

**Vespers and Divine Liturgy Propers, Evening of March 25, 2014**  
**Tuesday in the Fourth Week of the Great Fast**

**THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE THEOTOKOS 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 Liturgies of our holy fathers John Chrysostom and Basil the Great, 2006*




*Vespers with Divine Liturgy begins on page 104 in the **Divine Liturgies** book.*

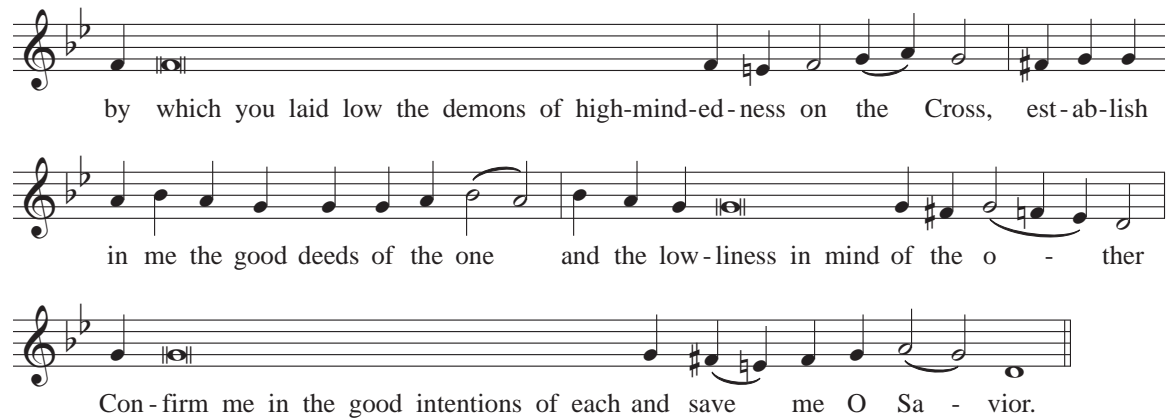
*"O Lord, I have cried" is sung in Tone 3 (music on p. 133).*

*At the Psalm verse "on 10" at the top of page 116, continue as follows:*


Cantor  Bring my soul out of this pris-on and then I shall praise your name.

**Stichera for Tuesday in the Fourth Week of the Great Fast - Tone 3 samohlasen**

 I have sur-passed the Pub-lican in my trans-gres-sions, but I do not even match  
 his re-pen - tence. I have not accomplished the good deeds of the Pha-ri - see, yet  
 I bold-ly out-do his boast-ing. By your in - finite humili-ty, O Christ our God,



by which you laid low the demons of high-mindedness on the Cross, est-ab-lish  
in me the good deeds of the one and the low-ness in mind of the o - ther  
Con-firm me in the good intentions of each and save me O Sa - vior.

Cantor   
A - round me the just will assem-ble be-cause of your good - ness to me.

All repeat: ***“I have surpassed the Publican in my transgressions...”***

Cantor   
Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; Lord hear my voice!

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The pro-phets, a-pos-tles and the mar-tyrs of Christ taught us to sing the praises of the  
consub-stan-tial Tri - ni - ty. They enlighten the nations that had gone a - stray  
and made us com - pan - ions of the an - gels.

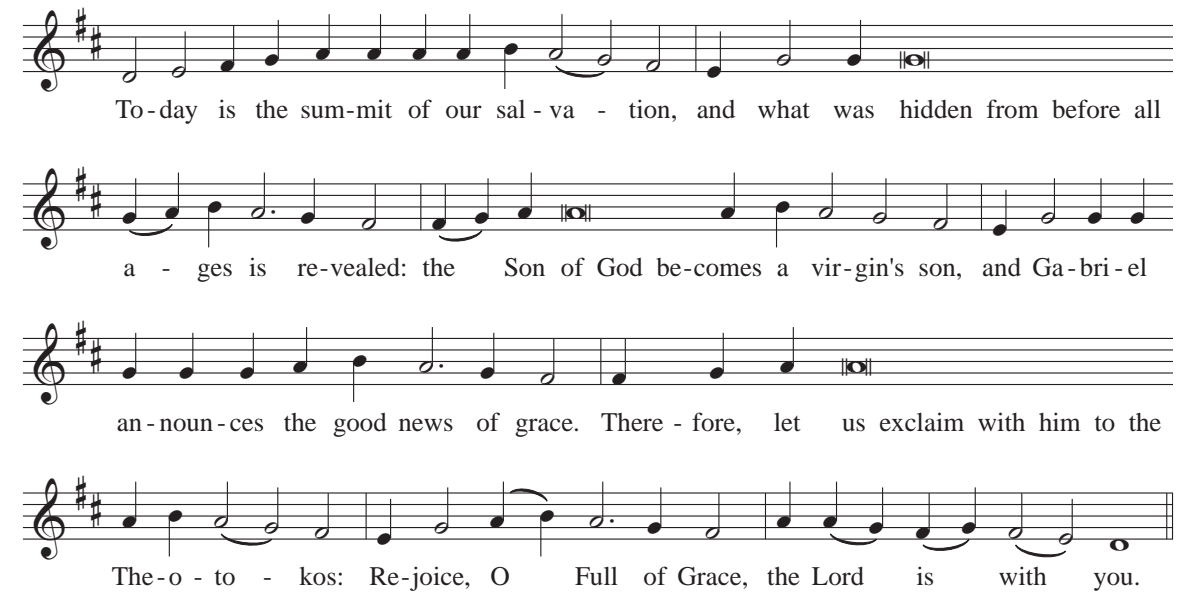
**Communion Hymn (Psalm 131:13):**



The Lord has cho - sen Zi - on; he pre - fers her for his dwell - ing.  
*Refrain*  
Al - - - le - lu - ia! Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
Al - - - le - lu - ia!

*The following hymn may be sung at the end of the Divine Liturgy if desired, either after the Ambon Prayer (if bread is blessed) or after the dismissal.*

**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.

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.

Cantor   
Let your ears be at - ten - tive to the voice of my plead - ing.

*Tone 6 podoban, Vsju otloživše*

In the mid - dle of the earth you suf - fered the Pas - sion and the Cross  
to grant us, in your good - ness, both re - demp - tion and the con - trol of our  
pas - sions. In the mid - dle of the Fast, today we bring out your Cross  
and bow low before it, kiss - ing it with joy. Grant that we may see your suf - fer - ings  
and your life - giv - ing Re - sur - rec - tion in the light of the heaven - ly vir - tues  
O Word of God who a - lone have mer - cy on us.

Cantor   
If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would sur - vive? But  
with you is found for - give - ness: for this we re - vere you.

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You willingly suf-fered death on the Cross; you were pierced with a lance and tas-ted  
 the bit-ter gall, O long-suf-f'ring Lord, who by the hand of Moses sweet-ened the  
 wa-ters of Me-ri-bah. I now im-plore you and cry out:  
 De-liv-er my heart from the bitterness of pas-sions; sweet-en my soul with the  
 ho-ney of re-pen-tence; and grant that I may ven-e-rate your ho-ly Pas-sion.

*Cantor*

My soul is wait-ing for the Lord. I count on his word.  
 My soul is longing for the Lord more than watch-man for day-break.

⑤ *Tone 1 samohlasen*

To-day we see ex-posed be-fore our eyes the Cross which Moses prefig-ured in days  
 of old when he stretched out his hands to ov-er-come Am-al-ek. Let us kiss it in the

The service continues with the *Small Litany* on p. 122, followed by the *Thrice-Holy Hymn* of the *Divine Liturgy*.

The *propers* for the *Divine Liturgy* can be found on the following pages.

**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.

**Epistle: Hebrews 2:11-18** (EOT 234)

**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.

**Gospel: Luke 1:24-38** (for the Annunciation)



I will praise God's name with a song.

*Verse:* The poor, when they see it, will be glad; and God-seeking hearts will revive.

**Deacon:** Wisdom!

**Lector:** A reading from Proverbs.

**Deacon:** Let us be attentive!

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

**Lector:** [Proverbs 12:8-22]

### Old Testament Readings for the Annunciation

**Deacon:** Wisdom!

**Lector:** A reading from Exodus.

**Deacon:** Let us be attentive!

**Lector:** [Exodus 3:1-8] (EOT 317)

**Deacon:** Wisdom!

**Lector:** A reading from Proverbs.

**Deacon:** Let us be attentive!

**Lector:** [Proverbs 8:22-31] (EOT 312)

**Celebrant:** Peace be to you, reader(s).



purity of our lips and hearts. For on it, Christ was exalted, triumph-ing o - ver death.



Hav-ing been deemed worth-y of his grace let us sing with a joyful melody to the



Lord of the u - ni - verse and be - seech him to show all of us his life - giv - ing



Re - sur - rec - tion.

*Tone 4 samohlasen*



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

### Stichera for the Annunciation - *Tone 4 samohlasen*



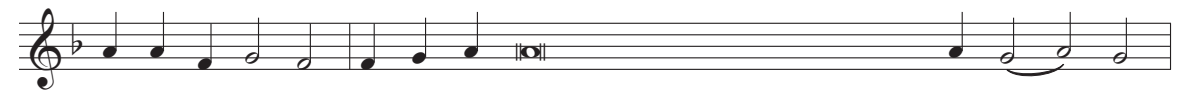
In the sixth month the Arch - an - gel was sent to a pure Vir - gin.



He greet-ed her: Re-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*

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.

*All repeat: "In the sixth month the Archangel was sent..."*

*Cantor*

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

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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.

**Old Testament Readings for Tuesday in the Fourth Week of the Fast**

**Deacon:** Let us be attentive!

**Celebrant:** Peace be to all!

**Deacon:** Wisdom! Be attentive!

*The faithful STAND.*

**Prokeimenon I - Tone 6 (Psalm 67: 5a, 5b)**

O sing to the Lord, make mu - sic to his name;

make a high - way for him who rides on the clouds.

*Verse:* Rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence.

**Deacon:** Wisdom!

**Lector:** A Reading from Genesis

**Deacon:** Let us be attentive!

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

**Lector:** [Genesis 9:8-17]

**Deacon:** Wisdom! Be attentive!

*The faithful STAND.*

**Prokeimenon II - Tone 6 (Psalm 68: 30, 33)**

Let your help, O God, let your help, O God, lift me up.

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?

**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.

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

<sup>1</sup> 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!

*The faithful STAND.*

*Tone 8 samohlasen*

Cantor Glo-ry to the Father and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it.

**Doxastikon of Tuesday in the Fourth Week of the Great Fast - Tone 8 samohlasen**

To-day, the King of Glo-ry, the Mas-ter of all is cru-ci-fied on the Cross.

A lance pier-ces his side, and he tastes vin-e-gar and gall, yet in him the Church finds  
 its sweet - ness; he cov-ered the sea with clouds, yet he is crowned with thorns;  
 he is cov-ered with a robe in mockery and is slapped by mor - tals, yet he created all  
 mor-tals with his own hand. He is wrapped with clouds in the hea - vens,  
 yet to-day he is scourged on the back. He is spat u - pon, struck, and slapped.;  
 he is wound-ed and suffers all this to save the world from death, for he is my  
 Redeemer and the God of com - pas - - - sion,

*As the second Doxastikon is sung, the Little Entrance with the holy gospel book and censer is made through the northern door and the holy doors.*

*Tone 6 samohlasen*

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

**Doxastikon 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;