

At the Blessing of Bread, p. 119, the Troparion of the Annunciation is sung once by the Priest and twice by the people.

Troparion of the Annunciation - Tone 4

To-day is the sum-mit of our sal-va - tion, and what was hidden from before all
a - ges is re-vealed: the Son of God be-comes a vir-gin's son, and Ga-bri-el
an-noun-ces the good news of grace. There - fore, let us exclaim with him to the
The-o - to - kos: Re-joyce, O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you.

Vesper Propers, March 25, 2012

Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast

The Annunciation of the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary

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

Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 8, p. 102), stichera 10-7.

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

Tone 6 podoben: Vsju otloživše

Ga-bri-el stood be-fore you, O Maid - en, re - veal-ing the plan from of old.
He greet-ed you and said: Re-joyce, Un-sown Land; re-joyce, Un-burnt Bush;
re - joyce, Un-fath-om - a - ble Depth; re - joyce, Bridge leading to heav - en
and Lad-der raised on high whom Ja - cob saw; re - joyce, Di-vine Jar of
Man - na; re - joyce, Re-lease from the curse; re - joyce, Restora-tion of Ad - am,
the Lord is with you.

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.
All repeat "Gabriel stood..."

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

The in - vi - o - late Maid - en said to the angel-ic Com-mand - er:
You ap-pear to me as a man but what you say to me is be-yond hu - man words,
for you are tell - ing me that God will be with me and that he will
dwell in my womb. Tell me, how can I be-come the spa-cious con-tain - er
and ho - ly tem - ple of the one who is borne aloft on the Cher - u - bim?
Do not en-tice me de-keit-ful - ly, for I have nev - er known pleas - ure,
nor have I ex-pe-ri-enced wed - lock. How then shall I bear a child?

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

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

the tem - ple of God! by the divinity of him who was con - ceived. O what
mys - tery! the incomprehensible quality of the con-des - cen - sion and the
in - expressible wealth of good - ness! An angel announc-es this mir - a - cle.
The vir - ginal womb re-ceives the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it is sent down
and the Father on high is well pleased. Through the u - niversal will, reconciliation
is ac-com-plished for all. Let us, who have been saved in it and through it,
sing with Gabriel to the Vir-gin: Re - joice, O Full of Grace! For our sal - va-tion,
Christ our God took nature from you and joined it to him - self.
There-fore, im-plore him to save our souls.

The service continues with the Prayer of Simeon, p. 19

do not fear the strange - ness of my ap - pear - rance, for I am an
 arch - an - gel. For - mer - ly the serpent was the cause of grief un - to Eve,
 but now it is great joy that I an - nounce: you shall re - main
 a virgin and yet you shall give birth to the Lord.

Litija Litany, p. 116

Aposticha

Aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 8, p. 108), concluding with:

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

Theotokion of the Annunciation - Tone 4 samohlasen

To - day is the joy of the annun - ci - a - tion and the feast of vir - gin - i - ty!
 The creatures of the earth unite with those of heav - en. Ad - am is renewed and Eve
 is freed from her an - cient sor - row. She who is of our own substance be - comes

The bod - i - less one said: When - ev - er God so wills, the order of na - ture is
 o - ver - come, and su - pernatural things are ac - com - plished. Be - lieve that
 what I say is true, all ho - ly and all spot - less one. She cried out:
 Let it be done to me ac - cord - ing to your word and I will give birth to the fleshless
 one who bor - rows flesh from me, for he alone is a - ble, by shar - ing in it,
 to re - store hu - man na - ture to its an - cient dig - ni - ty.

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

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...now and ever...

Theotokion of the Annunciation - Tone 6 samohlasen

The Arch - an - gel Ga - bri - el was sent from heav - en to the Vir - gin
 to an - nounce the good news of her con - cep - tion. Com - ing to

Naz - a - reth he was a - mazed as he reflected on the mys - te - ry:
 How can the One Who Is incomprehen - si - ble in the high - est
 be born of a vir - gin? Heav - en is his throne, the earth is his foot - stool,
 and in a wom - an's womb he is con - tained. The six - winged seraphim and the
 many-eyed cherubim cannot look up - on him; yet, with a single word, he has been
 pleased to take on flesh. He re - mains the Word of God.
 Why do I stand still and not say to the Maid - en: Re - joice, Full of Grace, the
 Lord is with you; Re - joice, pure Vir - gin; re - joice, Un - wed - ded Bride;
 re - joice, Moth - er of Life; bless - ed is the fruit of your womb.

Readings: Genesis 28: 10 - 17
 Ezekiel 43: 27 - 44; 4
 Proverbs 9: 1 - 11
 Exodus 3: 1 - 8
 Proverbs 8: 22 - 31

Litija

Tone 1 Bolhar

In the sixth month, the lead - er of the heav - en - ly ar - mies was sent to you,
 O ho - ly Vir - gin, to an - nounce the word of sal - va - tion to you and say:
 Re - joice, O woman full of grace, the Lord is with you! You shall give birth
 to the Son who was begotten of the Father be - fore all a - ges. He is the
 One who will save his peo - ple from their sins.

Cantor: *(Tone 2)* Glory...now and ever...

Theotokion - Tone 2 Bolhar

To - day Ga - bri - el an - nounc - es the good news to the wo - man
 full of grace: Re - joice, Vir - gin who has not known wed - lock;