

the wings of your sub-lime glo - ry. Watch over us who bow to you and cry out  
fer-vent-ly: De-liv - er us from dan - ger, for you are the com-mand - ers  
of the pow - ers on high.

**Cantor:** Now and ever...

**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.

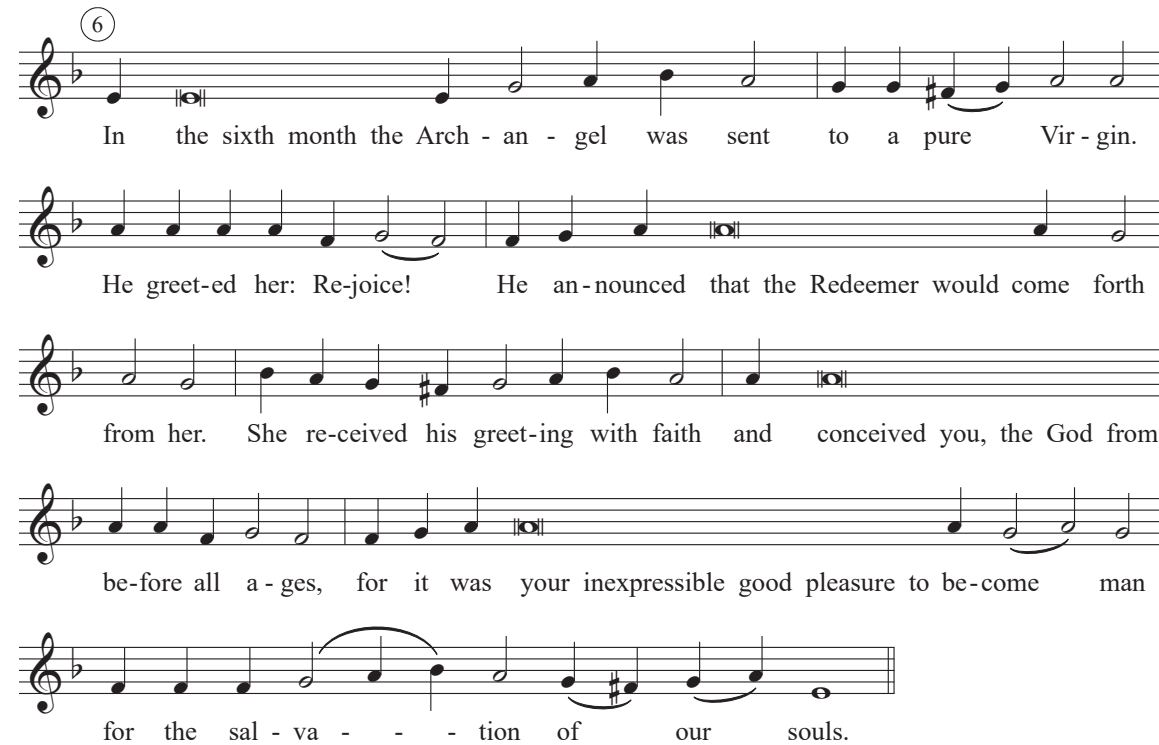
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**Vesper Propers, March 25, 2023**  
**Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast**  
**Leave-taking of the Annunciation; Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel**

*Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2006*  
*Lamplighting Psalms in the tone of the week (Tone 1, page 24), stichera 10-7.*

**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.

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



In the sixth month the Arch - an - gel was sent to a pure Vir - gin.  
He greet-ed her: Re-joyce! 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:** 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 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:** Let the watchman count on daybreak  
 (on 4) and Israel on the Lord.

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-ceive 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!

and the Fa-ther on high is well - pleased. Through the u - ni - ver - sal will,  
 rec - on - cil - iation 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 na - ture from you and joined it  
 to him-self. There-fore, im-plore him to save our souls.

**Troparia**

*Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the Week (Tone 1, p. 34).*

**Cantor:** Glory...

**Troparion of the Archangel - Tone 4**

Lead-ers of the heav-en - ly ar - mies, al-though we are unworthy, we al-ways  
 be-seech you to for - ti - fy us by your pray'rs and to shel - ter us beneath

## Aposticha

*Aposticha in the tone of the week (Tone 1, p. 31), concluding with:*

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

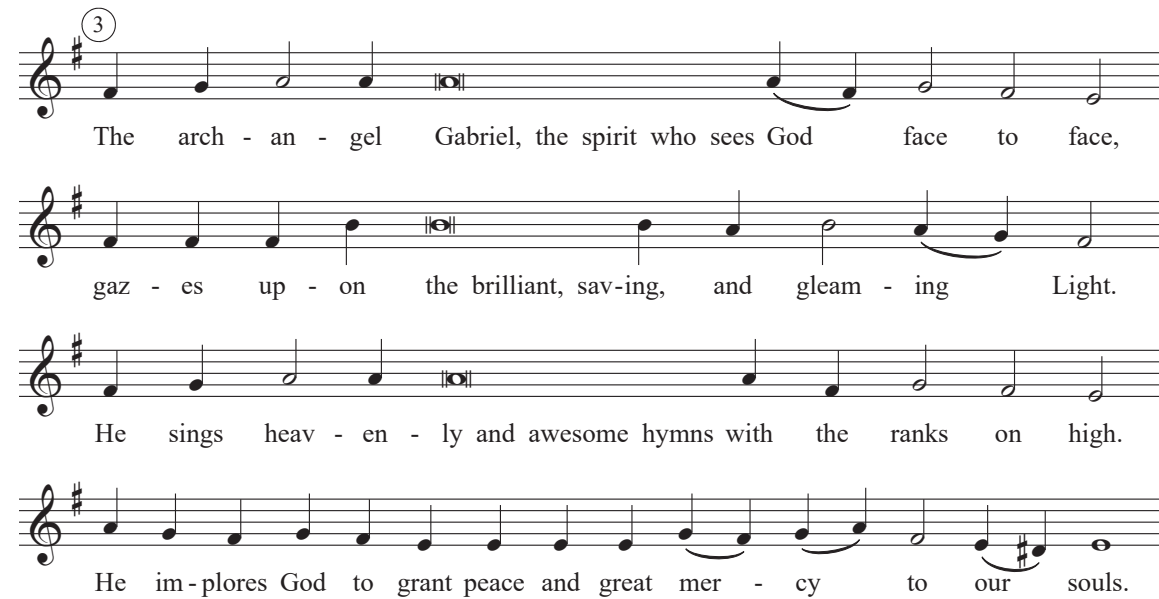
### Aposticha Doxastikon - Tone 4



To-day is the joy of the annunciation and the feast of vir-gin-i - ty. The creatures of 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 becomes the tem-ple of God by the di - vin - ity of him who was con - ceived. O what mystery, the incomprehensible quality of the con - de - scen - sion and the in - expressible wealth of good - ness! An an - gel announc-es this mir - a - cle. The virginal womb re-ceives the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir-it is sent down,

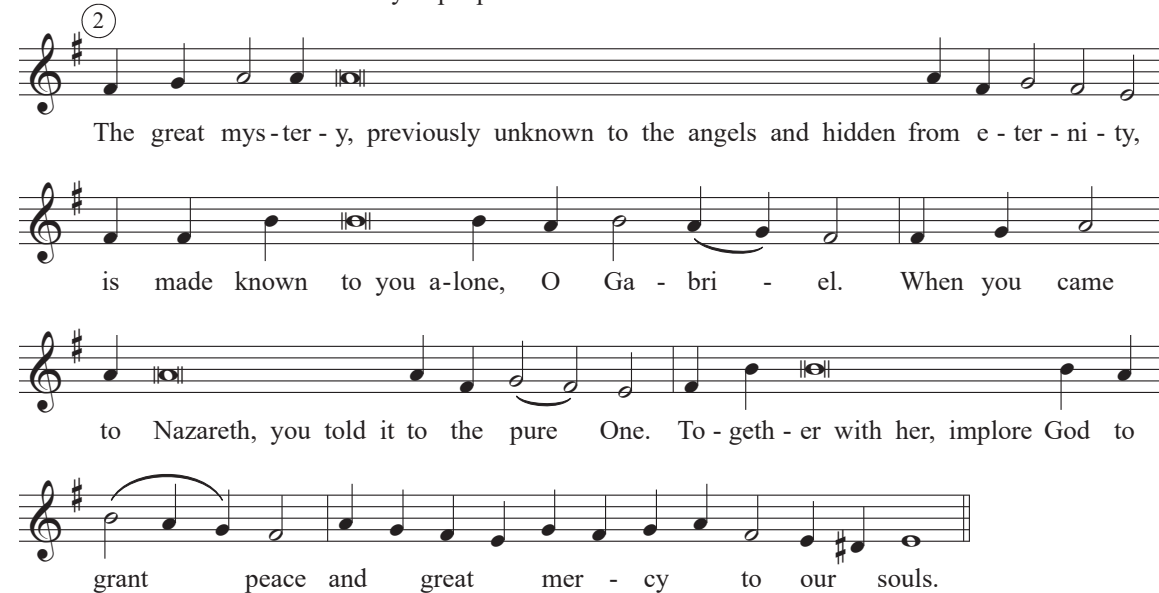
**Cantor:** Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,  
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

### Stichera of the Synaxis - Tone 1 samohlasen



The arch - an - gel Gabriel, the spirit who sees God face to face, gaz - es up - on the brilliant, sav-ing, and gleam - ing Light. He sings heav - en - ly and awesome hymns with the ranks on high. He im-plores God to grant peace and great mer - cy to our souls.

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



The great mys-ter - y, previously unknown to the angels and hidden 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 (on 1)*

You made the winds your mes-sen-gers, and flam-ing fire your ser - - vants.

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O prince of angels, 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 lov-ing-ly ven-er-ate you. Al-ways ask God to grant peace and

great mer - cy to our souls.

**Cantor:** *(Tone 6) Glory...*

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

bles-sed is the fruit of your womb.

**Cantor:** *(Tone`1) Now and ever...*

*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the week (Tone 1, page 30).*