Unmercenaries Cosmas & Damian

Sunday, November 1 2026

Tone 5

GREAT VESPERS - SATURDAY EVENING

DEACON: Bless, Father.

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

PEOPLE: Amen.

"Come Let Us Worship…"

Psalm 104

Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord You are very great: / You are clothed with honor and majesty, / Who cover Yourself with light as with a garment, / Who stretch out the heavens like a curtain.

He lays the beams of His upper chambers in the waters, / Who makes the clouds His chariot, / Who walks on the wings of the wind, / Who makes His angels spirits, His ministers a flame of fire.

You Who laid the foundations of the earth, / so that it should not be moved forever, / You covered it with the deep as with a garment; / the waters stood above the mountains.

At Your rebuke they fled; / at the voice of Your thunder they hastened away. / They went up over the mountains; they went down into the valleys, / to the place which You founded for them.

You have set a boundary that they may not pass over, / that they may not return to cover the earth. / He sends the springs into the valleys, / which flow among the hills.

They give drink to every beast of the field; / the wild donkeys quench their thirst. / By them the birds of the heavens have their habitation; / they sing among the branches.

He waters the hills from His upper chambers; / the earth is satisfied with the fruit of Your works.

He causes the grass to grow for the cattle, / and vegetation for the service of man, / that he may bring forth food from the earth, / and wine that makes glad the heart of man,

oil to make his face shine, / and bread which strengthens man's heart.

The trees of the Lord are full of sap, / the cedars of Lebanon which He planted, / where the birds make their nests; / the stork has her home in the fir trees.

The high hills are for the wild goats; / the cliffs are a refuge for the rock badgers.

He appointed the moon for the seasons; / the sun know its going down. / You made darkness, and it is night, / in which all the beasts of the forest creep about.

The young lions roar after their prey, / and seek their food from God. / When the sun arises, they gather together / and lie down in their dens.

Man goes out to his work / and to his labor until the evening. / O Lord, how manifold are Your works! / In wisdom You have made them all.

The earth is full of Your possessions / – this great and wide sea, / in which are innumerable teeming things, / living things both small and great.

There the ships sail about and there is that Leviathan / which You have made to play there. / These all wait for You, / that You may give them their food in due season.

What You give them they gather in; / You open Your hand, they are filled with good. / You hide Your face, they are troubled; / You take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

You send forth Your Spirit, they are created; / and You renew the face of the earth. / May the glory of the Lord endure forever; / may the Lord rejoice in His works.

He looks on the earth, and it trembles; / He touches the hills, and they smoke.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; / I will sing praise to my God while I have my being. / May my meditation be sweet to Him; / I will be glad in the Lord.

May sinners be consumed from the earth, / and the wicked be no more. / Bless the Lord, O my soul! / Praise the Lord!

The sun knows its going down. / You make darkness and it is night. / O Lord, how manifold are Your works! / In wisdom You have made them all.

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

PEOPLE: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory to You, O God. *(3x)*

O our God and our hope, glory to You!

The Great Litany

DEACON: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: For the peace from above, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: For the peace of the whole world, for the good estate of the holy churches of God, and for the union of all men, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: For this holy house, and for those who enter with faith, reverence, and fear of God, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: For our father, *(metropolitan, archbishop, or bishop) N.*, the honorable presbytery, the diaconate in Christ, and for all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: For our president, all civil authorities, and for our armed forces, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: For this city, every city and countryside, and for the faithful living in them, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: For healthful seasons, an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: For travelers by sea, by land, and by air; the sick and the suffering; for captives and their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

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

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Your grace.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: Calling to remembrance our most-holy, most-pure, most-blessed, and glorious Lady 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: To You, O Lord.

Exclamation of the Fourth Prayer

PRIEST: For unto You 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: Amen.

"O Lord, I Cry..." – Tone 5

Opening Psalm Verses - Psalm 141:1, 2 (LXX 140)

O Lord, I cry out unto You, hear me! Hear me, O Lord. O Lord, I cry out to You, hear me. Give ear to my voice when I cry out, when I cry out to You. Hear me, O Lord.

Let my prayer be set forth before You as incense, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. Hear me, O Lord.

Set a guard, O Lord over my mouth; keep watch o'er the door of my lips.

Do not incline my heart to any evil thing, to practice wicked works with men who work iniquity; and do not let me eat of their delicacies.

Let the righteous strike me; it shall be a kindness, and let him reprove me; it shall be as excellent oil. Let not my head refuse it, for still my prayer is against the deeds of the wicked.

Their judges are overthrown by the sides of the cliff and they hear my words for they are sweet. Our bones are scattered at the mouth of the grave, as when one plows and breaks up the earth.

But my eyes are upon You, O God the Lord; in You I take refuge; do not leave my soul destitute.

Keep me from the snares which they have laid for me, and from the traps of the workers of iniquity. Let the wicked fall into their own nets, while I escape safely.

Psalm 142 (LXX 141)

I cry out to the Lord with my voice; with my voice to the Lord I make my supplication.

I pour out my complaint before Him; I declare before Him my trouble.

When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then You knew my path. In a way in which I walk they have secretly set a snare for me.

Look on my right hand and see, for there is no one who acknowledges me; refuge has failed me; no one cares for my soul.

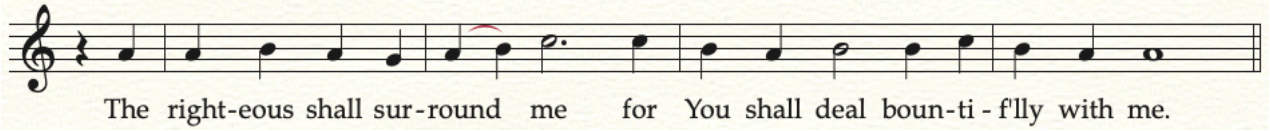
I cried out to You, O Lord. I said, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.

Attend to my cry, for I am brought very low; deliver me from my persecutors for they are stronger than I."

Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise Your name.

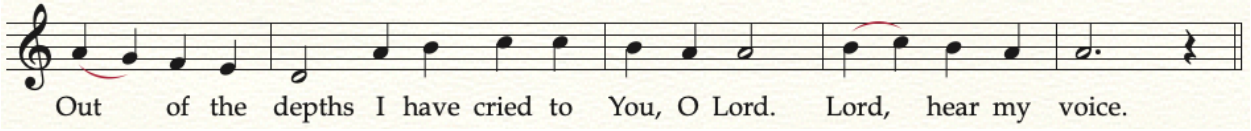
(Tone 5) – Resurrection

By Your precious Cross, O Christ, You have put the devil to shame. By Your Resurrection, You have blunted the sting of sin and saved us from the gates of death. We glorify You, the only-begotten One.

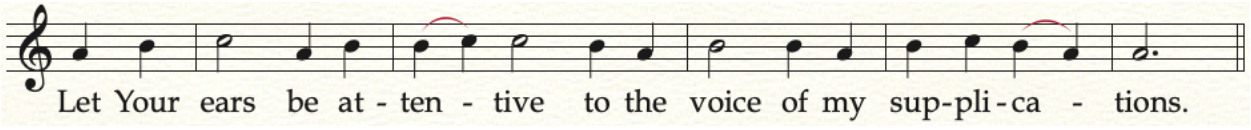


Christ was led as a sheep to the slaughter in order to grant resurrection to the human race. The princes of hell were frightened by this, for the gates of sorrow were lifted. Christ, the King of Glory, had entered, saying to those in chains: "Go forth!" And to those in darkness: "Come to the light!"

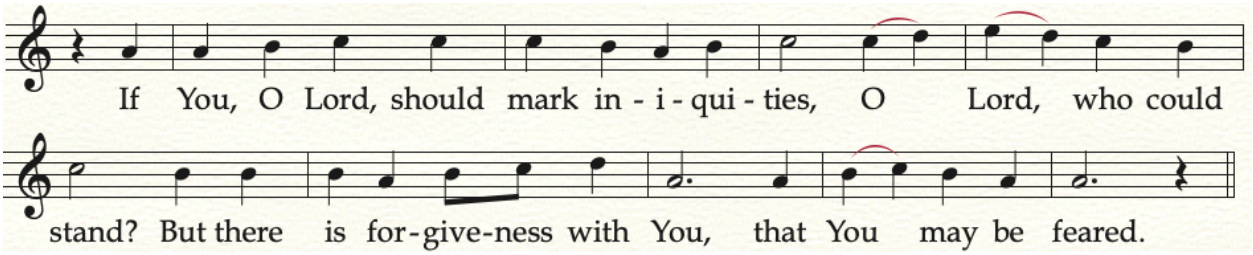
Psalm 130 (LXX 129)



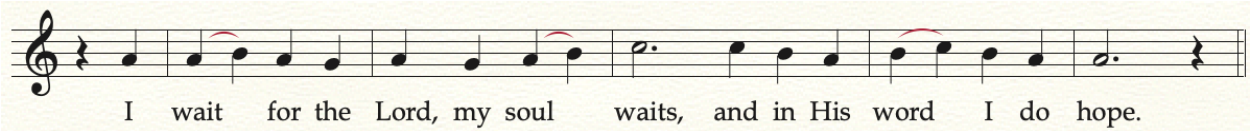
O great wonder! The Creator of the invisible suffered in the flesh in His love for mankind and rose again immortal. Come, O sons of nations, let us worship Him! And delivered from error by His compassion, we have learned to sing of one God in three Persons!



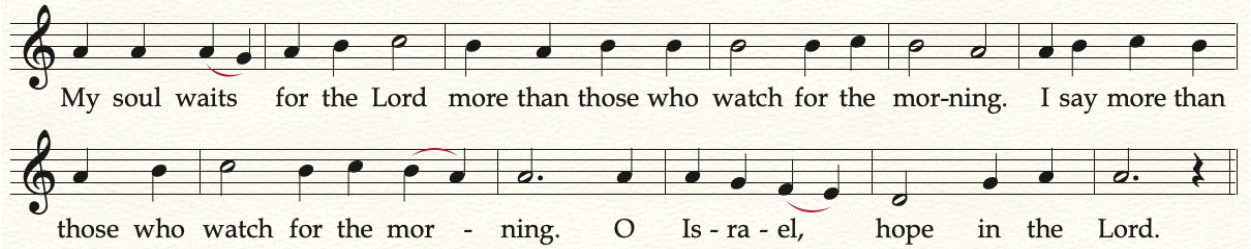
We offer You our evening worship, O never setting Light, Who came in these last days to the world in the flesh, and Who even descended to hell to dispel its darkness. You have revealed the light of Resurrection to the nations. Glory to You, O Lord and Giver of light!



We glorify the Leader of our salvation: By His Resurrection from the dead, the world was saved from deceit. The assembly of angels rejoices as the deceit of demons is overthrown! Fallen Adam rejoices as the devil falls.



The guards were instructed by the lawless ones: "Hide the rising of Christ, take money and say: 'The body was stolen from the tomb while we were asleep.'" But who has heard of a body being stolen, a body embalmed and naked with its grave clothes left behind in the tomb? Do not be deceived, O people; study the words of the prophets and understand: Christ is the Redeemer of the world and all powerful!



(Tone 6) – Cosmas & Damian

The holy Cosmas and Damian, having placed all their hope in heaven, have gathered for themselves an unfailing treasure. Freely have they received, and freely do they give healing to all those in need. In keeping with the Gospel, they possessed neither silver nor gold, but they bestowed their benefits upon men and beasts. Since

they submitted themselves to Christ in all things, they now pray with boldness to Christ on behalf of our souls.

For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is abundant redemption. And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

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Psalm 117 (LXX 116)

O praise the Lord, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!

The two holy ones who shared a single character and single soul, Saints Cosmas and Damian, rejected corruptible things on earth, showing themselves to be like the angels of heaven, though dwelling in the body. Therefore, they grant healings to all who suffer, performing good works for those in need taking neither silver nor gold. Let us fittingly honor them on their annual feast. For they pray with boldness to Christ on behalf of our souls.

For His merciful kindness is great t'ward us and the truth of the Lord endures forever.

Having become the dwelling of the Holy Trinity, these wise brothers, Cosmas and Damian, worthy of our praise, gush forth rivers of every kind of healing as a life-giving fountain, and their relics heal the wounds of all those who touch them with faith. Their names alone are enough to drive away all kinds of illness from all who turn to the saving harbor of Christ. For they pray with boldness to Christ on behalf of our souls.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:

(Tone 6) – Cosmas & Damian

Endless is the grace that holy Cosmas and Damian receive from Christ. Thus their relics still work miracles through divine power. When they are invoked with faith, their names are enough to heal incurable diseases. Through them, O Lord, free us also from sufferings of soul and body, since You are the Lover of mankind.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

(Tone 5) – Resurrection

The sign of the Virgin bride who knew not wedlock was revealed in the Red Sea, for there Moses divided the waters, and here Gabriel assists in the miracle. There, Israel crossed the deep without getting wet and now the Virgin has given birth to Christ without seed. The sea remained impassable after the passing of Israel and the blameless Virgin remained virgin after giving birth to Emanuel. Therefore, O Eternal God, Who were before eternity, and Who appeared on earth as man, have mercy upon us.

The Prayer before the Entrance

DEACON: Let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: In the evening and in the morning and at noonday we praise You, we bless You, we give thanks to You, and we pray to You, O Master of all, Lord Who love mankind. Direct our prayer before You as incense, and incline not our hearts to words or thoughts of evil; but deliver us from all who seek after our souls. For unto You, Lord, O Lord, we lift up our eyes, and in You have we hoped. Put us not to shame, O our God.

For unto You 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.

DEACON: Amen.

DEACON: Bless, father, the holy entrance.

PRIEST: Blessed is the entrance into Your holy place always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

DEACON: Amen.

DEACON: Wisdom. Let us attend.

"O Joyful Light"

PEOPLE: O joyful Light of the holy glory of the immortal, heavenly, holy, blessed Father: O Jesus Christ. Now that we have come to the setting of the sun and behold the light of evening, we praise God: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. For it is right at all times to worship You with voices of praise, O Son of God and Giver of life. Therefore all the world glorifies You.

The Evening Prokeimenon: Tone 7
Psalm 77 (LXX 76)

DEACON: The evening prokeimenon.

The Lord is King, He is clothed with majesty.

Verse: The Lord is robed; He is girded with strength.

Verse: For He established the world so that it shall never be moved.

The Litany of Fervent Supplication / The Ektenia

DEACON: Let us say with all our soul and with all our mind, let us say.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: O Lord Almighty, the God of our fathers, hear us we pray, and have mercy.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your great mercy, hear us we pray, and have mercy.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy. *(3x)*

DEACON: Again we pray for all pious and Orthodox Christians; for our father, *(metropolitan, archbishop, or bishop) N.*; for our brethren: the priests, deacons, and monastics and for all our brotherhood in Christ.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy. *(3x)*

DEACON: Again we pray for the blessed and ever-memorable founders of this holy church *(and for the servants of God. NN.);* and for all our fathers and brethren, the Orthodox departed this life before us, who here and in all the world lie asleep in the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy. *(3x)*

DEACON: Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, and visitation, and for pardon and forgiveness of sins for *(the servants of God NN., and)* all Orthodox Christians of true worship, who live and dwell in this community.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy. *(3x)*

DEACON: Again we pray for those who bear fruit and do good works in this holy and all-venerable temple; for those who serve and those who sing; and for all the people here present, who await Your great and rich mercy.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy. *(3x)*

PRIEST: [O Lord our God, receive this fervent supplication of Your servants, and have mercy on us according to the multitude of Your mercy; and send down Your compassion on us and on all Your people, who await Your great and rich mercy.]

For You are a merciful God and love mankind, and unto You we ascribe glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

PEOPLE: Amen.

The Evening Prayer

PEOPLE: Grant, O Lord, to keep us this evening without sin. Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name forever. Amen. Let Your mercy be upon us, O Lord, even as we have set our hope on You. Blessed are You, O Lord; teach me Your statutes. Blessed are You, O Master; make me to understand Your statutes. Blessed are You, O holy One; enlighten me with Your statutes. Your mercy, O Lord, endures forever. Despise not the works of Your hands. To You belongs worship, to You belongs praise, to You belongs glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

The Evening Litany

DEACON: Let us complete our evening prayer to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Your grace.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: That this whole evening may be perfect, holy, peaceful, and sinless, let us ask of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Grant this, O Lord.

DEACON: For an angel of peace, a faithful guide, a guardian of our souls and bodies, let us ask of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Grant this, O Lord.

DEACON: For pardon and forgiveness of our sins and transgressions, let us ask of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Grant this, O Lord.

DEACON: For all things good and profitable for our souls, and peace for the world, let us ask of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Grant this, O Lord.

DEACON: That we may complete the remaining time of our life in peace and repentance, let us ask of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Grant this, O Lord.

DEACON: For a Christian ending to our life, painless, blameless, and peaceful, and for a good defense before the fearful judgment seat of Christ, let us ask of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Grant this, O Lord.

DEACON: Calling to remembrance our most-holy, most-pure, most-blessed and glorious Lady 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: To You, O Lord.

Exclamation of the Seventh Prayer

PRIEST: For You are a good God and love mankind, and unto You we ascribe glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

PEOPLE: Amen.

PRIEST: Peace be to all.

PEOPLE: And to your spirit.

The Prayer with Heads Bowed

DEACON: Let us bow our heads to the Lord.

PEOPLE: To You, O Lord.

PRIEST: O Lord, our God, Who bowed the heavens and came down for the salvation of mankind, look upon Your servants and Your inheritance; for to You, the fearful Judge, Who love mankind, have Your servants bowed their heads, and submissively inclined their necks, not awaiting help from men, but entreating Your mercy and looking confidently for Your salvation. Guard them at all times, both during this present evening and in the approaching night, from every enemy, from all adverse powers of the devil, and from vain thoughts and evil imaginations.

Blessed and glorified be the might of Your kingdom: of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

PEOPLE: Amen.

Aposticha: Tone 5

We magnify You in songs of praise, *
O incarnate Christ and Savior!
By accepting the cross and death for our sake,
as the Lord and Lover of mankind
You overthrew the gates of hell, *
and rose on the third day saving our souls!

The Lord is King, He is clothed with majesty. The Lord is clothed with strength and has girded Himself.

By being pierced in the side, O Lover of mankind,
You have poured out drops of life and salvation for all.
By accepting death in the flesh, *
You have granted us immortality.
You have freed us by being placed in a tomb,
and as God have resurrected us in glory with Yourself!
Glory to You, *
O Lord and Lover of mankind!

For He established the world which shall not be shaken.

Your crucifixion and descent into hell
are awesome, O Lover of mankind!
You have captured it, releasing the ancient prisoners! *
You have opened Paradise and given it to us!
Grant purification of sins
to us who glorify Your third day Resurrection!
Make us worthy of Paradise, *
and save us, O Lover of mankind!

Holiness adorns Your house, O Lord, forever.

For our sake, You accepted death in the flesh,
to rise from the dead on the third day!
Heal us from our earthly passions, and restore us from our evil transgressions; *
and save us, O Lover of mankind!

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

(Tone 6) - Cosmas & Damian
You have Christ ever working within you,
O holy unmercenaries, Cosmas and Damian.
You work wonders in the world and heal the sick. *
Your care is like an inexhaustible fountain:
the more one drinks, the more it overflows;
drained daily, it gushes forth even more abundantly,
always providing and never depleted. *
Those who drink are refreshed with healing.
What then shall we call you?
You are physicians of our souls and bodies, treating incurable pains,
freely healing the whole world by the charisms received from Christ the Savior, *
Who grants us great mercy.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

(Tone 6) – Resurrection
My Maker and Redeemer, Christ the Lord
was born of you, O most pure Virgin!
By accepting my nature He freed Adam from his ancient curse. *
Unceasingly we magnify you as the Mother of God.
Rejoice, O celestial joy! *
Rejoice, O Lady, the protection, the intercessor and salvation of our souls.

Hymn of St. Simeon

Lord, now you are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word, for my eyes have seen Your salvation which You have prepared before the face of all people; a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel.

Trisagion Prayers

PEOPLE: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us. *(3x)*

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, 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 God, visit and heal our infirmities for Your name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. *(3x)*

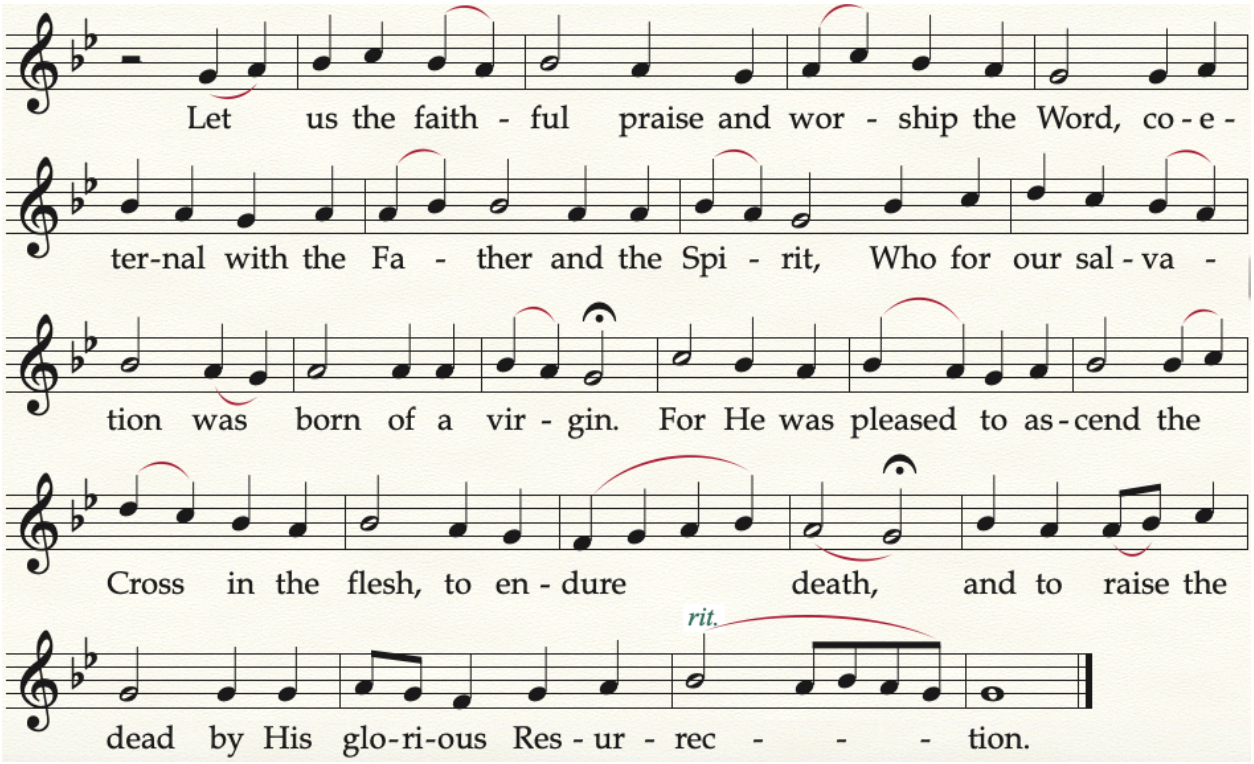
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Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into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

PEOPLE: Amen.

Resurrection Troparion: Tone 5 *(Byzantine)*



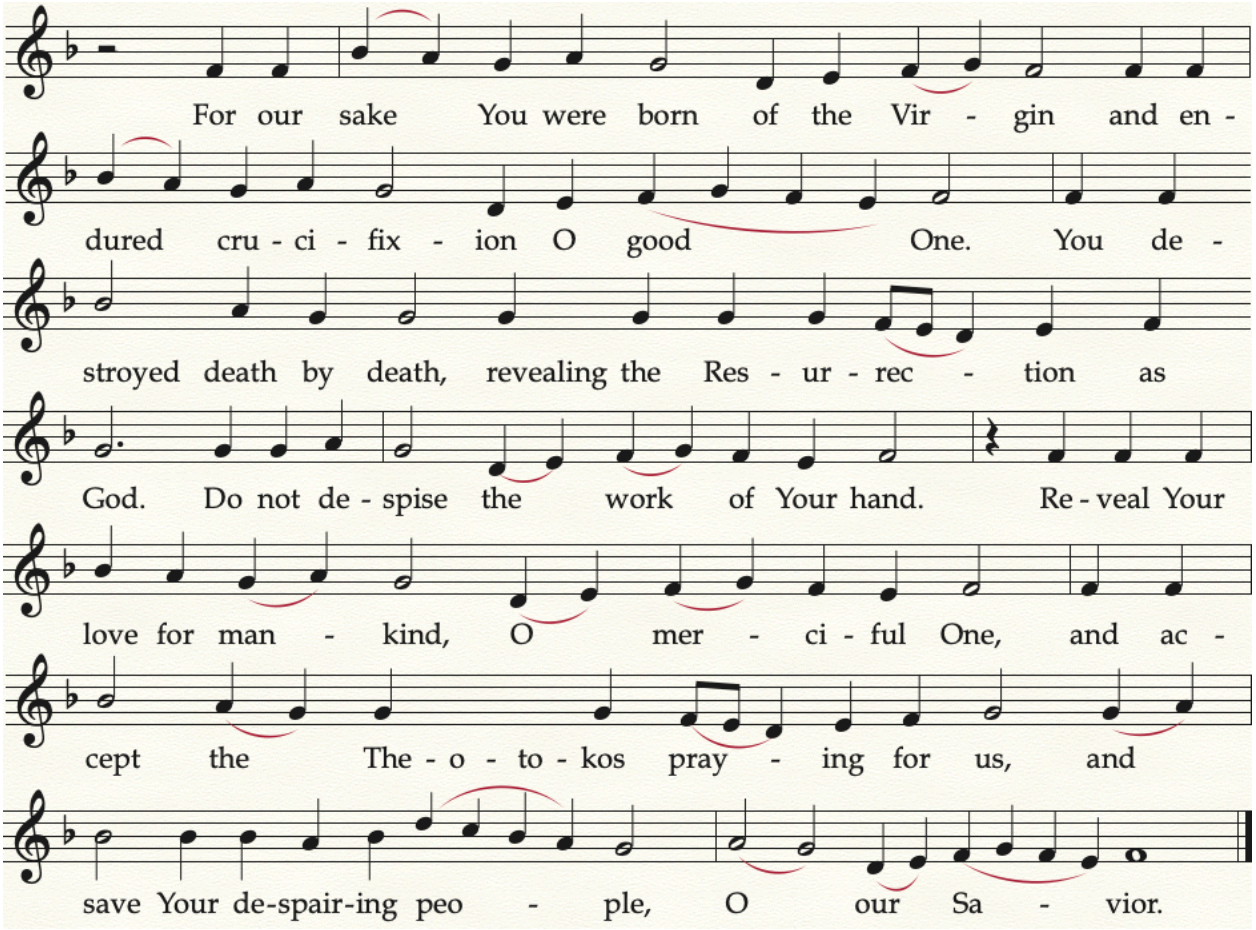
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

Troparion Unmercenaries Cosmas & Damian: *Tone 8 (Byzantine)*

O holy and unmercenary wonderworkers, / visit us in the times of illness. / Freely you received and freely give to us, / O Saints Cosmas and Damian.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Resurrection Theotokion: Tone 8 *(Byzantine)*



The Dismissal

PRIEST: May Christ our true God, *Who rose from the dead,* through the intercessions of His all-pure and all-blameless, holy Mother… at the supplication of *(N., patron of the church)*, of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna, and of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loves mankind.

Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.

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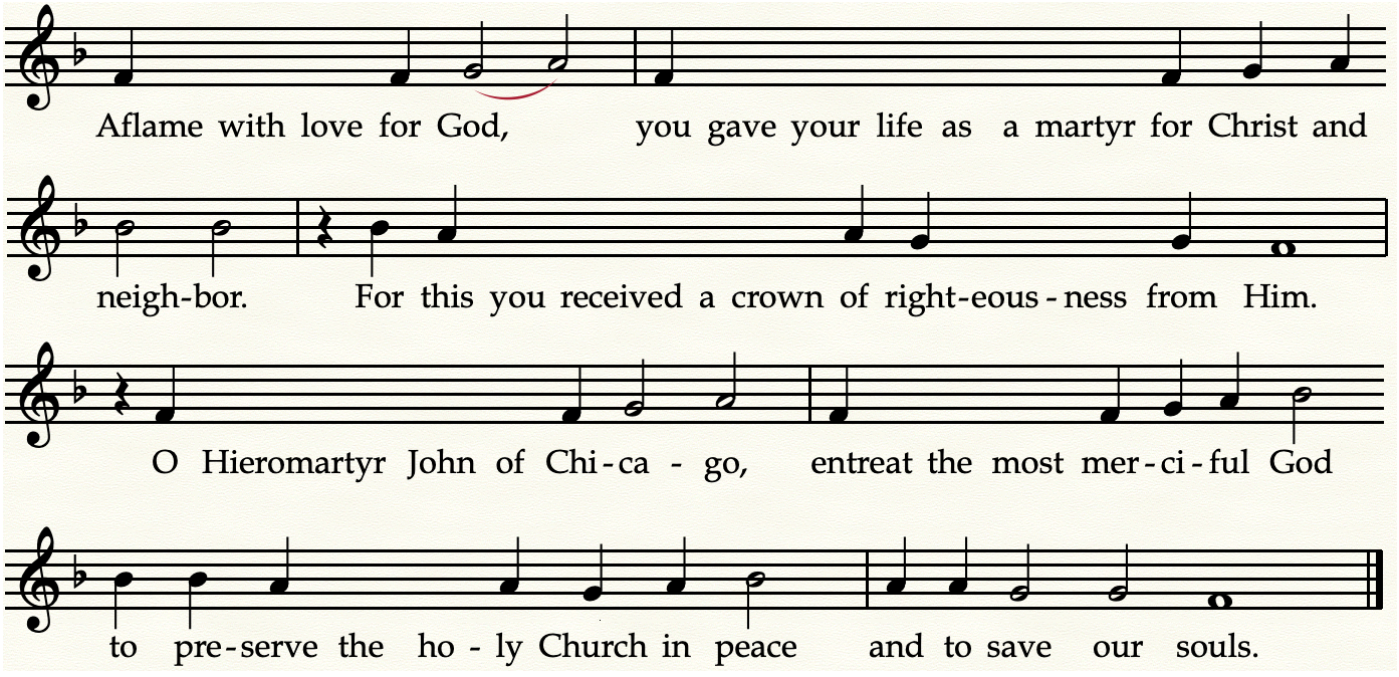


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John Kochurov of Chicago (Oct 31)

Tone 1 (Obikhod)



Troparion Olga: Tone 4 *(Valaam Chant)*

God has chosen a humble mother from Alaska / to be an example for all the servants of God. / He has given us Saint Olga as a helper in afflictions / and as a guide to leading a life of sacrificial love. / Therefore, we entreat you / O holy Mother Olga: / pray that we, your sinful children may be saved / and rejoice with you in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Another Troparion Olga: Tone 4 *(Carpatho-Russian)*

