

Festal Orthros

St Catherine Orthodox Church

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Priest: Blessed is our God always, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

People/Choir: Amen.

Priest: Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee.

O heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, Who art in all places and fillest all things, Treasury of good things, and Giver of life, come and dwell in us and cleanse us from every stain and save our souls, O good One.

Trisagion Prayers

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

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Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

All-holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our iniquities. Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for thy name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Priest: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory: of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Amen.

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all their enemies, and by the power of Thy Cross preserving those who honor Thee.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Do Thou, Who of Thine own good will wast lifted up upon the Cross, O Christ our God, bestow Thy bounties upon the new Nation which is called by Thy Name; make glad in Thy might those who lawfully govern, that with them we may be led to victory over our adversaries, having in Thine aid a weapon of peace and a trophy invincible.

Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O fearsome champion, who cannot be put to confusion, despise not our petitions, O good and all-praised Theotokos; establish the way of the Orthodox; save those who have been called upon to govern us, leading us all to that victory which is from heaven, for thou art she who gavest birth to God and alone art blessed.

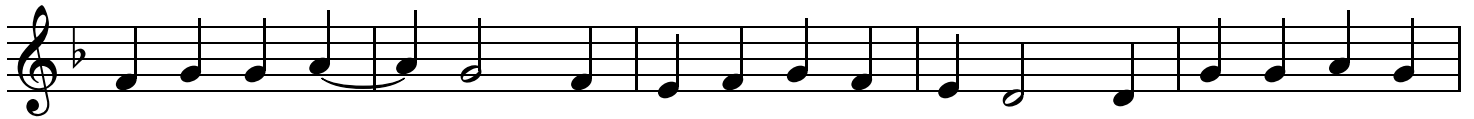
Hymn of the Cross

Tone 1

♩=120



O Lord save Thy peo - ple and bless _ Thine in - her - i - tance grant-ing to



Thy peo - ple vic - t'ry o - ver all their en - e - mies and by the po - wer



of Thy cross pre - serv-ing Those who ho - nor _____ Thee. -

Litany

Deacon/Priest: Have mercy on us, O God, according to thy great mercy, we pray thee, hearken and have mercy.

People/Choir: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Deacon/Priest: Again we pray for all pious and Orthodox Christians.

People/Choir: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Deacon/Priest: Again we pray for our father and Metropolitan SABA.

People/Choir: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Deacon/Priest: Again we pray for our brethren: the priests, hieromonks, deacons, hierodeacons and monastics and all our brotherhood in Christ.

People/Choir: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For thou art a merciful God and lovest mankind, and unto thee we ascribe glory, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

People/Choir: Amen.

Choir: Bless, Father, in the name of the Lord.

Priest: Glory to the holy, consubstantial, life-giving and undivided Trinity, always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

People/Choir: Amen.

Reader: Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, goodwill among men.

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O Lord, Thou shalt open my lips, and my mouth shall declare Thy praise.

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Psalm 3

O Lord, why are they multiplied that afflict me? Many rise up against me.

Many say unto my soul: There is no salvation for him in his God.

But Thou, O Lord, art my helper, my glory, and the lifter up of my head.

I cried unto the Lord with my voice, and He heard me out of His holy mountain.

I laid me down and slept; I awoke, for the Lord will help me.

I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people that set themselves against me round about.

Arise, O Lord, save me, O my God, for Thou hast smitten all who without cause are mine enemies; the teeth of sinners hast Thou broken.

Salvation is of the Lord, and Thy blessing is upon Thy people.

I laid me down and slept; I awoke, for the Lord will help me.

Psalm 37

O Lord, rebuke me not in Thine anger, nor chasten me in Thy wrath.

For Thine arrows are fastened in me, and Thou hast laid Thy hand heavily upon me.

There is no healing in my flesh in the face of Thy wrath; and there is no peace in my bones in the face of my sins.

For mine iniquities are risen higher than my head; as a heavy burden have they pressed heavily upon me.

My bruises are become noisome and corrupt in the face of my folly.

I have been wretched and utterly bowed down until the end; all the day long I went with downcast face.

For my loins are filled with mockings, and there is no healing in my flesh.

I am afflicted and humbled exceedingly, I have roared from the groaning of my heart.

O Lord, before Thee is all my desire, and my groaning is not hid from Thee.

My heart is troubled, my strength hath failed me; and the light of mine eyes, even this is not with me.

My friends and my neighbours drew nigh over against me and stood, and my nearest of kin stood afar off.

And they that sought after my soul used violence; and they that sought evils for me spake vain things, and craftiness all the day long did they meditate.

But as for me, like a deaf man I heard them not, and was as a speechless man that openeth not his mouth.

And I became as a man that heareth not, and that hath in his mouth no reproofs.

For in Thee have I hoped, O Lord; Thou wilt hearken unto me, O Lord my God.

For I said: Let never mine enemies rejoice over me; yea, when my feet were shaken, those men spake boastful words against me.

For I am ready for scourges, and my sorrow is continually before me.

For I will declare mine iniquity, and I will take heed concerning my sin.

But mine enemies live and are made stronger than I, and they that hated me unjustly are multiplied.

They that render me evil for good slandered me, because I pursued goodness.

Forsake me not, O Lord my God, depart not from me.

Be attentive unto my help, O Lord of my salvation.

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Psalm 62

O God, my God, unto Thee I rise early at dawn. My soul hath thirsted for Thee; how often hath my flesh longed after Thee in a land barren and untrodden and unwatered.

So in the sanctuary have I appeared before Thee to see Thy power and Thy glory, For Thy mercy is better than lives; my lips shall praise Thee.

So shall I bless Thee in my life, and in Thy name will I lift up my hands.

As with marrow and fatness let my soul be filled, and with lips rejoicing shall my mouth praise Thee.

If I remembered Thee on my bed, at the dawn I meditated on Thee.

For Thou art become my helper; in the shelter of Thy wings will I rejoice.

My soul hath cleaved after Thee, Thy right hand hath been quick to help me.

But as for these, in vain have they sought after my soul; they shall go into the nethermost parts of the earth, they shall be surrendered unto the edge of the sword; portions for foxes shall they be.

But the king shall be glad in God, everyone shall be praised that sweareth by Him; for the mouth of them is stopped that speak unjust things.

At the dawn I meditated on Thee. For Thou art become my helper; in the shelter of Thy wings will I rejoice. My soul hath cleaved after Thee; Thy right hand hath been quick to help me.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Glory to Thee, O God.

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Lord, have mercy.

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Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Psalm 87

O Lord God of my salvation, by day have I cried and by night before Thee.

Let my prayer come before Thee, bow down Thine ear unto my supplication,

For filled with evils is my soul, and my life unto hades hath drawn nigh.

I am counted with them that go down into the pit; I am become as a man without help, free among the dead,

Like the bodies of the slain that sleep in the grave, whom Thou rememberest no more, and they are cut off from Thy hand.

They laid me in the lowest pit, in darkness and in the shadow of death.

Against me is Thine anger made strong, and all Thy billows hast Thou brought upon me.

Thou hast removed my friends afar from me; they have made me an abomination unto themselves.

I have been delivered up, and have not come forth; mine eyes are grown weak from poverty.

I have cried unto Thee, O Lord, the whole day long; I have stretched out my hands unto Thee.

Nay, for the dead wilt Thou work wonders? Or shall physicians raise them up that they may give thanks unto Thee?

Nay, shall any in the grave tell of Thy mercy, and of Thy truth in that destruction?

Nay, shall Thy wonders be known in that darkness, and Thy righteousness in that land that is forgotten?

But as for me, unto Thee, O Lord, have I cried; and in the morning shall my prayer come before Thee.

Wherefore, O Lord, dost Thou cast off my soul and turnest Thy face away from me?

A poor man am I, and in troubles from my youth; yea, having been exalted, I was humbled and brought to distress.

Thy furies have passed upon me, and Thy terrors have sorely troubled me.

They came round about me like water, all the day long they compassed me about together.

Thou hast removed afar from me friend and neighbour, and mine acquaintances because of my misery.

O Lord God of my salvation, by day have I cried and by night before Thee. Let my prayer come before Thee, bow down Thine ear unto my supplication.

Psalm 102

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all that He hath done for thee,
Who is gracious unto all thine iniquities, Who healeth all thine infirmities,
Who redeemeth thy life from corruption, Who crowneth thee with mercy and
compassion,

Who fulfilleth thy desire with good things; thy youth shall be renewed as the
eagle's.

The Lord performeth deeds of mercy, and executeth judgement for all them that
are wronged.

He hath made His ways known unto Moses, unto the sons of Israel the things that
He hath willed.

Compassionate and merciful is the Lord, long-suffering and plenteous in mercy;
not unto the end will He be angered, neither unto eternity will He be wroth.

Not according to our iniquities hath He dealt with us, neither according to our
sins hath He rewarded us.

For according to the height of heaven from the earth, the Lord hath made His
mercy to prevail over them that fear Him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our iniquities from us.

Like as a father hath compassion upon his sons, so hath the Lord had compassion
upon them that fear Him; for He knoweth whereof we are made, He hath
remembered that we are dust.

As for man, his days are as the grass; as a flower of the field, so shall he blossom
forth.

For when the wind is passed over it, then it shall be gone, and no longer will it
know the place thereof.

But the mercy of the Lord is from eternity, even unto eternity, upon them that
fear Him.

And His righteousness is upon sons of sons, upon them that keep His testament and remember His commandments to do them.

The Lord in heaven hath prepared His throne, and His kingdom ruleth over all.

Bless the Lord, all ye His angels, mighty in strength, that perform His word, to hear the voice of His words.

Bless the Lord, all ye His hosts, His ministers that do His will.

Bless the Lord, all ye His works, in every place of His dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

In every place of His dominion, bless the Lord, O my soul.

Psalm 142

O Lord, hear my prayer, give ear unto my supplication in Thy truth; hearken unto me in Thy righteousness.

And enter not into judgement with Thy servant, for in Thy sight shall no man living be justified.

For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath humbled my life down to the earth.

He hath sat me in darkness as those that have been long dead, and my spirit within me is become despondent; within me my heart is troubled.

I remembered days of old, I meditated on all Thy works, I pondered on the creations of Thy hands.

I stretched forth my hands unto Thee; my soul thirsteth after Thee like a waterless land.

Quickly hear me, O Lord; my spirit hath fainted away.

Turn not Thy face away from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

Cause me to hear Thy mercy in the morning; for in Thee have I put my hope.

Cause me to know, O Lord, the way wherein I should walk; for unto Thee have I lifted up my soul.

Rescue me from mine enemies, O Lord; unto Thee have I fled for refuge. Teach me to do Thy will, for Thou art my God.

Thy good Spirit shall lead me in the land of uprightness; for Thy name's sake, O Lord, shalt Thou quicken me.

In Thy righteousness shalt Thou bring my soul out of affliction, and in Thy mercy shalt Thou utterly destroy mine enemies.

And Thou shalt cut off all them that afflict my soul, for I am Thy servant.

Hearken unto me, O Lord, in Thy righteousness and enter not into judgment with Thy servant. (twice) Thy good Spirit shall lead me in the land of uprightness.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

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O our God and our Hope, glory to Thee!

Litany Responses

Antiochian Village

Lord, have mercy (Odd)



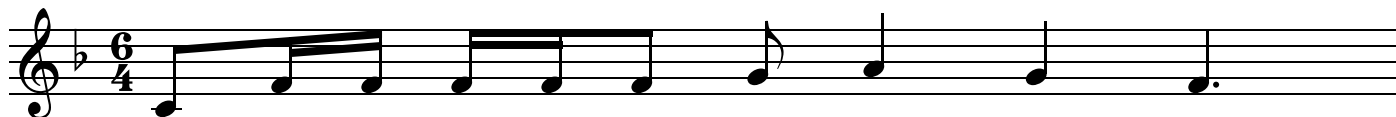
Lord, have mercy
Grant _____ this, O Lord.

3 Lord, have mercy (Even)



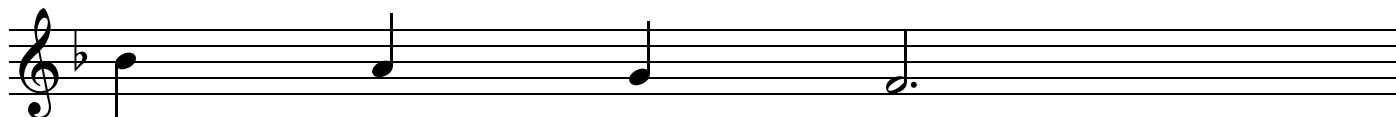
Lord, have mercy
Grant _____ this, O Lord.

5



Most Holy Theotokos, save _____ us.

6 To Thee, O Lord



To Thee, O Lord.

7 Amen



Amen.

The Litany of Peace

Deacon/Priest: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People/Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon/Priest: For the peace from above and the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

People/Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon/Priest: For the peace of the whole world, the good estate of the holy churches of God and the union of all, let us pray to the Lord.

People/Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon/Priest: For this holy house and those who with faith, reverence, and fear of God enter therein, let us pray to the Lord.

People/Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon/Priest: For our father and Metropolitan SABA, the honorably presbytery, the diaconate in Christ, all the clergy and all the people, let us pray to the Lord.

People/Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon/Priest: For our country, its president, civil authorities, and armed forces, let us pray to the Lord.

People/Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon/Priest: For this city and every city and countryside and the faithful who dwell therein, let us pray to the Lord.

People/Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon/Priest: For healthful seasons, abundance of the fruits of the earth, and peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

People/Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon/Priest: For travelers by sea, by land, and by air, the sick, the suffering, the captive, and their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

People/Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon/Priest: For our deliverance from all tribulation, wrath, danger, and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.

People/Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon/Priest: Help us; save us; have mercy on us; and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

People/Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon/Priest: Calling to remembrance our all-holy, immaculate, most [*People, quietly: "Most Holy Theotokos, save us"*] blessed and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and each other and all our life unto Christ our God.

People/Choir: To Thee, O Lord.

Priest: For unto Thee are due all glory, honor, and worship, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

People/Choir: Amen.

God is the Lord

This is usually sung in the tone of the following hymn, if known. Tone 6 is provided here on the following page.

Refrain: God is the Lord and hath appeared unto us. Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

- O give thanks unto the Lord and call upon his Holy Name. *Refrain*
- All nations compassed me about, but in the Name of the Lord will I destroy them. *Refrain*
- This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. *Refrain*

God is the Lord

Plagal Second Mode

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Rassem El Massih
April, 2015

Ison
God is the Lord and hath ap - peared un - to us.
Bless - ed is He that com-eth in the Name of the Lord.

(The chanter begins first with "God is the Lord..." and repeats it after each of the verses.)

CHANTER: God is the Lord and hath appeared unto us. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Verse 1: O give thanks unto the Lord, and call upon his holy name.

Verse 2: All nations compassed me about: but in the name of the Lord will I destroy them.

Verse 3: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Hymns

Sing the hymn of the feast three times.

The Little Litany

Deacon/Priest: Again, and again in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People/Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon/Priest: Help us; save us; have mercy on us; and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

People/Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon/Priest: Calling to remembrance our all-holy, immaculate, most [*People, quietly: "Most Holy Theotokos, save us"*] blessed and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and each other and all our life unto Christ our God.

People/Choir: To Thee, O Lord.

Priest: For Thine is the might, and Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

People/Choir: Amen.

Sessional Hymns (Plain Reading)

Read the appropriate sessional hymns of the day, based on appointed rubrics. On weekdays, these come from the Menaion if possible, otherwise from the Weekday Octoechos for the Tone and the Day of the Week. The usual pattern follows:

First Kathismata

- First Hymn for the First Kathismata
- Second Hymn for the First Kathismata

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

- Third Hymn for the First Kathismata

Second Kathismata

- First Hymn for the Second Kathismata
- Second Hymn for the Second Kathismata

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

- Third Hymn for the Second Kathismata

Third Kathismata (Usually only on non-Sundays)

- First Hymn for the Third Kathismata
- Second Hymn for the Third Kathismata

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

- Third Hymn for the Third Kathismata

Lord, have mercy.

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Lord, have mercy.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

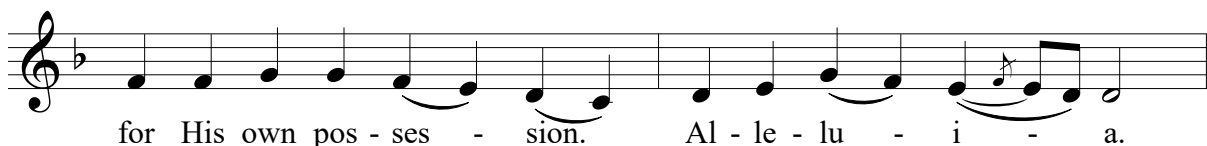
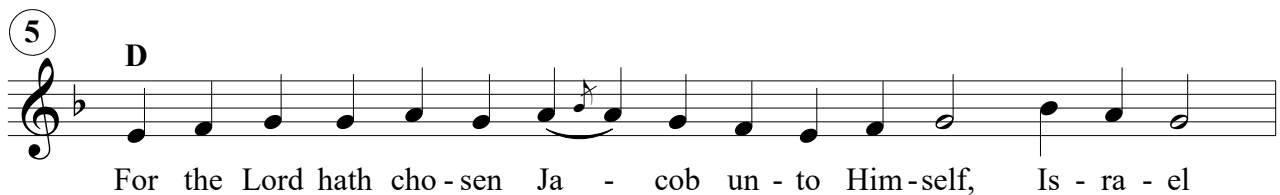
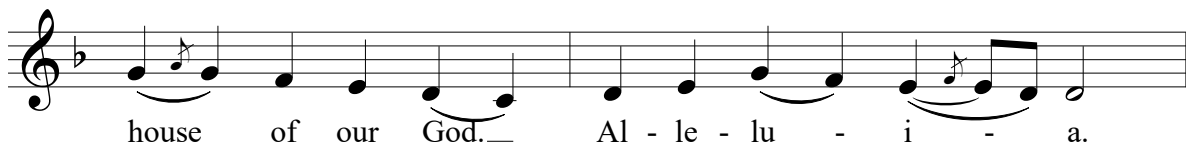
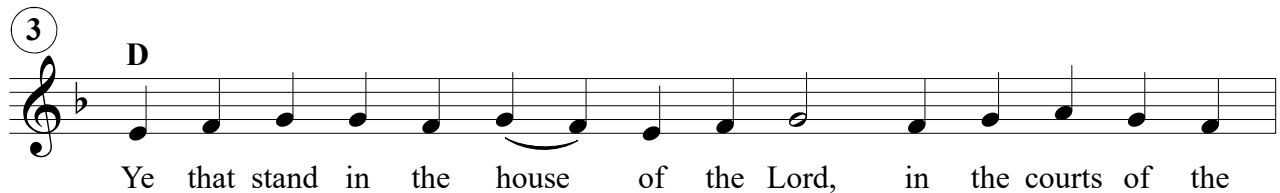
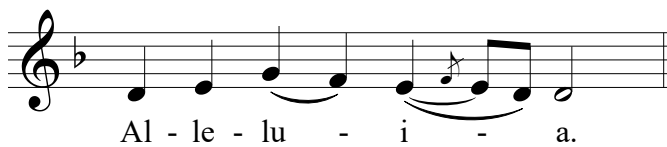
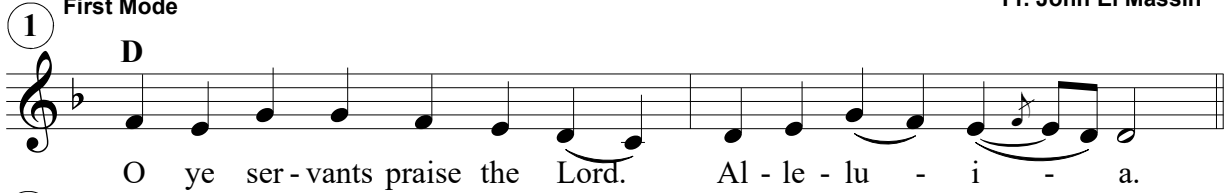
Polyeloeos - Psalm 134

Brief Version

(Byzantine notation begins on page 5)

Tone 1
First Mode

Fr. John El Massih



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For I know that the Lord is great, and that our Lord is a -

- bove_ all_ gods._ Al - le - lu - i - a.

7

All_ that the Lord hath willed He hath done, in heav - en and on thē earth,

in the seas and in all the a - byss - es. Al - le - lu - i - a.

8

Bring-ing clouds up from thē ut - ter - most parts of thē earth,

light-nings for the rain — hath He made. Al - le - lu - i - a.

9

He bring - eth winds out of His treas - ur - ies; He smote the

first - born of E - gypt, from man ____ un - to beast. ____

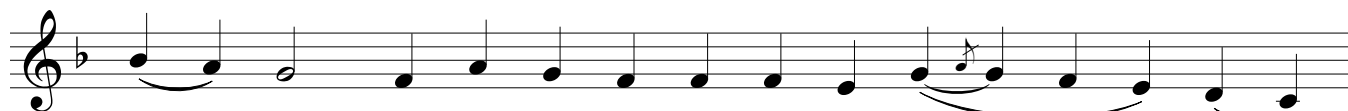
Al - le - lu - i - a.

10

D



He sent forth signs and mar - vels in the midst of thee, O



E - gypt, on Phar - aoh and on all his ser - - vants.



Al - le - lu - i - a.

11

D



He smote__ man - y na - tions and slew__ might - y kings.



Al - le - lu - i - a.

12

D



For the Lord will judge His peo - ple, and be - cause of His



ser - vants shall He be com - fort - ed. Al - le - lu - i - a.

13

D

G



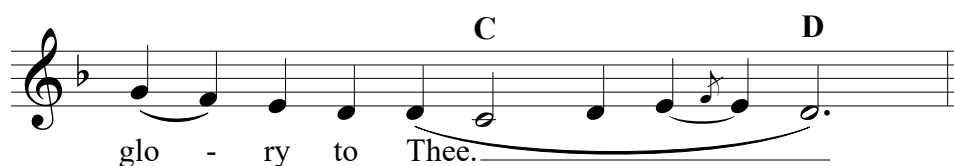
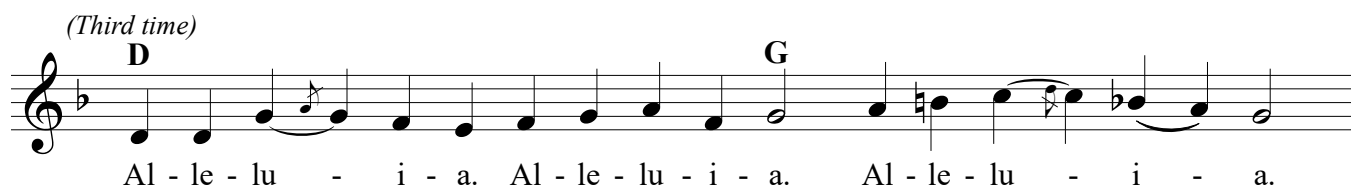
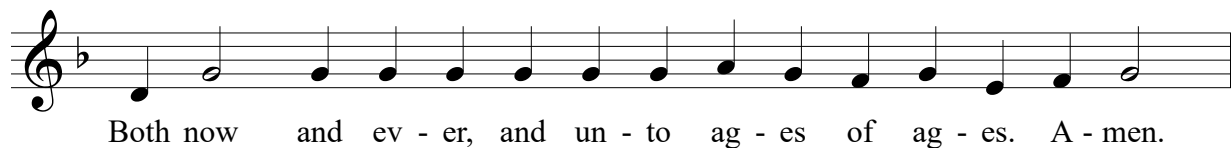
Ye that fear the Lord, bless ye the Lord. Bless - ed is the Lord out of



Si - on, Who dwell - eth in Je - ru - sa - lem.



Al - le - lu - i - a.



Polyeleos Hymns

Sing the appointed Polyeleos hymns of the feast, based on appointed rubrics. The usual pattern follows:

- The Polyeleos Hymn of the Feast

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

- The Polyeleos Hymn of the Feast (*repeat*)

[On certain Feasts we sing the following:]
(cf. note on page "A" in the Table of Contents.)

Anabathmoi

First Antiphon Tone 4

Basil Kazan
(1915 - 2001)

(Sing twice)

Ison

From my youth up man - y pas - sions have
warred a - gainst me. But do thou help and
save me, O my Sav - iour.

(Sing twice)

Ye who hate Zi - on shall be put to con -
fu - sion of the Lord; like grass in the
fire shall ye be with - ered up. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to the Son and
to the Ho - ly Spir - it. Through the Ho - ly
Spir - it is ev' - ry soul quick - ened and ex -

- alt - ed in pu - ri - ty, and made re - splend - -

- ent by the Tri - une U - ni - ty in mys - tic ho - li -

- ness. Both now and ev - er, and un - to

a - ges of a - ges. A - men.

Through the Ho - ly Spir - it the chan - nels and streams of

grace o - ver - flow, show - er - ing all cre - a -

- tion with in - vig - or - at - ing life.

[Now sing the Prokeimenon and verse for the Feast.]
(cf. note on page "A" in the Table of Contents.)

Orthros Prokeimenon

Reader: *Chants the refrain of the prokeimenon.*

People/Choir: *Repeat the refrain.*

Reader: *Chants other verses of the prokeimenon.*

People/Choir: *Repeat the refrain.*

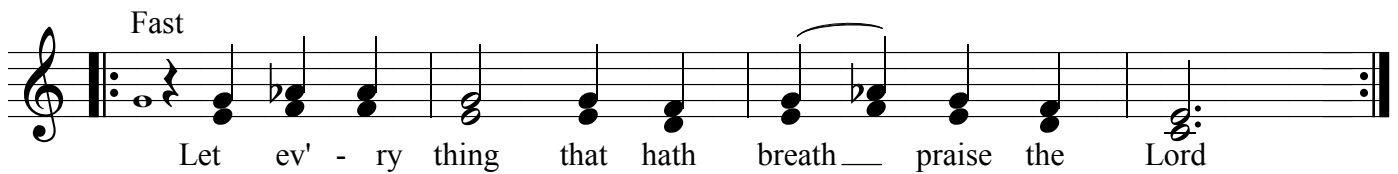
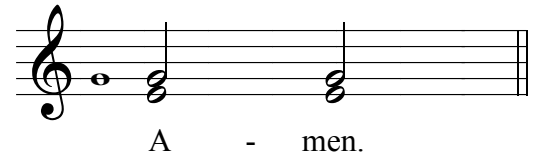
Reader: *Chants the first part of the refrain.*

People/Choir: *Complete the refrain.*

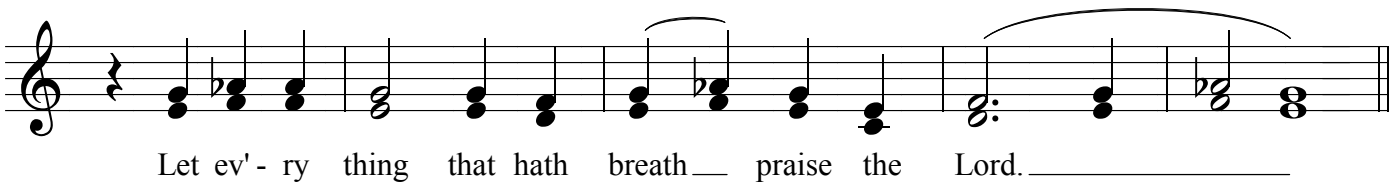
PRIEST: Let us pray to the Lord.



PRIEST: For holy art thou, O our God, who restest in the saints, and unto thee do we ascribe glory; to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

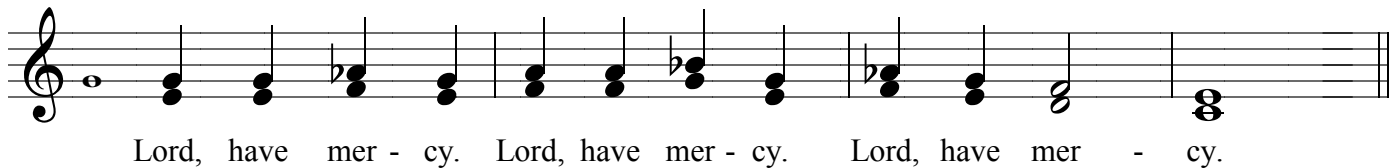


Verse: Praise ye God in his Saints. Praise him in the firmament of his power.

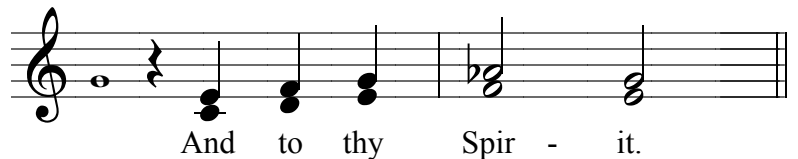


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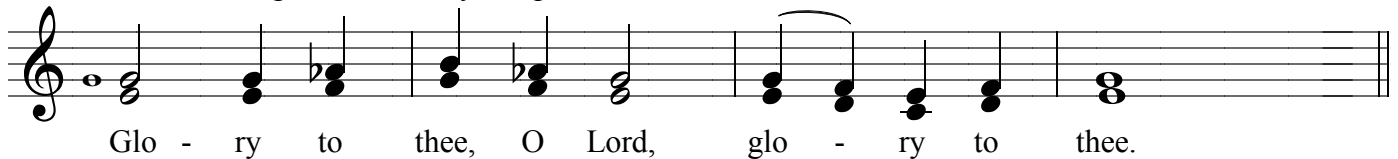
PRIEST: And that we may be accounted worthy to hear the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.



PRIEST: Wisdom! Attend!
Let us hear the Holy Gospel.
Peace be to all.



PRIEST: The reading from the Holy Gospel



[Now is read the Matins Gospel of the proper Eothina (cf. Nassar pgs 199 - 218)].

After completion of the Gospel, sing as below:



Psalm 50

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Thy great mercy; and according to the multitude of Thy compassions blot out my transgression.

Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know mine iniquity, and my sin is ever before me.

Against Thee only have I sinned and done this evil before Thee, that Thou mightest be justified in Thy words, and prevail when Thou art judged.

For behold, I was conceived in iniquities, and in sins did my mother bear me.

For behold, Thou hast loved truth; the hidden and secret things of Thy wisdom hast Thou made manifest unto me.

Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be made clean; Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow.

Thou shalt make me to hear joy and gladness; the bones that be humbled, they shall rejoice.

Turn Thy face away from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and with Thy governing Spirit establish me.

I shall teach transgressors Thy ways, and the ungodly shall turn back unto Thee.

Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, Thou God of my salvation; my tongue shall rejoice in Thy righteousness.

O Lord, Thou shalt open my lips, and my mouth shall declare Thy praise.

For if Thou hadst desired sacrifice, I had given it; with whole-burnt offerings Thou shalt not be pleased.

A sacrifice unto God is a broken spirit; a heart that is broken and humbled God will not despise.

Do good, O Lord, in Thy good pleasure unto Sion, and let the walls of Jerusalem be builded.

Then shalt Thou be pleased with a sacrifice of righteousness, with oblation and whole-burnt offerings.

Then shall they offer bullocks upon Thine altar.

Troparia after Psalm 50 (Tone 2)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Through the intercessions of the Apostles, O Thou Who art merciful, blot out all the multitude of our transgressions.

Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Thou Who art merciful, blot out all the multitude of our transgressions.

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy loving-kindness; according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

- *The appointed hymn of the feast*

The Intercession

Priest/Deacon: ...we beseech Thee, O most merciful Lord, hearken unto the petitions of us sinners who make our supplications unto Thee, and have mercy upon us.

People/Choir: Lord, have mercy. (*twelve times*)

Priest: Through the mercies and compassions and love for mankind of Thine Onlybegotten Son, with Whom Thou art blessed, together with Thine all-holy, and good, and life-giving Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

People/Choir: Amen.

Kontakion and Oikos (Plain Reading)

Read the appropriate Kontakion and Oikos of the day, based on appointed rubrics. These come from the Menaion if available, otherwise they are based on the Day of the Week.

The Synaxarion (Plain Reading)

Read the assigned Synaxarion from the Menaion, if available, based on appointed rubrics.

Canon

Sing the Hermoi from the appointed canon or canons of the day according the following pattern:

- Odes 1-7 (if provided)

We praise, we bless, and we worship the Lord.

- Ode 8

Priest/Deacon: The Theotokos and Mother of the Light let us honor and magnify in song.

Sing the Magnifications, if possible in the Tone matching that of the canon. When Magnifications follow in this book, the Tone 8 version is provided on the next page. After the Magnifications, sing Ode 9 from the appointed variables.

The Little Litany

Priest/Deacon: Again, and again in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People/Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest/Deacon: Help us; save us; have mercy on us; and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

People/Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest/Deacon: Calling to remembrance our all-holy, immaculate, most [*People, quietly: "Most Holy Theotokos, save us"*] blessed and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and each other and all our life unto Christ our God.

People/Choir: To Thee, O Lord.

Priest: For all the powers of heaven praise Thee, and unto Thee do they ascribe glory, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

People/Choir: Amen.

Exaposteilarion

The Exaposteilarion of the Feast is sung three times.

The Praises

This is usually sung in a prescribed tone. Tone 4 is provided here on the following page. Sing together through "To Thee, O God, is due our song." Then intone the verses; an appointed stichera of the feast follows each one.

Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the heights. To Thee, O God, is due our song.

Praise ye Him, all His angels; praise ye Him, all His hosts. To Thee, O God, is due our song.

- 1) Praise Him for His mighty acts; praise Him according to His excellent greatness.
- 2) Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet. Praise Him with the psaltery and harp.
- 3) Praise Him with the timbrel and dance; praise Him with stringed instruments and organs.
- 4) Praise Him upon the loud cymbals; praise Him upon the high-sounding cymbals. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

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Praises, Verses and Stichera (AINOI)

Byzantine Tone 4

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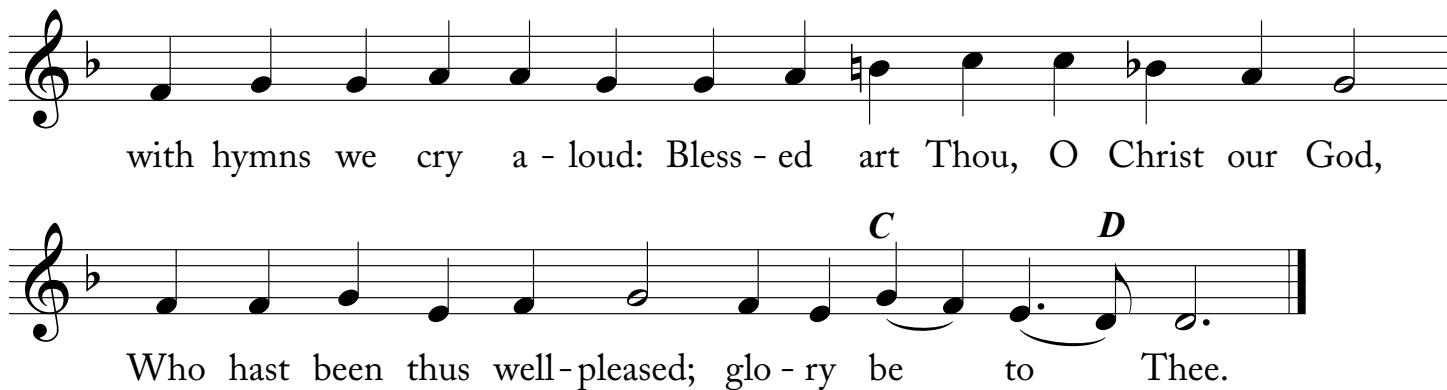
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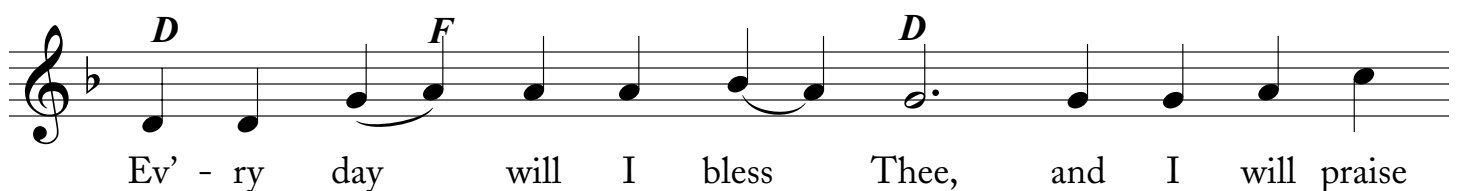
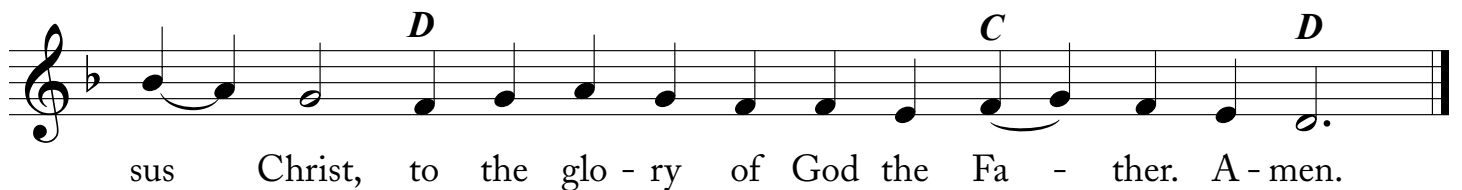
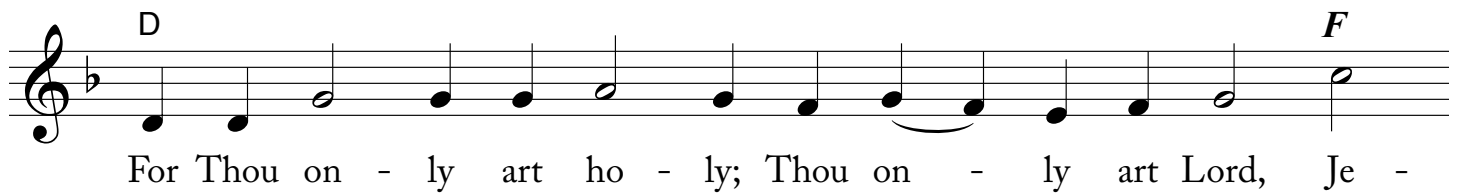
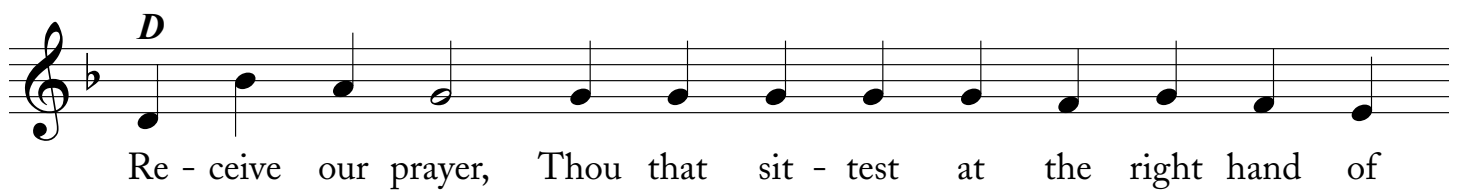
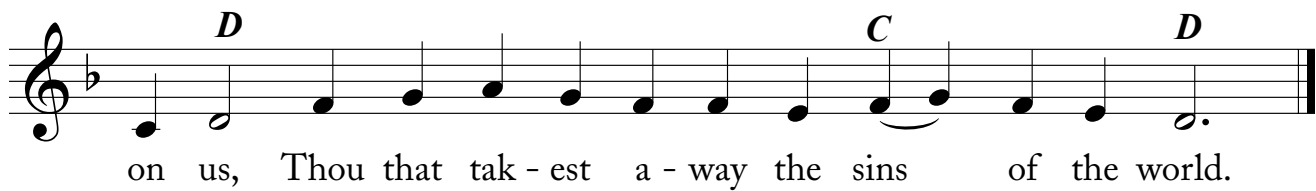
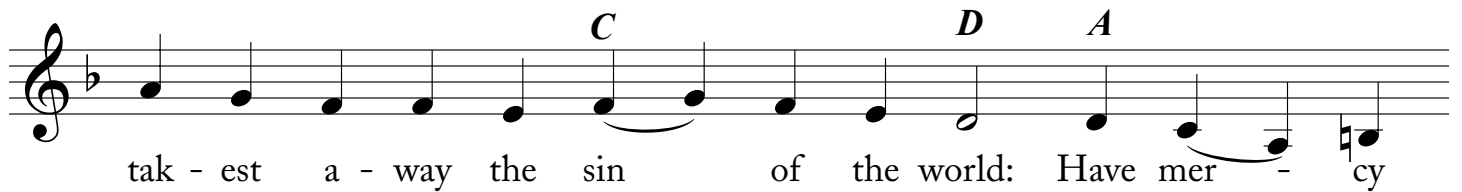
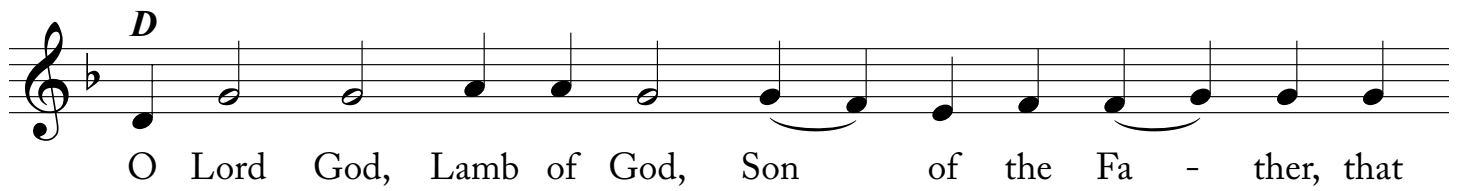
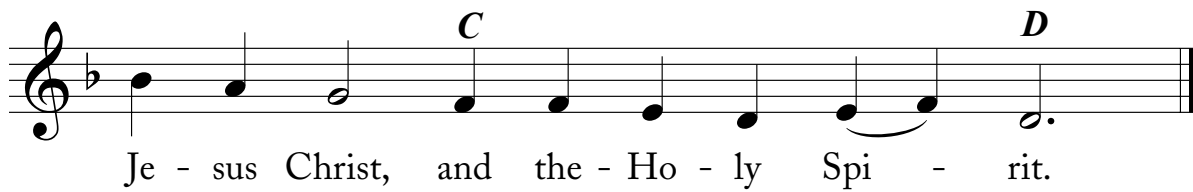
with hymns we cry a - loud: Bless - ed art Thou, O Christ our God,
Who hast been thus well-pleased; glo - ry be to Thee.

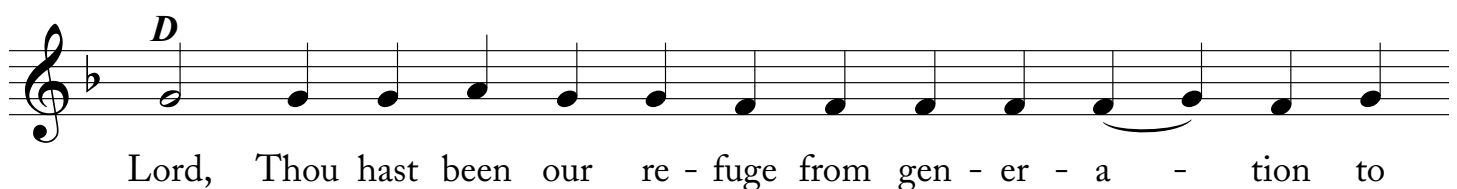
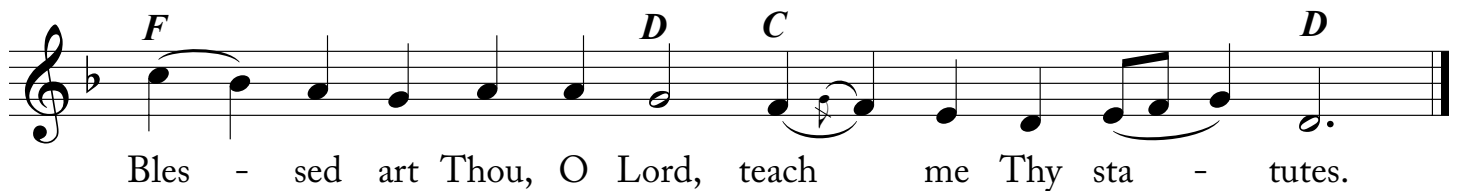
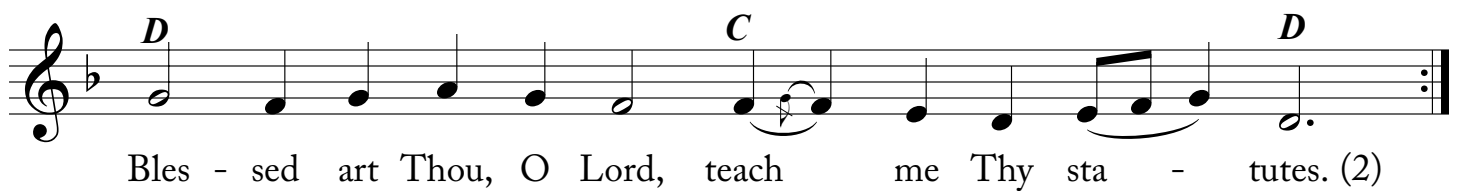
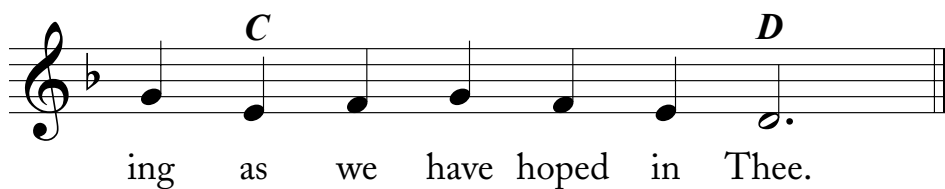
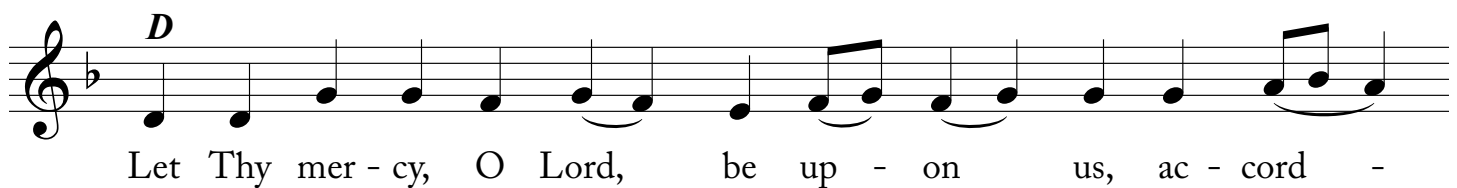
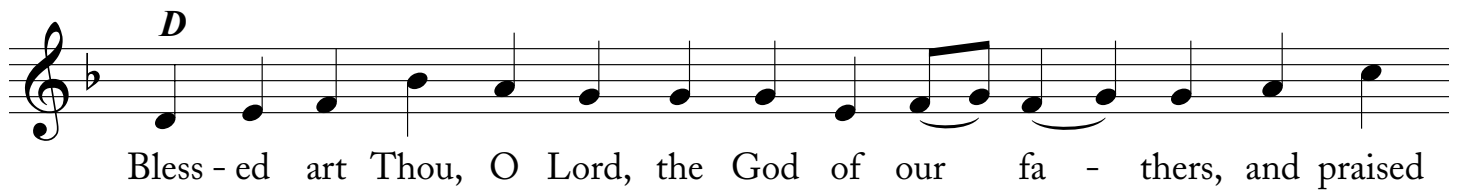
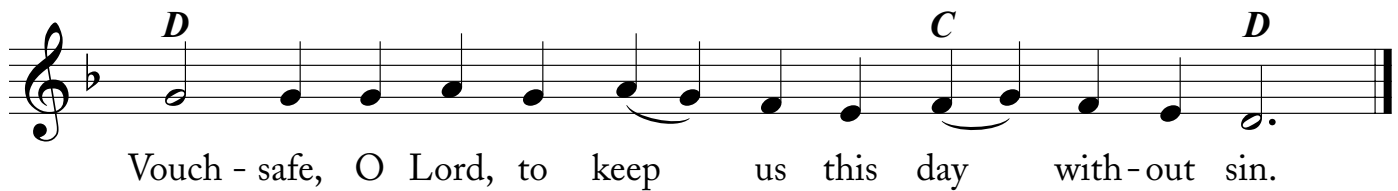
the great doxology

First Tone



Glo - ry to Thee, Who hast shown forth the light. Glo - ry to God
in the high - est, and on earth peace, good-will towards men.
We praise Thee; we bless Thee; we wor - ship Thee; we glo - ri -
fy Thee; we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glo - ry.
O Lord, Heav - en - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al -
migh - ty. O Lord, the On - ly Be - got - ten Son,





gen - er - a - tion. I said: O Lord, have mer - cy on me;

F heal my soul, *D* for *C* I have sinned *D* a - gainst Thee.

D Lord, un - to Thee have I fled for re - fuge; *F* teach

me to do Thy will, *D* for Thou art *C* my God. *D*

D For in Thee is the foun - tain of life; in Thy

C light shall we see *D* light.

D O con - tin - ue *F* Thy mer - *D* cy *C* un - to them that know *D* Thee.

D Ho - ly God, Ho - ly Migh - ty, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal,

C have mer - *D* cy on us.

D *C*

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to

D

the Ho - ly Spi - rit.

D

Both now and ev - er, and un - to the a - ges of

C *D*

a - ges. A - men.

D *C* *D*

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal, have mer - cy on us.

D *C* *D*

Ho - ly God.

D *C* *D*

Ho - ly Migh - ty.

D *G* *D*

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal, have

C *D* *C* *D*

mer - cy on us.

Hymn of the Feast

Sing the Hymn of the Feast.

If a Divine Liturgy is to follow, it begins immediately after.

