

Aposticha of the Fourth Sunday, p. 75, concluding with:

Cantor: (Tone 4) Glory...now and ever...

Aposticha Doxastikon of the Prefeast of the Annunciation - Tone 4

The Mother of God, upon hearing, did not un-der-stand the mes-sage of the
arch-an-gel be-cause he was speaking the words of glad tid-ings to her.
She ac-cept-ed his greet-ing with faith and con-ceived you, the e-ter-nal God.
There-fore, we joy-ful-ly sing to you: O God, you became incarnate, with-out
change, from her; and you grant peace and great mer-cy to the world.

The service continues with the Prayer of Simeon on page 14.

**Vespers Propers on the Afternoon of
The Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast
March 22, 2009**

Pre-festive day of the Annunciation.

*All page references are to **The Order of Vespers on Sunday Afternoons in the Great Fast***

*Psalm 140 and Stichera of Forgiveness in the tone of the week (Tone 4, p. 36)
Stichera of the Fourth Sunday of the Fast, p. 73*

Cantor: (Tone 4) Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

Pre-festive stichera of the Annunciation - Tone 4 samohlasen

The archangel Gabriel affirms the mys-ter-y which was hidden and un-known
to the an-gels; he now comes to you, the most pure and beautiful Dove,
the Chosen One the the hu-man race. He cries out to you: Rejoice, O most
Ho-ly One, pre-pare yourself to receive, by my word, the Word of God
in your womb.

Cantor: Praise the Lord, all you nations; **Psalm 116**
(on 2) acclaim him, all you peoples!

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A light-bear-ing pal - ace, the pure womb of the hand-maid-en of God
 has been prepared for You, O Mas - ter. Come down and dwell with-in her.
 In your love for your cre - a - tion, save us from the slaver-y of death
 and re-store us to our for-mer beau - ty. By your com-ing, grant us your peace
 and sal - va - tion.

Cantor: Strong is the love of the Lord for us;
 (on 1) he is faithful forever.

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O all-im-mac-u-late One, the archangel Gabriel openly comes to you and cries out:
 Re-joyce, O Remission of the curse! Re - joyce, O Resurrection of the fall - en!
 Re - joyce, for you a-lone were cho-sen for God! Re - joyce, O Chariot of the Sun
 of Glo-ry! Re - ceive Him who is with - out flesh and who de - sires

to a - bide in your womb.

Cantor: Glory...now and ever...

Prefestive doxastikon of the Annunciation - Tone 2 samohlasen

To - day Gabriel announces the good news to the wo-man full of grace: Re - joyce,
 O Vir - gin who has not known wed - lock; do not fear the strange-ness of my
 ap - pear - ance, for I am an arch - an - - - gel. For - mer - ly
 the serpent was the cause of grief to Eve, but now is is great joy that I
 an-nounce: You shall re-main a virgin, and yet you shall give birth to the Lord.

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Prokeimenon for the Fourth Sunday, p. 10