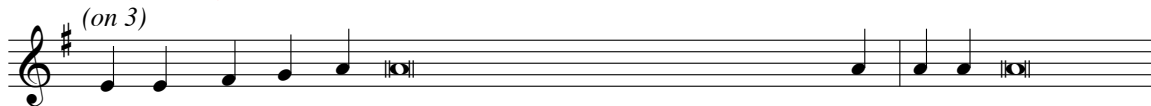




Give peace to the world and en-light - en our souls.

3 stichera for the holy seven Maccabees, Solomonias, and the elder Eleazar from the Menaion:

Cantor – (Tone 1):



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



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

Sticheron



Tor-ment did not shake the roof of the law which was held aloft by sev - en



pil - lars; for these sev - en, noble, and young bro - thers



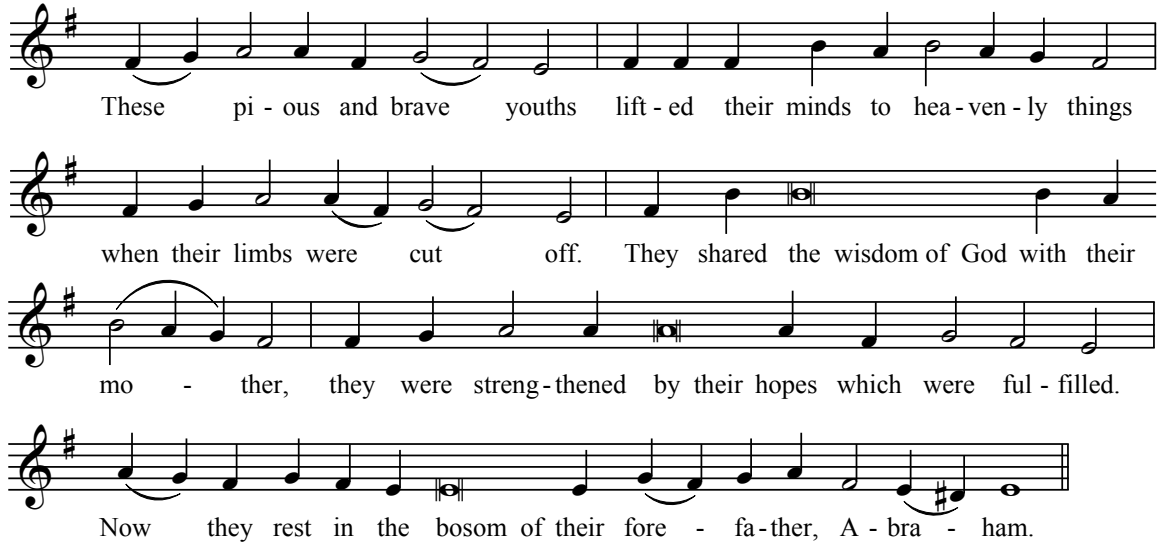
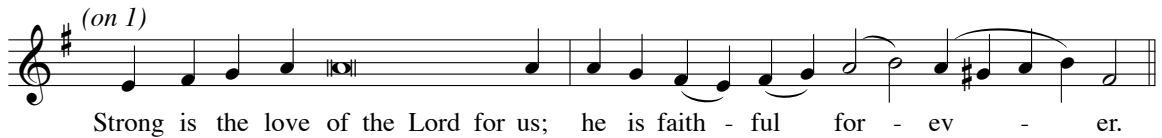
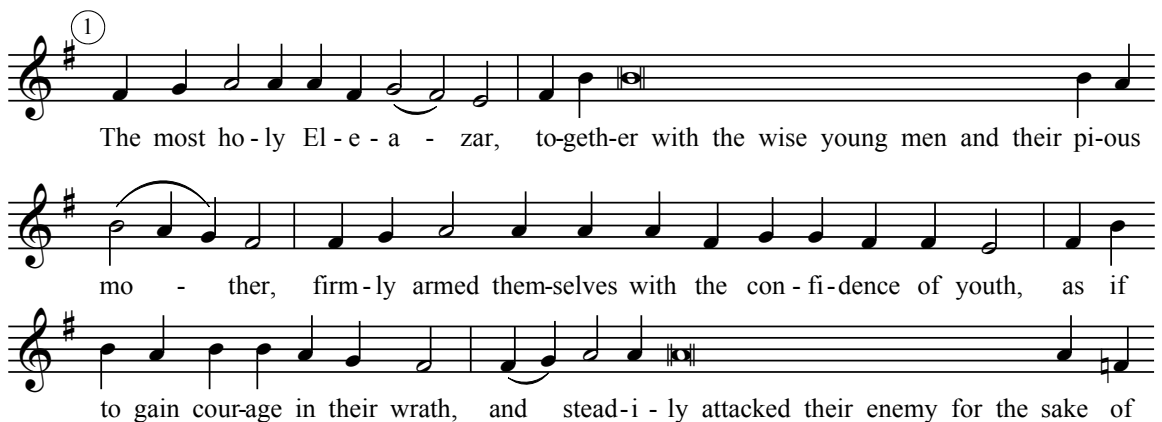
cou-ra-ge-ously endured the senseless fury of their per-se-cut - or, as they gave



their bod-ies to suf-fer-ings, thus prov-ing them-selves the guardians of



the law of Mos - es.

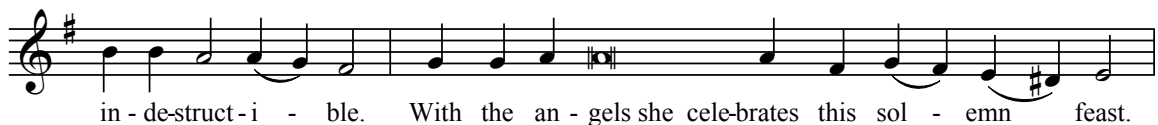
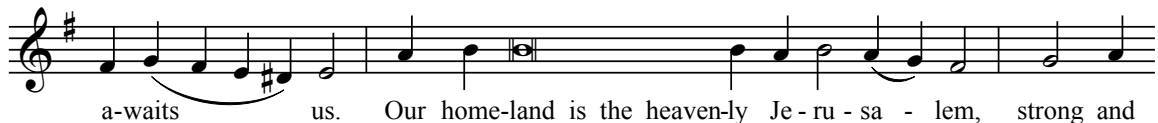
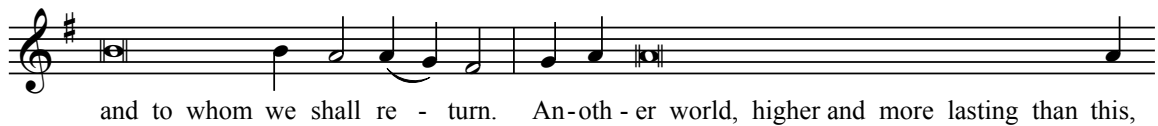
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Cantor - (Tone 8):



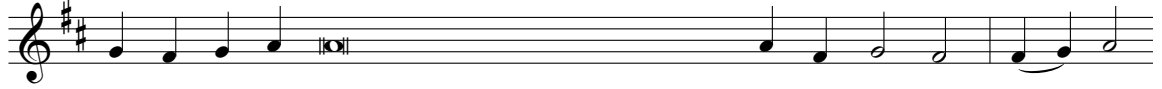
Doxastikon



Cantor - (Tone 7):



Dogmatikon



O The - o - to - kos, we know that your maternity is su - per - nat - 'ral, but how



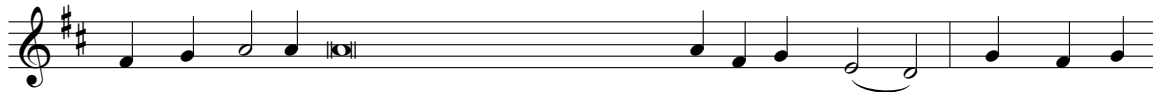
you remain a virgin, we can nei-ther know nor say. No tongue can ex - plain



the wonder of your giv - ing birth, for your con - cep - tion is a pa-ra-dox, O



pure one, and the way you gave birth is in-com - pre - hen - si - ble.



For when-ev - er God wills, the order of nature is o-ver-turned. There-fore, we



all recognize you as the Moth-er of God, and we fer-vent-ly be-seech you:



In - ter - cede for the sal - va - tion of our souls.

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

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

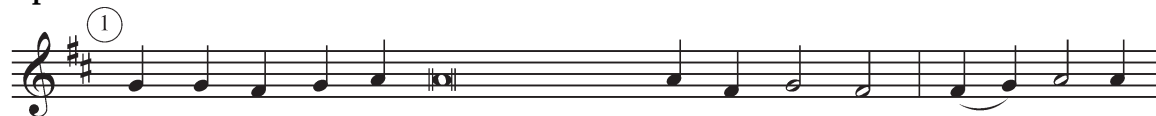
Aposticha

The aposticha are from the Octoechos:


(Tone 7)

Aposticheron:


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Not car - ing for an - y earthy things, O ho - ly Mar - tyrs, you bold - ly



preached Christ dur ing your trials, and re - ceived your due re ward from him.



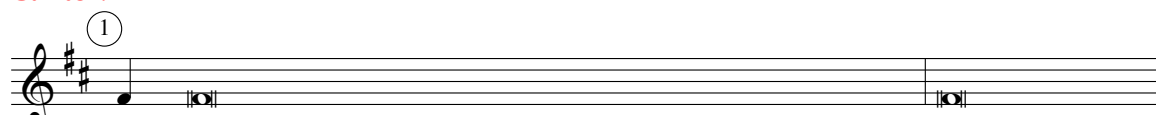
But since you pos - sess con - fid - ence be - fore him, we be - seech you to en - treat him,




as the Al - might - y God, to save our souls.

Cantor:

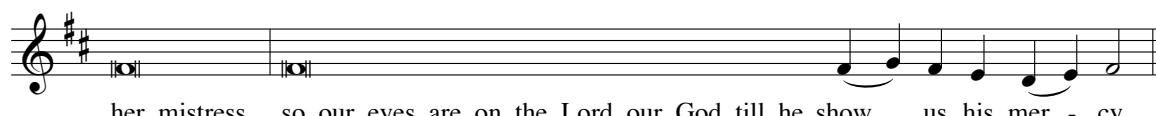
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To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens; my eyes, like the




eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords. Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of



her mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he show us his mer - cy.

Aposticheron:

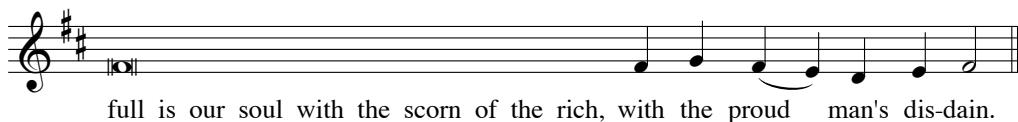
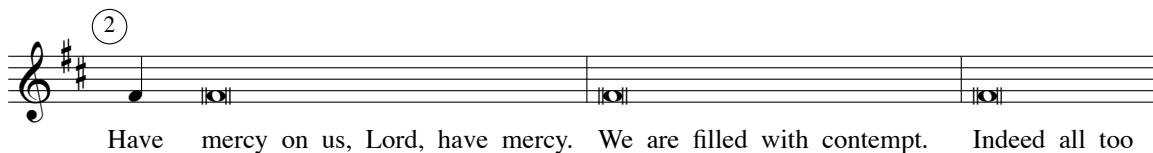
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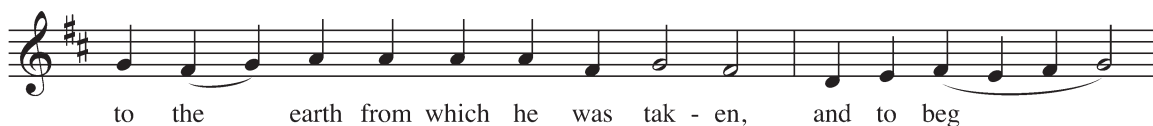
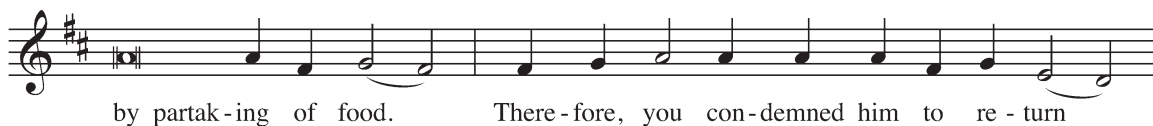
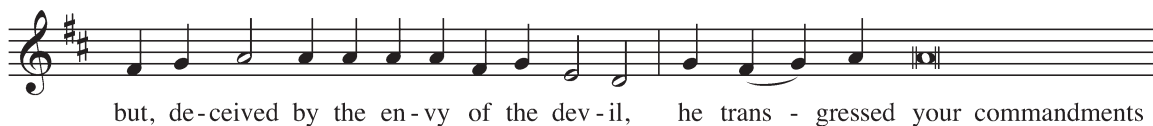
O Cross of Christ, marvel of the ho - ly an - gels and might - y blow for e - vil



Cantor:



Nekrosimon:



Cantor (Tone 8):



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

Doxastikon



The souls of the just are in the hands of the Lord. As A - braham, Isaac, and Jacob,



our forefath-ers be-fore the Law, so now we praise their offspring, the Mac-ca - bees.



For these persevering sons of A - bra - ham em - ulated the faith of their



fore-fa - ther, and for the sake of godliness, they wrestled ev-en un - to death.



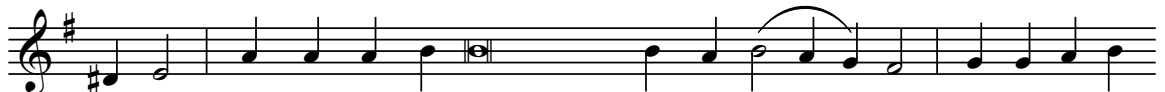
For be - ing pi - ously reared as fol-low - ers of the Law, they re-proved



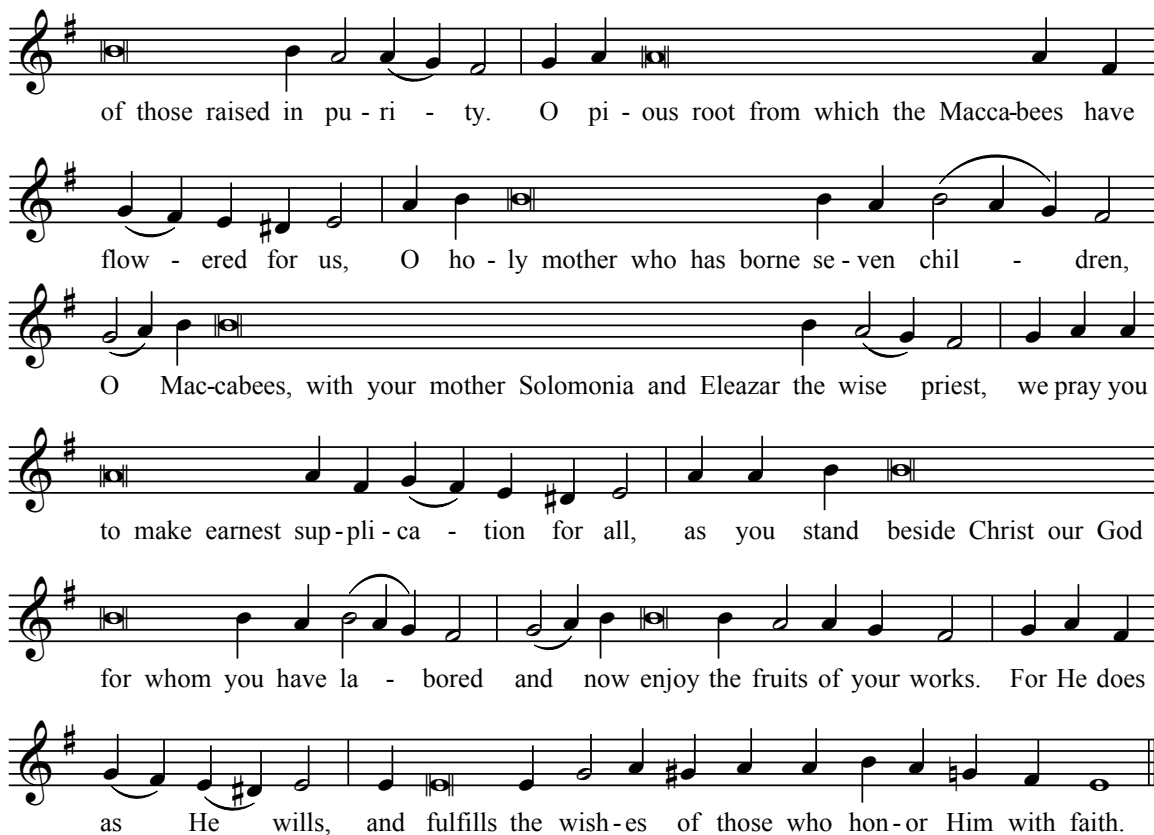
the godlessness of the proud An - ti - o - chus. Be-cause of e - ter - nal life,



they disdained the things of earth-ly life. They of - fered their whole be - ing



to God: their soul and cour-age, their feel-ings and bo - dies, and the re-ward



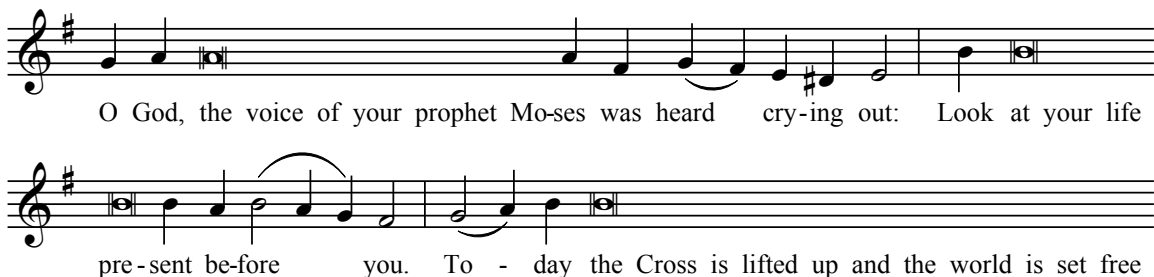
of those raised in pu - ri - ty. O pi - ous root from which the Macca-bees have
 flow - ered for us, O ho - ly mother who has borne se - ven chil - dren,
 O Mac-cabees, with your mother Solomonia and Eleazar the wise priest, we pray you
 to make earnest sup- pli - ca - tion for all, as you stand beside Christ our God
 for whom you have la - bored and now enjoy the fruits of your works. For He does
 as He wills, and fulfills the wish-es of those who hon-or Him with faith.

Cantor (Tone 8):



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

Doxastikon



O God, the voice of your prophet Mo-ses was heard cry-ing out: Look at your life
 pre-sent be-fore you. To - day the Cross is lifted up and the world is set free

from er - ror. To-day the resurrec-tion of Christ is re-newed, and the
ends of the earth re-joyce ex-ceed-ing - ly, of-fering a hymn on the cymbals of Da-vid,
say - ing: O God, You worked sal - va-tion in the world by your cru - cifixion
and re-sur-rec - tion, and by this You have saved us. O Lord, in your
love for all, You are good and all-pow - er - ful; glo - ry to You!

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

Troparia & Theotokion

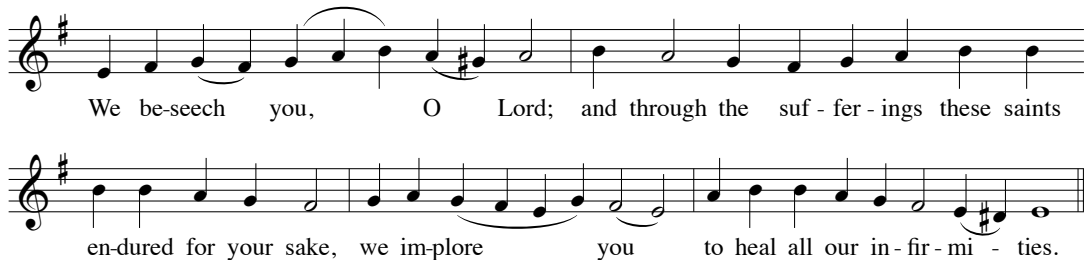
Troparion of the Cross - Tone 1

Save your peo-ple, O Lord, and bless your in - her - i - tance. Grant vic - to - ry
to your Church o - ver e - vil, and pro - tect your peo - ple by your cross.

Cantor (Tone 1):

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

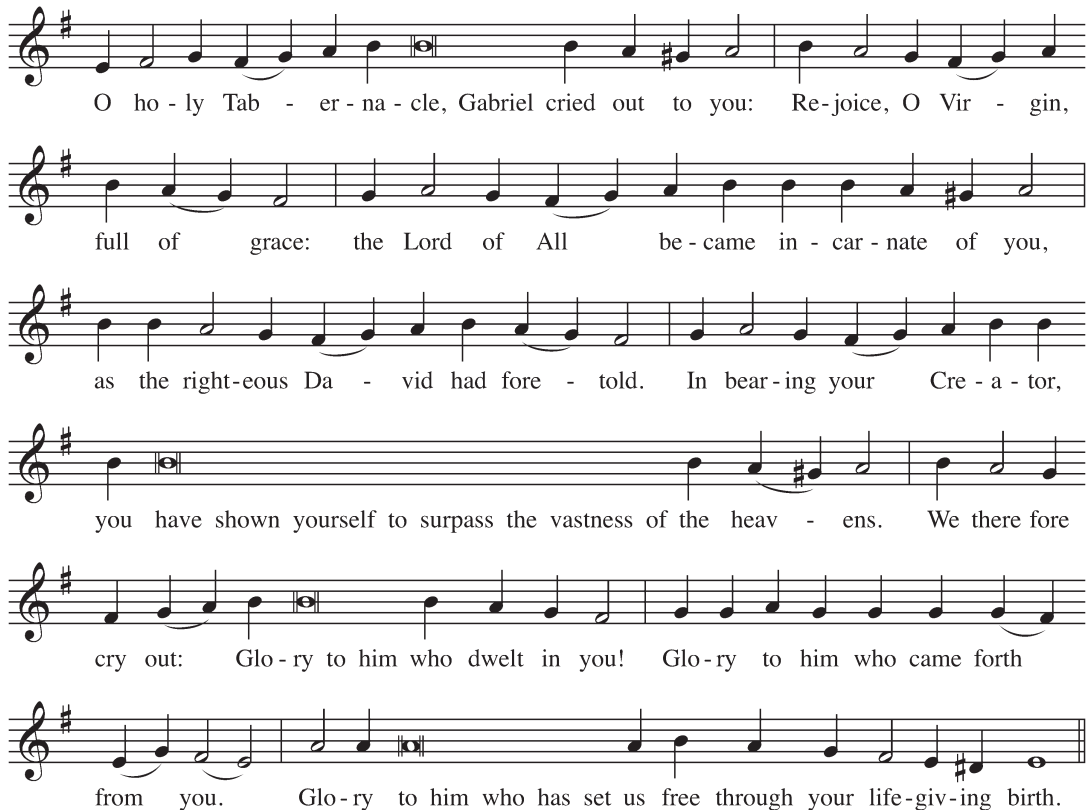
Troparion of the Martyrs - Tone 1



Cantor (Tone 1):



Theotokion



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