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# SATURDAY OF BRIGHT WEEK

## The Service of Matins

### Akolouth (Fixed portion)

#### ROYAL BEGINNING

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

Reader: *(intoned)* Amen.

Priest: Glory to You, O God, glory to You.

Heavenly King, Comforter, the Spirit of truth, present everywhere and filling all things, Treasury of good things and Giver of life: come and dwell in us, cleanse us of every impurity; and save our souls, O good One.

Reader: Amen.

#### Trisagion

Reader: \*\*Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

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

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

All-holy Trinity, have mercy on us.

Lord, cleanse us of our sins. Master, pardon our iniquities. Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for Your name's sake.

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

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

Our Father, Who art in the heavens, 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, *(intoned) but deliver us from the evil one.*

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 to the ages of ages.

Reader: Amen.

### **THE ROYAL TROPARIA**

#### **Troparion of the Cross**

Reader: O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance; grant victory to the rulers against the adversaries of the faith, and protect Your commonwealth through Your holy Cross.

#### **Kontakion of the Cross**

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

Reader: You, O Christ our God, Who chose of Your own will to be lifted up on the Cross, grant Your mercies to Your new commonwealth which is called by Your name. In Your power, gladden the hearts of our faithful rulers against those who war against them, having Your alliance as their weapon of peace, an invincible standard.

#### **Theotokion**

Now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Reader: Awesome and blameless protection, do not overlook our petitions, O pure and praiseworthy Theotokos; make firm the community of the Orthodox; save those whom you have called to rule; and grant them victory from heaven, *(intoned) for you bore God, only blessed one.*

### **LITANY**

Priest: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your great mercy; we beseech You, hear us and have mercy.

Chanter: (*intoned*) Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Again we pray for pious and Orthodox Christians.

Chanter: (*intoned*) Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Again we pray for our Archbishop (Name), and for all our brotherhood in Christ.

Chanter: (*intoned*) Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Truly You are a merciful God Who loves mankind, and to You we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

Chanter: (*intoned*) Amen. In the name of the Lord, Father, bless.

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

Reader: Amen.

### HEXAPSALM (SIX PSALMS)

Reader: Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth, good will to men.

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O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

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### Psalm 3

Reader: O Lord, why are those who afflict me multiplied?

Many rise up against me. Many say to my soul: there is no salvation for him in his God.

But You, O Lord, are my Helper, my Glory, and the One who lifts up my head.

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

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

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

Rise, O Lord; save me, my God; for You have struck down all who without cause are my enemies; You have broken the teeth of sinners.

Salvation is of the Lord, and Your blessing is on Your people.

(And Again) I laid down and slept; I awoke, for the Lord will help me.

### **Psalm 37**

Reader: O Lord, do not rebuke me in Your anger, nor chasten me in Your wrath!

For Your arrows are fastened in me, and You have laid Your hand heavily upon me.

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

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

My wounds have become foul and festering in the face of my foolishness.

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

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

I am afflicted and exceedingly humbled, I have groaned from the turmoil of my heart.

O Lord, all my desire is before You, and my groaning is not hidden from You.

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

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

And those who sought after my soul used violence; and those who sought evils for me spoke vain things, and they meditated deception all the day long.

But as for me, like a deaf man I did not hear them, and I was as a speechless man who does not open his mouth.

And I became as a man that does not hear, and that has no reproofs in his mouth.



For I have hoped in You, O Lord; You will hear me, Lord my God.

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

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

For I will declare my iniquity, and I will anguish concerning my sin.

But my enemies live and are made stronger than I, and those who hated me unjustly are multiplied.

Those who render me evil for good slandered me, because I pursued goodness.

Do not forsake me, O Lord my God, do not depart from me.

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

(And Again) Do not forsake me, O Lord my God, do not depart from me.

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

### **Psalm 62**

Reader: O God, my God, to You I rise early at dawn.

My soul has thirsted for You; how often has my flesh longed after You in a land barren and untrodden and unwatered.

So I have appeared before You in the sanctuary to see Your power and Your glory.

For Your mercy is better than lives; my lips shall praise You.

So shall I bless You in my life, and I will lift up my hands in Your name.

Let my soul be filled as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth shall praise You with lips of rejoicing.

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

For You have become my Helper; I will rejoice in the shelter of Your wings.

My soul has cleaved after You, Your right hand has been quick to help me.

But as for those who in vain have sought after my soul, they shall go into the lowest parts of the earth, they shall be surrendered to the edge of the sword, they shall be portions

for foxes.

But the king shall be glad in God; everyone shall be praised that swears by Him; for the mouth of those who speak unjust things is stopped.

(And Again) At the dawn I meditated on You; for You have become my Helper; in the shelter of Your wings I will rejoice.

My soul has cleaved after You, Your right hand has been quick to help me.

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory to You, O God.

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

### **Psalm 87**

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

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

Let my prayer come before You, bow down Your ear to my supplication.

For my soul is filled with evils, and my life has drawn near to Hades.

I am counted with those who go down into the pit; I have become as a man without help, free among the dead.

I am like the bodies of the slain that sleep in the grave, Whom You remember no more, and who are cut off from Your hand.

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

Your anger lies heavily on me, and You have afflicted me with all Your waves.

You have removed my friends far from me; they have made me an abomination to themselves.

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

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

No, will You work wonders for the dead? Or shall physicians raise them up that they may give thanks to You?

No, shall any in the grave tell of Your mercy, and of Your truth in that destruction?

No, shall Your wonders be known in that darkness, and Your righteousness in that land that is forgotten?

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

O Lord, why do You therefore cast off my soul and turn Your face away from me?

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

Your fierce wrath has gone over me, and Your terrors have sorely troubled me.

They came around me all day long like water, they engulfed me altogether.

Because of my misery You have removed friend and neighbor and my acquaintances far from me.

(And Again) O Lord God of my salvation, I have cried by day and by night before You.

Let my prayer come before You, bow down Your ear to my supplication!

### **Psalm 102**

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

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all that He has done for you.

Who is gracious to all your iniquities, Who heals all your infirmities.

Who redeems your life from corruption, Who crowns you with mercy and compassion.

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

The Lord does deeds of mercy, and executes judgment for all those who are wronged.

He has made His ways known to Moses, the things that He has willed to the sons of Israel.

The Lord is compassionate and merciful, long-suffering and plenteous in mercy; He will not be angered to the end, neither will He be angry to eternity.

He has not dealt with us according to our iniquities, neither has He rewarded us according to our sins.

For according to the height of heaven from the earth, so has the Lord made His mercy to prevail over those who fear Him.

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

Like a father has compassion on his sons, so has the Lord had compassion on those who fear Him; for He knows of what we are made, He has 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 passes over it, then it shall be gone, and its place will no longer remember it.

But the mercy of the Lord is from eternity, even to eternity, on those who fear Him.

And His righteousness is on sons of sons, on those who keep His testament and remember to do His commandments.

The Lord in heaven has prepared His throne, and His kingdom rules over all.

Bless the Lord, O all you His Angels, mighty in strength, that perform His word, to hear the voice of His words.

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

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

(And Again) Bless the Lord, O all you His works, in every place of His dominion; bless the Lord, my soul.

### **Psalm 142**

Reader: O Lord, hear my prayer, in Your truth give ear to my supplications; hear me in Your righteousness.

And do not enter into judgment with Your servant, for in Your sight no man living shall be justified.

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

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

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

I stretched forth my hands to You; my soul thirsts after You like a waterless land.

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

Do not turn Your face from me, lest I be like those who go down into the pit.

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

Cause me to know, O Lord, the way in which I should walk; for I have lifted up my soul to You.

Rescue me from my enemies, O Lord; I have fled to You for refuge.

Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God.

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

In Your righteousness You shall bring my soul out of affliction, and in Your mercy You shall utterly destroy my enemies.

And You shall cut off all those who afflict my soul, for I am Your servant.

(Repeat) Hear me in Your righteousness, O Lord, and do not enter into judgment with Your servant.

(And Again) Hear me in Your righteousness, O Lord, and do not enter into judgment with Your servant.

(And Again) Let Your good spirit lead me on a level path!

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia; Glory to You, O God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia; Glory to You, O God.

Reader: (*intoned*) Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia; Glory to You, O God. Lord, my Hope, glory to You.

**LITANY OF THE PEACE (THE GREAT LITANY)**

Deacon: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Chanter: (*sung*) Lord, have mercy.

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

Chanter: (*sung*) Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For the peace in the whole world, for the stability of the holy churches of God, and for the union of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Chanter: (*sung*) Lord, have mercy.

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

Chanter: (*sung*) Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For pious and Orthodox Christians, let us pray to the Lord.

Chanter: (*sung*) Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For our Archbishop (Name), the honorable presbytery, the diaconate in Christ, and for all the clergy and the laity, let us pray to the Lord.

Chanter: (*sung*) Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For the president of our country, for all civil authorities, and for our armed forces on land, at sea, and in the air, let us pray to the Lord.

Chanter: (*sung*) Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For this city, for every city and land, and for the faithful who dwell in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Chanter: (*sung*) Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For favorable weather, an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

Chanter: (*sung*) Lord, have mercy.

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

Chanter: (*sung*) Lord, have mercy.

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

Chanter: (*sung*) Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

Chanter: (*sung*) Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Commemorating our all-holy, pure, most-blessed, and glorious \* Lady, the Theotokos and ever-Virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commit ourselves and one another and all our life to Christ our God.

Chanter: (*sung*) To You, O Lord.

Priest: For to You belong all glory, honor, and worship: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

Chanter: (*sung*) Amen.

# Sequences (Variable portion)

## THEOS KYRIOS (GOD IS LORD)

*Mode pl. 4.*

### God is the Lord.

Diatonic F

8 God is the Lord and He ap - peared to us

C F

8 Bless - ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord

### Verse 1

8 O give thanks unto the Lord and call upon his holy name. God is the Lord...

### Verse 2

8 All the nations circled me and I warded them off with the name of the Lord. God is the Lord...

### Verse 3

8 This is the Lord's doing and it is wonderful in our eyes. God is the Lord...



APOLYTIKIA AND THEOTOKION

**Apolytikia**

*Holy Ascension*

*Mode 4.*

Intonation: #10

**Allegro** ♩=150

Ἀνελήφθης ἐν δόξῃ

Thou hast as - cend - ed in glo - ry, O Christ our God, and glad - dened

Thy dis - ci - ples with the prom - ise of the Ho - ly Spir - it;

and they were as - sured by the bless - ing that Thou art the

*Intermediate Ending*

Son\_\_\_ of God and Re - deem - er of the world.

*Final Ending*

and Re - deem - er of\_\_\_ the world.\_\_\_\_\_

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

*Saint Michael the Confessor Bishop of Synnada*

*May 23. Mode pl. 4.*

**Allegro** ♩=150

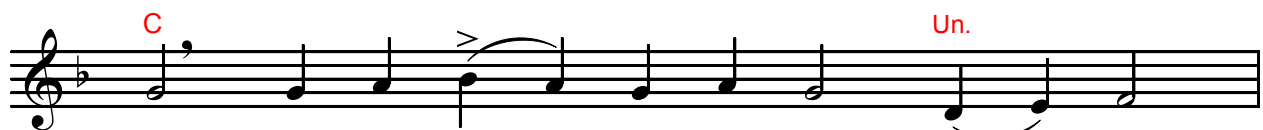
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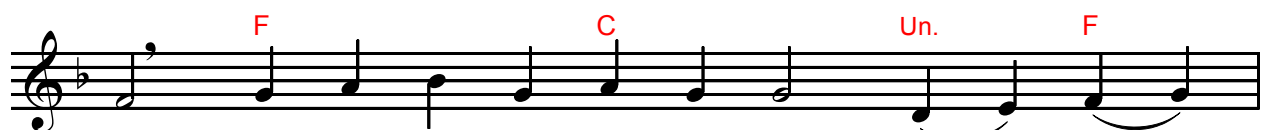
world, God - in - spired a - dorn - ment of hier -



archs, O wise Mi - chael, by thy teach - ings thou



hast en - light - ened all, O harp of the Spir - it.



In - ter - cede with Christ God that our souls be



saved.

Mode pl. 4.

Both now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

**Theotokion**

F

8 Born of a Vir-gin O Good One who al - so en - dured cru - ci -

C

8 - fix - ion for our sake who by death took the spoils of death as

8 plun - der and showed res - ur - rec-tion be - ing God O de - spise not the

F C

8 ones that You formed with Your own hand Dem-on-strate Your love for

F

8 man O Lord of mer - cy and ac-cept Your Moth-er the The-o-

C

8 - to - kos who in - ter - cedes on our be - half O Sav - ior and save us

F

8 a de - spair - ing peo - ple

**THE PSALTER**

**THE LITTLE LITANY**

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

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest/Deacon: Help us, save us, have mercy upon us, and protect us, O God, by your grace.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest/Deacon: Remembering our most holy, pure, blessed, and glorious \* Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commit ourselves and one another, and our whole life to Christ our God.

Choir: To You, O Lord.

Priest: For Yours is the dominion, and Yours the Kingdom and the power and the glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.

Reader: Amen.

SESSIONAL HYMNS (KATHISMATA)

Kathisma I

*Mode 1. Pa=D. The stone.*

Diatonic D

8 While An-gels were a - mazed by Your un - u - su - al as -

8 - cen - sion, and the Dis - ci - ples were a - stound - ed by Your

8 awe - in - spir - ing lift - off, in glo - ry You as - cend - ed, as

8 God, and gates were lift - ed up for You, O Lord. For this

8 rea - son were the pow - ers of heav - en cry - ing out to

8 You in a - maze - ment, "Glo - ry, O Sav - ior, to Your de -

8 - scent; glo - ry to Your King - dom; glo - ry be to Your As -

8 - cen - sion, on - ly One who loves man - kind."

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

Diatonic D

8 While An-gels were a - mazed by Your un - u - su - al as -

8 - cen - sion, and the Dis - ci - ples were a - stound - ed by Your

8 awe - in - spir - ing lift - off, in glo - ry You as - cend - ed, as

8 God, and gates were lift - ed up for You, O Lord. For this

8 rea - son were the pow - ers of heav - en cry - ing out to

8 You in a - maze - ment, "Glo - ry, O Sav - ior, to Your de -

8 - scent; glo - ry to Your King - dom; glo - ry be to Your As -

8 - cen - sion, on - ly One who loves man - kind."

## Kathisma II

*Mode 3. Ga=F. Seeing how beautiful.*

Enharmonic F C

8 The un - o - rig - i - nate and pre - e - ter - nal

F C

8 God, hav - ing in mys - ti - cal man - ner now de - i -

D

8 - fied the hu - man na - ture He as - sumed, has on this day as -

F

8 - cend - ed. As He was pro - ceed - ing up in - to

C F

8 heav - en with glo - ry great, An - gels who had run a -

C F C

8 - head point - ed Him out to the A - pos - tles; and wor - ship - ping be -

F

8 - fore Him, they cried a - loud, "Glo - ry to You, O God, who

8 has as - cend - ed."

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

Enharmonic F C

8 The un - o - rig - i - nate and pre - e - ter - nal

F C

8 God, hav - ing in mys - ti - cal man - ner now de - i -

D

8 - fied the hu - man na - ture He as - sumed, has on this day as -

F

8 - cend - ed. As He was pro - ceed - ing up in - to

C F

8 heav - en with glo - ry great, An - gels who had run a -

C F C

8 - head point - ed Him out to the A - pos - tles; and wor - ship - ping be -

F

8 - fore Him, they cried a - loud, "Glo - ry to You, O God, who

8 has as - cend - ed."



## Kathisma III

*Mode pl. 1. Ke=A. Let us worship the Word.*

Diatonic A

8 When You came down from heav - en, O Sav-ior, to the

8 earth, and with your - self as God res - ur - rect - ed Ad - am's

8 form which was ly - ing down be - low in the dun - geon of hell, and

8 then to heav-en raised it up by Your As - cen - sion, O Christ, You

8 made it sit with You to - geth - er on the throne of Your

8 Fa - ther, for You are mer-ci - ful and love man - kind.

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

Diatonic A

8 When You came down from heav - en, O Sav-ior, to the

8 earth, and with your - self as God res - ur - rect - ed Ad - am's

8 form which was ly - ing down be - low in the dun - geon of hell, and

8 then to heav-en raised it up by Your As - cen - sion, O Christ, You

8 made it sit with You to - geth - er on the throne of Your

8 Fa - ther, for You are mer-ci - ful and love man - kind.

**PSALM 50**

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

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

For I acknowledge my iniquity, and my sin is continually before me.

Against You only have I sinned and done this evil before You; that You may be justified in Your words, and prevail when You are judged.

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

For behold, You have loved truth; the hidden and secret things of Your wisdom You have made clear to me.

You will sprinkle me with hyssop, and I will be made clean; You will wash me, and I will be made whiter than snow.

You will make me hear joy and gladness; the bones that have been humbled will rejoice.

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

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

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

Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and with Your governing Spirit establish me.

I will teach transgressors Your ways, and the ungodly will turn back to You.

Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, the God of my salvation, my tongue will rejoice in Your righteousness.

O Lord, You will open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise.

For if You had desired sacrifice, I would have given it; with whole burnt offerings You will not be pleased.

A sacrifice to God is a broken spirit, a heart that is broken and humbled God will not despise.

Do good, O Lord, in Your good pleasure to Zion, and let the walls of Jerusalem be built;

Then you will be pleased with a sacrifice of righteousness, with oblation and whole burnt offerings;

Then shall they offer young bulls on Your altar. And have mercy on me, O God.

**KONTAKION OF ASCENSION**

*Mode pl. 4.*

Reader: When You had fulfilled the dispensation for our sake and had united things on earth with things in heaven, You were taken up in glory, O Christ our God; in no way divided, but remaining inseparable, You cry to those who love You, “I am with you, (*intoned*) and there is no one against you.”

**KONTAKION OF THE SAINT**

*Mode pl. 4.*

Reader: By the practice of virtue and the performance of miracles, you were like a sun shining on mankind, O wonder-worker Michael, (*intoned*) whose name conjures the presence of the Angels.

**OIKOS OF ASCENSION**

*Mode 4.*

Reader: Abandoning on earth the things of earth, and leaving to the dust the things of ash, let us now come to our senses and raise on high our eyes and minds. O mortals, let us make our sight together with our senses fly to heavens gates. Let us imagine that we are standing on the Mount of Olives, and that we cast our gaze upon the Redeemer, as He rides up on a cloud. For, from where the Lord has hastened back to heaven, there too the One Who loves to give has distributed His gifts to His Apostles, cherishing them as a Father and confirming them, guiding them as sons and saying to them, “I am not parting from you. I am with you, (*intoned*) and there is no one against you.”

**SYNTAXARION**

Reader: On May 23, we commemorate our venerable Father Michael the Confessor, Bishop of Synnada in Phrygia.

Tossed to and fro by the waves which troubled the sea of your life, O Michael, you departed from it, rising up like a light bubble. From rigid confinement in a land of exile, Michael sets out on the path home up into the freedom in the heavens on the twenty-third.

*(intoned) By his holy intercessions, O God, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.*

## KATAVASIAI OF PENTECOST II

Mode 4. Vu=E.

## Ode 1

## Ode i.

Diatonic

E



8 Hav-ing been con - cealed in di - vine dark-ness, Mo - ses,



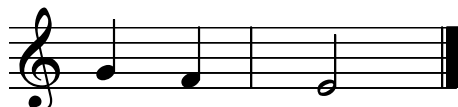
8 slow of tongue, de - clared the Law that God had writ - ten. For



8 shak-ing off im - pu - ri - ty from his mind's eye, he sees the One who is,



8 be-ing an in - i - ti - ate of the Spir-it's knowl-edge, laud - ing with



8 songs in - spired.

## Ode 3

Ode iii

E



<sup>8</sup> By it - self the pray - er of the Proph - et - ess An - na

D



<sup>8</sup> broke the fet - ters of her womb that made her child - less, and the harsh de -

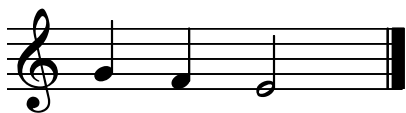
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<sup>8</sup> - ri - sion of the one with man - y chil - dren, of old when she



<sup>8</sup> brought a bro - ken spir - it to the God of knowl - edge and on - ly



<sup>8</sup> Sov - er - eign.

Ode 4

Ode iv

E

8 Mon-arch of mon - archs, the on - ly from the on - ly,

8 Lo - gos who came forth from the un - caused Fa - ther, as Ben-e - fac-tor

8 You sent out Your un - err - ing, eq - ui - po - tent Spir - it un - to the A -

8 - pos - tles, as they sing, Glo - ry be un - to Your might, O Lord.

## Ode 5

Ode v

E

8 Re - ceive now the fire - breath-ing dew of the Spir - it, re-

8 - demp - tive pur - ga-tion of all your of - fenc - es, O chil-dren of the Church

8 hav-ing been il - lu - mined; for now a law has gone forth out of

8 Zi - on, name - ly the tongued and fier - y grace of the Spir - it.



## Ode 6

Ode vi

E

8 Mas-ter Christ, as ex - pi - a - tion and sal - va - tion, un - to us You

8 shone forth from the ho - ly Vir - gin, so as to snatch from cor -

8 rup - tion the en - tire fall - en race of Ad - am, as once You did

D E


8 Jo - nah the Proph - et of old from the chest of the

8 sea beast.

## Ode 7


## Ode vii

E




8 The com - bined sound of the in - stru - ments de - mand - ed

D

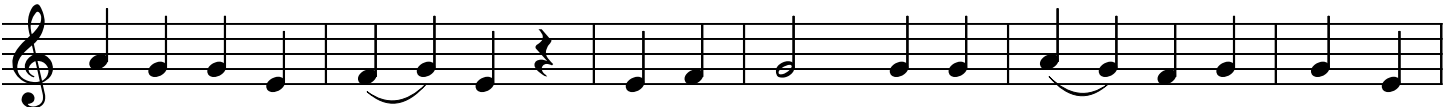


8 eve - ry - one to wor - ship the gold, life - less im - age. But the Ho - ly


E



8 Spir - it's grace, which is light - bear - ing, in - cites to shout with awe,



8 "On - ly eq - ui - po - tent, un - or - ig - in - ate Trin - i - ty, You are



8 bless - ed."

## Ode 8

## Ode viii

E



<sup>8</sup> We praise, and we bless, and we wor - ship the Lord.

E



<sup>8</sup> Once the tri - ple ra - di - ant type of the God - head loosed the



<sup>8</sup> bonds and be - dewed the flame in the fur - nace. The three young



<sup>8</sup> men then sang prais - es; and to - geth - er with all cre - at - ed na - ture they



<sup>8</sup> blessed the on - ly Sav - ior and Mak - er of all as Ben - e - fac -

D

E



<sup>8</sup> - tor.

## MAGNIFICAT

Priest: Let us honor and magnify in song the Theotokos and the Mother of light.

*Mode 4.*

**Mode 4. Heirmologic.**

**Verse 1**

Diatonic E

8 My soul magnifies the Lord and my spir - it has re - joiced in God my Sav - ior

E C D

8 Great - er in hon - or than the Che - ru - bim and in glo - ry great -

E

8 - er be - yond com - pare than the Se - ra - phim you with - out cor - rup -

E

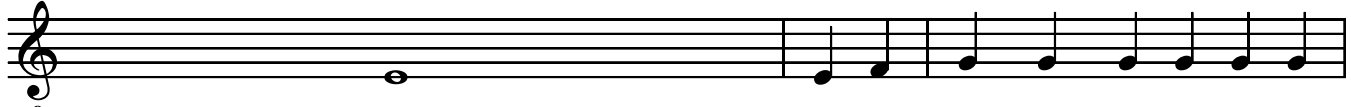
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E

8 You do we mag - ni - fy

Verse 2

E



8

For He has considered the humility of His handmaiden; for be - hold hence-forth all gen - er -



8

- a - tions shall call me bless - ed

E

C

D



8

Great - er in hon - or than the Che - ru - bim and in glo - ry great -

E



8

- er be - yond com - pare than the Se - ra - phim you with - out cor - rup -



8

- tion gave birth to God the Word and are tru - ly The - o - to - kos



8

You do we mag - ni - fy

Verse 3

8 For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and ho - ly is His Name; and His

E

8 mercy is on them that fear Him un - to gen - er - a - tion and gen - er - a - tion

E

C

D

8 Great - er in hon - or than the Che - ru - bim and in glo - ry great -

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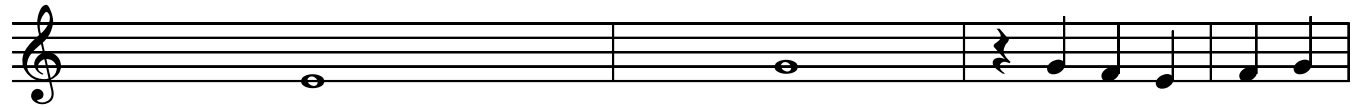
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8 - tion gave birth to God the Word and are tru - ly The - o - to - kos

8 You do we mag - ni - fy

Verse 4

E



8 He performed mighty deeds with His arm; He confounded the proud in the in - ten-tion



8 of their heart

E C D



8 Great - er in hon-or than the Che-ru-bim and in glo-ry great-


E



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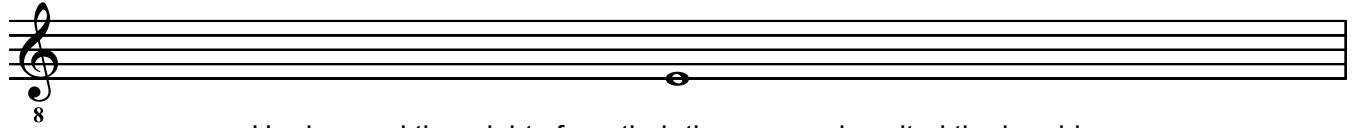


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8 You do we mag - ni - fy

Verse 5



He deposed the mighty from their thrones, and exalted the humble;

E



He filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He sent emp - ty a - way

E

C

D



Great - er in hon - or than the Che - ru - bim and in glo - ry great -

E



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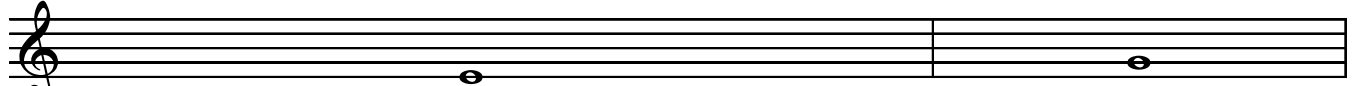
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You do we mag - ni - fy



Verse 6



He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy, as He spoke to our fathers,



to A - bra - ham and his seed for - ev - er

For *Holy is the Lord*  
and the Eothinon  
Exaposteilarion,  
go to page 207.



Great - er in hon - or than the Che - ru - bim and in glo - ry great -



- er be - yond com - pare than the Se - ra - phim you with - out cor - rup -



- tion gave birth to God the Word and are tru - ly The - o - to - kos



You do we mag - ni - fy

## Katavasia

*Mode 4. Vu=E.*

## Ode ix

<sup>E</sup>  
<sup>8</sup> Queen of all, re - joice! Boast of moth - ers and vir - gins;

<sup>8</sup> for there is no flu - ent, no el - o - quent spea - ker whose words have the

<sup>8</sup> pow - er wor - thi - ly to praise you; and eve - ry mind is dazed <sup>G</sup>

<sup>8</sup> when on your child - birth it thinks; hence we glo - ri - fy you in <sup>E</sup>

<sup>8</sup> u - ni - son. <sup>D E</sup>

**THE LITTLE LITANY**

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

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest/Deacon: Help us, save us, have mercy upon us, and protect us, O God, by your grace.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest/Deacon: Remembering our most holy, pure, blessed, and glorious \* Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commit ourselves and one another, and our whole life to Christ our God.

Choir: To You, O Lord.

Priest: For all the powers of heaven praise You and give You glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

Reader: Amen.

**EXAPOSTEILARION FOR ASCENSION**

*Mode 2. Automelon.*

With your Disciples watching You, O Christ, \* You were taken to be enthroned with the Father. \* Angels ran forward crying out: \* “Lift up the gates, lift up, \* for the King has gone up \* to the glorious Source of Light.”

LAUDS (PRAISES)

Mode 1.

Mode 1. Sticheraric Melodies.

Let every breath.

Diatonic D U D

8 Let eve - ry breath praise the

8 Lord Praise the Lord from the heav - ens

U D ,

8 praise Him in the high - est To

8 You O God is due our

8 song

Praise Him.

The musical score consists of three staves of music in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature (C). A small box containing the number '8' is positioned to the left of the first staff. Above the first staff, the letters 'D', 'U', and 'D' are placed above the first, third, and fifth measures respectively. The lyrics 'Praise Him all you His An-' are written below the first staff. The second staff continues the melody with lyrics '- gels Praise Him all you His hosts To'. The third staff concludes the phrase with lyrics 'You O God is due our song'. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with many notes beamed together in groups. Slurs are used to group phrases of notes.

Prosomoia Stichera of Ascension

Mode 1. Pa=D. For the celestial orders.

First Hymn of Praise

Diatonic D

8 Praise Him for His mighty acts, praise Him according to the a-

8 - bun-dance of His great - ness. Let us on earth... (*see below*).

8 Let us on earth like the an - gels fes-tive-ly cel - e - brate,

8 cry-ing a - loud and sing-ing un-to God, who is mount-ed

8 on the throne of glo - ry, the thrice - ho - ly hymn, "Heav-en - ly

8 Fa - ther, ho - ly are You; co - un - or - ig - i - nate Lo - gos, ho - ly are

8 You; and all - ho - ly Spir - it, ho - ly are You."

Second Hymn of Praise

D

8 Praise Him with the sound of trumpet, praise Him with the harp and lyre.

D

8 Let us on earth like the an - gels fes-tive-ly cel - e - brate,

8 cry-ing a - loud and sing-ing un - to God, who is mount-ed

8 on the throne of glo - ry, the thrice - ho - ly hymn, "Heav-en - ly

8 Fa - ther, ho - ly are You; co - un - or - ig - i - nate Lo - gos, ho - ly are

8 You; and all - ho - ly Spir - it, ho - ly are You."

Third Hymn of Praise

Diatonic

D



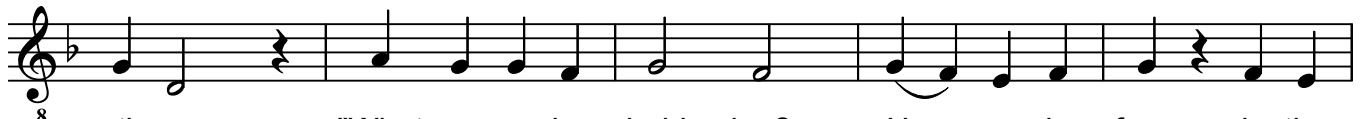
8 Praise Him with timbrel and dance, praise Him with strings and flute.



8 As the pre - em - i - nent An - gels per - ceived Your strange as -



8 - cent, they were per - plexed, O Sav - ior, and they asked one an -



8 - oth - er, "What are we be - hold - ing? Hu - man in form is the



8 one we are see - ing here. He has a bod - y; and yet, look how He as -



8 - cends far a - bove the heav - ens, as our God."

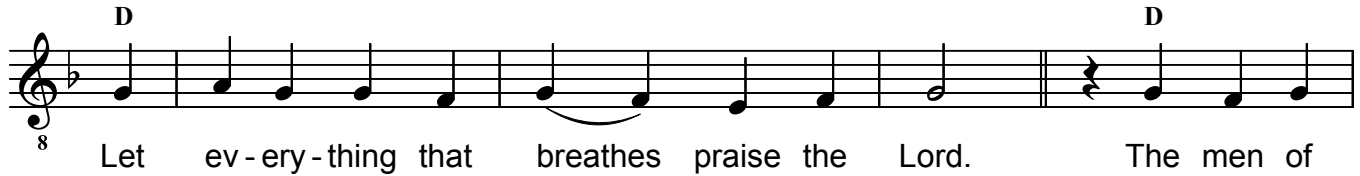


## Fourth Hymn of Praise

Diatonic



8 Praise Him with resounding cymbals, praise Him with triumphant cymbals.



8 Let ev-ery-thing that breathes praise the Lord. The men of



8 Gal - i-lee, watch-ing as You were tak - en up from the



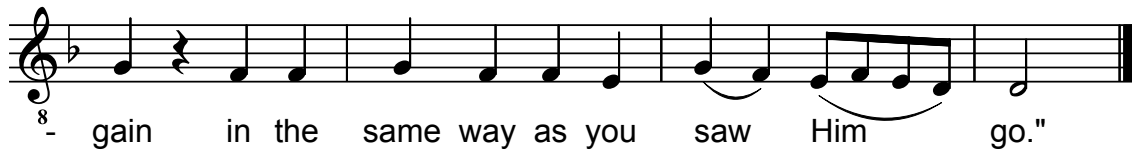
8 Mount of Ol-ives with Your bod - y, O Lo-gos, heard the



8 voice of An - gels who cried out to them, say-ing, "Why do you



8 stand and look? This Je-sus, hence-forth in - car - nate, will come a-

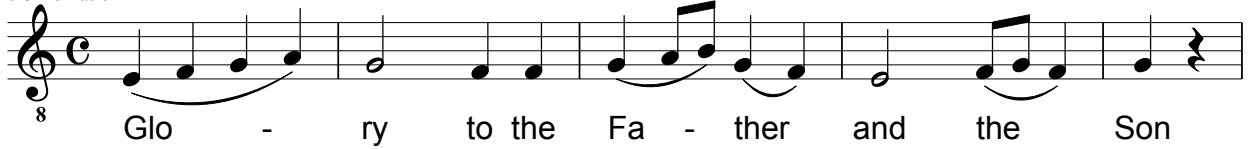


8 - gain in the same way as you saw Him go."

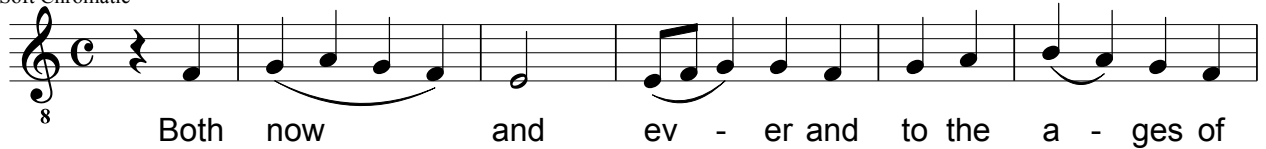
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Mode 2. Di=G.

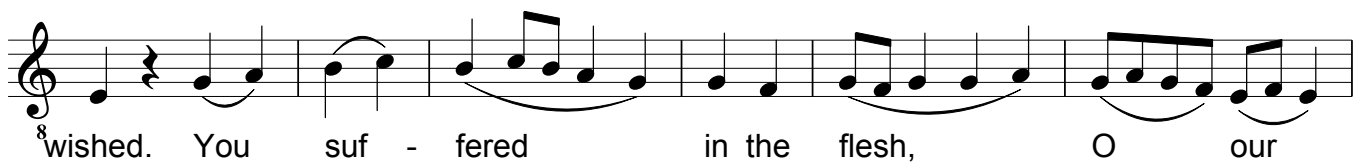
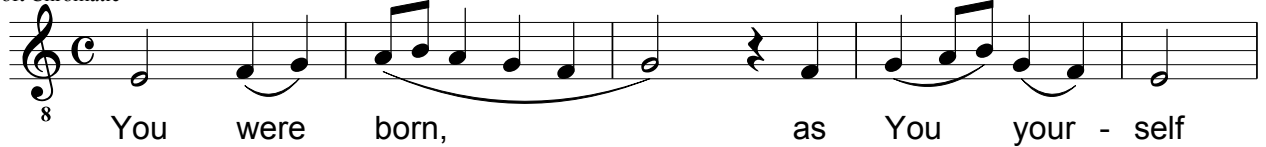
Soft Chromatic G



Soft Chromatic G



Soft Chromatic G



Diatonic

Chromatic



8 tram - pled death. You were tak-

8 - en up in glo-

8 - [o] glo - ry, You who fill the

8 u - ni - verse; and You sent us the di-

8 - vine Spir - it, that we might ex - tol and

8 glo - ri - fy Your Di - vin - i - ty.

Diatonic G

Soft Chromatic

## THE GREAT DOXOLOGY

Mode pl. 4.

Duration: 6:00

Allegro  $\text{♩} = 140$ 

## Plagal Fourth Mode

Brief Version

by Manuel the Protopsaltis  
of Byzantium (d. 1819)  
English Adaptation by  
Hieromonk Ephraim

1

Glo - ry be to You Who showed the light. Glo - ry in the high - est to God,

and on earth— peace, good will— a - mong men.

2

We praise— You; we bless— You; we wor - ship You; we glo - ri - fy— You;

we give thanks to You for Your great— glo - ry.

3

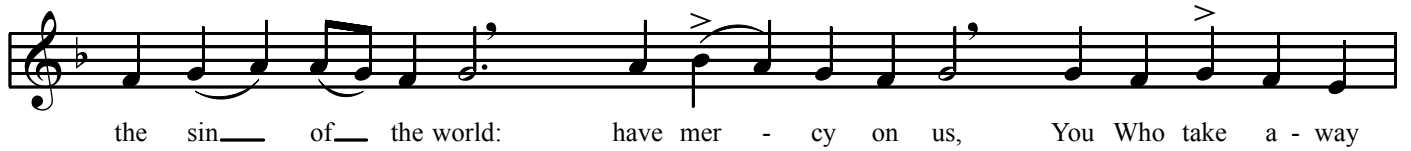
O Lord,— King,— heav - en - ly God, the Fa - ther Al - might - y,

O Lord the on - ly - be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.

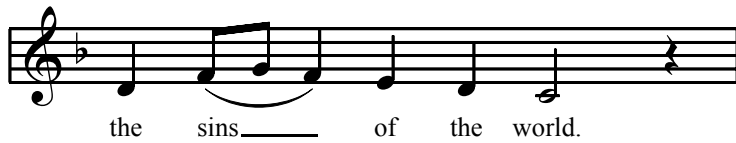
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O Lord,— God,— Lamb of God, Son— of the Fa - ther, Who take a - way

*Brief Doxology - Plagal Fourth Mode*

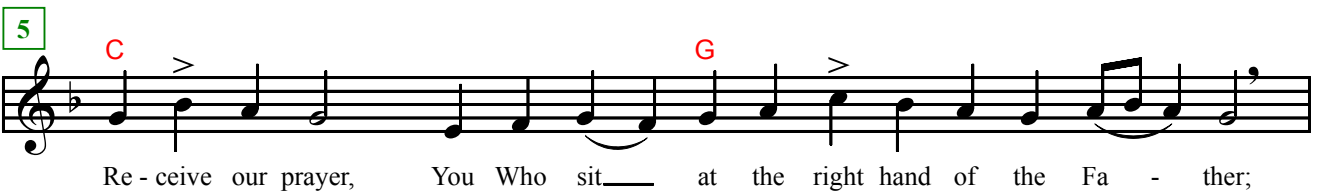


the sin of the world: have mercy on us, You Who take away



the sins of the world.

5



Re - ceive our prayer, You Who sit at the right hand of the Fa - ther;



and have mercy on us.

6




For You a - lone are ho - ly; You a - lone are Lord, Je - sus Christ,



to the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

7



Ev - 'ry day will I bless You, and I will praise Your



name for - ev - er and un - to the a - ges of a - ges.

*Brief Doxology - Plagal Fourth Mode*

8

Vouch - safe, O Lord, to keep\_\_\_ us this day\_\_\_ with - out sin.

9

Bless - ed are You, O Lord, the God\_\_\_ of our Fa - thers,

and praised and glo - ri - fied is Your name un - to the a - ges. A - men.

10

Let Your mer - cy, O Lord,\_\_\_ be up - on\_\_\_ us, e - ven as

we have hoped in\_\_\_ You.

11 12 and 13

Bless - ed are You, O\_\_\_ Lord, teach\_\_\_ me Your stat - utes.

14

Lord,\_\_\_ You have been our ref - uge from gen - er - a - tion to gen - er -

a - tion. I said: O Lord, have mer - cy on me; heal my soul, for\_\_\_ I have

Brief Doxology - Plagal Fourth Mode

sinned a - gainst\_ You.

15

O Lord, to You\_ have\_ I fled for ref - uge; teach me\_ to do Your

will, for You\_ are my God.

16

For in You\_ is the foun - tain of life; in Your light\_ we shall see\_ light.

17

Con - tin - ue\_ Your mer - cy un - to those who know\_ You.

18 19 and 20

Ho - ly\_ God,\_ ho - ly\_ Might - y, ho - ly Im -

mor - tal, have mer - cy on us.

21

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

*Brief Doxology - Plagal Fourth Mode*

22

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

23

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

**Adagio** ♩=70

Asmatikon

24

Ho - - - ly God,

25

Ho - - - ly Might - - - - y,

26

Ho - ly Im - mor - - - - - - - - - tal,

Im - mor - - - - - - - - - tal, have mer - - - - - - - - -

cy on us.



*Saint Michael the Confessor Bishop of Synnada*

May 23. Mode pl. 4.

**Allegro** ♩=150

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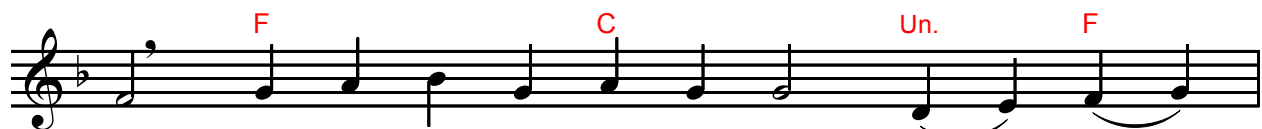
world, God - in - spired a - dorn - ment of hier -



archs, O wise Mi - chael, by thy teach - ings thou



hast en - light - ened all, O harp of the Spir - it.



In - ter - cede with Christ God that our souls be



saved.