

Vesper Propers, November 20, 2011
Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost
Prefestive Day of the Entrance of the Theotokos

Our venerable father Gregory the Decapolite at Constantinople, monk. He first professed the monastic life and then the life of an anchorite. Then he made a journey and settled for a long while in Thessalonica. Finally he returned his soul to God at Constantinople where he fought vigorously in defense of the holy Images. (9th century)

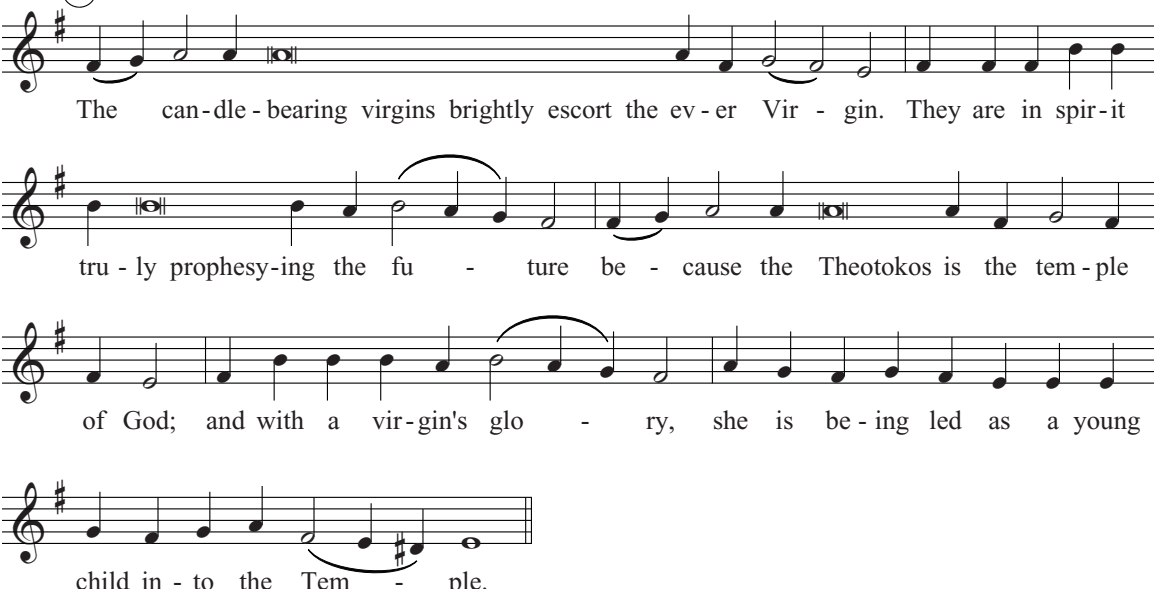
Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2006

Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 6, p. 82), stichera 10-7.

Cantor: (Tone 1) If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?
(on 6) But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.

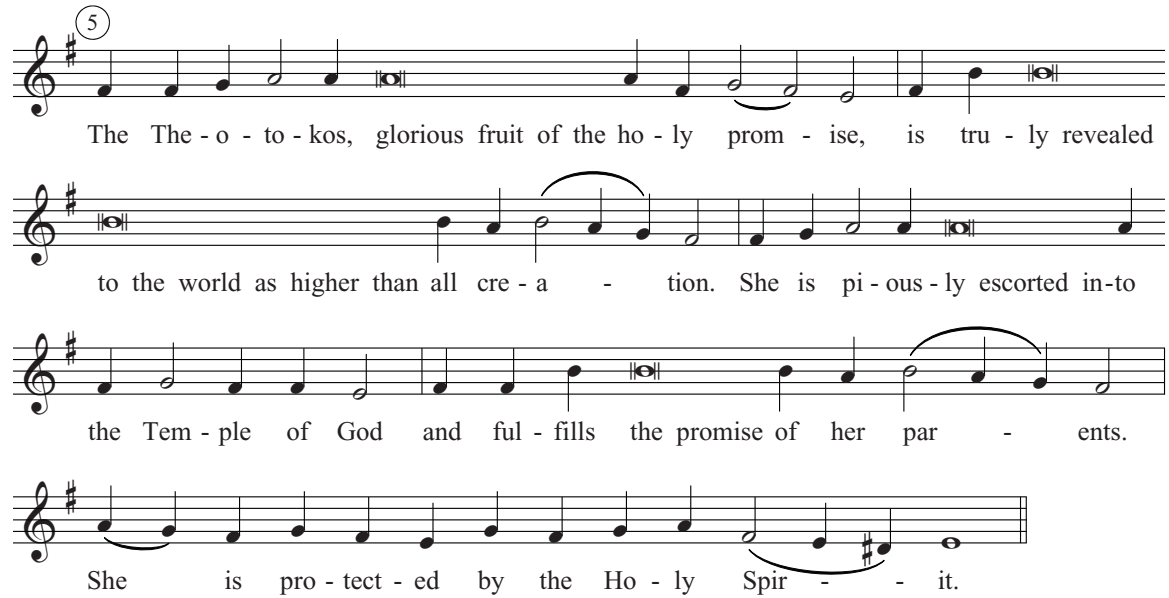
Stichera of the pre-feast - Tone 1 samohlasen

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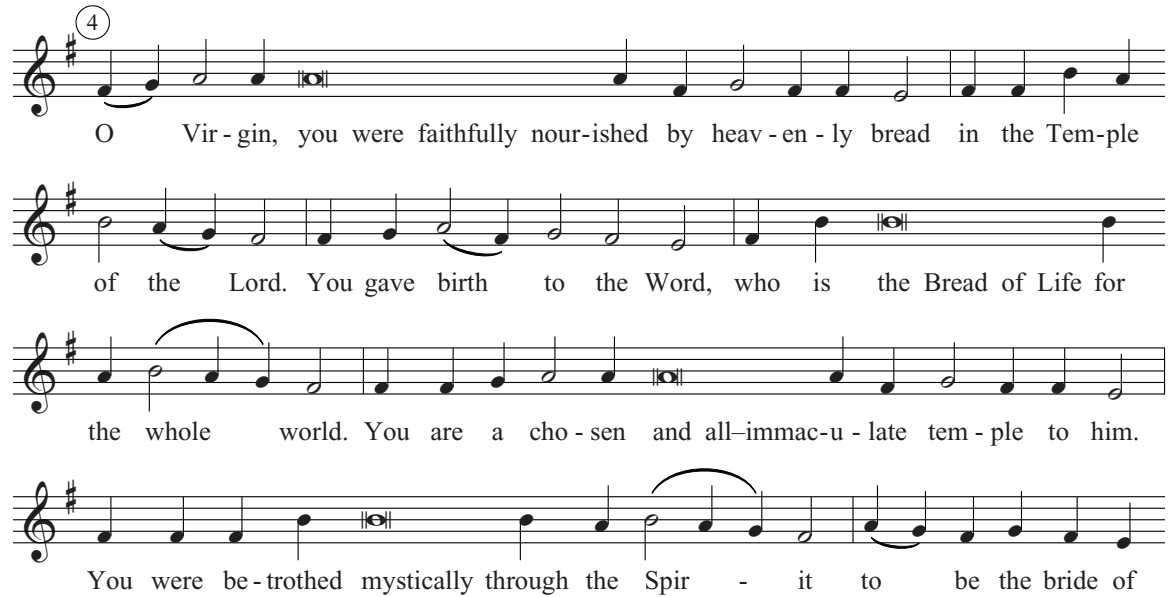
The can-dle-bearing virgins brightly escort the ev-er Vir-gin. They are in spir-it
tru-ly prophesy-ing the fu-ture be-cause the Theotokos is the tem-ple
of God; and with a vir-gin's glo-ry, she is be-ing led as a young
child in-to the Tem-ple.

Cantor: My soul is longing for the Lord. I count on his word.
(on 5) My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.

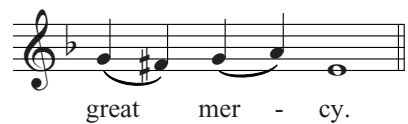


The The - o - to - kos, glorious fruit of the ho - ly prom - ise, is tru - ly revealed
to the world as higher than all cre - a - tion. She is pi - ous - ly escorted in-to
the Tem - ple of God and ful - fills the promise of her par - ents.
She is pro - tect - ed by the Ho - ly Spir - it.

Cantor: Let the watchman count on daybreak
(on 4) and Israel on the Lord.



O Vir - gin, you were faithfully nour-ished by heav - en - ly bread in the Tem-ple
of the Lord. You gave birth to the Word, who is the Bread of Life for
the whole world. You are a cho - sen and all-immac-u - late tem - ple to him.
You were be-trothed mystically through the Spir - it to be the bride of



The service continues with the Prayer of the Holy Prophet Simeon on p. 19.

Troparia

Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the Week (Tone 6, p. 91), then:

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

Troparion of the pre-feast - Tone 4

Musical notation for the Troparion of the pre-feast in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is spread across five staves. The lyrics are: "To - day An - na prepares for us a joy that dis - pels all sad - ness for she has blos - somed and borne the on - ly Ev - er - Vir - gin. To - day she fulfills her vows with glad - ness and leads in - to the Tem - ple of the Lord the one who is the true tem - ple of God the Word and his pure Moth - er." The melody features a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes with various rests.

The service continues with the dismissal on p. 21.



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

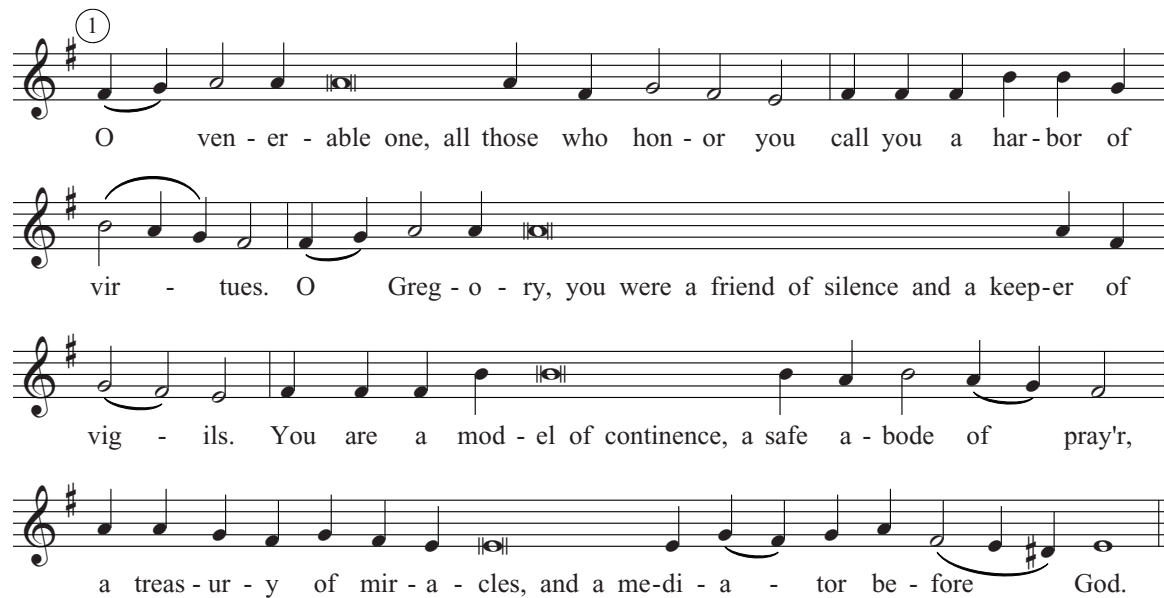
Stichera of our venerable father Gregory the Decapolite - Tone 1 samohlasen

Musical notation for the Stichera of our venerable father Gregory the Decapolite in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is spread across three staves. The lyrics are: "Liv - ing joy - ful - ly in the heavenly a - bode, O Fa - ther, you al - ways stand with the angels be - fore the throne of the Lord. Pray that he grant the re - mis - sion of sins to those on earth who ob - serve your mem - o - ry." The melody features a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes with various rests.

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

Musical notation for the Cantor's Stichera in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is spread across three staves. The lyrics are: "Through pray'r and dis - ci - pline, O Fa - ther Greg - o - ry, you cut the thorns of pas - sion. You turned up the spir - it - u - al ground and cast into it the seeds of pi - e - ty. In this man - ner, you reaped fruits of heal - ing for us." The melody features a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes with various rests.

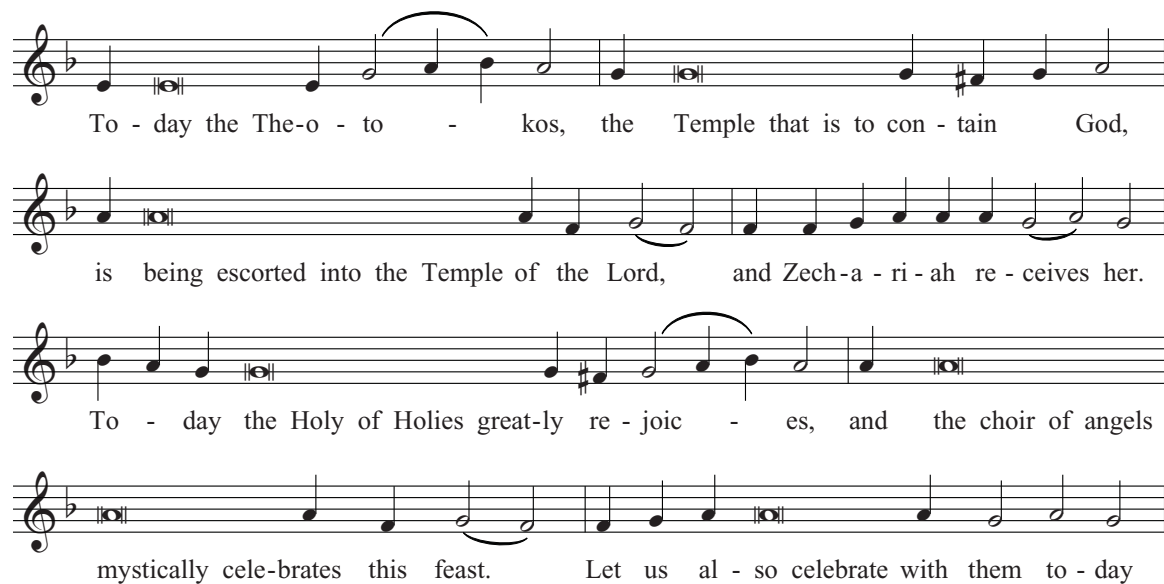
Cantor: Strong is the love of the Lord for us;
(on 1) he is faithful forever.



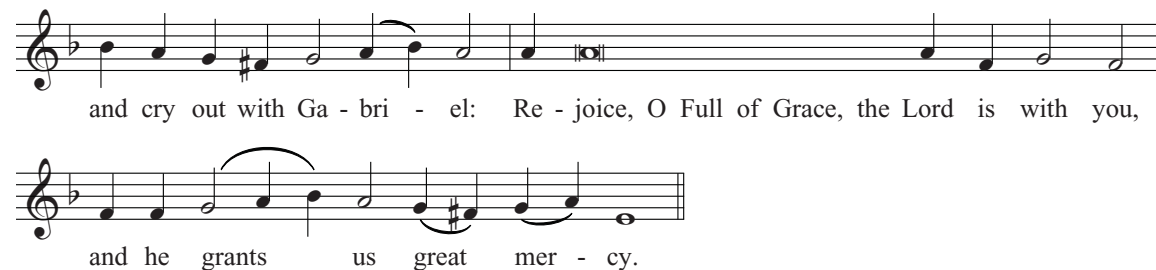
O ven - er - able one, all those who hon - or you call you a har - bor of
vir - tues. O Greg - o - ry, you were a friend of silence and a keep - er of
vig - ils. You are a mod - el of continence, a safe a - bode of pray'r,
a treas - ur - y of mir - a - cles, and a me - di - a - tor be - fore God.

Cantor: (Tone 4) Glory...

Doxastikon of the pre-feast - Tone 4



To - day the The - o - to - kos, the Temple that is to con - tain God,
is being escorted into the Temple of the Lord, and Zech - a - ri - ah re - ceives her.
To - day the Holy of Holies great - ly re - joic - es, and the choir of angels
mystically cele - brates this feast. Let us al - so celebrate with them to - day



and cry out with Ga - bri - el: Re - joice, O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you,
and he grants us great mer - cy.

Cantor: (Tone 6) Now and ever...

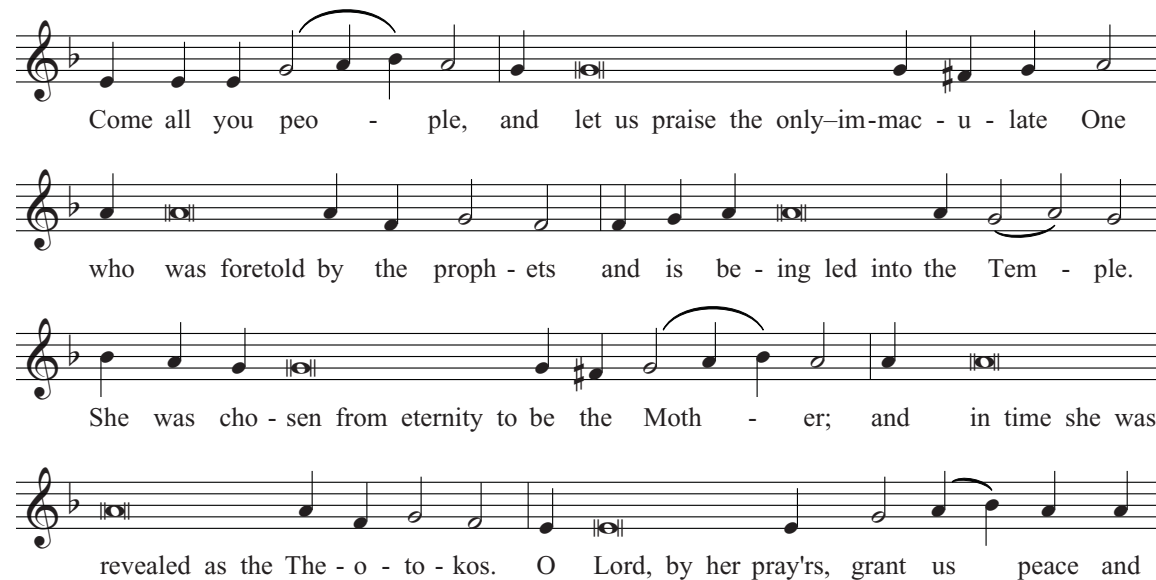
Dogmatikon in the Tone of the week (Tone 6, page 87).

Aposticha

Sunday aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 6, p. 88), concluding with:

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

Aposticha doxastikon of the pre-feast - Tone 4 samohlasen



Come all you peo - ple, and let us praise the only - im - mac - u - late One
who was foretold by the proph - ets and is be - ing led into the Tem - ple.
She was cho - sen from eternity to be the Moth - er; and in time she was
revealed as the The - o - to - kos. O Lord, by her pray'rs, grant us peace and