

Matins Propers for December 2nd

The holy prophet Habakkuk, who, in the face of the iniquity and violence of the people, announced not only the judgment of the Lord, but also his mercy, saying, "But the just will live by his own faith."

A Day of Alleluia in a Minor Fast. Abbreviated – Odd

"The Lord is God..." is not sung.

Alleluia is sung as during the Great Fast, with the Trinitarian Troparia of the tone of the week.

The Canon (page 34)

First, a canon from the Ochtoechos is sung, and then those of the saints.

Ode 1

Canon of the Prophet Habakkuk

Tone 4

The Irmos is not sung.

Verse: Holy Prophet Habakkuk, pray to God for us.

Make me wise, O Lord my God, that I may hymn Thy divine Prophet Habbakuk, and illumine my heart with Thy grace O Good One.

Verse: Holy Prophet Habakkuk, pray to God for us.

How long, O Lord, will I cry unto Thee, and 'Thou answerest not?" the prophet saith "Wherefore hast Thou shown me the injustice of the judges?"

Verse: Holy Prophet Habakkuk, pray to God for us.

By thine entreaties, O prophet, deliver from misfortunes and cruel circumstances, those who piously celebrate thine honored memory.

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: When the fullness of time drew nigh, our holy God appeared from thee, O Theotokos, becoming man, that He might save man.

*There is no Katavasia after Ode 1.
The Canon continues with Ode 3 of the Canon from the Ochtoechoes.*

Ode 3

Canon of the Prophet Habakkuk
The Irmos is not sung.

Tone 4

Verse: Holy Prophet Habakkuk, pray to God for us.

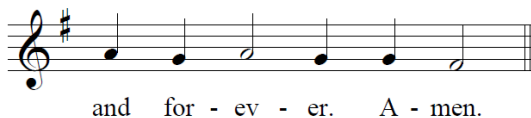
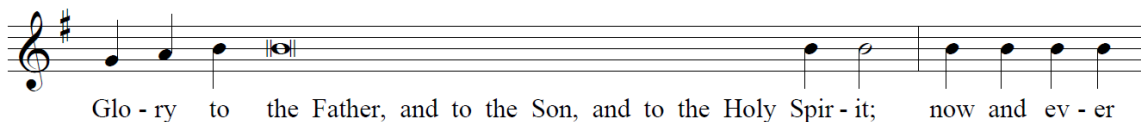
Elevated by lifting thy gaze unto God and illumined by the effulgence which doth emanate from Him, thou didst foresee the form of things to come, O thou who art made manifest by God.

Verse: Holy Prophet Habakkuk, pray to God for us.

Thou didst have every virtue, and with thy mind didst hate all wickedness, O most blessed one; and thou didst justly revile the iniquitous.

Verse: Holy Prophet Habakkuk, pray to God for us.

As one pure, O right wondrous one, thou wast entrusted with speech by the Holy Spirit, most manifestly prophesying the fulfillment of things to come.



Theotokion: O most pure one, thou hast been revealed as the mountain overshadowed by the virtues, from whence the Master hath come forth as a servant, to free men from slavery.

The Irmos of the Saint is sung as Katavasia after Ode 3:

The bow of the mighty is become weak, and the strengthless have girded themselves with power; wherefore, my heart hath been established in the Lord.

Matins continues with the Small Litany on page 34.

Sessional Hymn of the Prophet Habakkuk (Tone 4)

Thou didst stand on divine watch, O blessed and divinely inspired Habakkuk, and with the eyes of prophecy didst perceive the coming of God; wherefore, thou didst cry out with fear: O Lord, I have heard of Thy dread coming, and I hymn Thee, Who hast willed to bear the flesh of clay which Thou didst receive from the Virgin!

Glory ..., Now & ever ...

On Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Saturday mornings:

Theotokion: After God, it is to thy divine protection that I, the lowly, flee, O Theotokos, and falling down I pray: Have mercy, O all-pure one, for my sins have gone over my head, and I fear torment and tremble, O Mistress. O pure one, make supplication to thy Son, that He deliver me therefrom.

On Wednesday & Friday mornings:

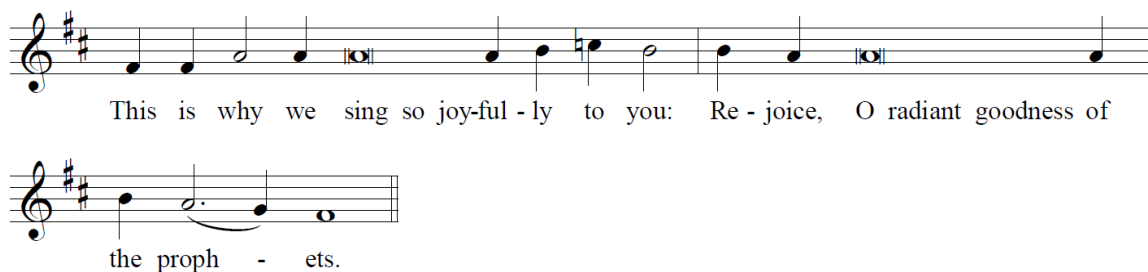
Stavrotheotokion: She who in latter times gave birth in the flesh to Thee Who wast begotten of the unoriginate Father, beholding Thee hanging upon the Cross, cried out: "Woe is me, O most beloved Jesus! How is it that Thou Who art glorified as God by the angels art now crucified by iniquitous men, O my Son? I hymn Thee O Long-suffering One!"

*Odes 4-6 are omitted
and Matins continues with the Kontakion & Ikos of the Saint from the Menaion.*

Kontakion & Ikos (page 36)

Tone 8

O di - vine - ly in - spired Ha - bak - kuk, you told the world that God would
come out of the south and from a vir - gin. At - tend - ing to the words of the
glittering guar - di - an an - gel, you pro - claimed the Res - ur - rec - tion of Christ.



This is why we sing so joy-ful - ly to you: Re - joice, O radiant goodness of
the proph - ets.

There is no Ikos & the Canon continues with Ode 7 of the Canons from the Ochtoechoes.

Ode 7

Canon of the Prophet Habakkuk

Tone 4

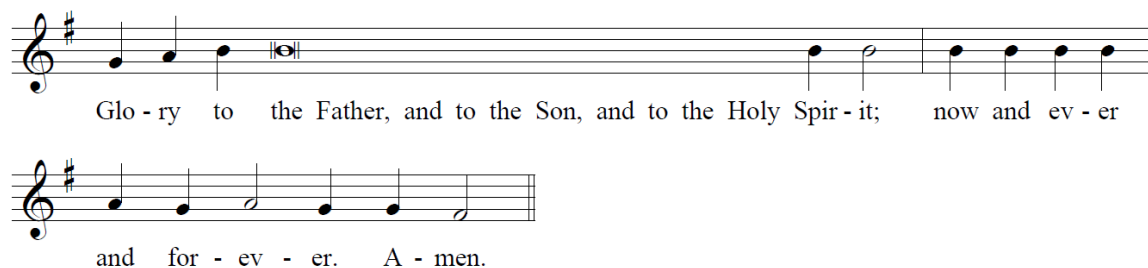
The Irmos is not sung.

Verse: Holy Prophet Habakkuk, pray to God for us.

Taught understanding which transcendeth recounting, and prophesying a most radiant lamp,
O blessed one, thou criest out now: O God of our fathers, blessed art Thou!

Verse: Holy Prophet Habakkuk, pray to God for us.

Christ, Whom thou didst glorify, hath given thee thrice-radiant effulgence and a share in
never-waning glory, for thou didst cry out: O God of our fathers, blessed art Thou!



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: Among all generations thou hast been shown to be the blessed Virgin Mother
who, in manner past understanding, gavest birth to the incarnate Word; wherefore, we hymn
thee, O pure one.

There is no Katavasia after Ode 7.

*Ode 8 is omitted and Matins continues with "Let us greatly extol..." on page 36
and then the Canticle of the Theotokos is sung.*

The Canon then continues with Ode 9 of the Canon of the Octoechoes.

The Irmos is not sung.

Verse: Holy Prophet Habakkuk, pray to God for us.

Thy memory shineth forth, O prophet, emitting the radiant effulgence of thy divine eloquence, thy mystic teachings and prophecies, for those who honor thee, O most blessed Habbakuk.

Verse: Holy Prophet Habakkuk, pray to God for us.

Having preached the Lord of glory and foretold His manifest advent from the holy Virgin, O divinely blessed Habbakuk, thou wast filled with gladness, seeing it come to pass.

Verse: Holy Prophet Habakkuk, pray to God for us.

All the prophets rejoice in gladness on this thy joyous day, O divinely wise one, sharing in thy joy and divine glory. And, praying with them, save those who hymn thee.

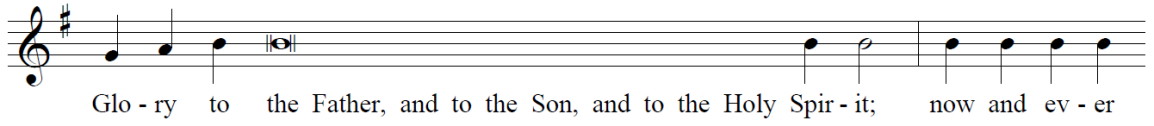
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and for - ev - er. A - men.

Theotokion: **W**ith the sprinkling of thy compassions, O pure maiden, wash away the defilement of my soul, and unceasingly cause torrents of tears to pour forth in me, staunching the torrents of my passions.

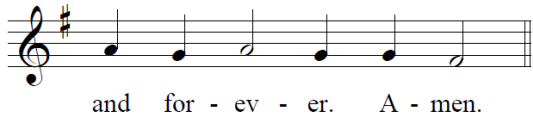
The Irmos of the Canon Saint is sung as Katavasia after Ode 9:

Thy birthgiving hath been shown to be incorrupt: God issued forth from thy womb, and hath appeared on earth in the flesh and made His abode among men. Wherefore, we all magnify thee, O Theotokos.

Matins continues with "It is truly proper to glorify you...", on p. 38.



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and for - ev - er. A - men.