

Matins Propers for October 1st

⊕ The Protection of the Theotokos

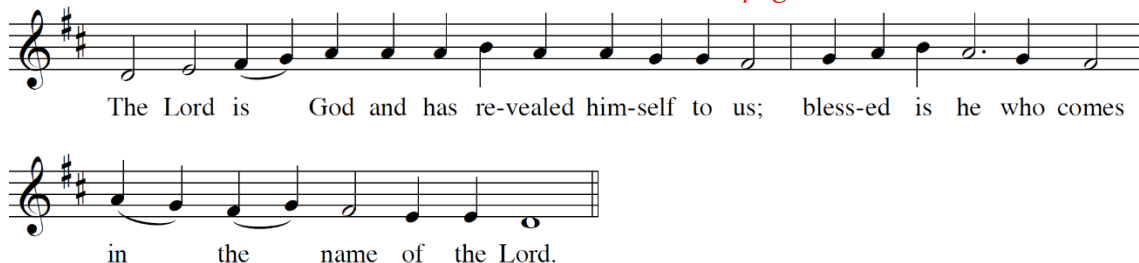
Festal Matins is celebrated. Bright vestments are worn. Abbreviated - odd

Hexapsalmos

The reader chants only Psalm 62 on page 3 followed by "Glory..." on page 6.

Matins continues with the Litany of Peace on page 7.


The Lord is God – Tone 4 (page 9)



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 Protection of the Theotokos – Tone 4



Pro - tect-ed by your appear-ance, O Moth-er of God; to-day, we devout people
sol-emn-ly cel - e-brate. Gaz-ing up-on your most pure i-con, we fer-vent-ly say:
Pro-tect us with your ho - ly veil, and de - liv - er us from all e - vil,
im - ploring your Son, Christ our God, to save our souls.

The troparion ("Protected by your appearance...") is repeated.

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.

The troparion ("Protected by your appearance...") is repeated a third time.

Matins continues with the Kathismata (page 11).

Kathismata (*page 11*)

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.

A selection from the 1st prescribed Kathisma is read (see page 66).

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*)

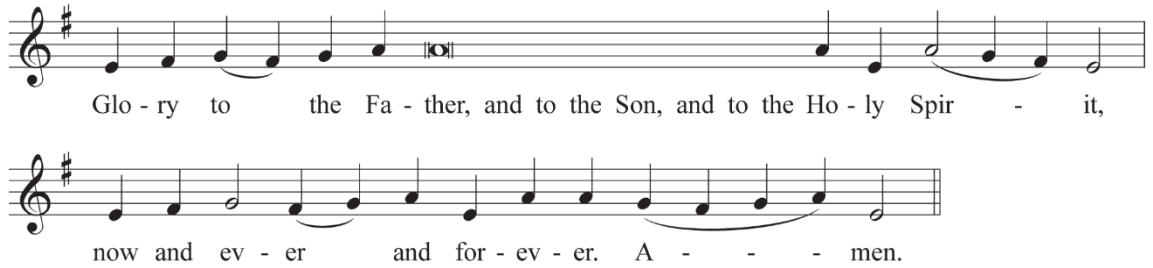
Matins continues with the small litany on page 11.

Sessional Hymn (*page 12*)

After the first chanting of the Psalter, this Sedalion, in Tone 3:

Encircled by the light of the angelic host, O Lady, * and by the ranks of the apostles and prophets, * and receiving as the Mother of God their holy veneration, * visit us, your servants, and entreat Christ our God * to grant us his abundant mercy.

Cantor (*Tone 3*):




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.

The Sessional Hymn ("Surrounded by the divine...") is repeated.

The second Psalter reading and Sessional Hymn are omitted.

Matins continues with the Polyeleos on page 13 followed by the Festal Exaltation (p. 15).

Festal Exaltation (*page 15*)



We ex - tol you, O most ho - ly Vir - gin,
and we hon - or your pre - cious Pro - tec - tion,
for the saintly Andrew saw you in a vis - ion pray - ing to Christ for us.

The exaltation is repeated after each verse:

Verse: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
and abides in the shade of the Almighty.

Verse: He will conceal you with his pinions,
and under his wings you will find refuge.

Verse: For there He keeps me safe in his tent in the day of evil.

Verse: He hides me in the shelter of his tent, on a rock He sets me safe.

Verse: Glory...now and ever...

Three times:

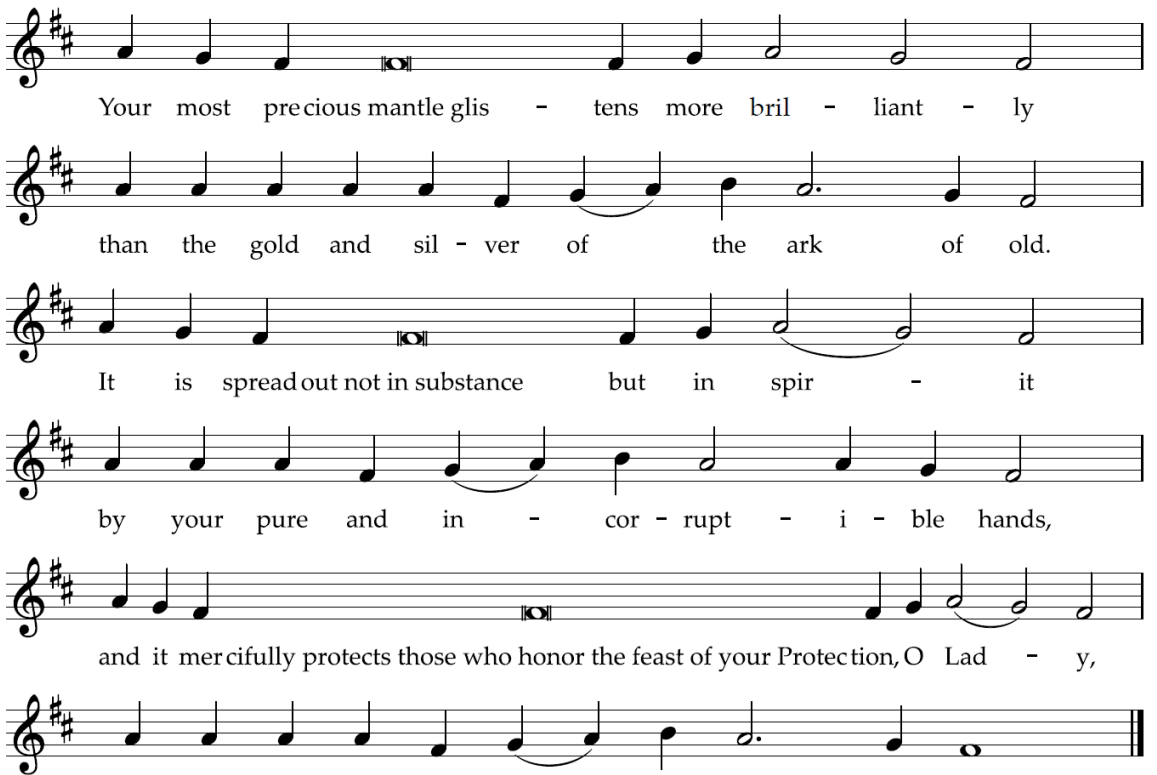


Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo-ry to you, O God.

Matins continues with the Small Litany on page 22.

Sessional Hymn (page 22)

After the Polyeleos, this Sedalion, in Tone 4 Kontakion:



Your most precious mantle glis - tens more bril - liant - ly
than the gold and sil - ver of the ark of old.
It is spread out not in substance but in spir - it
by your pure and in - cor - rupt - i - ble hands,
and it mercifully protects those who honor the feast of your Protection, O Lad - y,
which we joy - ful - ly cel - e - brate to - day.

The repetition of this Sessional Hymn is omitted.

The Hypakoe is not sung, even if it is Sunday.

Matins continues with the Festal Gradual Hymn (Stepenna) in Tone 4.

Stepenna (page 23)

Tone 4

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Ev - er since the days of my youth, man - y pas - sions have



fierce - ly waged a bat - tle a - gainst me: but



has - ten to my res - cue and save me, O my Sav - ior.

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All of you that hate Zi - on shall be put to

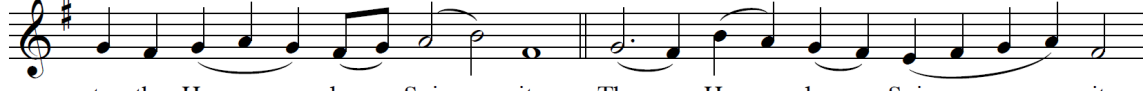


shame by the Lord: all of you shall be with - - - ered up,



as the grass is by the fire. Glo - ry to the Father and to the Son and

③



to the Ho - ly Spir - it: The Ho - ly Spir - - - it



gives his life to ev - 'ry soul; it is ex - alt - ed in pu - ri - ty;



it is il - lu - - - mined by the one God in three Per - sons

in a sa - cred mys - ter - y. Now and ev - er and
 for ev - er. A - men. The Ho - ly Spir - - - it
 caus - es streams of grace which are flow - ing for us all,
 and they wa - ter the whole cre - a - - tion that we
 all might live in him.

Matins continues with the Prokeimenon ("Let us be attentive...") on page 23.

Prokeimenon (page 23)

Tone 4

I will make your name re - mem - bered from gen - er - a - tion to
 gen - er - a - - tion.

Deacon: Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words.

Matins continues with the Preparation for the Gospel ("Let us pray...") on page 23.

Let everything that lives... (page 24)

Tone 4

Let ev - 'ry - thing that lives and that breathes give praise to the Lord,
give praise to the Lord.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

The Preparation for the Gospel continues with "That we may be deemed..." on page 24.

The Gospel is read (Luke 1:39-49, 56).

Only if it is Sunday, the Hymn of the Resurrection (p. 25) is sung.

Matins then continues with Psalm 50 on page 27.

Stichera at Psalm 50 (page 28).

Cantor (Tone 6):

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.
Through the pray'rs of the The - o - to - kos, O Mer - ci - ful One, cleanse us
of our man - y sins.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, the second staff for the second line, and the third staff for the third line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

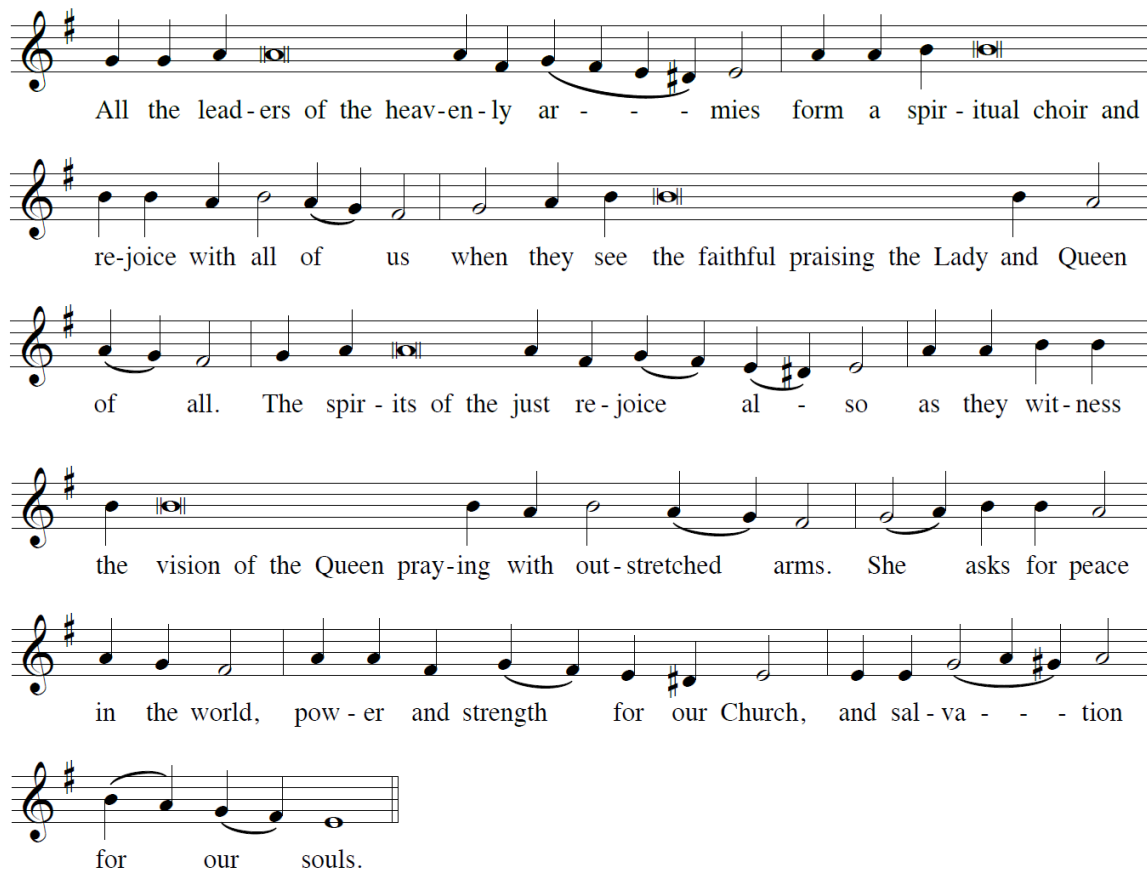
Cantor (Tone 6):

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

The image shows one staff of musical notation in D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Repeat: "Through the prayers..."

Cantor (*Tone 8*): Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion, blot out my offense.



All the lead-ers of the heav-en-ly ar - - - mies form a spir - itual choir and
re-joyce with all of us when they see the faithful praising the Lady and Queen
of all. The spir - its of the just re-joyce al - so as they wit-ness
the vision of the Queen pray-ing with out-stretched arms. She asks for peace
in the world, pow - er and strength for our Church, and sal - va - - - tion
for our souls.

Matins continues with the prayer "Save your people..." on page 32.

The Canon (page 34)

The faithful come forward to venerate the Gospel Book on the tetrapod.

The priest (taking the hand cross) and deacon (taking the blessed oil) go to the tetrapod, where priest anoints all those who come forward.

ODE 1

Canon of the Theotokos (Tone 4)

Irmos:

I will o - pen my mouth; it will be filled by the Ho - ly Spir - it, and I
will offer my praise to the Queen Moth - er. I will cel - e - brate in joy;
in my re - joic - ing I will sing of these won - ders.

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

In the company of the angelic powers and united with the prophets and apostles, the Mother of God enters the Church today in splendor. She prays for all Christians and protects them with her mercy, that they may be delivered from all sorrow and distress.

Refrain

You have been called the Ark of Moses and the Rod of Aaron, for Christ the flower has blossomed forth from you, O Tree of Life. Entreat Him in behalf of those who honor you, O Queen, to deliver us from all evil that we may celebrate your feast.

Refrain

In times past, David gathered his choirs together and made music before the ark. Now we on earth honor you with the angelic powers in the Church, saying: O Queen, intercede for us who extol you, that we may reverently celebrate and glorify the feast of your Protection.

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.

Coming before you in the Church, the angelic powers offer you praise while the patriarchs and bishops glorify you, O Theotokos. Together with them the holy Andrew saw you praying to God for us sinners, interceding for mercy upon those who glorify the feast of your Protection.

The Irmos ("I will open my mouth...") is repeated as Katavasia.

ODE 3

Irmos:

O The - o - to - kos, life-giv-ing source of bless - ings, grant strength
to those unit-ed in faith who sing hymns of praise to you.
In your glo - ry, grant them the crowns of vic - to - ry.

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

Like an unploughed field you manifestly produced the divine Grain. Rejoice, O living table holding the Bread of life! Rejoice, O Lady, you inexhaustible wellspring of the Water of life!

Refrain

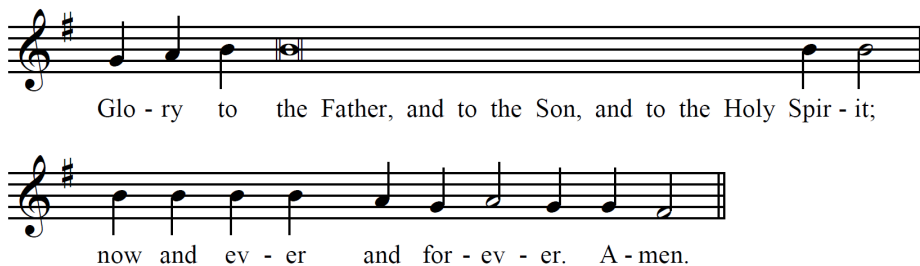
O Lady, we, your people, standing before you with faith in your church, await your mercy. Visit our lowliness, and with your holy protection defend Orthodox people from all evil.

Refrain

O far-famed Virgin, honorably prefigured by the prophets who, with the angels, now do you homage. Pray to God with them, that, rejoicing, we may all splendidly celebrate your holy protection today.

Refrain

Gideon prefigured you as a fleece, for Christ God descended upon you like dew. Pray you to him, O Theotokos, that he grant victory to our Orthodox hierarchs over all heresies, that, casting them down like the Midianites, they may glorify your holy feast.



O Theotokos, with your radiant veil you light the church and the people more than the rays of the sun, and by your visitation you drive away the darkness of our sins, praying for us to your Son and God.

The Irmos ("O Theotokos, life-giving source...") is repeated as Katavasia.

Matins continues with the Small Litany on page 34.

Sessional Hymn (page 35)

Sessional Hymn after Ode 3 (Tone 5):

O pure Ever-virgin, fervent and invincible intercessor, * excellent and unashamed hope, * bulwark, protection and refuge of those who have recourse to you: * with the angels beseech your Son and God, * that He grant compunction, salvation and great mercy to the world.

*The repetition of this Sessional Hymn and Odes 4-6 are omitted.
Matins continues with the Kontakion & Ikos of the Feast.*

Kontakion & Ikos (page 36)

Tone 3

To - day the Vir - gin is pres - ent in the Church, and with the
choirs of saints, invisibly prays to God for us. The an - gels wor - ship
with the hier - archs, the a - pos - tles re - joice with the proph - ets;
be - cause the The - o - to - kos prays for us to the e - ter - nal God.

Ikos: Come, believing people, let us delight in the glorious gifts of the Mother of God, because through her Adam was saved from corruption. Indeed, she is the ark built not by Noah, but by God. Of old, Moses was unable to see God in the burning bush. Today, however, all the world knows the Son of God, Christ incarnate, who was born of her and to whom she prays for us. Therefore, let us extol her as the Mother of God, for she implores the eternal God in our behalf.

The Canon continues with Ode 7.

ODE 7

Irmos:

The three youths walked cou-ra - geously about in the flam-ing fur - nace,
pre - fer - ring to wor-ship the Cre - a - tor ra - ther than cre - a - ted things
and they sang out in joy: Bless - ed are you and praised a - bove all, O God
of our fa - thers.

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

O Virgin, you were not described by all the prophets and were also unknown to the angels of heaven who minister to God; but now we all know you to be the Theotokos, and require your help and aid, O blessed one.

Refrain

O Virgin Theotokos, you mountain curdled by the Spirit which Habbakuk saw pouring forth the sweetness of healing upon the faithful, heal us who cry out to your Son: Blessed is the God of our fathers!

Refrain

He Who bowed down the heavens made His abode within you, O Virgin, and now regards your supplication, fulfilling your petitions, O pure Queen and Theotokos. To Him do you now earnestly pray, for we place our hope in you, O blessed one.

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 Christ God, our Creator and Savior, accept the entreaty of Your Mother, which she offers to You for us sinners, that, rejoicing, we may sing to You: Blessed are you and praised above all, O God of our fathers.

The Irmos ("The three youths...") is repeated as Katavasia.

*Ode 8 is omitted and Matins continues with "Let us greatly extol..." on page 36.
The Canticle of the Theotokos is **not** sung and the Canon continues with Ode 9.*

ODE 9

Magnification

Ex - tol, ex - tol, O my soul, O my soul,
the great - ness of the pro - tect - ion of the ev - er - Vir - gin Moth - er of God.

Irmos:

May ev - 'ry child of the earth ex - alt in spir - it
and hold a - loft the burn - ing lamp, and may the an - gels in heav - en
praise with joy the ho - ly feast of the Moth - er of God

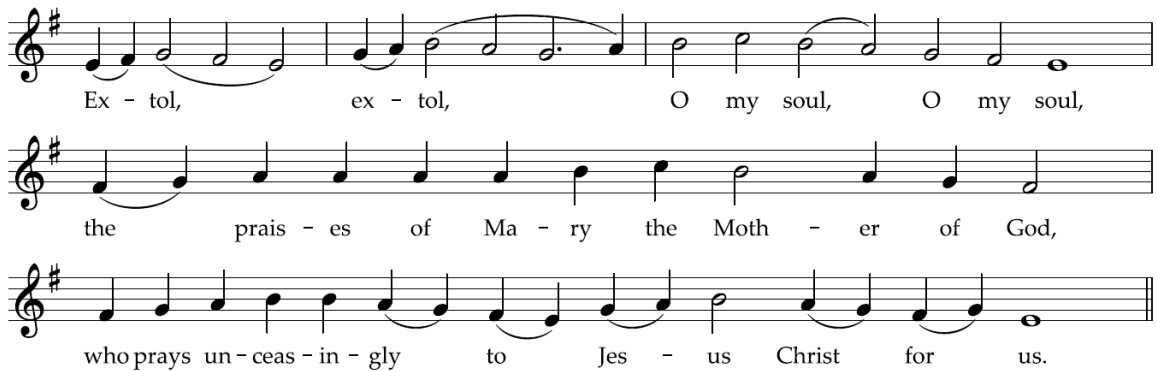
and sing: Re-joice, O The - o - to - kos,
 ev - er - bless - ed and ev - er - Vir - - - gin.

Ex - tol, ex - tol, O my soul, O my soul,
 the prais - es of Ma - ry the Moth - er of God,
 who prays un - ceas - in - gly to Jes - us Christ for us.

Heed the supplication which your Mother offers in behalf of us sinners, O High King, who sits at the right hand of the Father and is praised by the Seraphim.

Ex - tol, ex - tol, O my soul, O my soul,
 the great - ness of the pro - tect - ion of the ev - er - Vir - gin Moth - er of God.

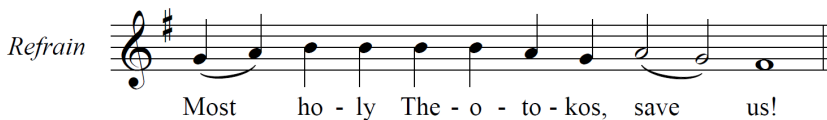
Cleanse us from our sins, save our city from danger, and increase the faithful throughout our land by the prayers of the One who gave birth to You.



Ex - tol, ex - tol, O my soul, O my soul,
 the prais - es of Ma - ry the Moth - er of God,
 who prays un - ceas - in - gly to Jes - us Christ for us.

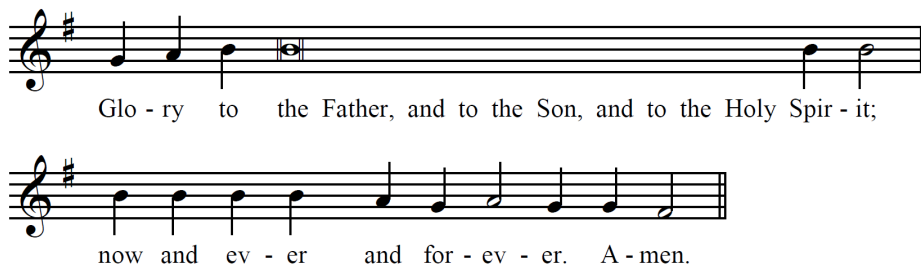
O Virgin chosen by God, we praise you in the words of the angel: Rejoice, for you have led Adam back to Paradise. Rejoice, O Hope of Christians who has routed the demons through your name. Rejoice, Enlightener of souls and Protectress of our city.

Refrain



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

Holy Virgin Theotokos, receive the prayers of us all so that we may not be cast down by our many sins. Deliver us from all danger and tribulation, for we glorify you and honor the feast of your Protection.



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 holy Mother of God, He has bestowed upon you the gift of healing the ills of all Christians, of delivering them from tribulation, of releasing them from sin, and of saving them from all danger. Do not turn away from us, O Lady, as we beseech you to grant us health of body and salvation for our soul.

The Irmos ("May every child of the earth exalt...") is repeated as Katavasia.

*"It is truly proper..." is **not** sung & Matins continues with the Small Litany on page 39.*

Holy is the Lord our God (page 40)

"Holy is the Lord our God!" is only sung if it is Sunday.

If it is Sunday, it is sung in the Tone of the Week.

Hymn of Light (page 40)

Exapostilarion:

O most holy Lady, Virgin Mother of God, extend your holy mantle over us; guide and protect our rulers and all people from every evil. As the holy Andrew saw you in a vision while praying, so today, O holy Lady, show us your loving protection.

The repetitions of the Hymn of Light are omitted and Matins continues with the Psalms of Praise.

Psalms of Praise (page 41)

Tone 8

Psalm 148

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 41.

Stichera (page 43)

The 1st & 2nd stichera of the Feast:

Cantor (Tone 8):

(on 2)



Praise him with timbrel and dance, praise him with strings and pipes.

O La - dy, we bow be - fore you,

and humb - ly pro - strat - ing, we pray to you.

Re - joice, O glor - ious Vir - gin,

most blessed by God and herald - ed by proph - ets,

for in you, Christ our God came down as the dew.

In your maidenhood, pure and undefiled, you gave birth to Him.

You carried in your arms the Lord and Cre - a - tor of all.

Im - plore Him now for us
 who faith-ful - ly glo - ri - fy the feast of your Pro - tec - tion.

Cantor (*Tone 8*):

(on 1)

O praise him with resounding cymbals, praise him with clashing of cym - bals.
 Let everything that lives and that breathes give praise to the Lord.

The angel choirs sing of you, O Vir - gin Mo - ther of God.

The patriarchs join the priestly ranks and holy apostles in prais - ing you.

They give service to you as to the Moth - er of God.

Hav - ing seen you pray to Christ our God, the Sav - ior of all,

they ask you to pray to Him to save the world

and all those who sincere - ly hon - or you
and keep ho - ly the feast of your Pro - tec - tion.

The 3rd sticheron of the Feast is omitted.

Cantor (Tone 6):

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

O Mo - ther of God,

the holy Andrew saw you in a vision with a multitude of arch - ang - els,

to - gether with the a - post - les and pro - phets,

and a mul - ti - tude of mar - tyrs.

You were pray - ing to your Son, our God,
for the ci - ty and the peo - ple,
cov - er - ing them with you ho - ly man - tle. So now, O most pure One,
do not for - sake the in - her - i - tance of your Son,
all those who keep holy the feast of your Pro tec - tion O most praised One.

Matins continues with the Great Doxology on page 45.

Troparion *(page 48)*

Troparion of the Protection of the Theotokos – *Tone 4*



Pro - tect-ed by your appear-ance, O Moth-er of God; to-day, we devout people



sol-emn-ly cel - e-brate. Gaz-ing up-on your most pure i-con, we fer-vent-ly say:



Pro-tect us with your ho - ly veil, and de - liv - er us from all e - vil,



im - ploring your Son, Christ our God, to save our souls.

*Matins continues with the Litany of Supplication on page 52,
the Prayer over Bowed Heads on page 54, and then the Dismissal on page 58.*