

Matins Propers for December 6th, 2020

Twenty-Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Our Holy Father **Nicholas**, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia, the Wonderworker
in the Second Tone with the Eleventh Resurrection Gospel

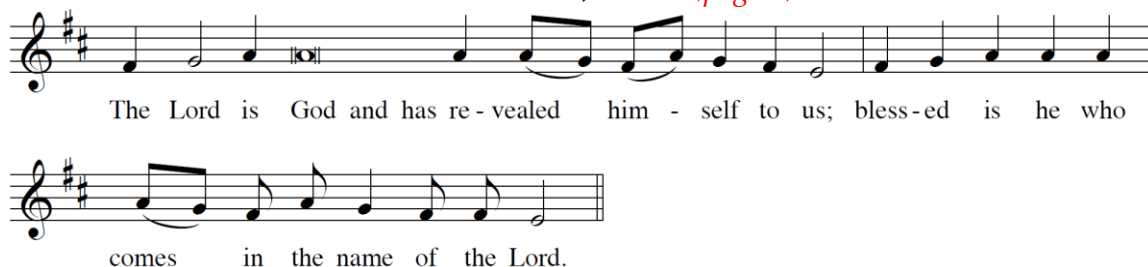
Hexapsalmos

*The reader chants only **Psalm 102** on page 5 followed by "Glory..." on page 6.*

Matins then continues with the Litany of Peace on page 7.

The Lord is God (page 9)

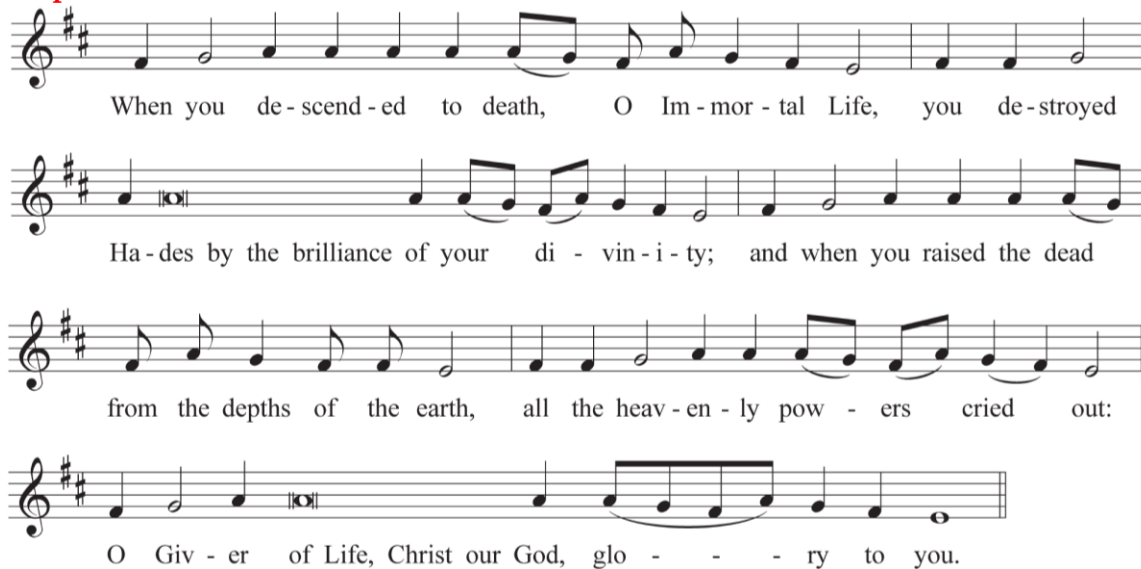
Tone 2



The Lord is God and has re-vealed him - self to us; bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord.

Troparia (page 9)

Troparion of the Resurrection – Tone 2



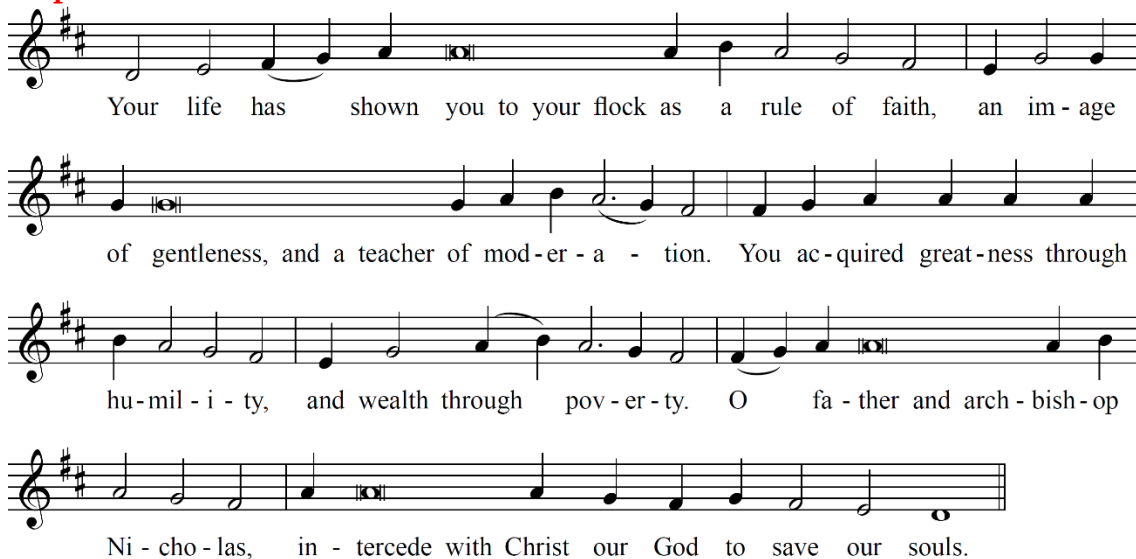
When you de-scend-ed to death, O Im-mor-tal Life, you de-destroyed
Ha-des by the brilliance of your di-vin-i-ty; and when you raised the dead
from the depths of the earth, all the heav-en-ly pow-ers cried out:
O Giv-er of Life, Christ our God, glo-ry to you.

The repetition of the Troparion is omitted.

Cantor (*Tone 4*):



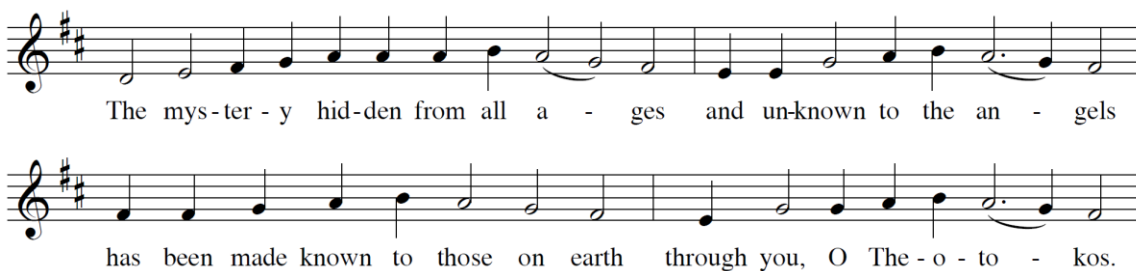
Troparion of St. Nicholas – Tone 4

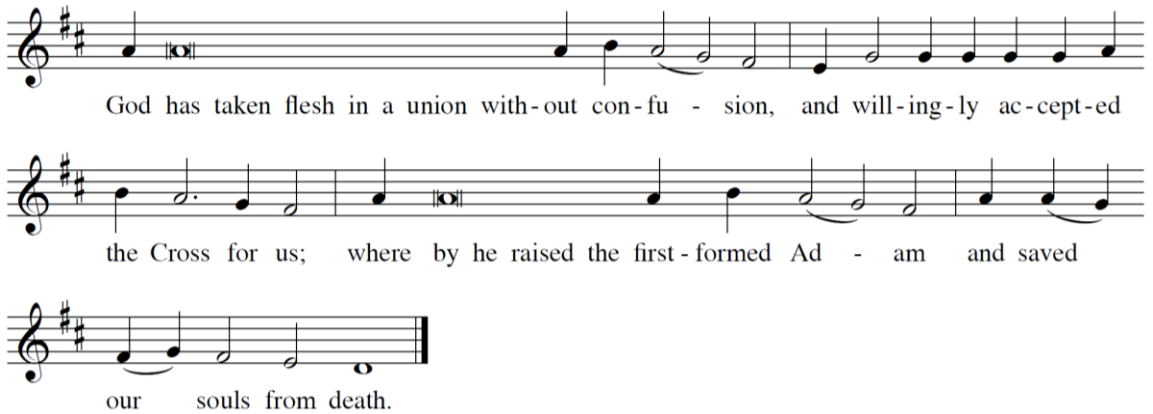


Cantor (*Tone 4*):



Festive Theotokion – Tone 4





Kathismata (page 10)

People: Lord, have mercy (*three times*)
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

Reader: Now and ever and forever. Amen.

The 1st Psalm of the 2nd stasis of the 3rd Kathisma: **Psalm 18**

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. Day unto day pours out the word and night unto night imparts knowledge. No speech, no word, no voice is heard yet through all the earth their voice resounds; their message reaches to the ends of the world. There he has placed a tent for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom coming from his tent, rejoices like a champion to run its course. At the end of the sky is the rising of the sun; to the furthest end of the sky is its course. There is nothing concealed from its burning heat. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted; it gives wisdom to the simple. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding forever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb. So in them your servant finds instruction; great reward is in their keeping. But who can detect all his errors? From hidden faults acquit me. From presumption restrain your servant and let it not rule me. Then shall I be blameless, clean from grave sin. May the spoken words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart, win favor in your sight, O Lord, my rescuer, my rock!

Reader: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

People: Now and ever and forever. Amen.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Glory to you, O God! (*three times*)

Matins continues with the Small Litany on page 10.

Sessional Hymn (page 11)

The 1st Hymn of the 2nd set of Sessional Hymns (Podoben: Blahoobraznyj Josif):

You did not pre-vent the seal-ing of the stone at your tomb,
and by your Re-sur-rec-tion you be-stowed on all the rock
of fi-del-i-ty. O Lord, glo-ry to you.

Matins continues with the Polyeleos on p. 12, followed by the Festal Exaltation (p. 14).

Festal Exaltation for St. Nicholas

We ex-tol you, O ho-ly bish-op Ni-cho-las and we
ve-ne-rate your me-mo-ry for you pray to Christ our God for us.

Verse: My lips will speak words of wisdom. My heart is full of insight.

All repeat the Exaltation.

Verse: Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly.

All repeat the Exaltation.

Verse: The mouth of the just utters wisdom, and his lips speak what is right.

All repeat the Exaltation.

Verse: They are happy who dwell in your house, forever singing your praise.

All repeat the Exaltation.

Glory...now and ever...

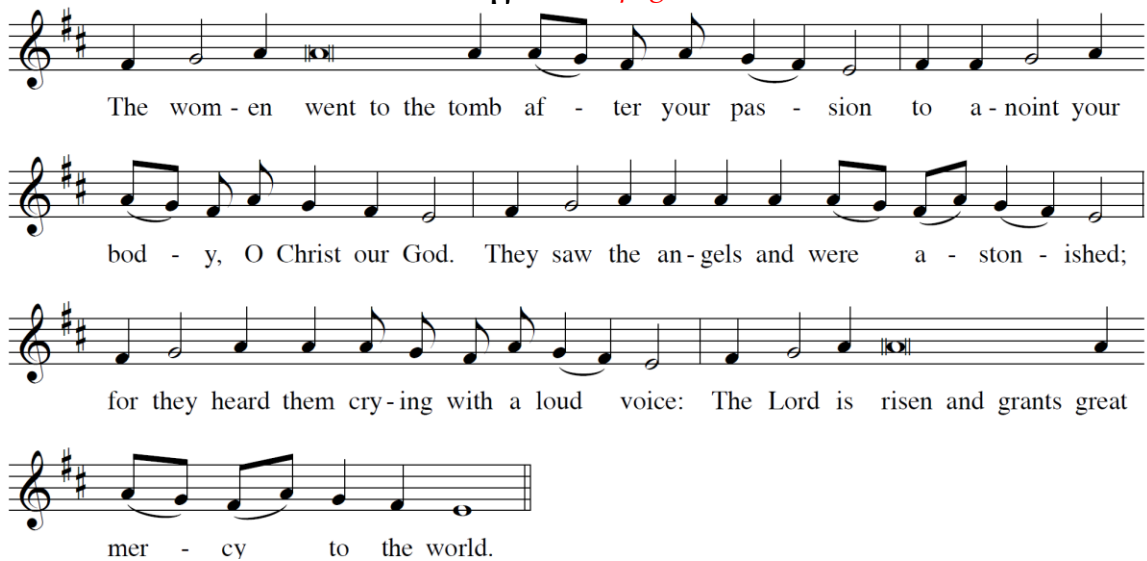
Three times



"Hosts of Angels..." is omitted & Matins continues with the Small Litany on p. 21.

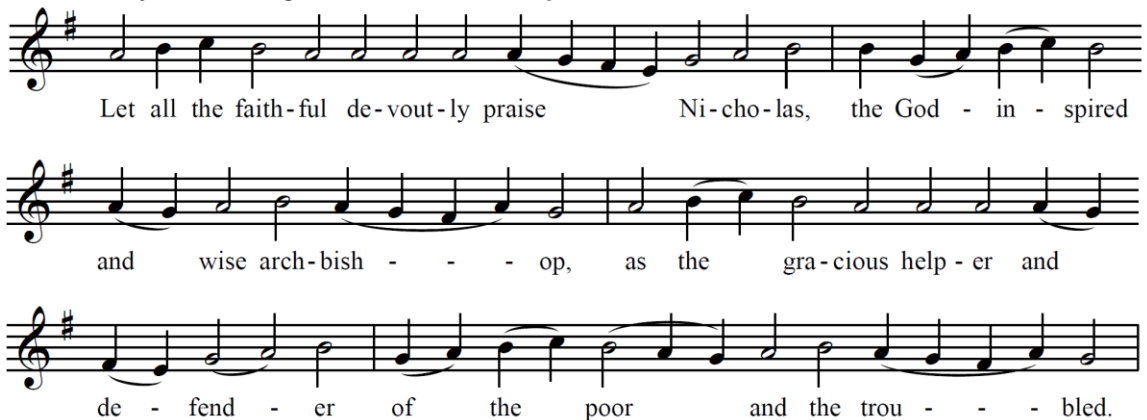
Ύμνος (page 21)

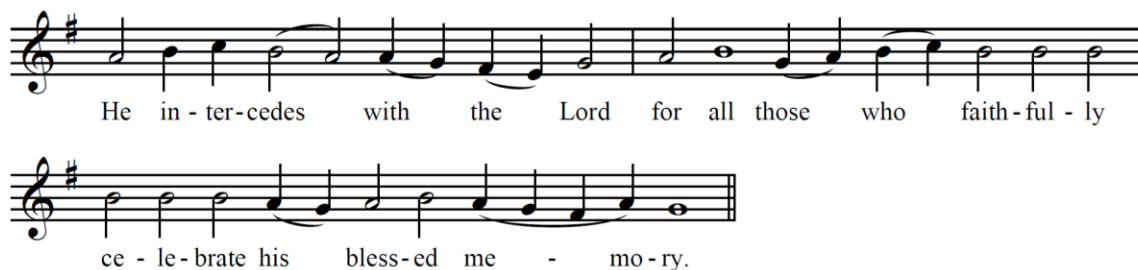
Tone 2



Cantor *(Tone 5 podobn: Sobežnačal'noje slovo):* Glory...

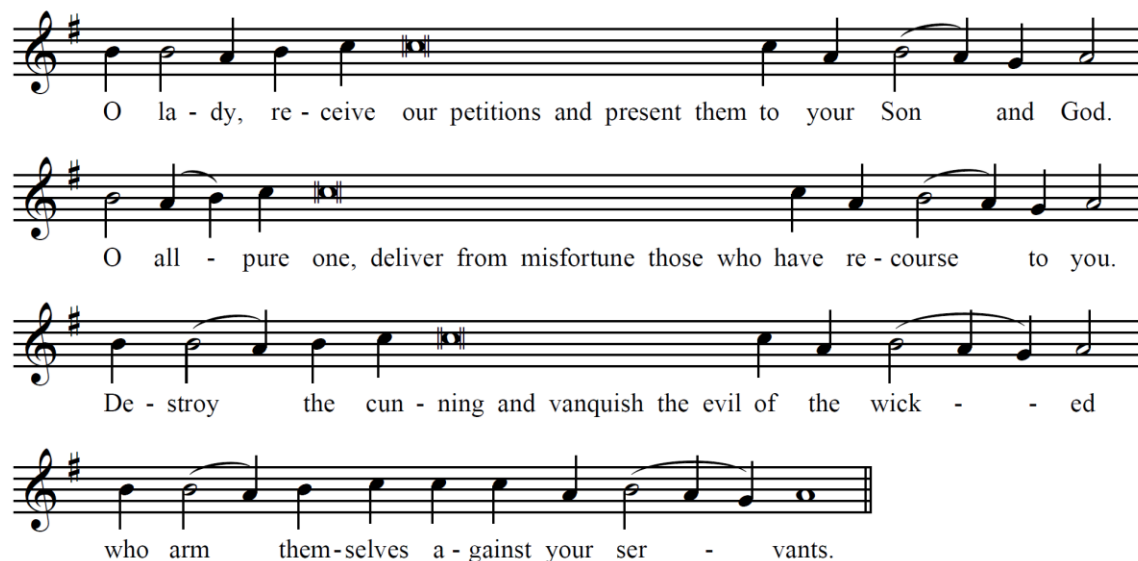
Sessional Hymn - Tone 5 podobn: Sobežnačal'noje slovo





Cantor (*Tone 4 podoben: Skoro predvari*): Now and ever...

Theotokion



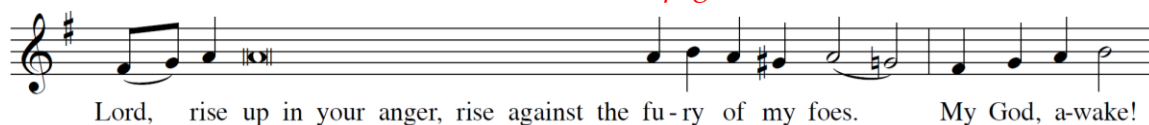
Stepenna (*page 21*)

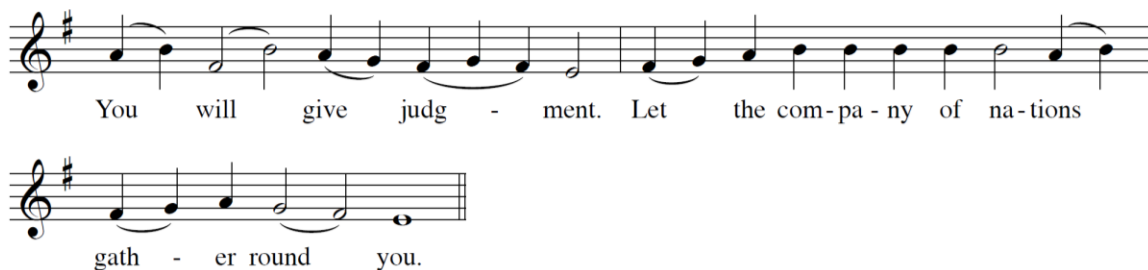
The Stepenna (Gradual Hymns) are omitted.

Matins continues with the Prokeimenon ("Let us be attentive...") on page 22.

Prokeimenon (*page 22*)

Psalms 7:6,7



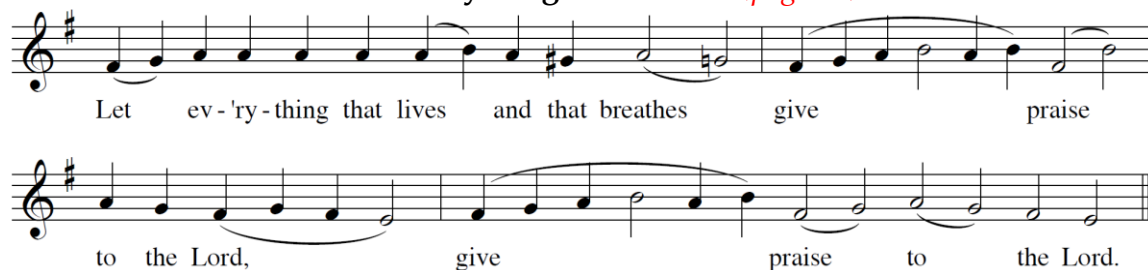


Deacon: Lord God, I take refuge in you.
From my pursuers save me and rescue me.

*Matins continues with the Preparation for the Gospel on page 22. *

Let everything that lives... (page 22)

Tone 2



The Preparation for the Gospel continues with "That we may be deemed..." on page 23.

The Fifth Resurrection Gospel is read (Luke 24:12-35).

The Hymn of the Resurrection is sung (p. 24) and then Psalm 50 (p. 26).

The usual stichera at Psalm 50 (p. 28) are sung.

The Canon (page 32)

*The faithful **come forward** to venerate the Gospel Book on the tetrapod and be anointed.*

Odes 1-5 are omitted & the Canon of the Resurrection continues with Ode 6.

(The Canon of the Theotokos is omitted)

**Ode 6
Irmos**

Tone 2



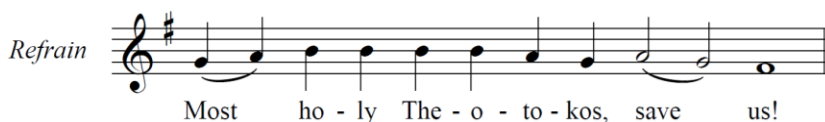


Refrain



The Just One was condemned as a criminal; with the thieves he is nailed to the cross, the One who redeems us with his own blood. *Refrain*

Formerly Death entered the world through one person, the first Adam; and now one person reveals to us the Resurrection, and he is the Son of God.

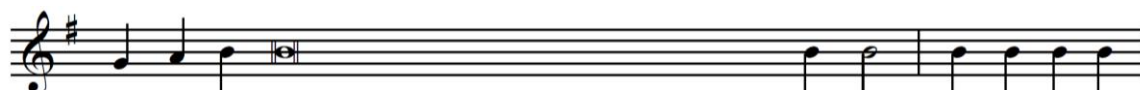


O Virgin, without knowing man you have become a mother, and yet you remain a virgin; thus you clearly reveal the divinity of your Son and God.




O Nicholas, the crown of victory is worthily set upon your head. As a noble victor, preserve those who call upon you. *Refrain*

O blessed saint, appear and save me from death by sin, sunken as I am in the mighty waves of passion; and lead me to the harbor of God's will.



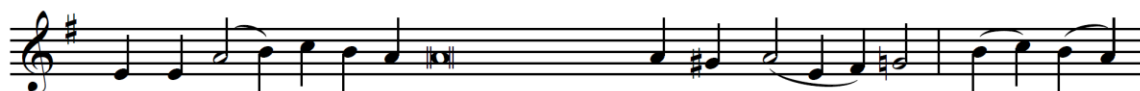
Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spir - it; now and ev - er




and for - ev - er. A - men.

O ever-Virgin Mother, I have placed my hope of salvation in you, claiming you as the steadfast and unshaken advocate of my life.


Katavasia 6 of the Nativity of the Lord




Tak - ing pit - y on Jo - nah, the sea mon - ster that took him kept him



safe, like an in - fant from the womb. The Word, which in - hab - ited the



Vir - gin and took flesh, came forth from her and kept her in - cor - rupt.



He un - der - went no change, and kept in - tact the one who bore him.


Matins continues with the Small Litany on page 33.

Kontakion & Ikos (page 34)

Tone 2



You a - rose from the grave, Al - might - y Sav - ior. See - ing the



mir - acle, Hades was struck with fear; the dead a - rose. At this sight, all

cre - a - tion re-joic - es with you; Ad - am joins with ex - ul - ta - tion;
and the world, O my Savior, sings your prais - es for - ev - er.

Ikos: O Light of those who are in darkness, you are the Resurrection and the Life of all. You have raised the faithful with you, O Savior. You have despoiled the kingdom of Death and have shattered the gates of Hades, O Word. The sight of such wonders astonished mortals, and every creature rejoices in your Resurrection. We also glorify you, O Lover of us all, and we praise your condescension; the whole world sings your praises, O my Savior.

The Synaxarion & Ode 7 are omitted & the Canon continues with Ode 8.

Ode 8
Irmos

Tone 2

For - mer - ly the fie - ry fur - nace in Bab - y - lon
di - vid - ed its pow - er, and ac - cord - ing to the di - vine de - cree,
it con - sumed the Chal - de - ans but poured out dew up - on the
faith - ful who sang: All you works of the Lord,
bless the Lord!

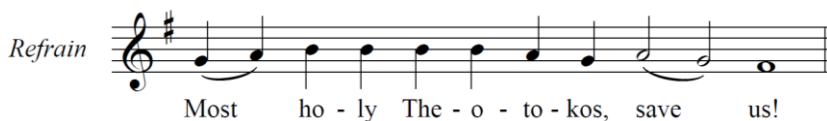
Refrain



Glo - ry to your ho - ly Res - ur - rec - tion, O Lord.

Seeing your garment of flesh crimsoned with your blood, the angels in heaven were seized with fear at your long-suffering, and together they began to sing: All you works of the Lord, bless the Lord! *Refrain*

O God of mercy, by your Resurrection, mortals have been clothed with immortality. Filled with joy, O Christ, your chosen people sing to you in thanksgiving: Truly death has been swallowed up in your victory!



Most ho - ly The - o - to - kos, save us!

The God who became flesh has dwelt in your womb without being separated from his Father in heaven. Without seed, you have conceived, O Virgin, and in a manner beyond words, you have given birth, O Mother. You are truly the salvation of us all.

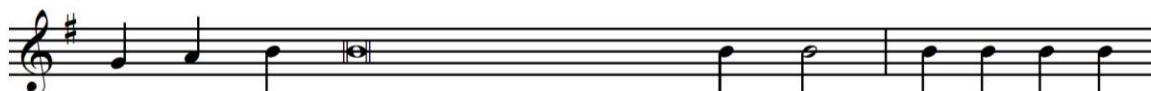
Refrain



Ho - ly Fa - ther Nicho-las, pray to God for us.

O blessed saint, gracious and compassionate, deliver those held captive by trials; by your intercession to the Savior, free them from the ills possessing them, O priest initiated into the divine mysteries. *refrain*

O faithful archbishop, wise in God, knower of mysteries unfathomable to the mind and celebrant of things holy and divine, ask the Savior for remission of our sins, O teacher of the things pertaining to the priestly office.



Let us bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spir-it, Lord. Now and ev - er



and for - ev - er. A - men.

My mind has fallen into the depths of disgrace and now grows weak, surrounded as it is on all sides by diverse evils. But do you, O Virgin, heal me, wrapping my round with the light of impassibility.



Let us praise, bless, and wor - ship the Lord, sing - ing and high - ly



ex - alt - ing him a - bove all for - ev - er.

Katavasia 8 of the Nativity of the Lord



The fur - nace cooled like dew, mir - ac - u - lous - ly, fore - shad - owed a



great mar - vel. For it did not burn the youths it re - ceived, nor did the



fire of divinity burn the Virgin's womb by en - ter - ing it. There - fore, let us



strike up a hymn and sing: Let all cre - a - tion bless and ex - alt the Lord



for - ev - er.

*The people stand.
Matins continues with "Let us greatly extol..."
& the Cantic of the Theotokos on p. 34.*

Ode 9
Irmos

Tone 2

The Son of the Fa - ther with - out be - gin - ning, our Lord and
our God, has tak - en flesh from the Virgin and has ap - peared to us;
He has come to il - lu - min - ate the dark - ness and to gath - er those
who are scat - tered. O The - o - to - kos, wor - thy of all praise,
we ex - tol you.

Refrain

Glo - ry to your ho - ly Res - ur - rec - tion, O Lord.

The thrice-blessed wood of your precious cross has been planted in the place of the Skull as in the heart of paradise. Sprinkled with the blood and water that flowed from your divine side, O Christ, it made our life blossom forth. *Refrain*

On the cross you overthrew the powerful; from the depths of Hades, you raised up human nature which was held captive, and you enthroned it with your Father in heaven, O almighty One; and in that same nature you shall come again. We adore you and we extol you!

Refrain: Let us bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Lord.

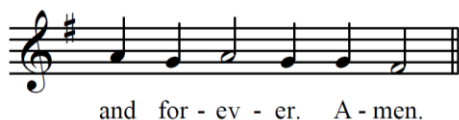
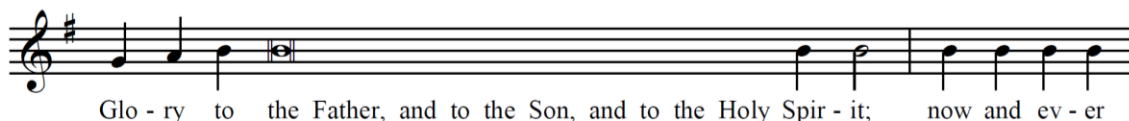
O faithful, let us praise and glorify in the true faith the Unity in three Persons, the consubstantial Trinity, the divine and indivisible nature, the unsetting light with a triple flame, who alone is incorruptible, and who fills us with brightness.

Refrain



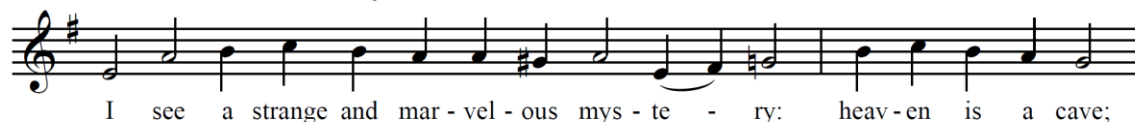
O blessed saint divinely wise, enlightened by the torch of grace, light of holiness, you wondrously protect those who are sorely tried. Deliver those drowning in the depth. *Refrain*

O blessed and God-bearing father, you now dwell in the beauties of Paradise where you gaze upon the ineffable glory; look down from Heaven and see those who praise you, delivering them from passion.



O pure Theotokos, you gave birth from your own undefiled blood to the Wisdom, Power and Word in person, receiving him into your own temple, and united to him thereafter without division.

Katavasia 9 of the Nativity of the Lord





Matins continues with the Small Litany on page 36.

Holy is the Lord our God (page 37)

Tone 2



Hymn of Light (page 37)

Christ our Way and our Life, after his resurrection from the dead, accompanied Luke and Cleopas, who had recognized him at Emmaus in the breaking of the bread. Their hearts and souls were inflamed as he spoke to them on the way, explaining to them all the Scriptures that pertained to him. Let us, therefore, shout with them, saying: Truly the Lord has risen and has appeared to Peter.

Glory...

Let us all praise Nicholas, the great shepherd, bishop, and leader of Myra, for he saved many who were unjustly condemned to death. He also appeared to the emperor and Ablabius in a dream, putting an end to the unjust decree.

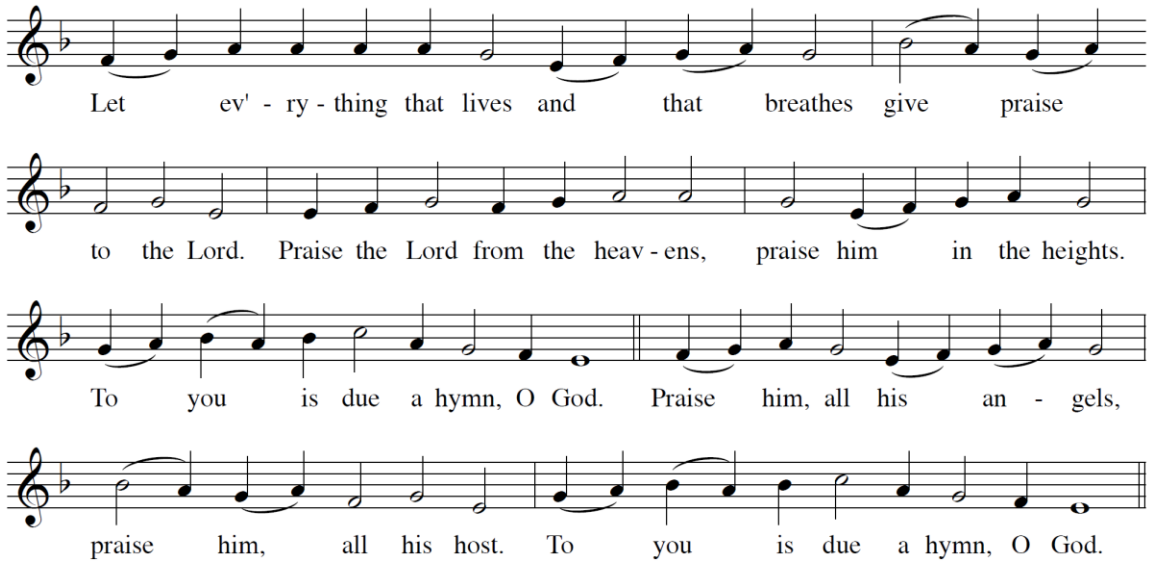
Now and ever...

I praise your love without limit, O my Creator, for you emptied yourself to put on our broken nature to save us. O all-compassionate Lord, even though you are God, you consented for my sake to be born into our human condition and to descend into Hades to save us, through the intercession of your most pure Mother.

Matins continues with the Psalms of Praise.

Psalms of Praise (page 38)

Tone 2



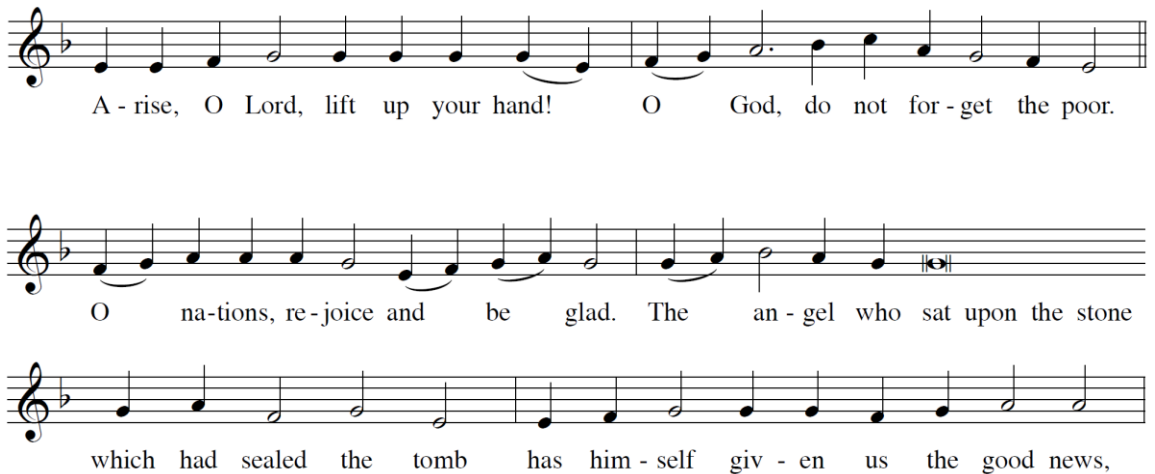
Let ev - ry - thing that lives and that breathes give praise
to the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heav - ens, praise him in the heights.
To you is due a hymn, O God. Praise him, all his an - gels,
praise him, all his host. To you is due a hymn, O God.

The Psalms of Praise continue with "Praise him, sun and moon..." on page 38.


Stichera (page 40)

the 3rd and 4th of the 8 Sunday stichera (all the rest are omitted):


Cantor (Tone 2):



A - rise, O Lord, lift up your hand! O God, do not for - get the poor.
O na-tions, re-joice and be glad. The an - gel who sat upon the stone
which had sealed the tomb has him - self giv - en us the good news,



say - ing: Christ is risen from the dead, the Sav - ior of the world. He has filled



the u - ni - verse with fra - grance. O na-tions, re-joice and be glad.

Cantor (*Tone 2*):



I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart; I will re-count your won - ders.



Be - fore your con-cep-tion, O Lord, an an - gel brought the greeting



"Rejoice" to the wo - man full of grace. At your ris-ing, it was al - so an an - gel



who rolled the stone a - way from your glo - rious tomb. The one showed



sym - bols of joy in-stead of sor - row; in - stead of death, the other announced



a life-giv-ing Lord to us. There-fore, we lift our voi - ces to you:



O Lord, Benefactor of All, glo - - ry to you.

Cantor (*Tone 5*):



Fifth Gospel Stanza

Tone 5

How wise are your judgments, O Christ! You grant-ed Pe - ter the understanding of your Re - sur - rec - tion by the bur - i - al wrap-pings a - lone. E - ven though you accompanied Luke and Cleopas and con-versed with them, yet you did not re-veal your-self. You were taunt-ed by them as though you alone were a stran-ger in Je - ru - sa-lem, not know-ing what had recently hap-pened there. But since you ordained all things for the good of each, you ex - plained to them what the prophets had spo-ken con - cern - ing you. In the break - ing of the bread they rec - og-nized you be - cause their hearts were already burning with the de - sire to

The Fifth Gospel Stanza is composed of nine lines of musical notation, each with a corresponding line of text. The notation is in G-clef and B-flat key signature. The melody is a single line of music, with lyrics written below it. The text is: "How wise are your judgments, O Christ! You grant-ed Pe - ter the understanding of your Re - sur - rec - tion by the bur - i - al wrap-pings a - lone. E - ven though you accompanied Luke and Cleopas and con-versed with them, yet you did not re-veal your-self. You were taunt-ed by them as though you alone were a stran-ger in Je - ru - sa-lem, not know-ing what had recently hap-pened there. But since you ordained all things for the good of each, you ex - plained to them what the prophets had spo-ken con - cern - ing you. In the break - ing of the bread they rec - og-nized you be - cause their hearts were already burning with the de - sire to".

know you. When they came to - geth - er with the dis - ci - ples,

they pro - claimed openly your divine Re - sur - rec - tion by which we ask that

you have mer - cy on us.

Matins continues with "Now and ever..." & the Theotokion for normal Sundays on p. 41.