

If desired, Litija may be sung after the Ambon prayer. Then the celebrant sings the Troparion of the Annunciation once, censing the bread, wheat, wine, and oil. The people sing the Annunciation Troparion twice (incensing), the priest then blesses the litija, and all sing "Blessed be the name..." in the Lenten tone, and the Dismissal. The bread will be distributed at Matins.

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-joice, O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you.

If bread is not blessed, the troparion of the Annunciation may be sung after the dismissal.

**Propers for the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
Friday in the Fifth Week of the Great Fast
March 24, 2023**

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY when, in the city of Nazareth, the angel of the Lord announced to Mary, "Behold, you will conceive and bear a son, and he will be called the Son of the Most High." Mary said: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And thus the fullness of time was accomplished, and he who before time was the only-begotten Son of God was made flesh for our sake and for our salvation, by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became human.

Supplement for **The Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts** (2009). Page numbers refer to the people's book with complete music.

Antiphonal psalms for Friday, p. 12 Then the beginning of Psalm 140 is sung in Tone 6:

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!

Followed by the recited verses of the Lamp-lighting Psalms, pp. 19-21.

Cantor:  Let the watch-man count on day - break and Is - ra - el on the Lord.

Sticheron of Friday in the Fifth Week of the Great Fast - Tone 6 samohlasen

All:  I left the Jerusalem of your di - vine com - mands and went down toward the

 pas-sions of Je - ri - cho, dragged down by the false glo - ry of earth - ly cares.


 I fell in with thieving thoughts of e - vil, who stripped off the robe of my


 a - dop - tion by grace, leav - ing me wound - ed, with - out the breath of life.


 A priest came by and ignored me, looking down at my fall; then a Levite avoided me as


 some-thing un-clean. But you, O Lord, incarnate from the Vir - gin in - ex - pres - si - bly,

 have poured out your sal - va - tion like oil on my scars, O Christ our God,

 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-joyce, pure Vir - gin; re-joyce, Un - wed - ded Bride; re-joyce, Moth - er of Life;

 bless - ed is the fruit of your womb.

Prokeimena for the Friday in the Fifth Week of the Great Fast (p. 112)

Readings for the Great Fast:

- Genesis 12: 1-7
- Proverbs 14: 15-26

Readings for the Annunciation:

- Genesis 28: 10-17
- Exodus 3: 1-8
- Proverbs 8: 22-31

The service continues with the Solemn Evening Psalm on p. 25.

Cantor:

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spir-it,
 now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men.

Theotokion - 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

in the blood and water will - ing - ly shed from your side. Bind up my wounds with
 lin - en and merciful - ly in - clude me in the choir of heav - - en.

Cantor

Be - cause with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemp - tion.
 Is - rael indeed he will re - deem from all its in - i - qui - ty.

Stichera of the Annunciation - Tone 6 samohlasen

Ga - bri - el stood be - fore you, O maid - en, and revealed to you the pre - e - ter - nal
 plan when he greet - ed you and said: Re - joice, O Un - sown Ground;
 re - joice, O Bush Un - burned; re - joice O Un - fath - om - a - ble Depth; re - joice,
 O Bridge which leads to Heav - en, and Ladder which Ja - cob saw raised on high;
 re - joice, O Di - vine Jar of Man - na; re - joice, O Re - lease from the Curse;

re - joice, O Restora-tion of Ad - am; the Lord is

with you.

Cantor Praise the Lord, all you na-tions, ac-claim him all you peo - ples!

All: ^② The un - defiled maiden said to the angel-ic com-mand-er: How do you appear to

me in hu - man form but speak of su - per - hu - man things? You have

said that God will be with me and will o - ver - shad - ow my womb.

Tell me, how am I a spa - cious land? How am I a sanc - ti - fied place?

How shall I conceive the one who is borne up-on the cher - u - bim? Do not

de-ceive me, for I am in - no - cent. I have not known the pleasures

of mar - riage. How then shall I bear a child?

Cantor: Strong is the love of the Lord for us; he is faith-ful for - ev - er.

All: ^① The bod - i - less an-gel said: When - ever God so wills, the order of na-ture is

o - ver - turned to ac - com-lish su - per - hu - man deeds. Be - lieve that

my words are true, all-ho - ly and most pure one. She ex - claimed: Let it be done to

me ac-cord-ing to your word, and I shall bear the fleshless God who takes

flesh from me so that he may restore the ancient dignity of hu - man na - ture

by joining it to the di - vine, as he a - lone can do.

The faithful STAND.