

Propers for the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
Friday in the Second Week of the Great Fast
February 23, 2024

The first and second findings of the head of the Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John.

Tradition tells us that the first finding was by two monks, in the palace of Herod the King. They brought the relic to the city of Emmesia. The second finding was much later, during the reign of the emperor Marcianus.

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 4:


Psalm 140

Tone 4

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!

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


(on 4) *Tone 4 samohlasen*

Cantor: 


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

Sticheron of Friday in the Second Week of the Great Fast - *Tone 4 samohlasen*


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Now is the ac - cept - a - ble time, now is the day of sal - va - tion.

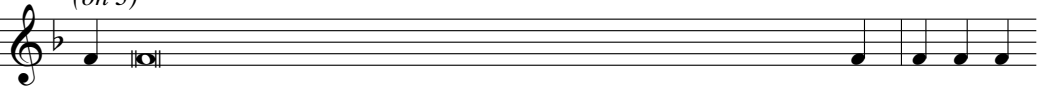


In the abundance of your mer - cy, look down on my soul and




take away the bur - den of my sins; for you a - lone love us all.

(on 3) *Tone 5 samohlasen*

Cantor: 


(on 3) Be - cause with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemp-tion, Is - ra - el




in - deed he will re - deem from all its in - i - qui - ty.

Stichera of the Baptist - *Tone 5 samohlasen*

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Re - joice, O sacred and light-bear - ing head, ven - er - a - ted by the an - gels,



Of old it was cut off by a sword, but cut down the shame of iniquity with



sharp re-proofs. It is a well-spring of miracles giving drink to the faith-ful.



It pro-claims the saving com-ing of the Sav-ior, and saw the coming of the



Spirit who dwelt in you who stand between the grace of the old and new



cov-e-nants. En-treat Christ God to grant our souls great mer-cy.



(on 2)
Cantor:
(on 2)

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

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The head of the Fore-run-ner which was once concealed in an earth-en ves-sel,



has ap-peared, clearly given up from the bos-om of the earth and pour-ing forth



streams of heal-ing, for in the wa-ters he washed the head of him that e-ven



now covers the chambers of the fir-ma-ment with wa-ters, and rains down divine



forgiveness upon the hu-man race. There-fore, let us bless it as tru-ly most glo-ri-ous,



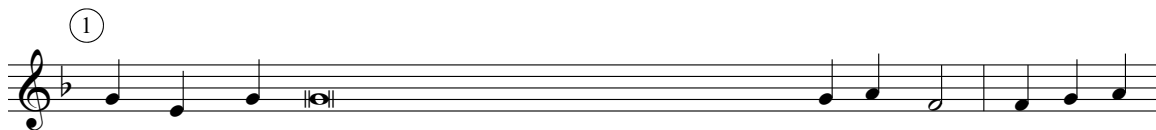
and in its discovery let us keep a feast, en - treat - ing Christ to



grant our souls great mer - - - cy.



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



The head which proclaimed the Lamb of God has appeared in the flesh. With di-vine



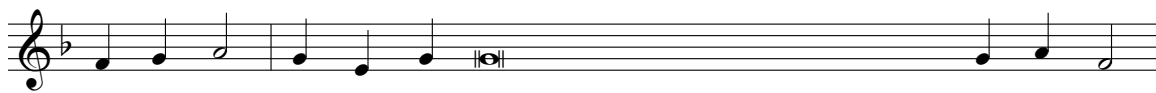
com - mands it declared the ways of sav - ing re - pent - ance to all. Of old it



de-nounced the sin of Her - od, and there - fore was cut off from its bod - y



and en-dured con-ceal-ment for a time. Now it shines forth upon us like a



ra-diant sun, cry - ing out: Repent and submit to Christ in compunc-tion of soul,

for he grants the world great mer - - - cy.

Tone 6

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

Doxastikon of the Baptist - Tone 6 samohlasen

The di - vine - ly pre-served head, a treasury of di - vine gifts,

has shone forth from the bosom of the earth, O Fore-run - ner. Glo-rious

proph-et, we receive it in faith and bow be-fore it, en - riched by you with most

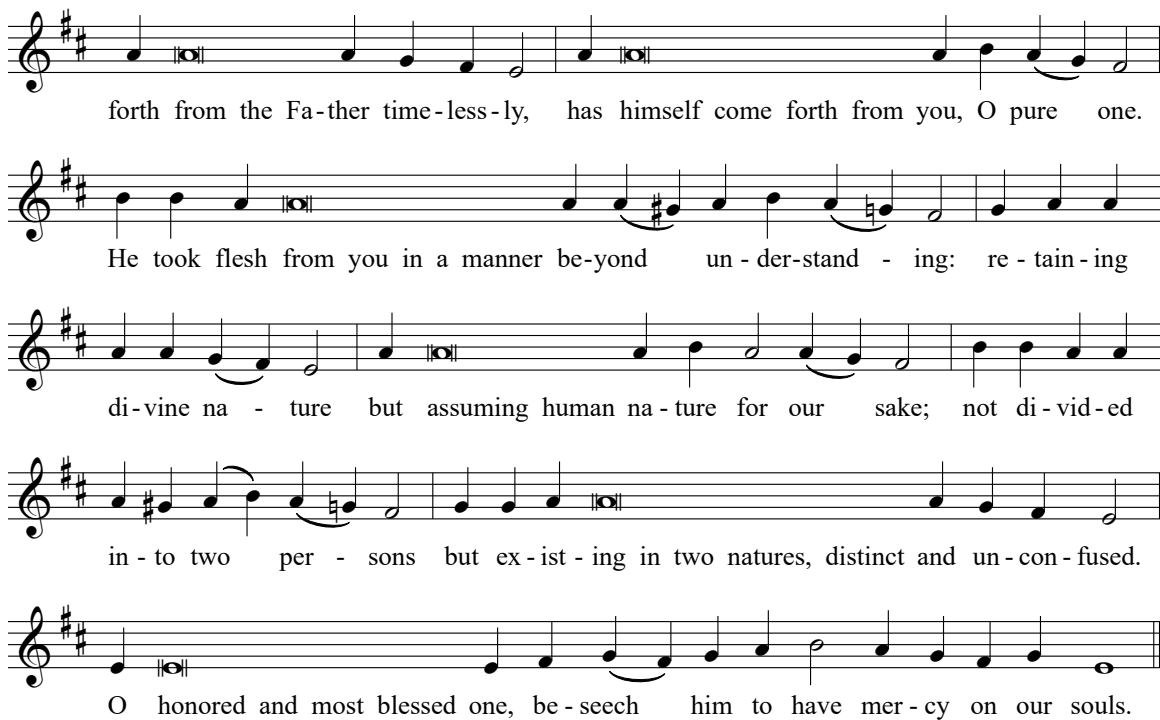
glo-rious mir - a - cles and the for-give-ness of our sins, O Bap - tist of Christ.

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

Dogmatikon - in the same tone

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.

The service continues with the Hymn of the Evening, "O Joyful Light," on page 22.

Prokeimena (p. 74) and readings (p. 24) for Friday in the second week of the Great Fast.