

The Sunday Eight Tones

TONE ONE

At the Vigil Divine Liturgy on Saturday

Psalm 140:

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
as-cend to you like in-cense and the lift-ing up of my hands like an
eve-ning sac-ri-fice. Hear me, O Lord!

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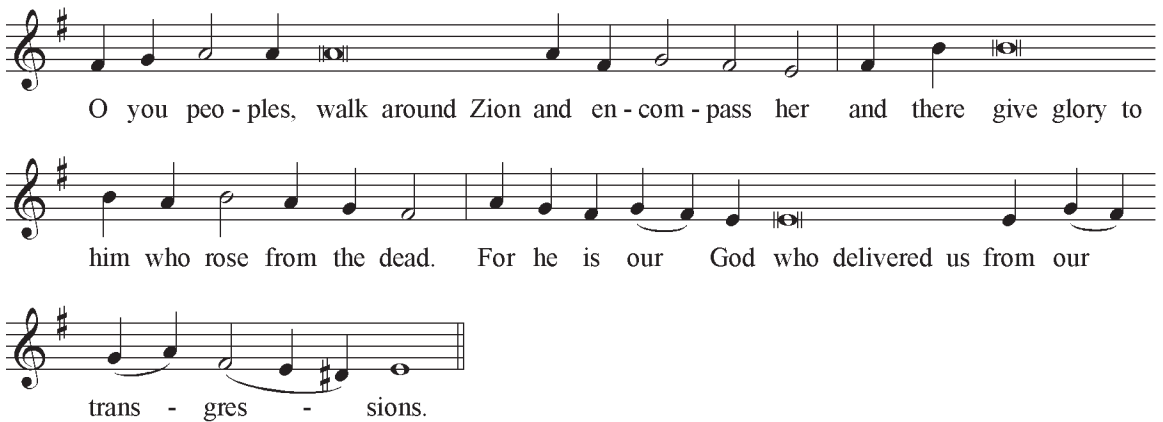
Cantor: Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

First Resurrectional Sticheron:

Ac-cept our eve-ning pray'rs, O ho-ly Lord, and grant us for-give-ness of sins.
For you a-lone man-ifested re-sur-rec-tion to the world.

Cantor: Praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples!

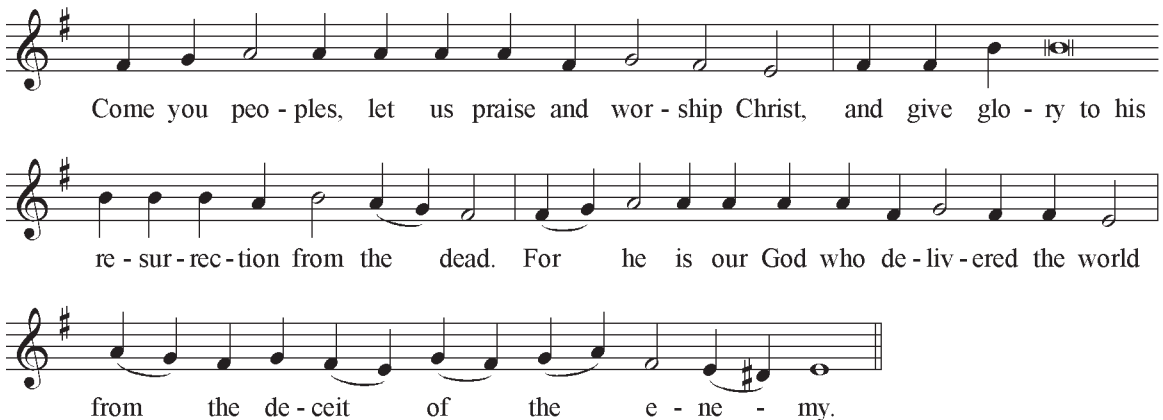
Second Resurrectional Sticheron:



O you peo - ples, walk around Zion and en - com - pass her and there give glory to
him who rose from the dead. For he is our God who delivered us from our
trans - gres - sions.

Cantor: Strong is the love of the Lord for us; he is faithful forever.

Third Resurrectional Sticheron:



Come you peo - ples, let us praise and wor - ship Christ, and give glo - ry to his
re - sur - rec - tion from the dead. For he is our God who de - liv - ered the world
from the de - ceit of the e - ne - my.

Cantor: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
now and ever and forever. Amen.

Dogmatikon:

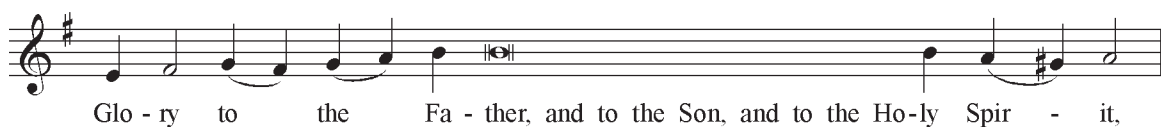


Let us praise the Vir - gin Ma - ry, the glo - ry of the whole world.

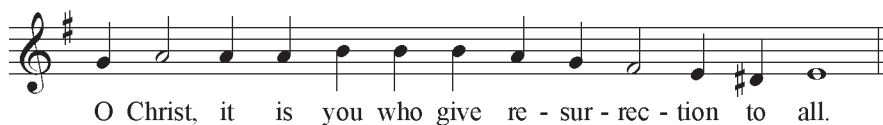
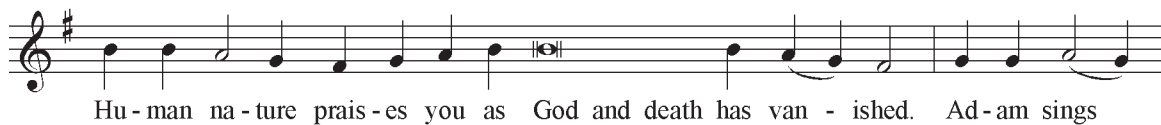
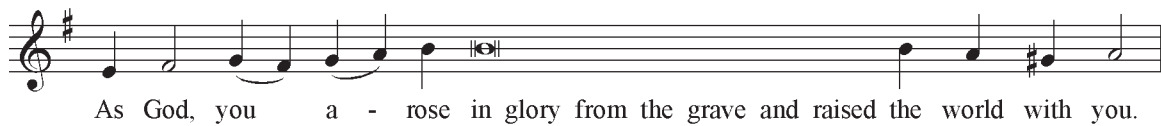
Born of man, she bore the Mas - ter. She is the gate of heav - en, the
 song of angels, and adornment of the faith - ful. She is heav - en itself and the
 tem - ple of God. She tore down the dividing wall of en - mi - ty, bring - ing peace and
 o - pen - ing the king - dom. If we cling to her, then, as an an - chor of faith,
 the Lord born of her will be our cham - pion. Take cour - age, then, take
 cour - age, peo - ple of God. For he who is all - powerful will fight our
 en - e - mies.

At the Divine Liturgy
Troparion:

The stone was sealed by the Jews, sol - diers guard - ed your most pure
 bod - y, but you, O Sav - ior, a - rose on the third day granting life to the world.



Kontakion:



If additional Kontakia are sung in Tone 1, the following are used:



Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.



Now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men.

Prokeimenon (Psalm 32:22,1):



May your mer - cy, O Lord, be up - on us, may your mer - cy



be up - on us who have placed our hope in you.

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous ones; praise from the upright is fitting.

Alleluia (Psalm 17:48,51):



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



Al - le - lu - - - ia!

Verse: God grants me vindication and subdues peoples under me.

Verse: He has given great victories to his king and has shown love for David, his anointed, and his descendants forever.

Communion Hymn – For Sunday (Psalm 148:1): *(music found on pages 78 - 81)*

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the highest.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

TONE TWO

At the Vigil Divine Liturgy on Saturday

Psalm 140:

O Lord, I have cried to you, hear me. Hear me, O Lord!

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call up - on you. Hear me, O Lord! Let my pray'r

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like an eve - ning sac - ri - fice. Hear me, O Lord!

The recited verses of the Lamp-lighting psalms are found on page 114.

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

First Resurrectional Sticheron:

Come, let us ad - ore God the Word who was born of the Father be - fore

all ag - es and was in - car - nate from the Vir - gin Ma - ry. For he en - dured

the cross of his own will and was con-signed to the grave; and by
 ris ing from the dead he saves me from er - ror.

Cantor: Praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples!

Second Resurrectional Sticheron:

Christ our Sav ior cancelled the decree that was writ - ten a - gainst us by
 nail - ing it to the cross, and he de-destroyed the pow - er of Death.
 We bow before his re - sur - rec - tion on the third day.

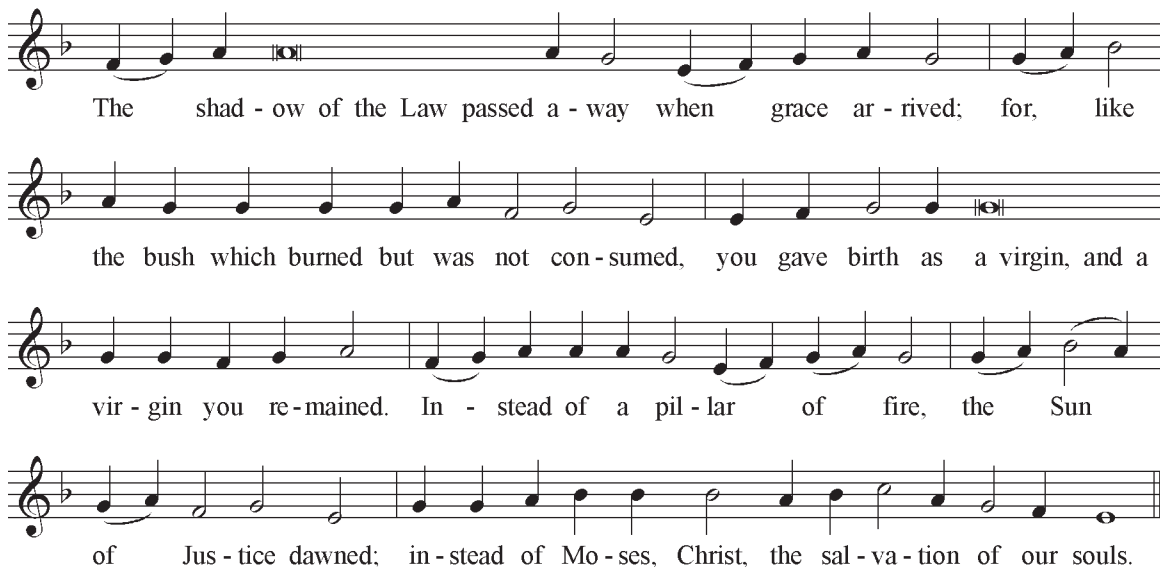
Cantor: Strong is the love of the Lord for us; he is faithful forever.

Third Resurrectional Sticheron:

With the arch-an gels, let us sing hymns to Christ's re-sur-rec - tion, for he is
 the Redeemer and Sav - ior of our Souls. He is com - ing again in awesome glory
 and might - y pow - er to judge the world which he has fash - ioned.

Cantor: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
now and ever and forever. Amen.

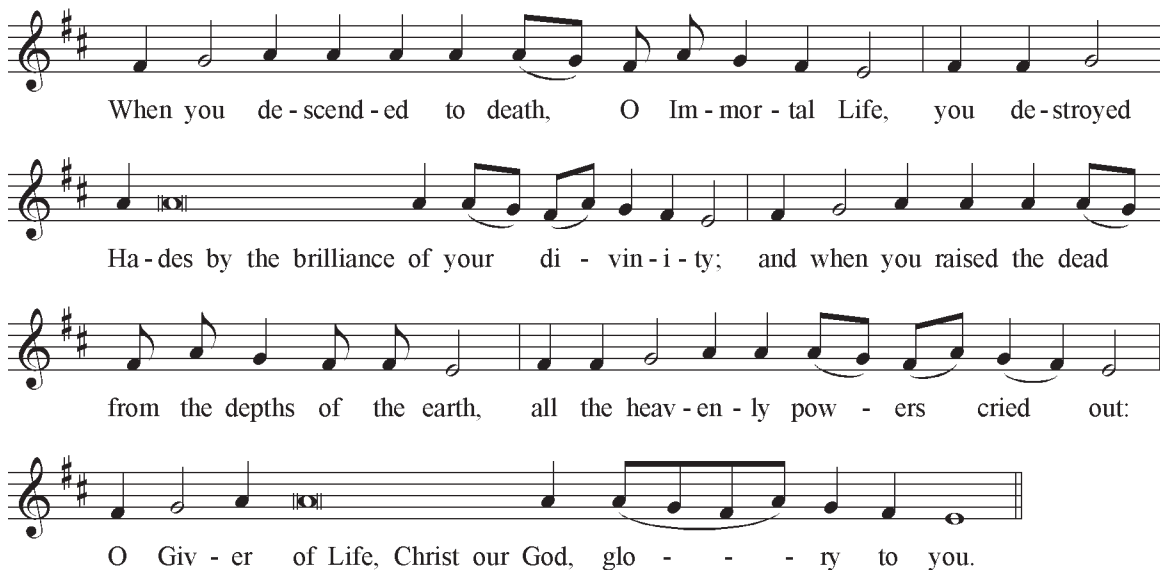
Dogmatikon:



The shad - ow of the Law passed a - way when grace ar - rived; for, like
the bush which burned but was not con - sumed, you gave birth as a virgin, and a
vir - gin you re - mained. In - stead of a pil - lar of fire, the Sun
of Jus - tice dawned; in - stead of Mo - ses, Christ, the sal - va - tion of our souls.

At the Divine Liturgy

Troparion:



When you de - scend - ed to death, O Im - mor - tal Life, you de - stroyed
Ha - des by the brilliance of your di - vin - i - ty; and when you raised the dead
from the depths of the earth, all the heav - en - ly pow - ers cried out:
O Giv - er of Life, Christ our God, glo - - - ry to you.

Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men.

Kontakion:

You a - rose from the grave, Al - might - y Sav - ior. See - ing the
 mir - ace, Hades was struck with fear; the dead a - rose. At this sight, all
 cre - a - tion re - joic - es with you; Ad - am joins with ex - ul - ta - tion;
 and the world, O my Savior, sings your prais - es for - ev - er.

If additional Kontakia are sung in Tone 2, the following are used:

Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.
 Now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men.

Prokeimenon (Psalm 117:14,18):

My strength and my song is the Lord; he has be-come my sal-va - tion,
he has be - come my sal - va - tion.

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Verse: The Lord punished me severely but did not hand me over to Death.

Alleluia (Psalm 19:2,10):

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

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Verse: The Lord will hear you on the day of distress;
the name of Jacob's God will protect you.

Verse: O Lord, save the king, and hear us when we call upon you.

Communion Hymn – For Sunday (Psalm 148:1): *(music found on pages 78 - 81)*

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the highest.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

-tone Three

At the Vigil Divine Liturgy on Saturday

Psalm 140:

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eve-ning sac - ri - fice. Hear me, O Lord!

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

First Resurrectional Sticheron:

By your cross, O Christ our Sav - ior, the pow'r of Death has been

van - quished and the deceit of the Dev-il has been de - stroyed. The hu-man

race, saved by faith, of - fers you a hymn for - ev - er.

Cantor: Praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples!

Second Resurrectional Sticheron:

O Lord, ev - 'ry - thing has been enlightened by your re-sur - rec - tion,

and Par - adise has been re - o - - pened. All cre - a - tion ex - tols you

and offers you a hymn for - ev - er.

Cantor: Strong is the love of the Lord for us; he is faithful forever.

Third Resurrectional Sticheron:

I glo - ri - fy the might of the Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit. I praise

the Undivided Power, the Uncrea - ted Di - vin - i - ty, the Trinity one in

es - sence who reigns for - ev - er and ev - er.

Cantor: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
now and ever and forever. Amen.

Dogmatikon:



O most ho - nor - a - ble one, how can we not mar - vel at your giv - ing
birth to God and man? Most pure one, with - out know - ing man, you gave
birth in the flesh to the Son without a fa - ther, be - got - ten before all
ages of the Father with - out a moth - er. He underwent no change, confusion,
or di - vi - sion, but main - tained the pro - perties of each nature in - tact.
There - fore, O La - dy, Vir - gin Moth - er, beg him to save the souls of those
who rightly confess you as The - o - to - kos.

At the Divine Liturgy

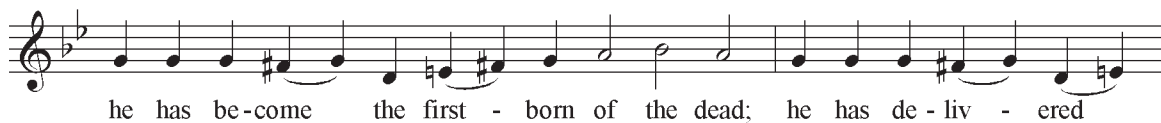
Troparion:



Let the heav - ens re - joyce, let the earth be glad; for the Lord



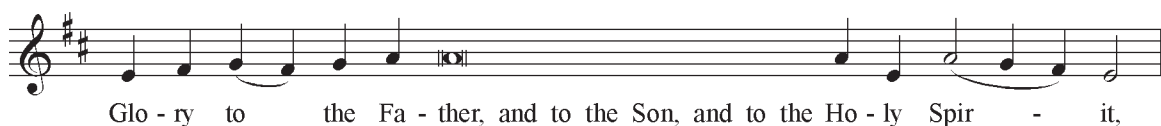
has shown the might of his arm. By his death the Lord has tram-pled Death;



he has be-come the first - born of the dead; he has de - liv - ered



us from the depths of Ha - des and has grant-ed great mer-cy to the world.

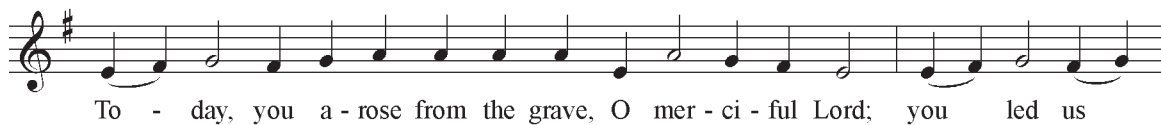


Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,



now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - - - men.

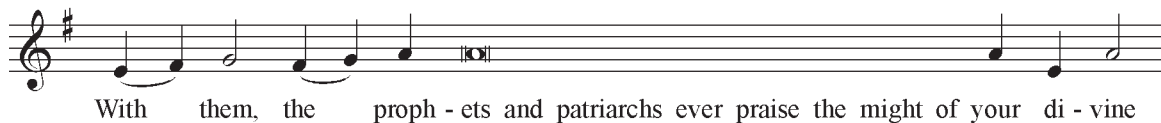
Kontakion:




To - day, you a - rose from the grave, O mer - ci - ful Lord; you led us



out of the gates of Death. To - day, Ad-am ex-ults and Eve re-joic - es.



With them, the proph - ets and patriarchs ever praise the might of your di - vine



pow - - - er.

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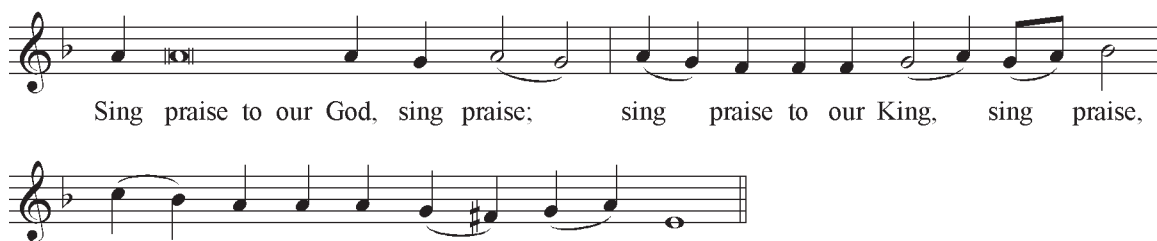


Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir - - it.



Now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - - - men.

Prokeimenon (Psalm 46:7,2):



Sing praise to our God, sing praise; sing praise to our King, sing praise,
sing praise to our King, sing praise!

Verse: All you peoples, clap your hands; shout to God with cries of gladness.

Alleluia (Psalm 30:2,3):



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

Verse: In you, O Lord, I have placed my trust; let me never be put to shame.

Verse: Be a protector for me, O God, and a house of refuge for my salvation.

Communion Hymn – For Sunday (Psalm 148:1): *(music found on pages 78 - 81)*

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the highest.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

TONE FOUR

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Psalm 140:

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 lifting up of my hands like an eve-ning sac - ri - fice. Hear
me, O Lord!

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

First Resurrectional Sticheron:

We bow constantly to your life-creating cross, O Christ our God, we glorify your
resurrec-tion on the third day; for by it, O All-pow-er - ful One, cor - rupt

hu man nature has been re - newed and you have in dicated our as-cent to
 heav - en. For you a - lone are good and love us all.

Cantor: Praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples!

Second Resurrectional Sticheron:

O Savior, you absolved the penalty of the tree of dis-o - be - di - ence, will-ing-ly
 nail ing it to the tree of the cross. When you descended into Hades, O Pow-er - ful
 One, you broke the bonds of Death a - sun - der, O God. There-fore, we
 wor ship your resur-rec - tion from the dead, cry - ing out and re - joic - ing:
 All - pow - er - ful Lord, glo - ry to you.

Cantor: Strong is the love of the Lord for us; he is faithful forever.

Third Resurrectional Sticheron:

O Lord, you battered down the gates of Ha - des and by your death you



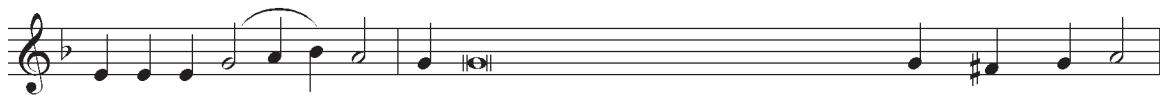
dis - solved Death's do - min - ion. You freed the human race from cor - rup - tion,



grant - ing life, incorruption, and great mer - - cy to the world.

Cantor: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
now and ever and forever. Amen.

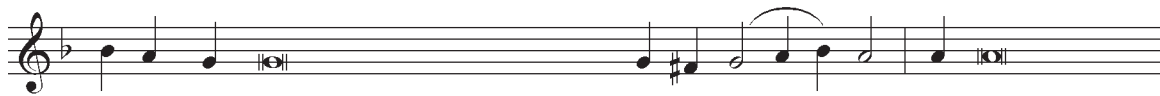
Dogmatikon:



O The - o - to - kos, Da - vid the prophet and ancestor of God an - nounced in song



to the one who would do great things for you: The Queen stands at your right hand.



He re - vealed you as the Mother of Life and In - ter - ces - sor. God was pleased to



become man from you with - out a fa - ther so that he might restore the image which



pas - sions had de - formed, and find the sheep stray - ing in the hills, lift it on



his shoulders, and bring it to his Fa - ther, u - nit - ing it to the heaven - ly pow - ers.



Thus Christ will save the world, for he has a - bun - dant and great mer - cy.

At the Divine Liturgy

Troparion:



The joy-ful mes-sage of the re-sur-rec - tion was heard by the women disci-ples



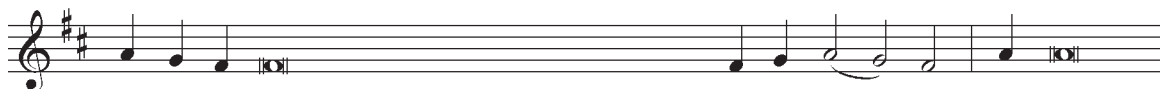
from the an - gel, and be - ing freed from the an - ces - tral curse, they boast - ed



to the a - pos - tles: Death is de - spoiled; Christ our God is ris - en,



giv - ing great mer - cy to the world.



Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, now and ever



and for - ev - er. A - men.

Kontakion:



O my Sav - ior and Re - deem - er, as God, you raised from the grave all those



who were in chains and de - stroyed the gates of Ha - des; and, as Lord, you



a - rose on the third day.

If additional Kontakia are sung in Tone 4, the following are used:



Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.



Now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men.

Prokeimenon (Psalm 103:24,1):



How man - y are your works, O Lord. In wis - dom you have made them all.



In wis - dom you have made them all.

Verse: Bless the Lord, my soul. Lord my God, how great you are.

Alleluia (Psalm 44:5,8):



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

Verse: Go forth; triumph and reign for the sake of truth and meekness and justice.

Verse: You love justice and hate wickedness.

Communion Hymn – For Sunday (Psalm 148:1): *(music found on pages 78 - 81)*

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the highest.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

TONE FIVE

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Psalm 140:

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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!

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First Resurrectional Sticheron:

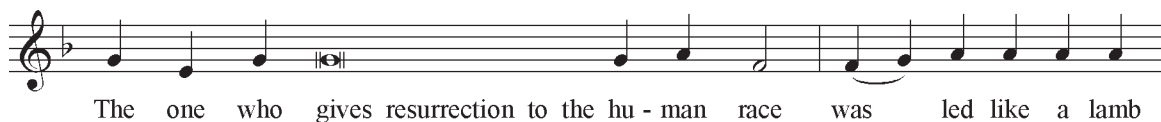
With your pre-cious cross, O Christ, you have put the De-vil to shame. With your
re-surrection you have dead-ened the sting of sin and saved us from the gates



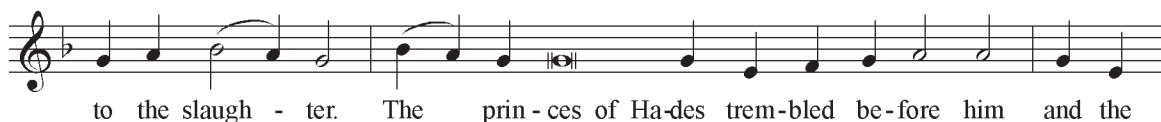
of Death. We glo - ri - fy you, O on - ly - be - got - ten Son.

Cantor: Praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples!

Second Resurrectional Sticheron:



The one who gives resurrection to the hu - man race was led like a lamb



to the slaugh - ter. The prin - ces of Ha-des trem-bled be-fore him and the



dis - mal doors were lift -ed up. For Christ, the King of Glo-ry, has en - tered



say - ing to those in chains: Go forth from here; and to those in dark-ness:



Show your - - selves.

Cantor: Strong is the love of the Lord for us; he is faithful forever.

Third Resurrectional Sticheron:



What a great won - der: the Cre - a - tor of in-vis - i - ble be - ings

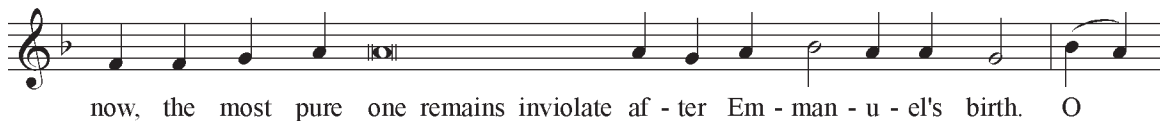
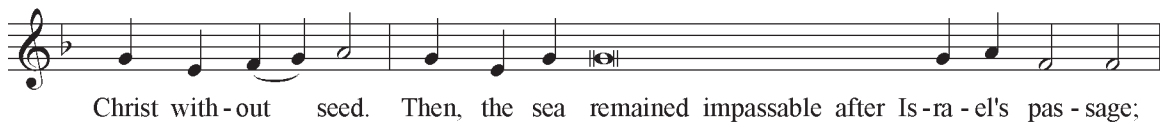


suf - fered in the flesh out of love for us; and a - rose im - mor - tal.



Cantor: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
now and ever and forever. Amen.

Dogmatikon:




God, existent, pre-existent, and now seen as man, have mer - cy up -
 -on us.

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Troparion:

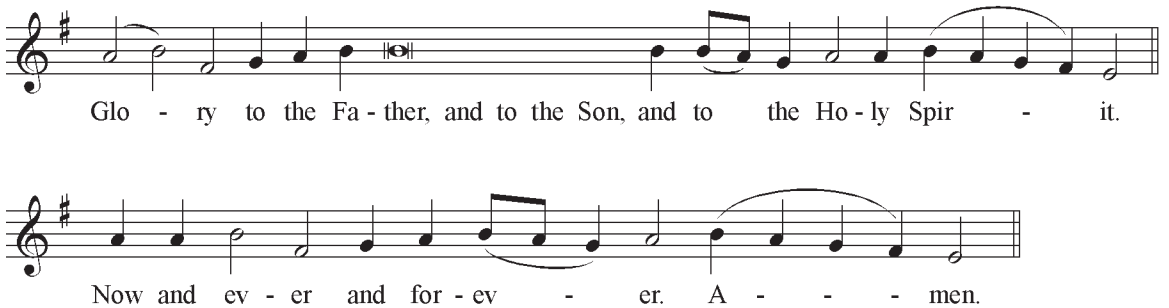
O faith-ful, let us praise and a-dore the Word e-ter-nal with the Fa-ther
 and the Spir - it, and born of the Vir-gin for our sal-va - tion.
 For he chose to as-cend the cross in the flesh and to suf-fer death, and to raise
 the dead by his glo - ri - ous re - sur - rec - - - tion.
 Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - - - men.

Kontakion:



O Sav-ior, you de-scend-ed in - to Ha - des. You crushed its
gates as the Al-might - y. You raised the dead and destroyed the sting
of Death as the Cre-a - tor. You de-liv - ered Ad - am from the curse,
O Lov - er of us all; there-fore, all cry out to you, O Lord,
save us.

If additional Kontakia are sung in Tone 5, the following are used:



Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.
Now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - - - men.

Prokeimenon (Psalm 11:8,2):

Two staves of musical notation 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 lyrics are: "You, O Lord, will keep us and pre-serve us for - ev - - er, for - ev - - er from this gen - er - a - - - tion."

Verse: Save me, O Lord, for the righteous have vanished.

Alleluia (Psalm 88:2,3):

One staff of musical notation in G major. The melody is repeated three times, corresponding to the three phrases of the Alleluia. The lyrics are: "Al - - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia!"

Verse: I shall sing forever of your mercies, O Lord;
through all generations my mouth will proclaim your truth.

Verse: For you have said: Mercy is built to last forever.
Your truth is firmly established in heaven.

Communion Hymn – For Sunday (Psalm 148:1): *(music found on pages 78 - 81)*

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the highest.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

TONE SIX

At the Vigil Divine Liturgy on Saturday

Psalm 140:

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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!

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

First Resurrectional Sticheron:

O Christ, you are victorious o-ver Ha-des. You ascended the cross to raise up
with your-self those who sat in the dark-ness of death. You a-lone are free

a-mong the dead. From your own light you well up with life. All-pow-er-ful
Sav - ior, have mer - cy on us.

Cantor: Praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples!

Second Resurrectional Sticheron:

To - day Christ has tram - pled Death. He a - rose as he fore - told, and
be-stowed re-joic - ing up - on the world. So let us all sing out this hymn:
O Wellspring of Life, O Un - ap - proch - a - ble Light, all-pow-er-ful Sav - ior,
have mer - cy on us.

Cantor: Strong is the love of the Lord for us; he is faithful forever.

Third Resurrectional Sticheron:

Where can we sin - ners flee from you, O Lord, who are present in all cre - a - tion;
to the heav - ens? - that is where you dwell; to Ha-des? - there you tram-pled death;



to the depths of the sea? – e-ven there is your hand. We flee to you and, fall - ing



be-fore you, we beg: O Lord, ris-en from the dead, have mer - cy on us.

Cantor: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
now and ever and forever. Amen.

Dogmatikon:



Who would not extol you, most ho-ly Vir-gin? Who would not praise your giv-ing



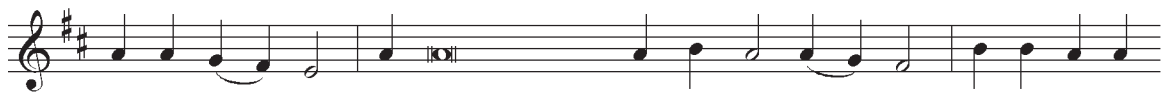
birth with-out pain? For the on - ly - be - got - ten Son, who shines



forth from the Fa-ther time-less-ly, has himself come forth from you, O pure one.



He took flesh from you in a manner be-yond un-der-stand - ing: re - tain-ing



di-vine na - ture but assuming human na-ture for our sake; not di-vid-ed



in - to two per - sons but ex-ist - ing in two natures, distinct and un-con-fused.



O honored and most blessed one, be-seech him to have mer-cy on our souls.

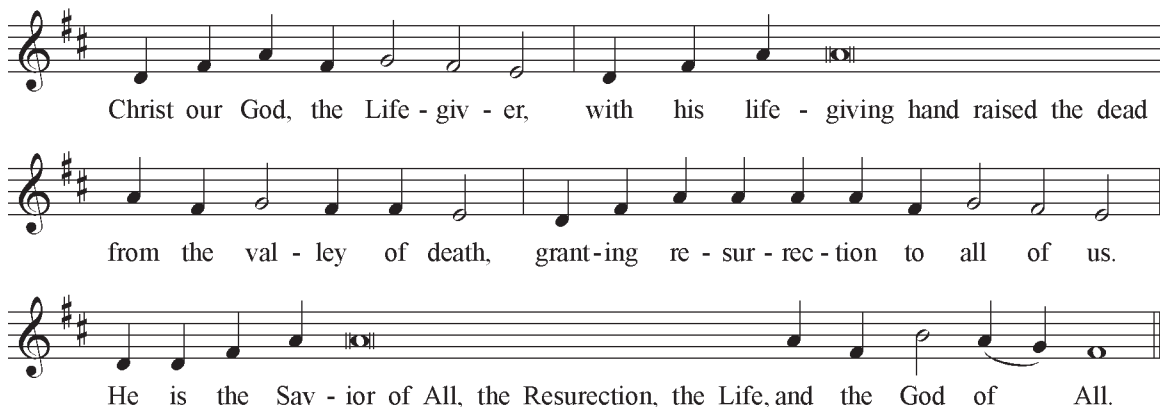
At the Divine Liturgy

Troparion:



An - gel-ic pow-ers ap-peared at your tomb, and the guards be-came like dead
men. Mar-y stood at the tomb seeking your most pure bod-y. You de-spoiled
Ha-des with-out a chal-lenge. You, the Giv-er of Life met the
Vir-gin. O Lord, ris-en from the dead, glo - - ry to you!
Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir - it, now and
ev - er and for-ev - er. A - - men.

Kontakion:

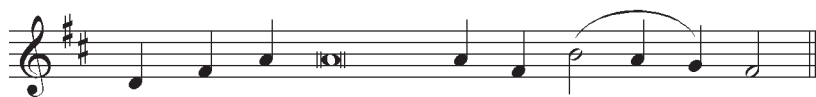


Christ our God, the Life - giv - er, with his life - giving hand raised the dead
from the val - ley of death, grant-ing re - sur - rec - tion to all of us.
He is the Sav - ior of All, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of All.

If additional Kontakia are sung in Tone 6, the following are used:



Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.




Now and ev er and for-ev - er. A - men.

Prokeimenon (Psalm 27:9,1):



Save your peo - ple, O Lord, and bless your in - her - i - tance,



and bless your in - her - i - tance.

Verse: To you, O Lord, I cry out: My God, be not silent to me.

Alleluia (Psalm 90:1,2):



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



Al - le - lu - - - - ia!

Verse: The one who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
abides in the shadow of the God of heaven.

Verse: He says to the Lord: You are my Protector, my Refuge, and my God in whom I trust.

Communion Hymn – For Sunday (Psalm 148:1): *(music found on pages 78 - 81)*

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the highest.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

tone seven

At the Vigil Divine Liturgy on Saturday

Psalm 140:

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!

The recited verses of the Lamp-lighting psalms are found on page 114.

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

First Resurrectional Sticheron:

Come, let us re-joyce in the Lord who shat-tered the pow-er of Death
and en - light-ened the hu - man race. With the bod - i - less pow - ers

we ex-claim: Glo - ry to you, our Cre - a - tor and Sav - ior.

Cantor: Praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples!

Second Resurrectional Sticheron:

O Sav - ior, for our sake you endured the cross and the grave; and, as God,
by death you put Death to death. There - fore, we wor ship your resurrection on
the third day. O Lord, glo - - - ry to you.

Cantor: Strong is the love of the Lord for us; he is faithful forever.

Third Resurrectional Sticheron:

O Sav - ior, for our sake you endured the cross and the grave; and, as God,
by death you put Death to death. There - fore, we wor ship your resurrection on
the third day. O Lord, glo - - - ry to you.

Cantor: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
now and ever and forever. Amen.

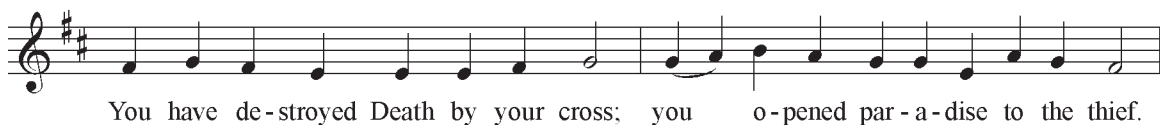
Dogmatikon:



O The - o - to - kos, we know your maternity is su - per - nat - 'ral, but how
you remain a virgin, we can nei-ther know nor say. No tongue can ex-plain
the wonder of your giv - ing birth, for your con - cep - tion is a pa-ra-dox, O
pure one, and the way you gave birth is in-com - pre - hen - si - ble.
For when-ev - er God wills, the order of nature is o-ver-turned. There-fore, we
all recognize you as the Moth-er of God, and we fer-vent-ly be-seech you:
In - ter - cede for the sal - va - tion of our souls.

At the Divine Liturgy

Troparion:



You have de-stroyed Death by your cross; you o-pened par-a-dise to the thief.

The sor - row of the myrrh-bearers you turned to joy. You com-mand-ed your
 a - pos - tles to pro-claim: Christ our God, you have ris - en, grant - ing great
 mer - cy to the world.

Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men.

Kontakion:

No long - er can the might of Death rule o - ver us; Christ de - scend - ed,
 de - stroying and crush - ing its pow - er. Ha - des re - mains en - chained.
 The proph - ets re - joyce to - geth - er. The Sav - ior has appeared, saying to
 those in dark - ness: Come forth, faith - ful, to the Re - sur - rec - tion.

If additional Kontakia are sung in Tone 7, the following are used:




Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.



Now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men.

Prokeimenon (Psalm 28:11,1,2):



The Lord will give strength to his peo - ple; the Lord
will bless, will bless his peo - ple with peace.

Verse: Bring to the Lord, you sons of God; bring to the Lord glory and honor.

Alleluia (Psalm 91:2,3):



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

Verse: It is good to give thanks to the Lord and to sing praises to your name, O Most High.

Verse: To proclaim your mercy in the morning, and your faithfulness throughout the night.

Communion Hymn – For Sunday (Psalm 148:1): *(music found on pages 78 - 81)*

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the highest.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

TONE EIGHT

At the Vigil Divine Liturgy on Saturday

Psalm 140:

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!

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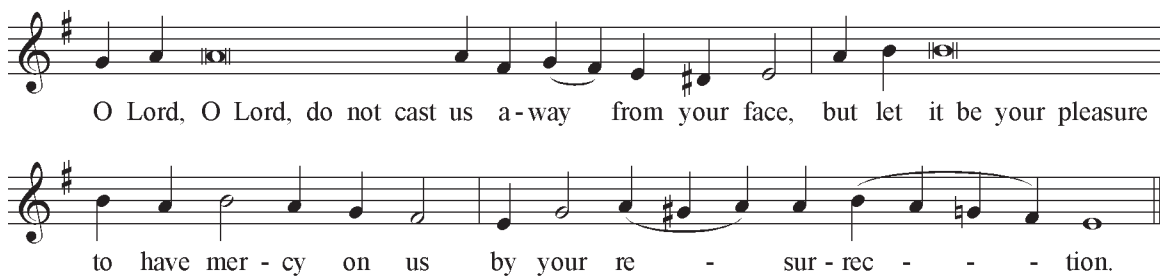
Cantor: Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

First Resurrectional Sticheron:

O Christ, we offer you an eve - ning hymn and a spir-it-ual sac-ri - fice
be-cause it pleased you to have mer-cy on us by your re - sur-rec - tion.

Cantor: Praise the Lord, all you nations,
acclaim him all you peoples!

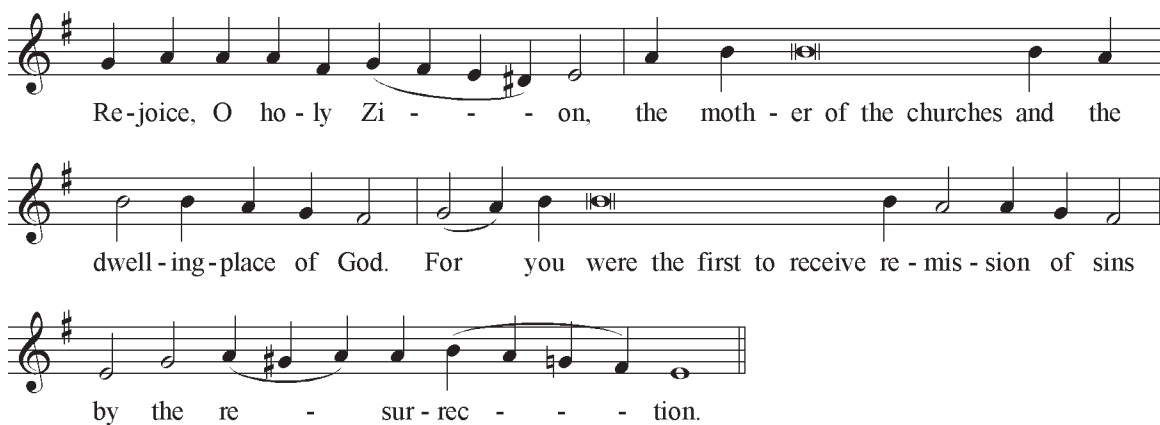
Second Resurrectional Sticheron:



O Lord, O Lord, do not cast us a-way from your face, but let it be your pleasure
to have mer-cy on us by your re-sur-rec-tion.

Cantor: Strong is the love of the Lord for us;
he is faithful forever.

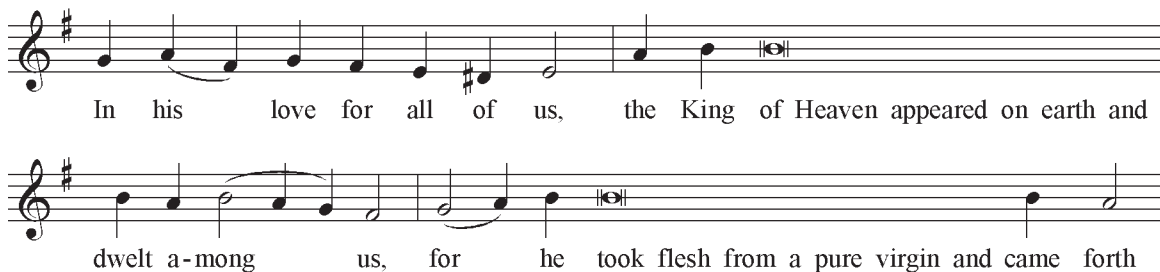
Third Resurrectional Sticheron:



Re-joyce, O ho-ly Zi- - - on, the moth-er of the churches and the
dwell-ing-place of God. For you were the first to receive re-mis-sion of sins
by the re-sur-rec-tion.

Cantor: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
now and ever and forever. Amen.

Dogmatikon:



In his love for all of us, the King of Heaven appeared on earth and
dwelt a-mong us, for he took flesh from a pure virgin and came forth

from her. The on - ly Son has two natures but is not two per - sons.

We pro - claim the truth a - bout Christ our God, pro - fess - ing him

both perfect God and per - fect man. Be - seech him, O un - wed - ded Moth - er,

to have mer - cy on our souls.

At the Divine Liturgy

Troparion:

You de - scend - ed from on high, O Mer - ci - ful One. You ac - cept - ed

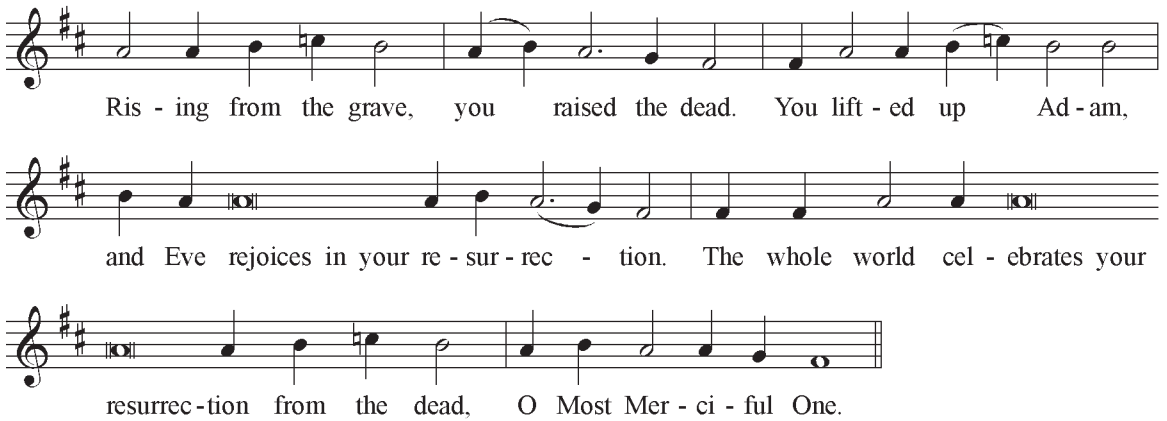
bur - i - al for three days to free us from our pas - sions. O Lord, our

Re - sur - rec - tion and our Life, glo - ry to you.

Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, now and ever and

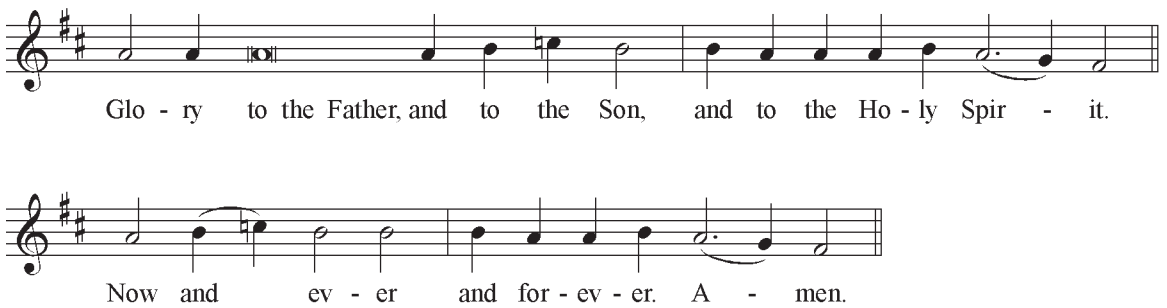
for - ev - er. A - men.

Kontakion:



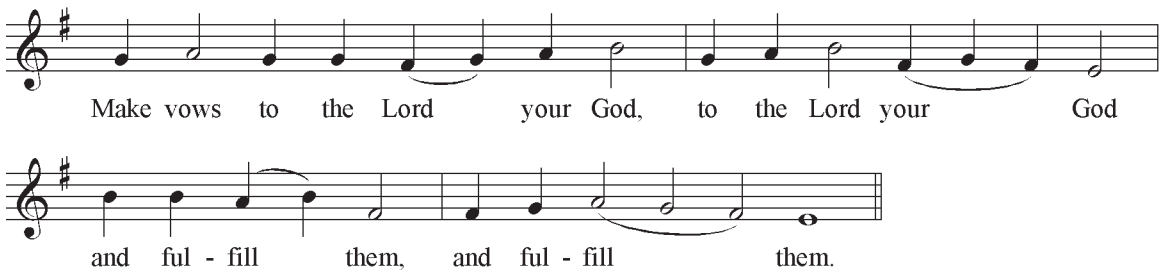
Ris - ing from the grave, you raised the dead. You lift - ed up Ad - am,
and Eve rejoices in your re - sur - rec - tion. The whole world cel - ebrates your
resurrec - tion from the dead, O Most Mer - ci - ful One.

If additional Kontakia are sung in Tone 8, the following are used:



Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.
Now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men.

Prokeimenon (Psalm 75:12,2):



Make vows to the Lord your God, to the Lord your God
and ful - fill them, and ful - fill them.

Verse: God is known in Judah; in Israel his name is great.

Alleluia (Psalm 94:1,2):



Verse: Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord; let us acclaim God our Savior.

Verse: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving, and let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

Communion Hymn – For Sunday (Psalm 148:1): *(music found on pages 78 - 81)*

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the highest.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!