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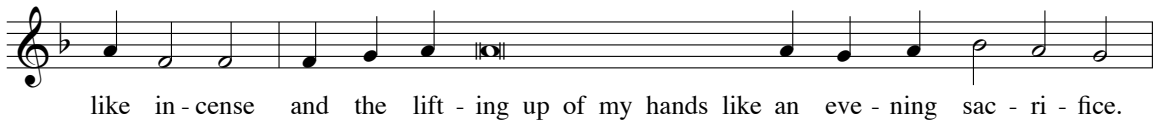
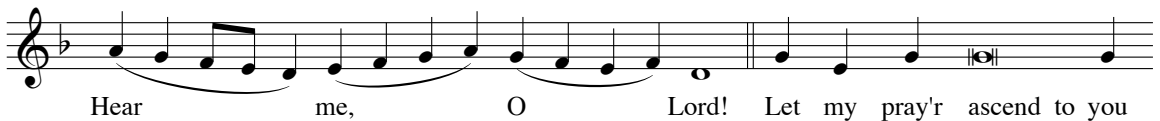
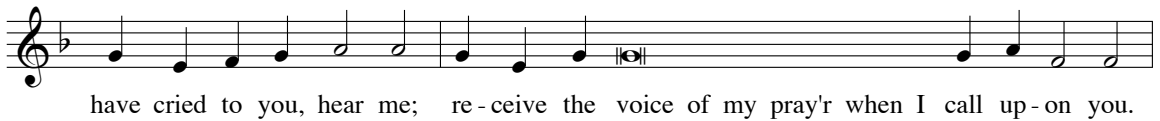
FIRST SUNDAY EVENING OF THE GREAT FAST

¹The Finding of the venerable relics of the Martyrs at Eugenia near Constantinople.

During the reign of the emperor Arcadius, a divine revelation showed the burial place of these martyrs of whom it was said, "God alone knows their names, and he has written them in the Book of Life in heaven."

Psalm 140 (*page 8*)

Tone 5



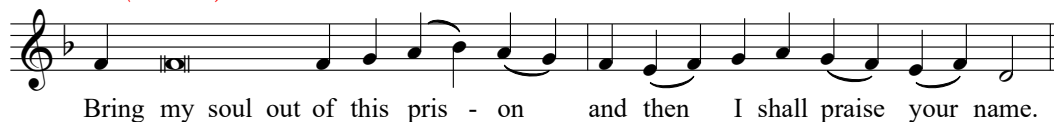
Continue with Psalm 140: "O Lord, set a guard before my mouth..." (p.8).

Stichera at the Lamplighting Psalms (*pages 9-10*)

4 stichera in the tone of the week from the Triodion:


Cantor - (*Tone 5*):

Cantor:




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O Lord, I have nev - er stopped sin - ning, I do not understand the need to



love my neigh - bor. O - ver - come my ig - no - rance, O gra - cious One, and have



mer - cy on me: for you a - lone are the God of good - ness.

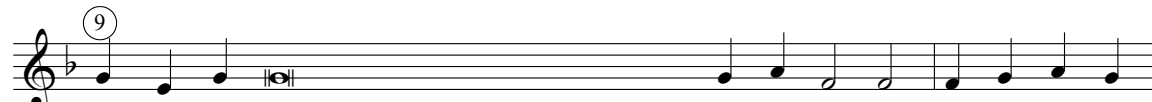
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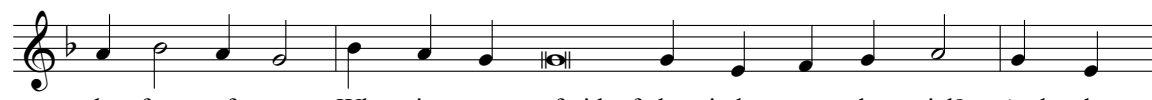
A - round me the just will as - sem - ble be - cause of your good - ness to me.

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O Lord, I am afraid because I have not stopped do - ing e - vil, and be - cause of



the fear of you. Who is not afraid of the judge at the trial? And who,

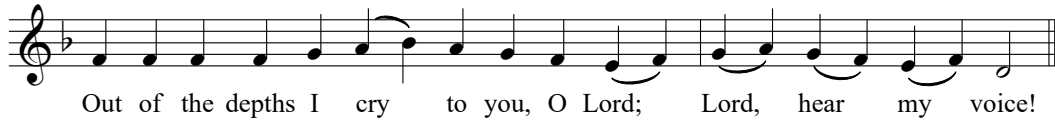


de - siring to be healed, angers the physi - cian as I have? O long - suf - fering Lord,



have com - pas - sion on my weak - ness and have mer - cy on me.

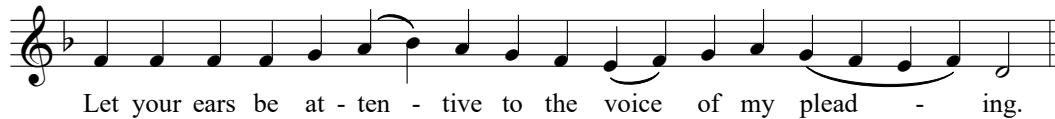
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3 stichera for the First Sunday of the Great Fast from the Triodion:

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.

The musical notation is on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody starts on a whole note G4, followed by a half note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. There is a double bar line, then a whole note D5, a half note E5, a quarter note F#5, and a quarter note G5. Another double bar line, then a whole note F#5, a half note E5, a quarter note D5, and a quarter note C5. The piece ends with a double bar line.

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Grant contrition and estrangement from e - vil to my soul submerged in the
a - byss of pas-sions and separated from you, O divine King of the u - ni - verse.
I have no oth - er hope but you. May I find up-right-ness and vir - tue.
Save me, a poor sinner, in your im-mense good - ness, O al-might - y Lord
and Sav - ior of us all.

The musical notation is on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody starts with a circled '6' above the first note, which is a whole note G4. This is followed by a half note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. There is a double bar line, then a whole note D5, a half note E5, a quarter note F#5, and a quarter note G5. Another double bar line, then a whole note F#5, a half note E5, a quarter note D5, and a quarter note C5. The piece ends with a double bar line.

Cantor:

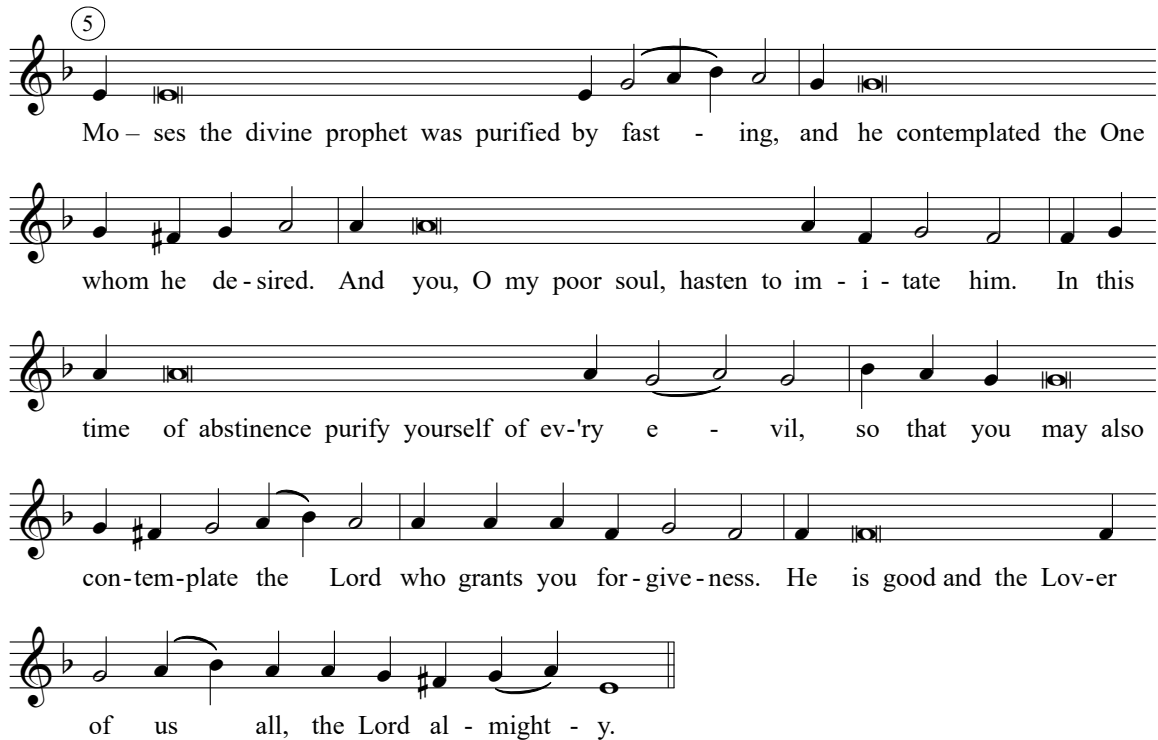
(on 5)

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

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Mo - ses the divine prophet was purified by fast - ing, and he contemplated the One
whom he de - sired. And you, O my poor soul, hasten to im - i - tate him. In this
time of abstinence purify yourself of ev-'ry e - vil, so that you may also
con-tem-plate the Lord who grants you for-give-ness. He is good and the Lov-er
of us all, the Lord al - might - y.

Cantor - (Tone 6):

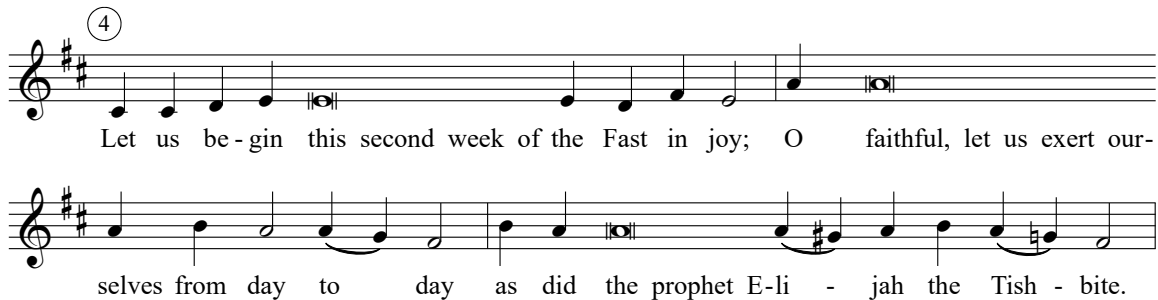
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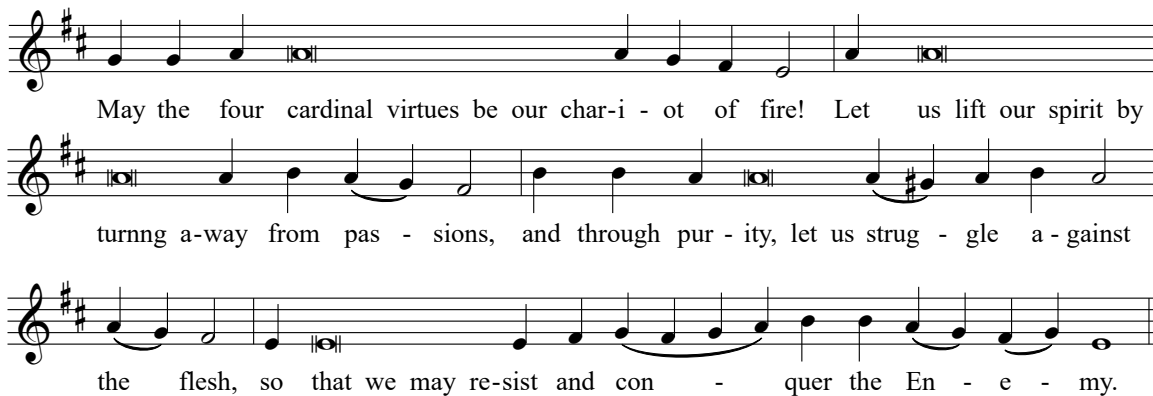
Let the watch-man count on day - break and Is - ra - el on the Lord.

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Let us be - gin this second week of the Fast in joy; O faithful, let us exert our-
selves from day to day as did the prophet E-li - jah the Tish - bite.

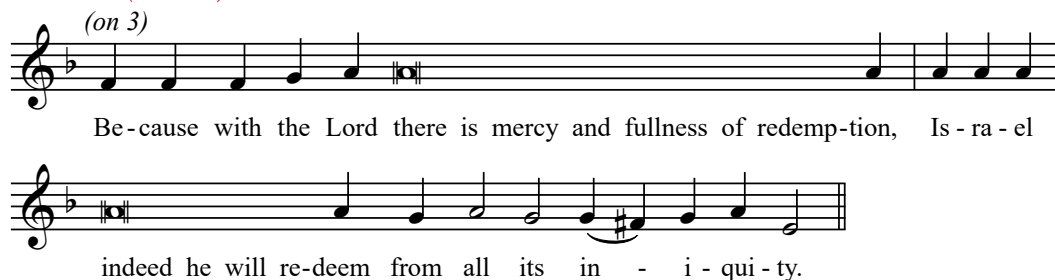


May the four cardinal virtues be our char-i - ot of fire! Let us lift our spirit by
turning a-way from pas - sions, and through pur - ity, let us strug - gle a - gainst
the flesh, so that we may re-sist and con - quer the En - e - my.

3 stichera for the Martyrs at Eugenia from the Menaion:

Cantor - (Tone 4):

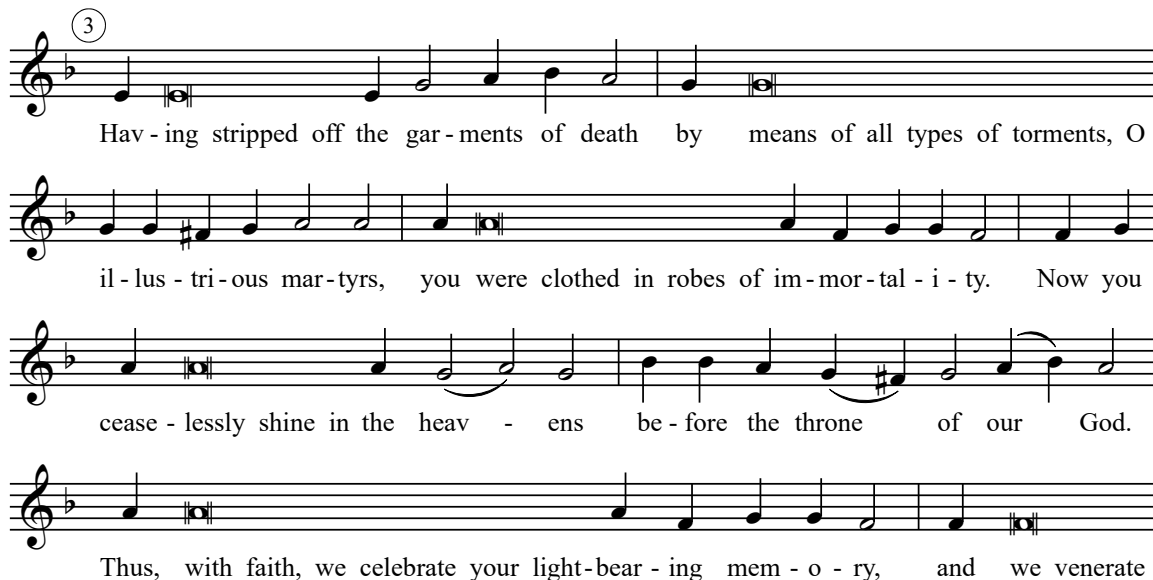
(on 3)



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.

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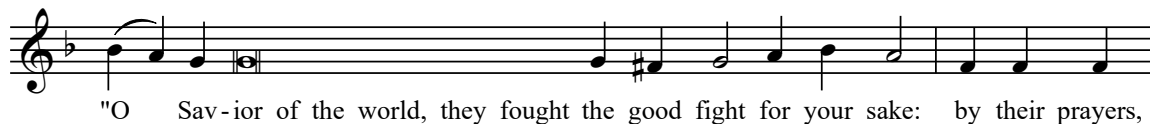
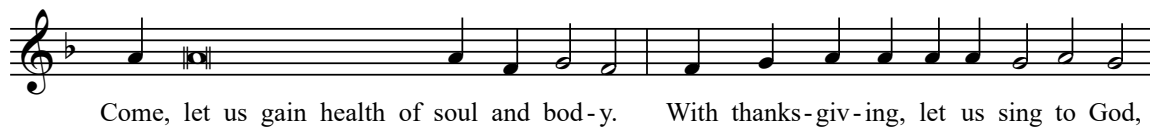
Hav - ing stripped off the gar - ments of death by means of all types of torments, O
il - lus - tri - ous mar - tyrs, you were clothed in robes of im - mor - tal - i - ty. Now you
cease - lessly shine in the heav - ens be - fore the throne of our God.
Thus, with faith, we celebrate your light - bear - ing mem - o - ry, and we venerate



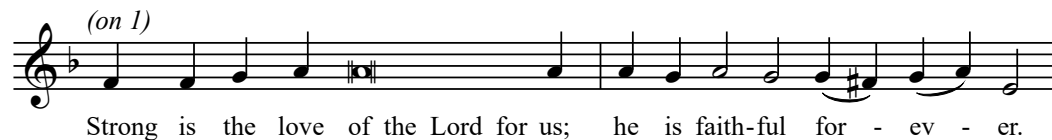
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Hid - den under the ground for a long time, the victorious martyrs are now




brought to light as a pre-cious treas-ure which en-rich-es the Queen of Cit - ies.



A wise hi - erarch bears them in his hands, car - rying them into the ho - ly

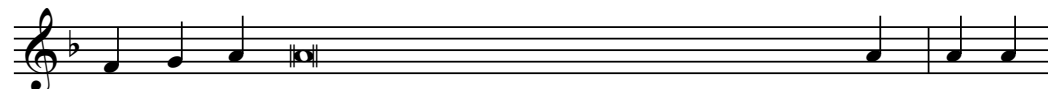


tem-ple. Those en-treat-ing them receive en-light-en-ment, ben - e - fits, health, and




pro-tec - tion for those who re - ceive them as ser - vants of God.

Cantor - (Tone 4):




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.

Theotokion



O all-immaculate The-o - to - kos, you are the intercessor for the whole



hu-man race. Save from every attack of the en - e - my those who bow in piety

be - fore your birth - giv - ing, for all of us have you now as our help,
 our refuge and our con - fir - ma - tion, you are our me - diatrix before Christ,
 our Lord and mas - ter. We pray you to ask him for peace in the world and
 the for-give-ness of sins for those who flee to your pro - tec - - - tion.

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

The Prokeimenon for the First Sunday (p. 13).

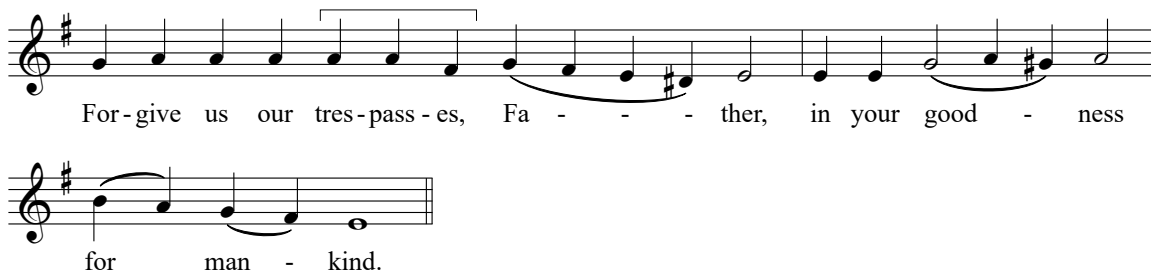
Aposticha (p. 12)

The aposticha are from the Triodion:

(Tone 8)

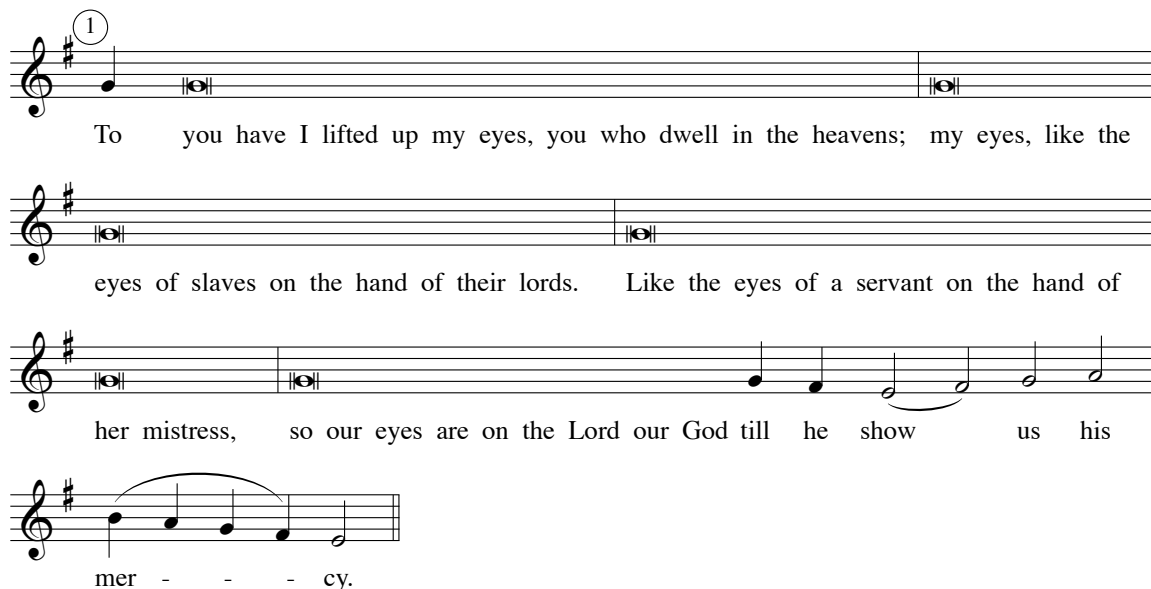
(1) (2) Aposticheron:

Come, let us purify our-selves by shar-ing with the poor, not sound-ing the trumpet
 for our giv-ing of alms, nor dis-play-ing our good deeds. May our
 left hand know not what our right hand does, lest vain-glo-ry rob us
 of our fruit! But in se-cret, let us say to him who knows all things.



For-give us our tres-pass-es, Fa - - - ther, in your good - ness
for man - kind.

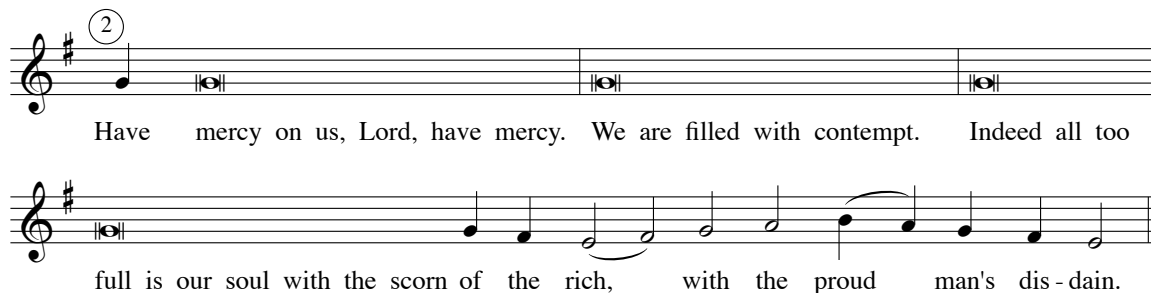
Cantor:



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.

Repeat: "Come, let us purify..."

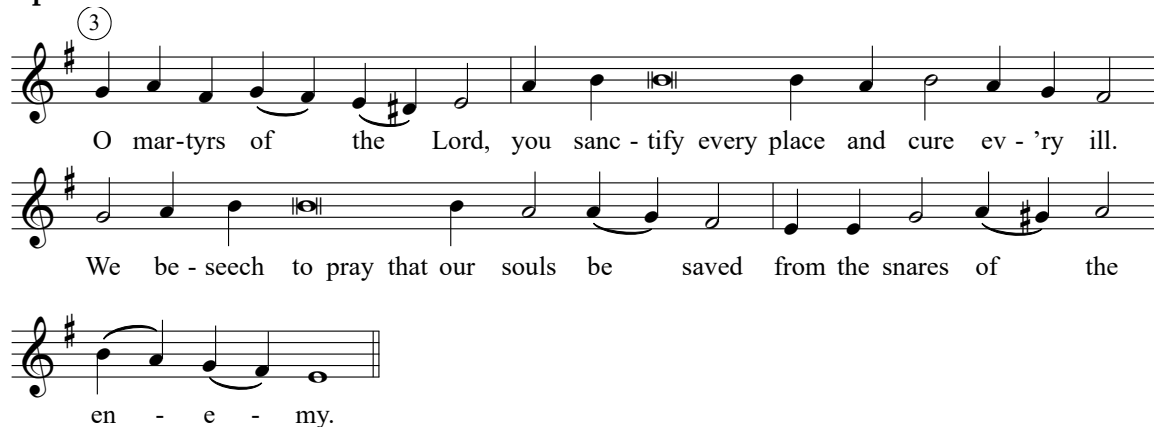
Cantor:



Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. We are filled with contempt. Indeed all too
full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's dis-dain.

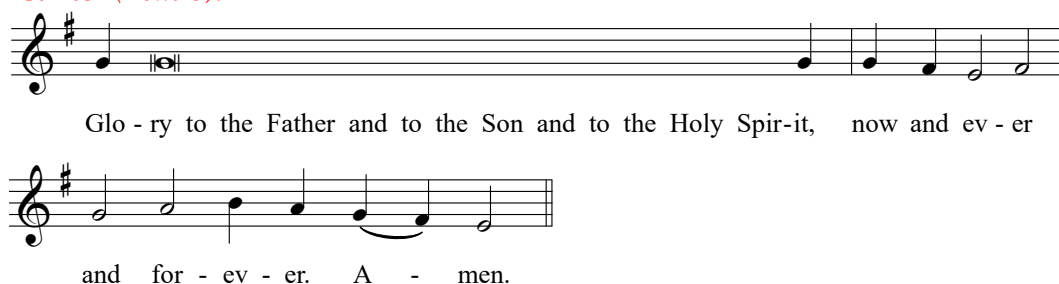
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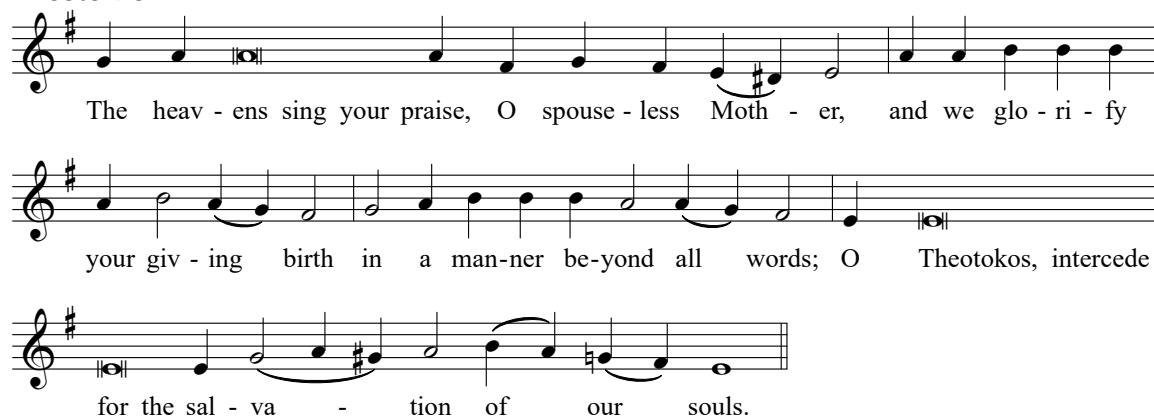
O mar-tyrs of the Lord, you sanc - tify every place and cure ev - 'ry ill.
We be - seech to pray that our souls be saved from the snares of the
en - e - my.

Cantor (Tone 8):



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.

Theotokion



The heav - ens sing your praise, O spouse - less Moth - er, and we glo - ri - fy
your giv - ing birth in a man-ner be-yond all words; O Theotokos, intercede
for the sal - va - tion of our souls.

Continue with the Prayer of the Holy Prophet Simeon (p. 18).

¹Format 23: Sundays During the Tridion