

Matins Propers

Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Council of Nicaea

in the Sixth Tone with the Tenth Resurrection Gospel

(The 53rd Sunday since last Pentecost)

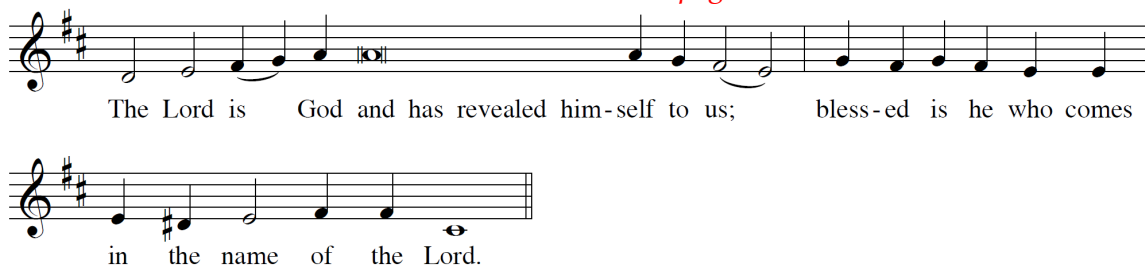
Hexapsalmos

*The reader chants only **Psalm 62** followed by "Glory..." on page 6.*

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

The Lord is God (page 9)

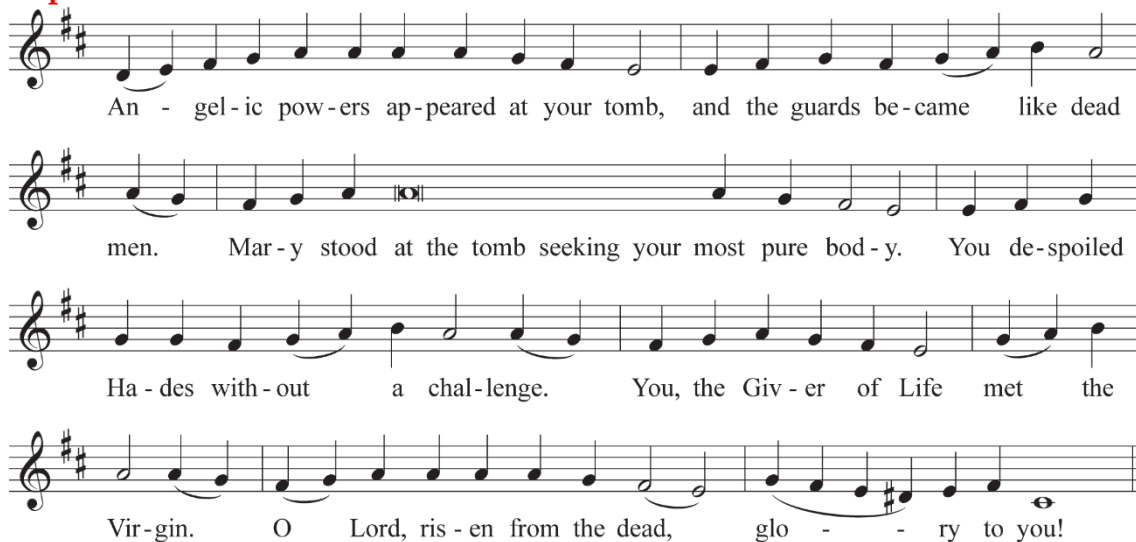
Tone 6



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

Troparia (page 9)

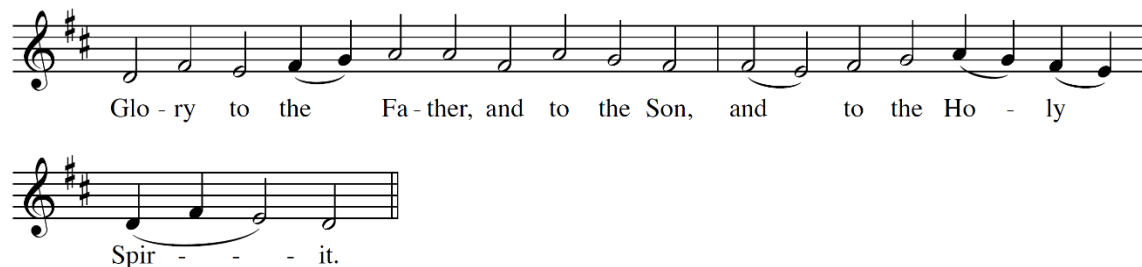
Troparion of the Resurrection – Tone 6



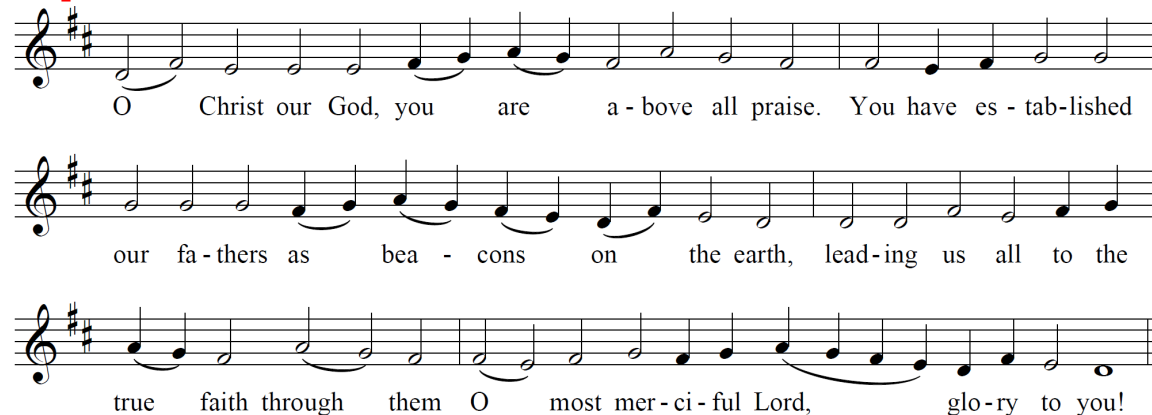
An - gel - ic pow - ers ap - peared at your tomb, and the guards be - came like dead
men. Mar - y stood at the tomb seeking your most pure bod - y. You de - spoiled
Ha - des with - out a chal - lenge. You, the Giv - er of Life met the
Vir - gin. O Lord, ris - en from the dead, glo - ry to you!

The repetition of this Troparion is omitted.

Cantor (*Tone 8*):



Troparion of the Council Fathers – Tone 8



Cantor (*Tone 4*):



Troparion of Ascension – Tone 4



Kathismata (page 10)

The 2nd Kathisma is omitted

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.

From 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

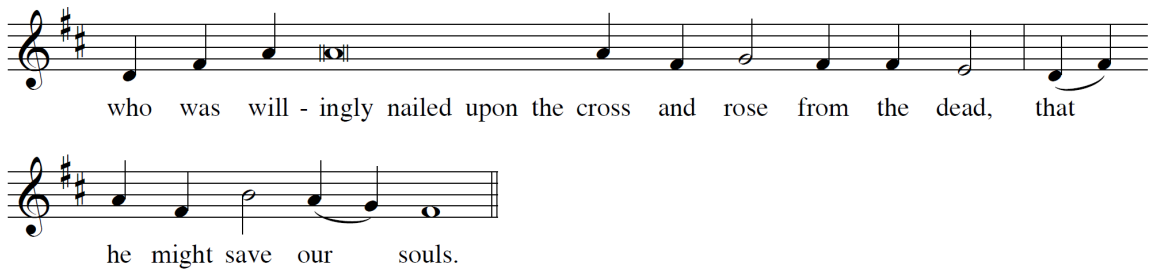
People: Now and ever and forever. Amen.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Glory to you, O God! (*three times*)

Matins continues with the Small Litany on page 10.

Sessional Hymn (page 11)

The Theotokion of the 2nd set of Sessional Hymns from the Pentecostarion (Tone 6):

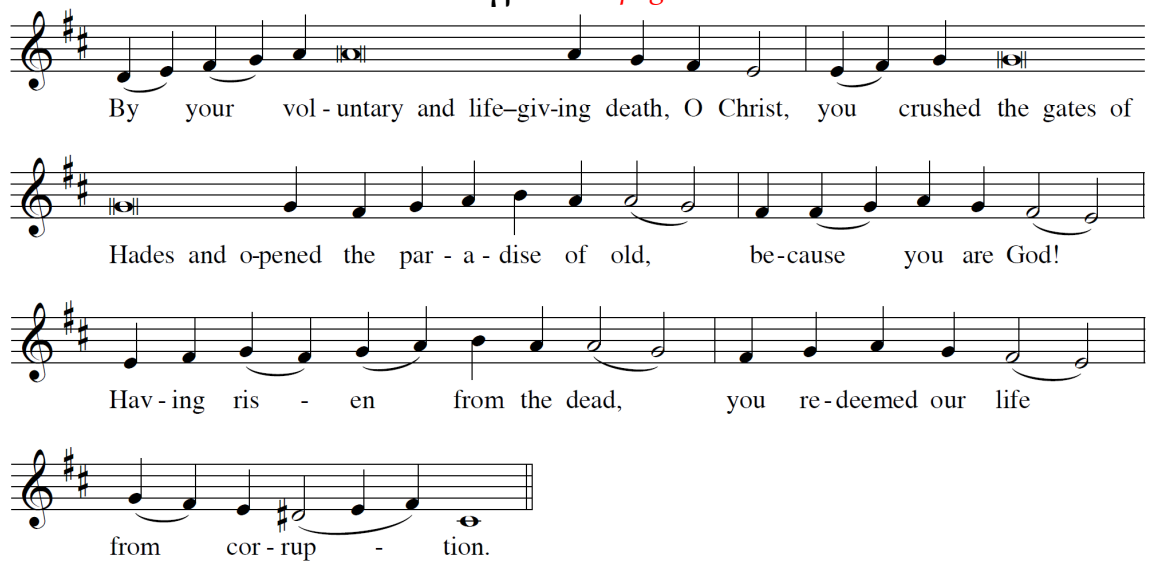




Matins continues with Ps. 118 (p. 17) and then Hosts of Angels (p. 18).

Ἕψαλμὸς (page 21)

Tone 6

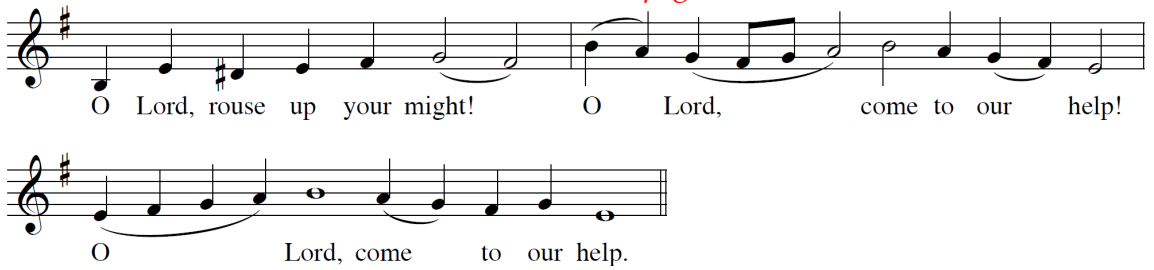


Στεπέννα (page 21)

*The Stepenna (Gradual Hymns) are omitted &
Matins continues with the Prokeimenon ("Let us be attentive!") on page 22.*

Prokeimenon (page 22)

Psalm 79: 3, 2

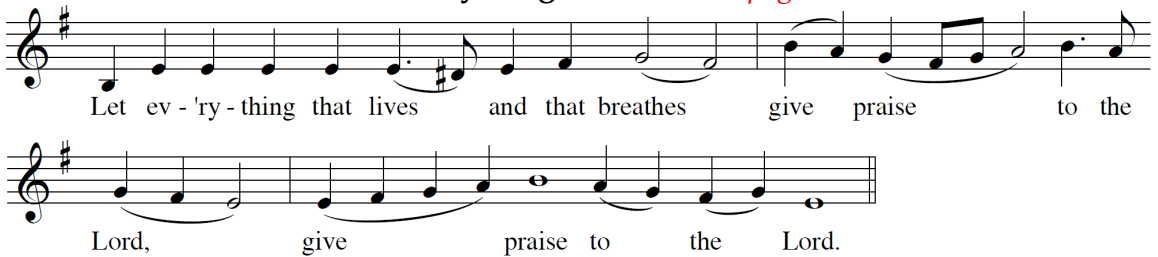


Deacon: O Shepherd of Israel, hear us;
you who lead Joseph like a flock

Matins continues with the Preparation for the Gospel ("Let us pray to the Lord") on page 22.

Let everything that lives... (page 22)

Tone 6



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

The Tenth Resurrection Gospel is read (John 21: 1-14).

Matins continues with the Hymn of the Resurrection on p. 24

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

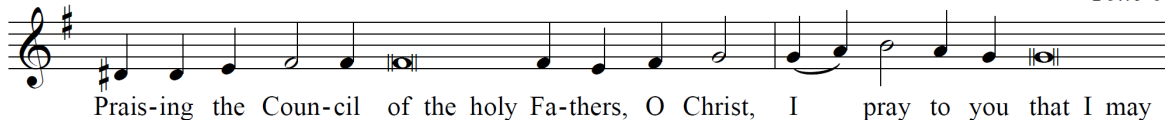
The Canon (page 32)

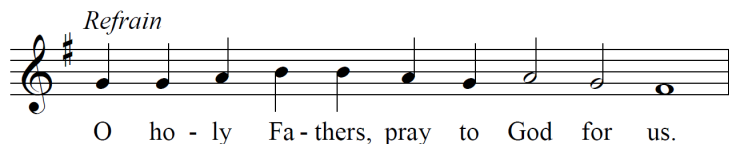
with Katavasiai of Pentecost

Ode 1

Irmos

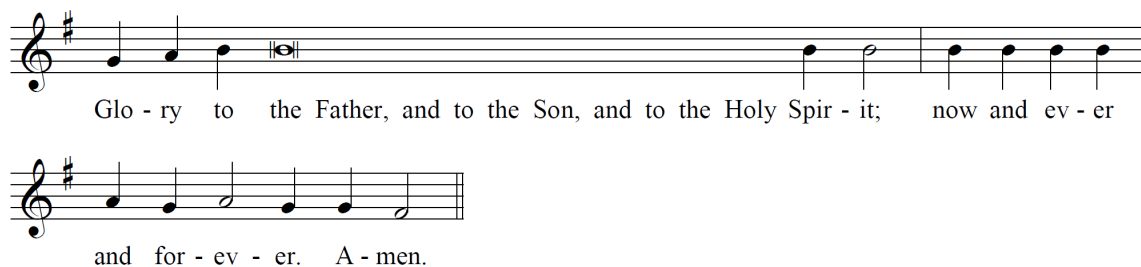
Tone 6





The God-mantled Fathers gathered on this day as bright torches flaming with light, O Christ; they recognized you as the only Son of God, consubstantial and coeternal with the Father. *Refrain*

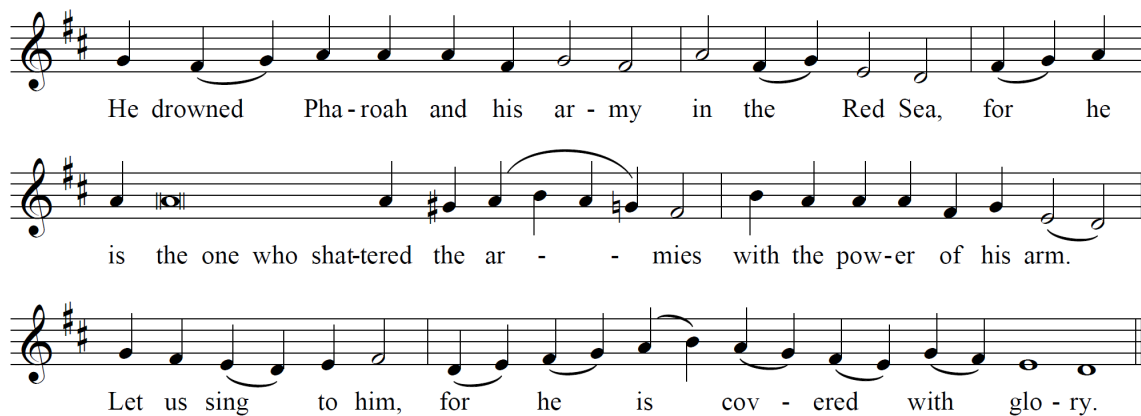
The brilliant friends of the bridegroom have offered jewels to your spouse, the Church, O Lord. These jewels are their teachings of the faith, and they have adorned the Church with beauty.



Vested in divinely embroidered brocades, the holy Queen is led to the King, her Son and God, and she prays for the salvation of our souls.

Katavasia

Tone 7



Ode 3

Irmos

Tone 6

In his fool - ish - ness, Arius mingled movement and suffer-ing and di - vi - sion

in - to your di-vine gen-er - a - tion, but he him-self was cut down

by the spir - it - ual sword.

Refrain

O ho - ly Fa - thers, pray to God for us.

The holy teachers, arrayed for battle like Abraham of old before the kings, obtained the victory over your raging enemies by the power of your arm, O Lord of goodness. *Refrain*

The illustrious and first synod of your holy bishops, O Savior, has devoutly proclaimed you as begotten before the ages, consubstantial and eternal with the Father, and Creator of the world.

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.

No word nor any mortal language can worthily praise you, O Virgin, for it pleased Christ, the Giver of life, to be born without seed in your womb, O most pure Virgin.

Katavasia*Tone 7*

You said to your a - pos - tles, O Lord: Re-main in Je - ru - sa - lem
un - til the day when you shall be clothed with pow - er from on high;
and I will send you an - oth - er Par - a - clete, the Spir - it of the Fa - ther and of me,
in whom you will be strength - ened.

*Matins continues with the Small Litany on page 33.
Odes 4-6 are omitted and then Matins continues with the Kontakion & Ikos.*

Kontakion & Ikos (page 34)

From the Pentecostarion for the Council Fathers (Tone 8):

The preach - ing of the a - pos - tles and the teach - ings of the Fa - thers
have con - firmed the one faith of the Church which she wears as the gar - ment of truth,
wo - ven from the theol - o - gy on high, as she faith - fully imparts and glorifies
the great mystery of de - vo - tion.

Ikos: Let us listen to the Church of God which cries out to us in a sublime proclamation: Whoever thirsts, let them come to me and drink! It is in the cup of Wisdom that I mix my wine; I have mixed it with the world of truth; and the water I pour out is not the water of strife, but that of harmony in the faith which the new Israel drinks, to whom God appeared, saying: Look and see! I am the same, I have not changed, I am the God both before and after all time. There is no other but I. Those who drink this water will be satisfied and shall praise the great mystery of faith.

Ode 7 is omitted and the Canon continues with Ode 8.

Ode 8

Irmos

Tone 6

En - flamed by the rays of your di-vin - i - ty, your ho - ly shep-herds rec - ognized you

as the Creator and Lord of the u - ni - verse whom they ex - alt for - ev - er.

Refrain

O ho - ly Fa - thers, pray to God for us.

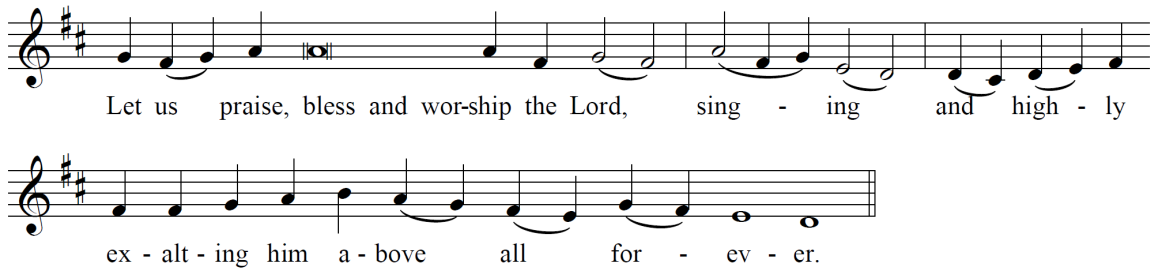
The illustrious choir of the shepherds, in their council, defined the uncreated Trinity; and they call the faithful to sing: It is he whom we exalt forever.

Let us bless the Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Lord.

The honored bishops and shepherds illumine the Church of Christ; they make it shine resplendently in all places and exalt it forever.

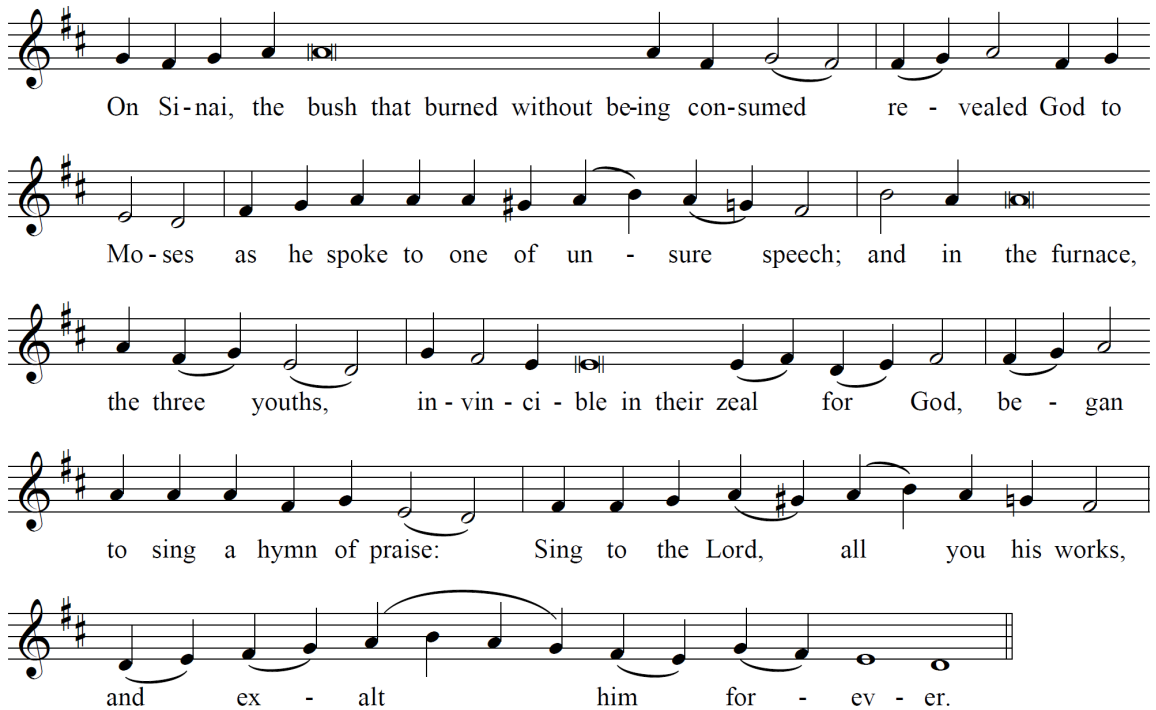
Now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men.

In symbols the prophets has mystically foreseen you, the Birthgiver of the Word of God; he took flesh and came forth from your womb in two natures; he is the One whom we exalt forever.



Katavasia

Tone 7

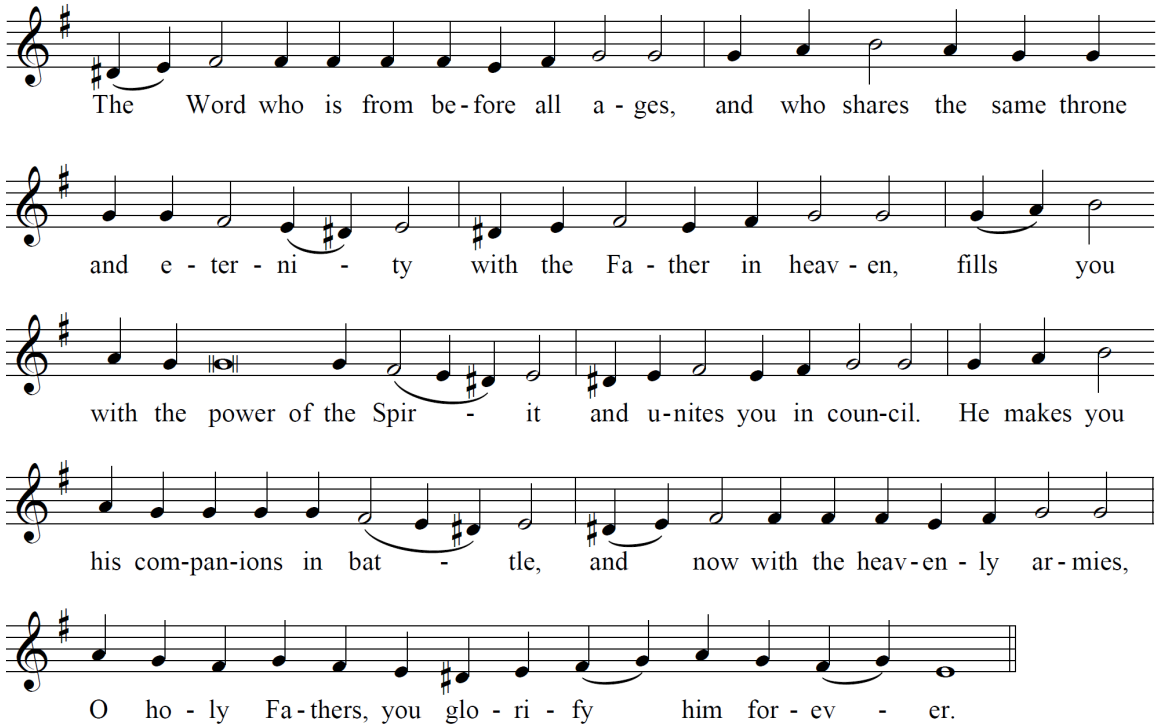


Matins continues with "Let us greatly extol..." & the Canticle of the Theotokos on page 34.

Ode 9

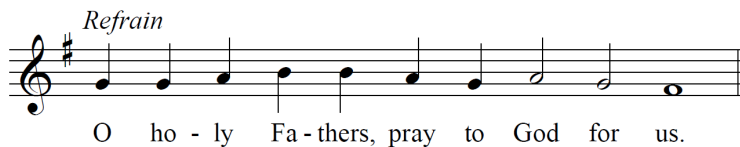
Irmos

Tone 6



The Word who is from be-fore all a - ges, and who shares the same throne
and e - ter - ni - ty with the Fa - ther in heav - en, fills you
with the power of the Spir - it and u-nites you in coun-cil. He makes you
his com-pan-ions in bat - tle, and now with the heav-en - ly ar - mies,
O ho - ly Fa - thers, you glo - ri - fy him for - ev - er.

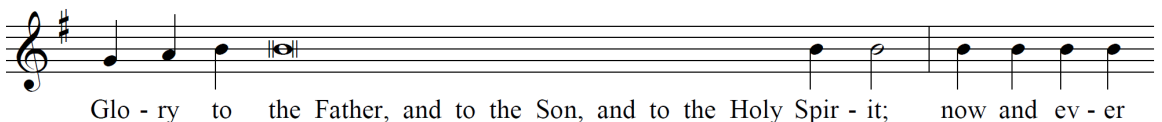
Refrain



O ho - ly Fa - thers, pray to God for us.

As wise physicians of body and soul, you have stopped Arius and his terrible heresy;
you established the Symbol of Faith for the people, and we, who now profess this faith,
glorify your sacred memory without ceasing. *Refrain*

O Light all-pure, you deliver my soul from the darkness of passions by the prayers of
these holy bishops, O Christ; in council they proclaimed you to be eternal and uncreated,
the Creator of the universe, and the God who shares the same eternity with the Father.



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 Theotokos and Queen, by your ineffable birthgiving which no one can comprehend, resurrection is given to the dead; for the Lord of life comes from you. He is clothed in our flesh; and dispelling the darkness of death, he has filled the whole world with light.

Katavasia

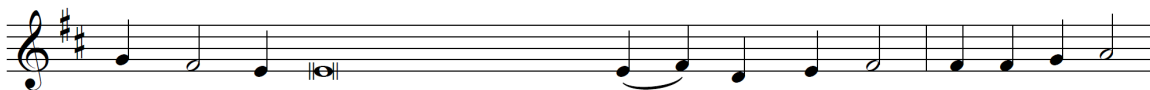
Tone 7



You have con-ceived in all pu - ri - ty, and the Word and Creator of the universe



takes flesh in you, O Spouse - less Moth - er and vir-gin-al The-o - to - kos,



the dwell - ing place of the One whom none could con - tain, and the a - bode



of the Infinite One, your Cre - a - tor, For this, we ex - tol you.

Matins continues with the Small Litany on page 36.

Holy is the Lord our God (page 37)

Tone 6



Ho - ly is the Lord our God! Ho - ly is the Lord our God!



Ho - ly is the Lord our God!

Hymn of Light *(page 37)*

The two sons of Zebedee, with Peter, Nathaniel, and Thomas, and two others were fishing in the Lake of Tiberias, By the command of Christ, they cast the net on the right side and drew out many fish. Peter, recognizing Christ, came swimming towards him. This was the third appearance of the Lord after his Resurrection. Then he shared with them bread and fish from the fire.

Glory...

Celebrating today the memory of our holy Fathers, we beseech you through their prayers, O Master of tenderness: Safeguard our people from all error and heresy; and grant that we may praise your glory, O Lord: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit.

Now and ever...

O Christ, you were raised up to heaven in the sight of your disciples; you again went up to share your Father's throne. The angels who came to meet you at the heavenly gate cried out: Open your gates and lift up your lintels so that the King of glory may come in, for our King comes again to the Source of light.

Matins continues with the Psalms of Praise.

Psalms of Praise *(page 38)*

Tone 6

Let ev - 'rything 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!

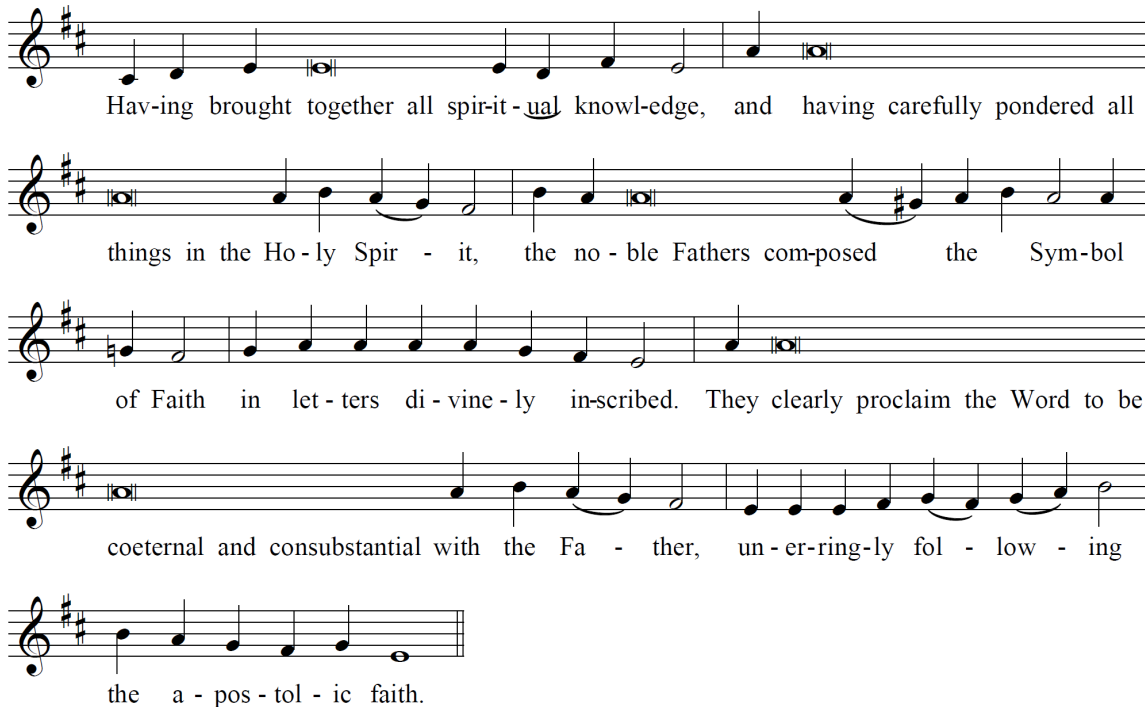
The Psalms of Praise continue with "Praise him, sun and moon..." on page 38.

Stichera (page 40)

The usual Sunday verses are not used.

Cantor (Tone 6): Blessed are you, and praiseworthy, O Lord, the God of our fathers,
and glorious forever is your name.

Stichera of the Council Fathers - Tone 6



Hav-ing brought to-gether all spir-it-ual knowl-edge, and hav-ing care-fully pon-dered all
things in the Ho-ly Spir - it, the no - ble Fa-thers com-posed the Sym-bol
of Faith in let - ters di - vine - ly in-scribed. They clearly proclaim the Word to be
co-eternal and con-substan-tial with the Fa - ther, un - er-ring-ly fol - low - ing
the a - pos - tol - ic faith.

Cantor (Tone 6): Summon before me my people
who made covenant with me by sacrifice.

The bless - ed preach - ers of Christ received the torch of the Ho - ly Spir - it;

they spoke with divine in - spi - ra - tion, us - ing few words, but rich in

mean - ing. They pro - claimed with boldness the doctrines of the Gos - pel

and the traditions of right - eous - ness. Clear - ly they have been il - lu - mined with

truth from on high; they have made firm the founda - tion of the faith

as a strong moun - tain.

Cantor (*Tone 8*):

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

Spir - it.

Doxastikon*Tone 8*

The choir of the holy Fathers hastened from the ends of the earth to pro-claim
the unique es-sence and na - ture of the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly
Spir - it; and to trans-mit clearly the di-vine teach-ing of the Church.
Prais - ing them in faith, we call them bless - ed and we sing: Di - vine
guard of the Lord and brilliant stars of the spirit-ual fir - ma - ment, un-con-querable
watchmen of the mys-tic - al Zi - - - on, sweet flow - ers of Paradise and
gold-en mouths of the Word, you are the glory of Nicea and the splendor of
the u - ni - verse; in - ter - cede with the Lord for our souls.

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