

**Vespers with Divine Liturgy, Evening of March 25, 2022**  
**Friday in the Fourth Week of the Great Fast**  
**ANNUNCIATION OF THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY**

*If the Annunciation falls on a Lenten weekday, the Divine Liturgy of Our Holy Father John Chrysostom is celebrated with Vespers on March 25, in the evening.*

*Supplement for **The Divine Liturgies of our Holy Fathers John Chrysostom and Basil the Great, 2006.** Music for the cantor verses can be found in a separate handout.*

*The service begins on page 104 in the **Divine Liturgies** book.*

**The Lamp-Lighting Psalms**

**Psalm 140 - Tone 7 samohlasen**

O Lord, I have cried to you, hear me. Hear me, O Lord! O Lord,  
I have cried to you, hear me; re - ceive the voice of my pray'r when I call up-on  
you. Hear me, O Lord! Let my  
pray'r ascend to you like in-cense and the lift-ing up of my hands like an  
eve-ning sac - ri - fice. Hear me, O Lord!

*Then the recited verses are chanted by the cantor and faithful. The faithful may SIT when the incensation of the church is complete.*

O Lord, set a guard before my mouth  
and set a seal on the door of *my* lips.  
Let not my heart be inclined to evil,  
nor make excuses for sins I *commit*.

Let me never share in sinners' feasting.  
If a just man strikes or reproves me it *is* kindness  
but let the oil of the wicked not anoint my head.  
Let my prayer be ever against *their* malice.

The princes were thrown down by the side of the rock;  
then they understood that my words *were* kind.  
As a millstone is shattered to pieces on the ground,  
so their bones were strewn at the mouth of *the* grave.

To you, Lord God, my eyes are turned;  
in you I take refuge; spare *my* soul!  
From the trap they have laid for me keep me safe;  
keep me from the snares of those who *do* evil.

Let the wicked fall into the traps they have set  
while I pursue my way *unharm*ed.

## **Psalm 141**

With all my voice I cry to the Lord,  
with all my voice I entreat *the* Lord.  
I pour out my trouble before him;  
I tell him all my distress while my spirit faints *with*in me.

But you, O Lord, know my path.  
On the way where I shall walk they have hidden a snare to *entrap* me.  
Look on my right and see:  
there is no one who takes *my* part.

I have no means of escape,  
not one who cares for *my* soul.  
I cry to you, O Lord.  
I have said: "You are my refuge, all I have in the land of *the* living."

Listen, then, to my cry  
 for I am in the depths of *distress*.  
 Rescue me from those who pursue me  
 for they are stronger *than* I.

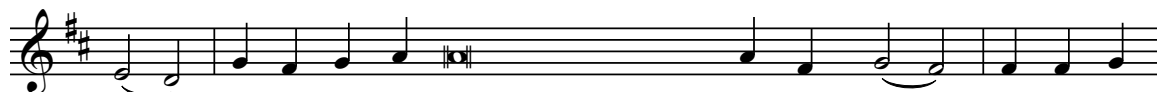
**Cantor:** (Tone 7) Bring my soul out of this prison,  
 (on 10) and then I shall praise your name.

**Stichera for Friday in the Sixth Week of the Great Fast - Tone 7 samohlasen**

All: (10) (9)



I have en-slaved the dignity of my soul to the pas-sions. I have be-come a brute



beast. I can no long-er raise my eyes to you, O Most High; but bow-ing



low like the publican, I be-seech you, O Christ, cry-ing out: Have mer-cy on



me and save me, O God.

**Cantor:** Around me the just will assemble  
 (on 9) because of your goodness to me. (All repeat: "I have enslaved the dignity of my soul...")

**Cantor:** (Tone 2) Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; **Psalm 129**  
 (on 8) Lord, hear my voice!

*Tone 2 samohlasen*

All: (8)



O vic-to-ri-ous martyrs, you did not long for earth-ly pleas-ure; you were made

worth-y of the good things of heav - en. You came to share in the citizen-ship  
of the an-gels. O Lord, through their inter-ces-sion have mer-cy and save us.

**Cantor:** Let your ears be attentive  
(on 7) to the voice of my pleading.

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Through the pray'rs of the ho - ly mar - tyrs and their songs of  
praise to Christ, all er - ror has come to an end, and we all  
are saved by faith.

**Cantor:** 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.

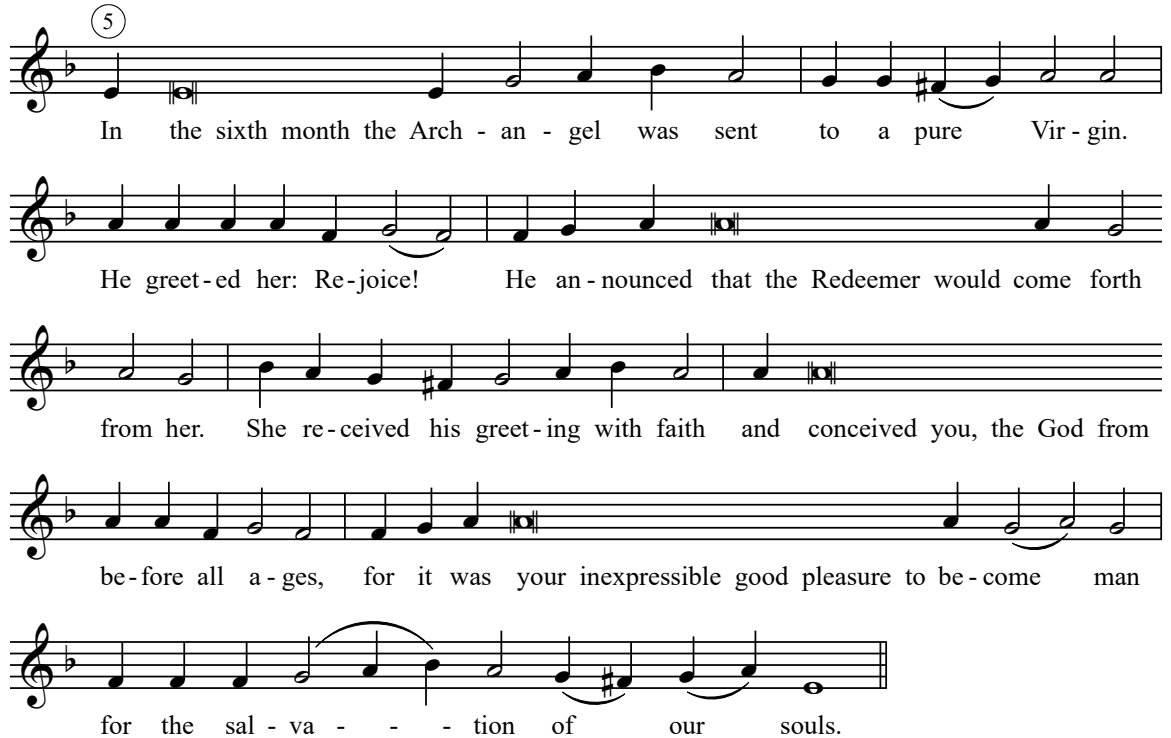
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As they with-stood the tor - tur - ers, the com-pan - y of mar-tyrs said:  
We serve in the forc - es of the King. Though you de - liv - er us to  
fire and tor - ment, we shall not de - ny the pow'r of the Trin - i - ty.

**Cantor:** (Tone 4) My soul is waiting for the Lord. I count on his word.  
(on 5) My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.

**Stichera of the Annunciation - Tone 4 samohlasen**

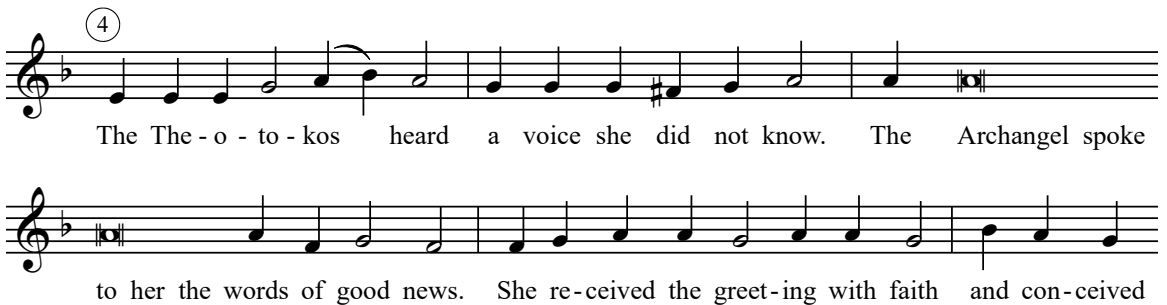
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In the sixth month the Arch - an - gel was sent to a pure Vir - gin.  
He greet-ed her: Re-joice! He an - nounced that the Redeemer would come forth  
from her. She re-ceived his greet-ing with faith and conceived you, the God from  
be-fore all a - ges, for it was your inexpressible good pleasure to be - come man  
for the sal - va - - - tion of our souls.

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


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The The - o - - to - kos heard a voice she did not know. The Archangel spoke  
to her the words of good news. She re-ceived the greet-ing with faith and con-ceived



you, the God from be-fore all a - ges. There - fore, we also rejoice and cry



out to you, O un - ap - proach - able God who were in - car - nate of her:



Grant peace to the world and great mer - - cy to our souls.

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




Be - hold our res-to - ra - tion is now re - vealed. God beyond words




is united with hu-man - i - ty. The er - ror is erased by the Arch - an - gel's voice,



for the vir - gin re - ceives the joy. What is earthly has be - come heav - en;



the world is freed from the an - cient curse. Let cre - a - tion rejoice and give voice




to hymns: O Lord, our Creator and Re - deem - er, glo - ry to you!

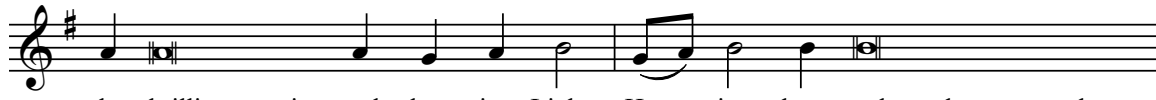
**Cantor:** (Tone 1) Praise the Lord, all you nations, **Psalm 116**  
(on 2) acclaim him all you peoples!

**Stichera of the Archangel Gabriel - Tone 1 podoben: Prechvalnii mučenicy**


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The arch-an - gel Gabriel, the spirit who sees God face to face, gaz-es up on



the brilliant, saving, and gleam-ing Light. He sings heav - enly and awesome hymns



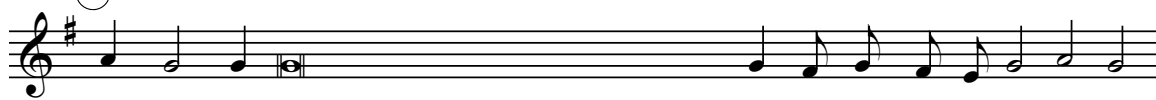
with the ranks on high. He im-plores God to grant peace and great mer - cy




to our souls.

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


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The great mys-tery, previously unknown to the angels and hid-den from e - ter - ni - ty,



is made known to you a-lone, O Ga-bri-el. When you came to Nazareth, you told



it to the pure One. To - geth - er with her, implore God to grant peace



and great mer - cy to our souls.

*Cantor only: (on A)*



You make your an-gels spi-rits and your min - i - sters a flam - ing fire.

(A)



O prince of an-gels, all - per - fect Ga-bri-el, you are filled with the di-vine



bright-ness. You ful - fill the wishes and commands of the Al - might - y.



Save those who lovingly ven-er - ate you. Al-ways ask God to grant



peace and great mer - cy to our souls.

*The faithful STAND.*

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

**Doxastikon - 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.

**Deacon:** Wisdom! Be attentive!

*The clergy and servers enter the sanctuary as "O Joyful Light" is sung.  
The sanctuary and the faithful are incensed.*



O Joy - ful Light of the ho - ly glo - ry of the Fa - ther Im - mor - tal,  
the hea - ven - ly, ho - ly, bles - sed One, O Je - sus Christ: Now that we have  
reached the set - ting of the sun, and see the eve - ning light, we sing to God,  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it. It is fit - ting at all times to raise  
a song of praise in meas - ured mel - o - dy to you, O Son of God, the  
Giv - er of Life. There - fore, the u - ni - verse sings your glo - ry.

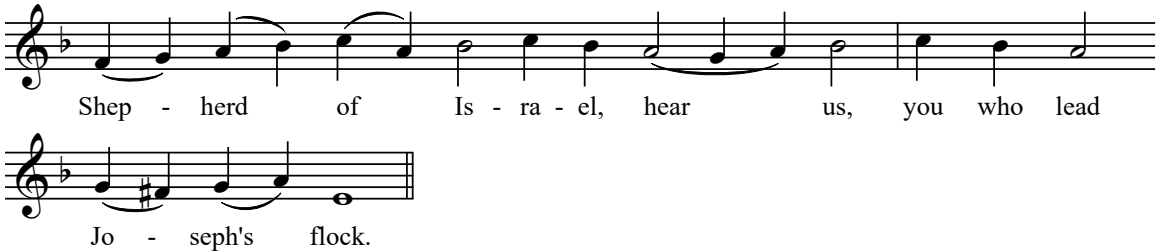
## Old Testament Readings from the Triodion

**Deacon:** Let us be attentive!

**Celebrant:** Peace ✠ be to all!

**Deacon:** Wisdom! Be attentive!

### Prokeimenon I - Tone 4 (Psalm 79: 2)



Shep - herd of Is - ra - el, hear us, you who lead  
Jo - seph's flock.

The musical notation consists of two staves in G major. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The melody is a simple, melodic line with a final cadence.

*Verse:* Shine forth from your cherubic throne.

**Deacon:** Wisdom!

**Lector:** A Reading from Genesis

**Deacon:** Let us be attentive!

*The faithful SIT while the lector chants the reading.*

**Lector:** [Genesis 12:1-7] (*Epistle Book, p. 274*)

**Deacon:** Wisdom! Be attentive!

### Prokeimenon II - Tone 4 (Psalm 80: 2, 3)



Ring out your joy to God, our strength. Ring out your joy to  
God, our strength.

The musical notation consists of two staves in G major. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The melody is a simple, melodic line with a final cadence.

*Verse:* Raise a song and sound the timbrel.

**Deacon:** Wisdom!  
**Lector:** A reading from Proverbs.  
**Deacon:** Let us be attentive!  
**Lector:** [Proverbs 14:15 - 26]

### **Old Testament Readings for the Annunciation**

**Deacon:** Wisdom!  
**Lector:** A reading from Exodus.  
**Deacon:** Let us be attentive!  
**Lector:** [Exodus 3:1-8] (*Epistle Book, p. 317*)  
**Deacon:** Wisdom!  
**Lector:** A reading from Proverbs.  
**Deacon:** Let us be attentive!  
**Lector:** [Proverbs 8:22-31] (*Epistle Book, p. 312*)  
**Celebrant:** Peace ☩ be to you, reader.

*The service continues with the Small Litany page 122) followed by the Trisagion ("Holy God") of the Divine Liturgy, on pages 27-30.*

*Propers for the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom are on the following pages of this booklet.*

**Prokeimenon of the Annunciation - Tone 4 (Psalm 95:2,1):**



Day af-ter day an-nounce the good news of our God's sal-va - tion.

*Verse:* Sing to the Lord a new song; \* sing to the Lord, all **the** earth.

**Alleluia of the Annunciation - Tone 1 (Psalm 71:6,17):**



Al - le - lu - - - ia! Al - - - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - - - ia!

*Verse:* He will descend like rain on the meadows, \* like raindrops on **the** earth.


*Verse:* May his name be blessed forever, \* more enduring than **the** sun.

*Instead of* “It is truly proper . . .”

**Magnification:**



O earth, an - nounce the good news, the good news



of great joy. You heav - ens, sing the glo - ry, the glo - ry of God.

**Irmos:**

*Tone 6 Irmos, simple setting*



Let no un - in - i - ti - a - ted hand touch the liv - ing Ark of God;

but let faith - ful lips, sing - ing with - out ceas - ing the words of  
 the angel to the The - o - to - kos, cry a - loud in great joy: Re - joice,  
 O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you.

*Or*

**Irmos:**

*Tone 4 samopodoben*

Let no un - in - i - ti - a - ted hand touch the liv - ing Ark  
 of God; but let faith - ful lips, sing - ing  
 with - out ceas - ing the words of the an - gel to the The - o - to - kos,  
 cry a - loud in great joy: Re - joice,  
 O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you.

