

Vespers Propers, October 18

The holy apostle and evangelist Luke who, as it is told, was born of a pagan family in Antioch and was a doctor by profession. He was converted to the faith and became a most-beloved companion of blessed Paul the Apostle. A scribe with the gentleness of Christ, he diligently arranged all the things which Jesus did and taught in the book of his Gospel. Likewise, in his Acts of the Apostles, he told the beginnings of the life of the Church up to the time of the first visit of Paul to Rome.

Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2006

Psalm 140 - Tone 8

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!

Recited verses begin on page 102. Verses are chanted through "Cantor on 7".

Cantor: (on 6)



If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive? But with you



is found forgive-ness: for this we re-vere you.



Tone 8 podobn: Čto vas narečem

What shall I call you, O bless-ed A-pos - tle? A heav-en pro-claim-ing the



glo - ry of God? A star shin - ing light up - on the world?



A cloud rain - ing down di - vine show - ers? A cup of Wisdom pouring



out for us the wine that brings joy to our hearts? In - ter-cede for the



sal - va - tion of our souls.

Cantor: (on 5)



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.

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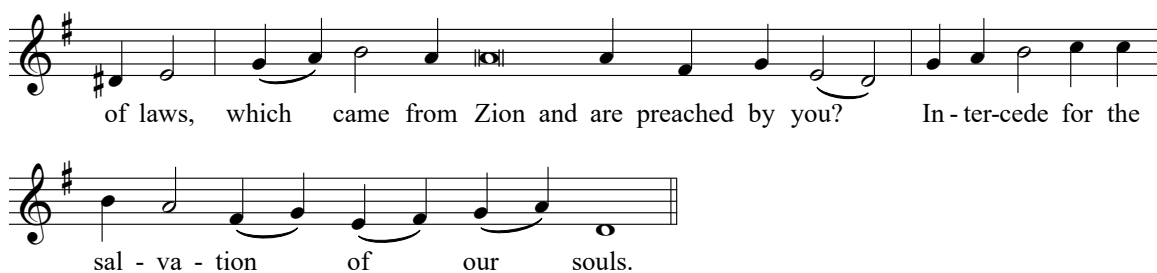
What shall I call you, O divinely in-spired A-pos - tle? A riv - er flow-ing
to us from Par - a - dise? The Ark of the Covenant es - tab - lished
by Christ? A star shin - ing forth the su - preme Light? A ra - dian - ce -
il - lu - min - ing the Church of God? A ta - ble of the Bread of Life and a
di - vine Chal - ice? In - ter - cede for the sal - va - tion of our souls.

Cantor: (on 4)

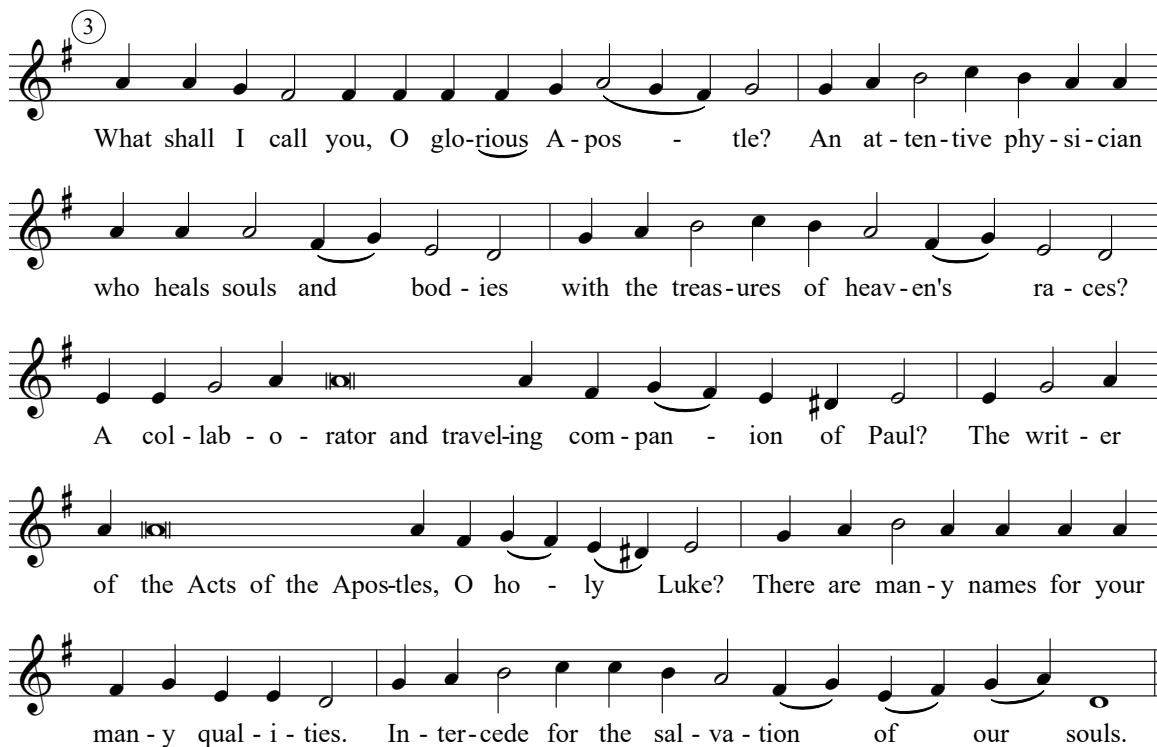
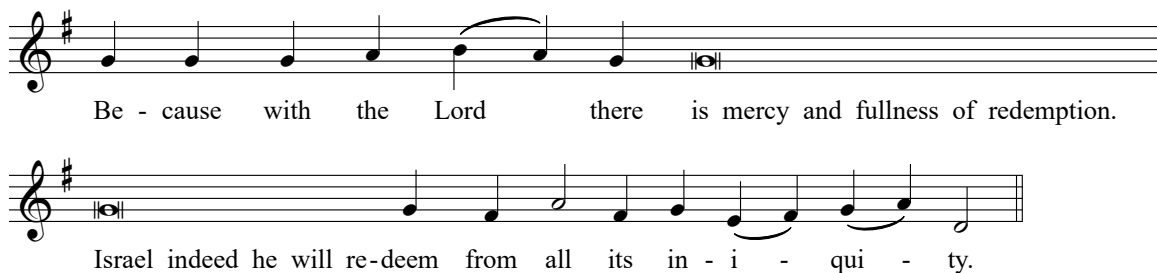
Let the watch-man count on day - break and Is - ra - el on the Lord.

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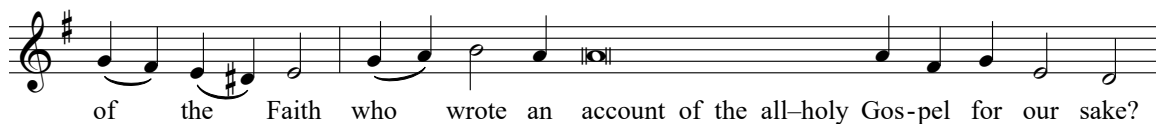
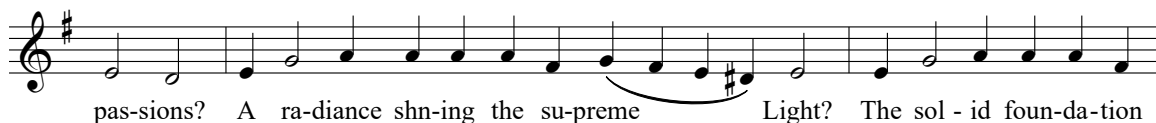
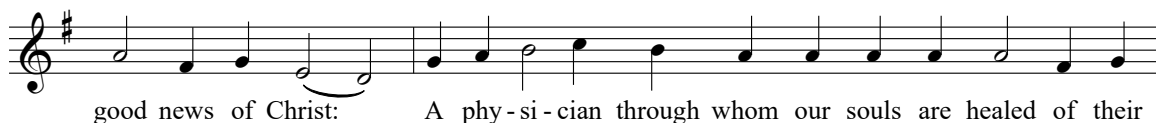
What shall I call you, who have seen our God? An ef - fi - cient stew - ard of the
mys - ter - ies of Christ? A wise build - er of the spir - it - ual tab - er - na - cle?
The hew - er of the tab - lets of grace on which you en - graved the new - est



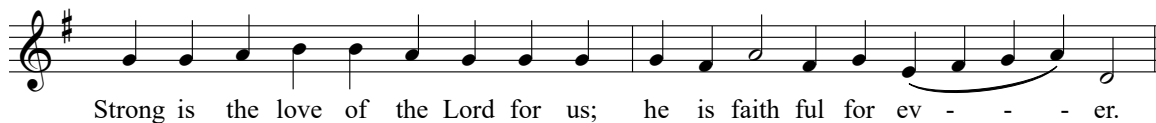
Cantor: (on 3)

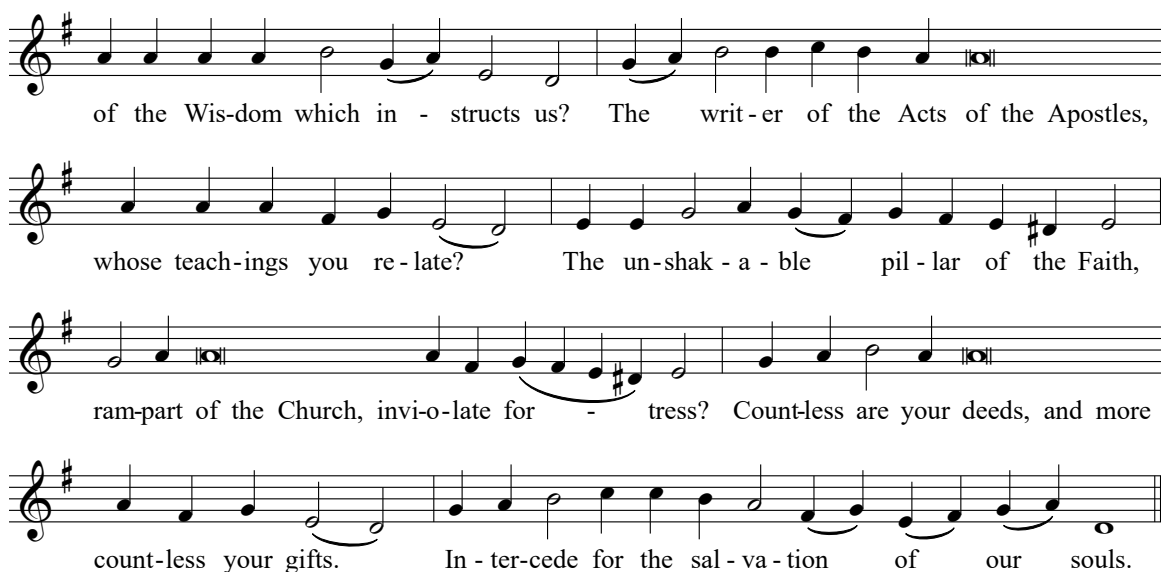


Cantor: (on 2)



Cantor: (on 1)

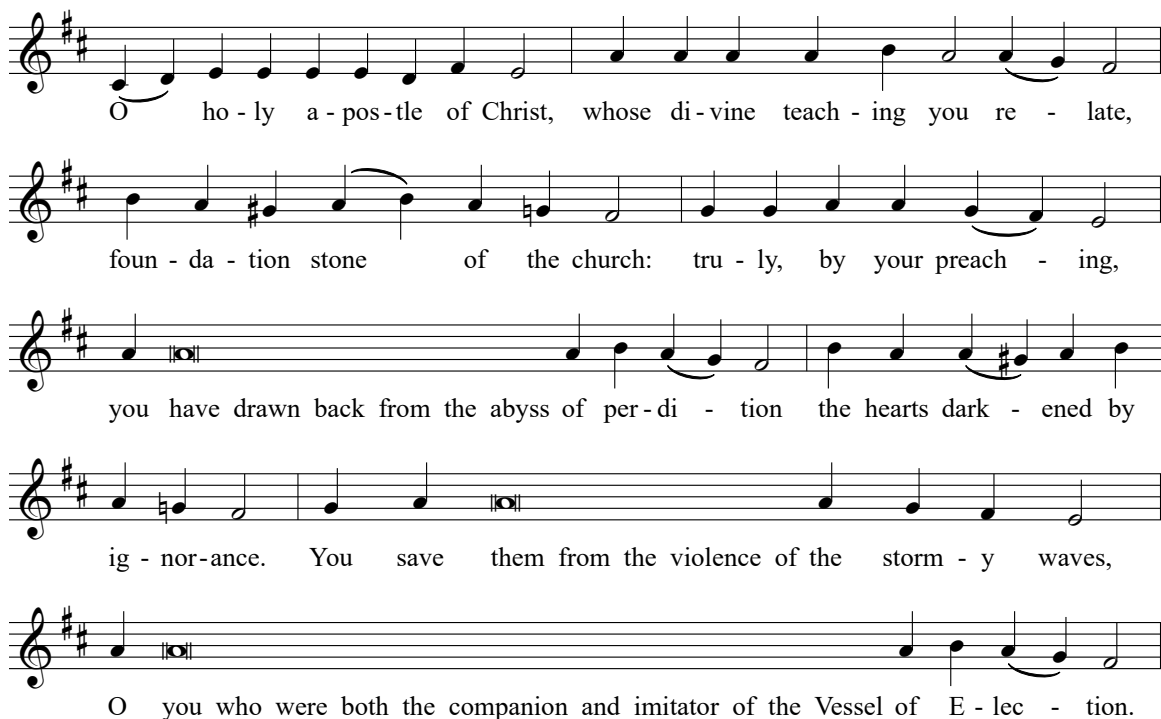




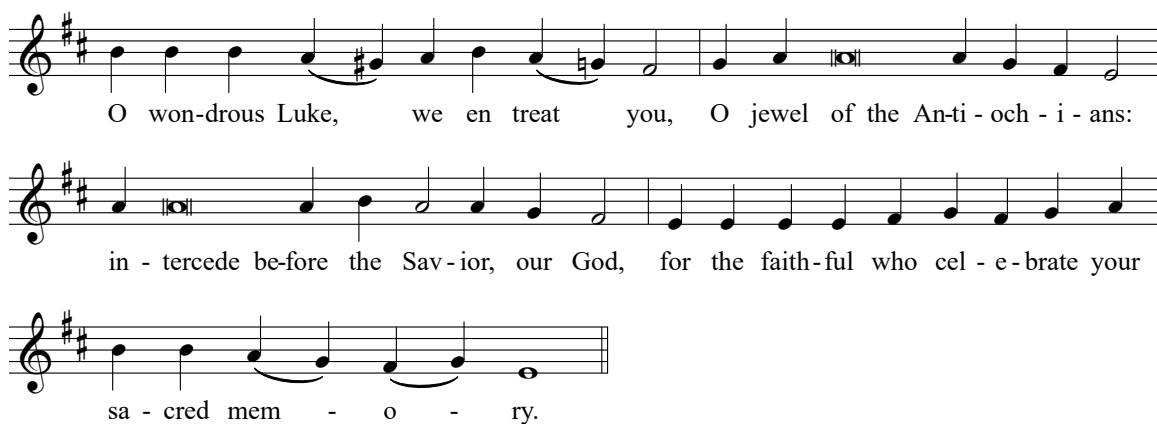
of the Wis-dom which in - structs us? The writ - er of the Acts of the Apostles,
 whose teach - ings you re - late? The un - shak - a - ble pil - lar of the Faith,
 ram-part of the Church, invi-o-late for - tress? Count-less are your deeds, and more
 count-less your gifts. In - ter-cede for the sal - va - tion of our souls.

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...

Doxastikon - Tone 6 samohlasen



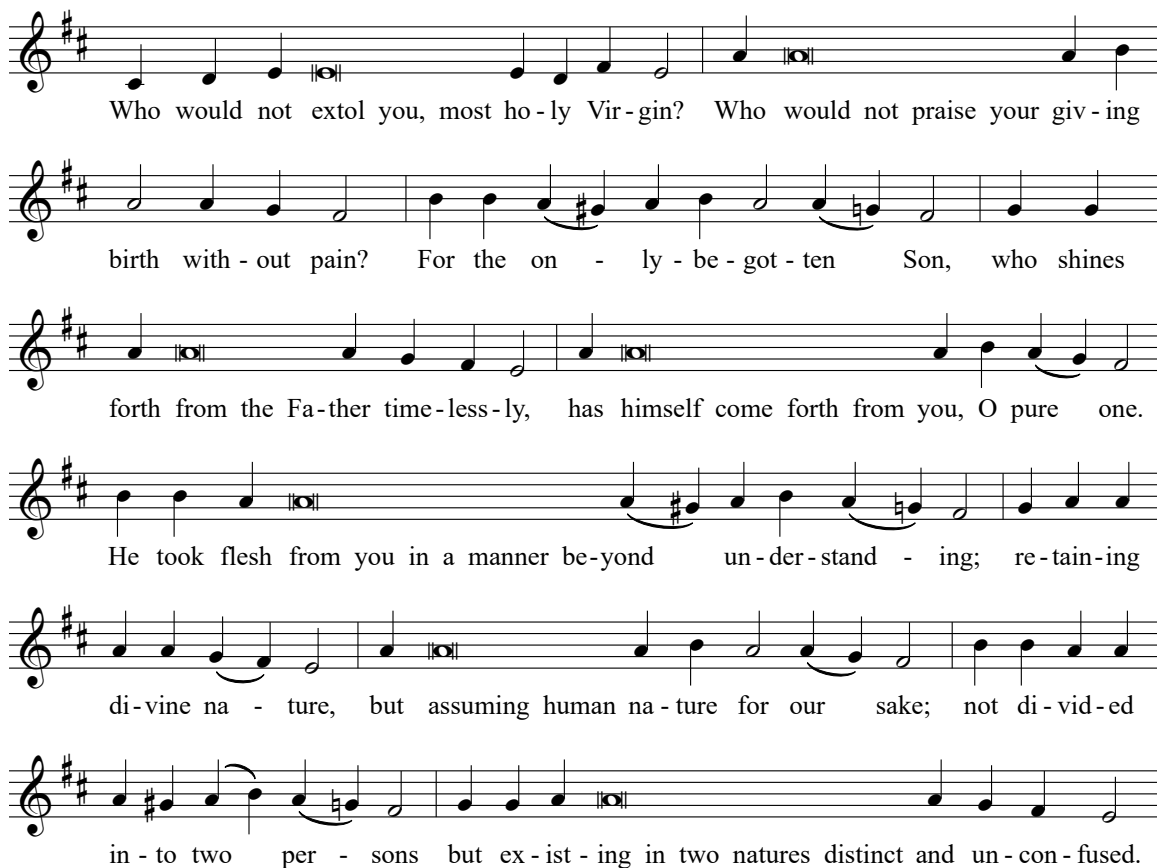
O ho - ly a - pos-tle of Christ, whose di - vine teach - ing you re - late,
 foun - da - tion stone of the church: tru - ly, by your preach - ing,
 you have drawn back from the abyss of per - di - tion the hearts dark - ened by
 ig - nor-ance. You save them from the violence of the storm - y waves,
 O you who were both the companion and imitator of the Vessel of E - lec - tion.



O won-drous Luke, we en treat you, O jewel of the An-ti - och - i - ans:
 in - tercede be-fore the Sav-ior, our God, for the faith-ful who cel - e - brate your
 sa - cred mem - o - ry.

Cantor: Now and ever...

Theotokion



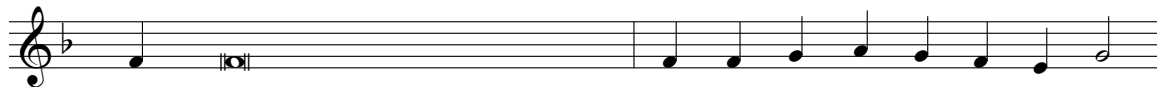
Who would not extol you, most ho - ly Vir-gin? Who would not praise your giv - ing
 birth with - out pain? For the on - ly - be - got - ten Son, who shines
 forth from the Fa-ther time-less-ly, has himself come forth from you, O pure one.
 He took flesh from you in a manner be-yond un-der-stand - ing; 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.





Grant us peace, life, light and great mer - cy.

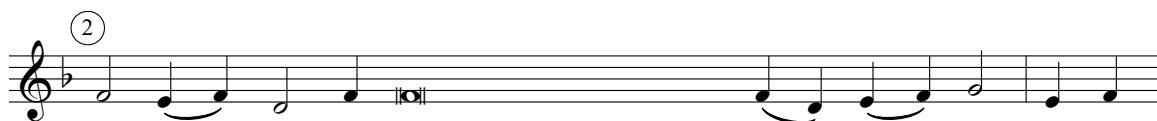
Cantor



Through all the earth their voice resounds, their mes-sage reach-es to the ends



of the world.



In your words, O blessed Disciple, as you your-self have said, we have



rec - og - nized the certitude of the in - spired Word of God. For you



have decided to set in writ-ing for us the whole se-quence of e - vents



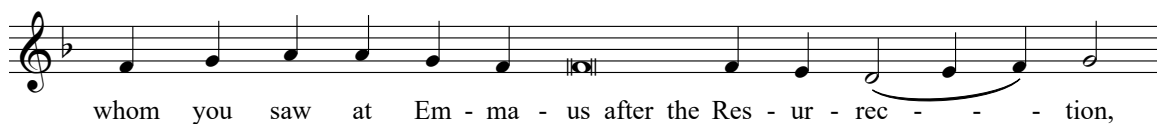
which were ful - filled, pre - cise - ly as they were trans-mit - ted to you



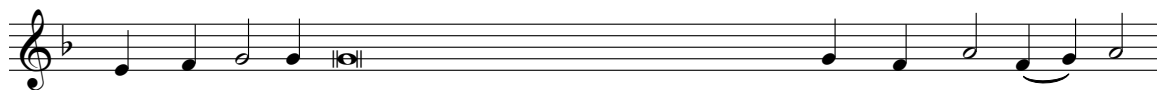
by the eye - wit - ness - es. You were their e - qual,



the serv - ant of the In - car - na - tion of the Word,



whom you saw at Em - ma - us after the Res - ur - rec - - - tion,

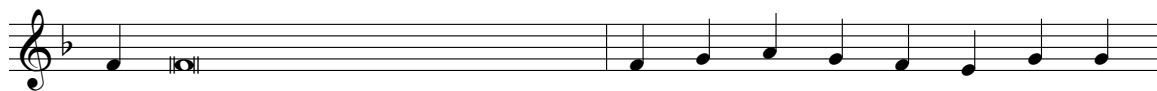


when you sat at table with him in the company of Cleo-phas, your heart a - fire.



Fill our souls also with his di - vine fer - vor.

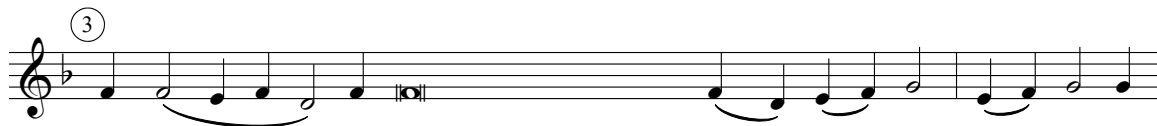
Cantor



The heavens declare the glory of God, and the fir - ma - ment pro-claims his



han - di - work.



Re-joyce, O you who alone have de-scribed for us the greet-ing



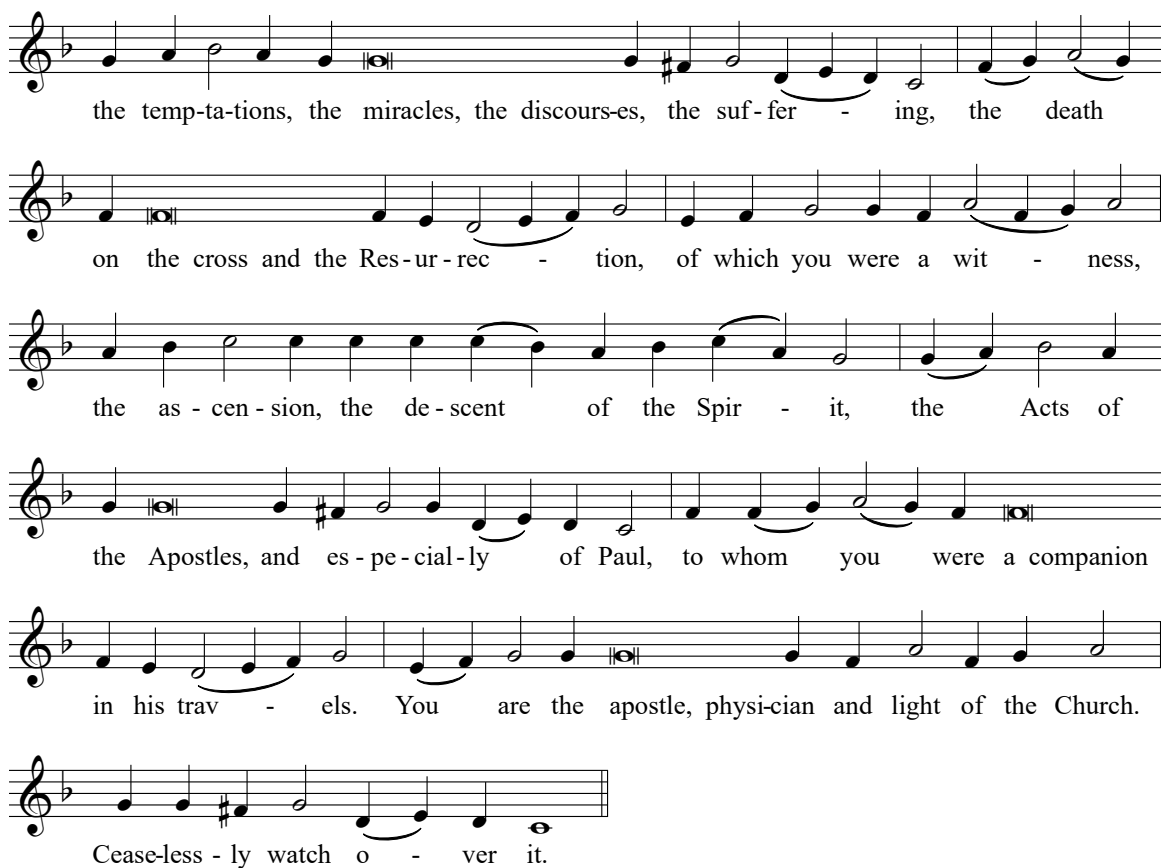
of the an - gel, the joy - ful an-nun-ci - a - tion to the spot-less



Vir - gin, the con-cep-tion of the Baptist who from his moth-er's womb



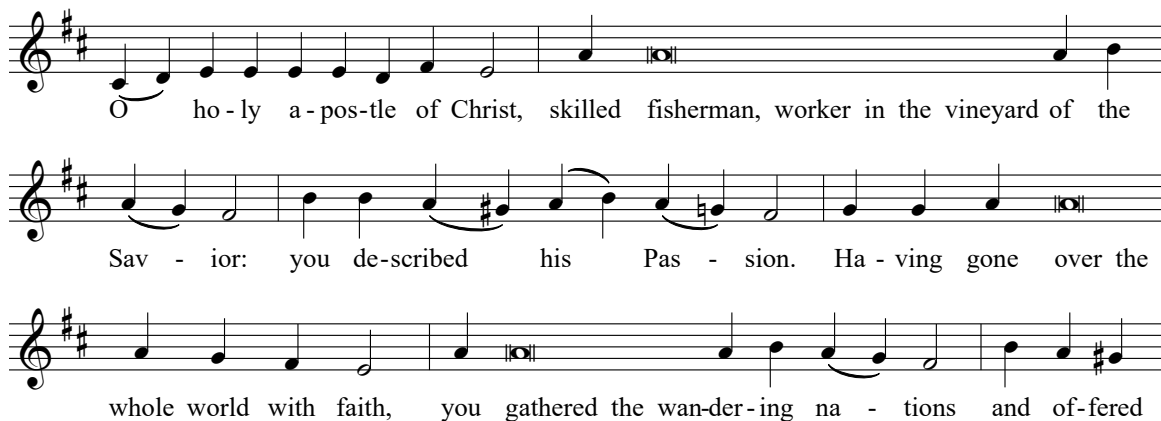
called her the Moth-er of the Lord; you de-scribed the birth of the Word,



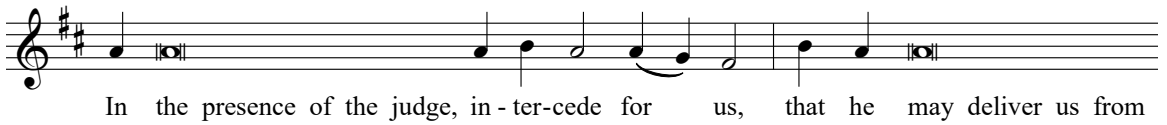
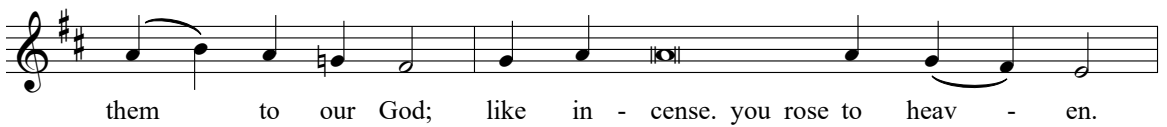
the temp-ta-tions, the miracles, the discours-es, the suf-fer - ing, the death
on the cross and the Res-ur-rec - tion, of which you were a wit - ness,
the as - cen - sion, the de - scent of the Spir - it, the Acts of
the Apostles, and es - pe - cial - ly of Paul, to whom you were a companion
in his trav - els. You are the apostle, physi-cian and light of the Church.
Cease-less - ly watch o - ver it.

Cantor: Glory...

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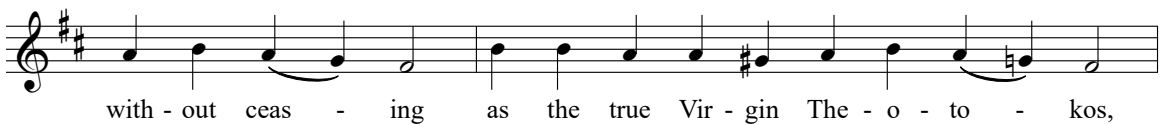


O ho - ly a - pos - tle of Christ, skilled fisherman, worker in the vineyard of the
Sav - ior: you de - scribed his Pas - sion. Ha - ving gone over the
whole world with faith, you gathered the wan-der-ing na - tions and of-fered



Cantor: Now and ever...

Theotokion



The service continues with the Prayer of Simeon, page 19.

Troparia

Troparion of Luke - Tone 5

Let us praise the ho - ly and glorious apost-le Luke with sa - cred chants;
 for he is a liv - ing doctor who heals hu - man weak - ness,
 the ills of souls, and the sick - ness of na - - - ture.
 He is the awe - some writ - er of the gos - pel of Christ,
 and the sto - ry of the Acts of the A - pos - - - tles.
 He re - cord - ed for the Church what had been un - writ - - - ten.

Glory...now and ever...

Festal Theotokion - Tone 5

Re-joyce, Vir-gin, im - pas - sa - ble Gate - way of the Lord! Re-joyce,
 pro - tec - tive Wall of those who take re - fuge in you! Re-joyce, peace - ful

Ha - ven un - trou - bled by storms! Re - joice, O Vir - gin who has not
 known wed - lock, and yet has giv - en birth in the flesh to your
 Cre - a - tor and God! O The - o - to - kos, nev - er cease to in - ter - cede
 for all those who praise and wor - ship your Son.

The service concludes with the Dismissal, page 21.