

Menaion

September 23

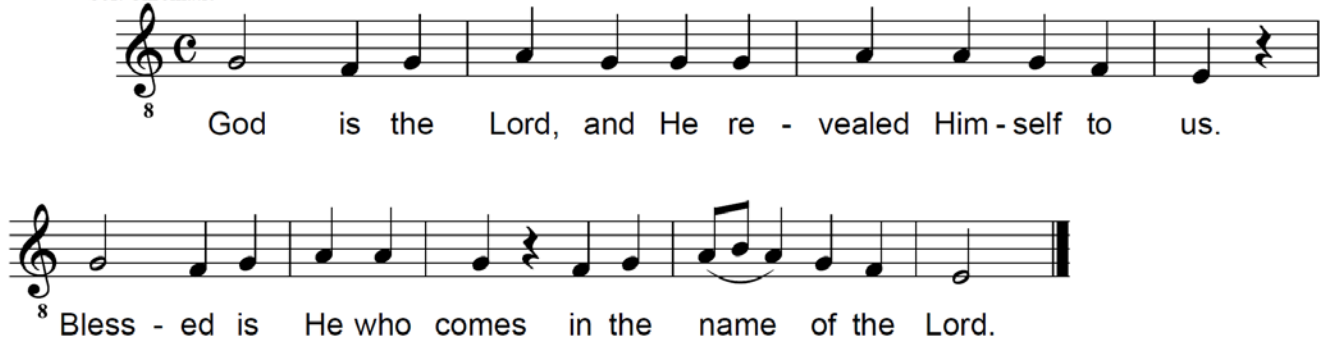
The Conception of the Honorable and Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John.

MATINS

CHOIR

Matins. Mode 4. $Vu=E$.

Soft Chromatic E



8 God is the Lord, and He re - vealed Him - self to us.

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

Verse: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon His holy name.

Verse: All the nations surrounded me, but in the name of the Lord
I defended myself against them.

Verse: This came about from the Lord, and it is wonderful in our eyes.

Apolytikion. Mode 4. *Vu=E. Come quickly.*

Soft Chromatic E



8 Sing now, O bar-ren one who did not bear be - fore, for

8 you have in - deed con - ceived the burn-ing lamp of the Sun; and he will il-

8 - lu - mi - nate all the world af - flict-ed with spir - it - u - al

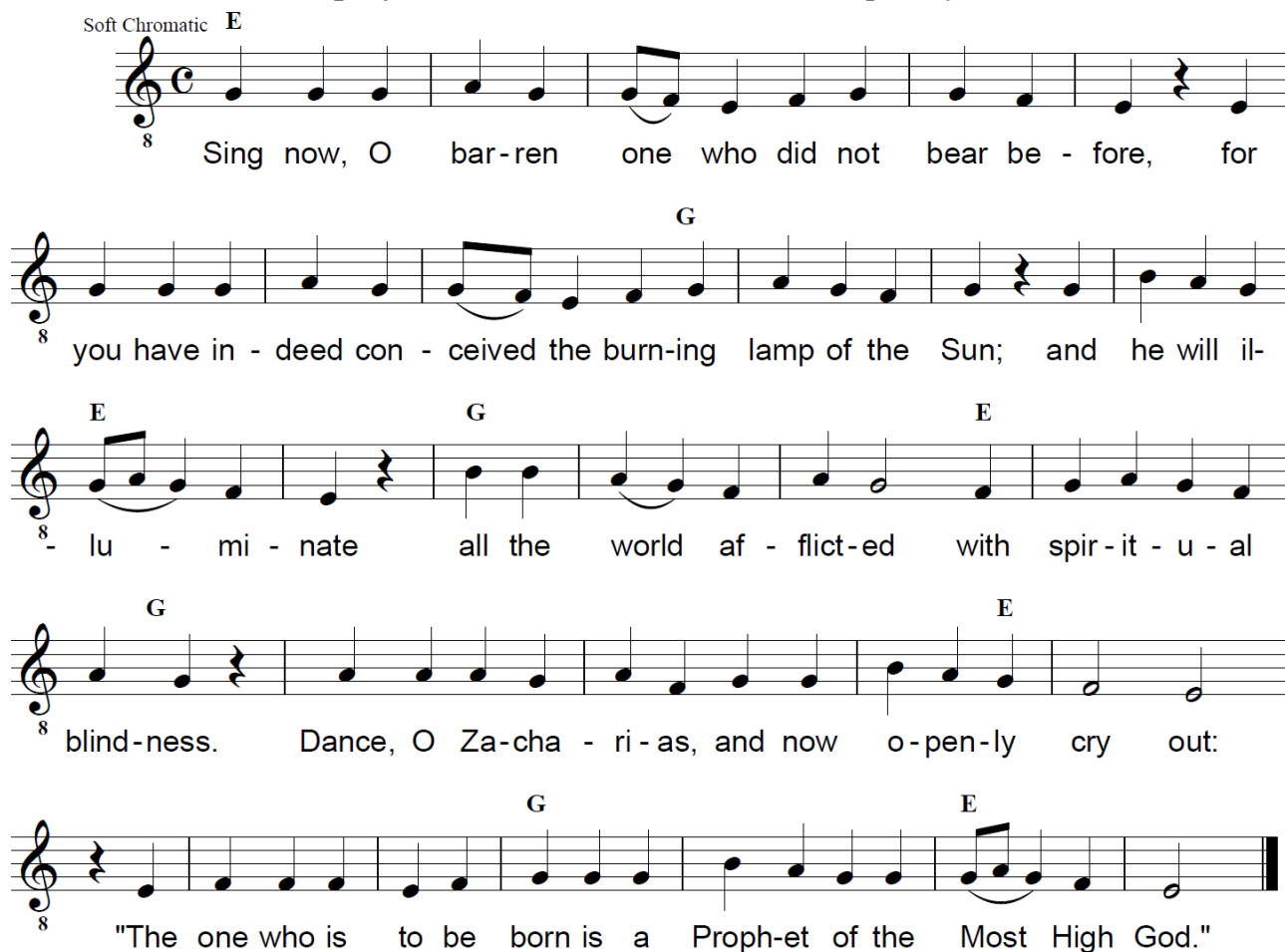
8 blind-ness. Dance, O Za-cha - ri - as, and now o-pen-ly cry out:

8 "The one who is to be born is a Proph-et of the Most High God."

Glory. Repeat.

Apolytikion. Mode 4. *Vu=E. Come quickly.*

Soft Chromatic E



8 Sing now, O bar-ren one who did not bear be - fore, for

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8 you have in - deed con - ceived the burn-ing lamp of the Sun; and he will il-

E G E

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G E

8 "The one who is to be born is a Proph-et of the Most High God."

Both now. Theotokion.

Both now. **Theotokion. Mode 4.** *Vu=E.*

Soft Chromatic E G E

8 O The - o - to - kos, thru you be - came man - i - fest to

8 us on earth the mys - ter - y, which was hid from e - ter - ni - ty, and

G

8 which the An - gels them - selves knew not: that God, u - nit - ing na - tures with -

E

8 out con - fu - sion, be - comes a man and ac - cepts cru - ci - fix - ion for

F G

8 our sal - va - tion vol - un - tar - i - ly. By vir - tue of this, res - ur - rect - ing

E

8 man whom He had first cre - at - ed, He saved our souls from death.

Final Ending E F G

8 He saved our souls from death.

DEACON

Again and again, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

Commemorating our most holy, pure, blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

(To You, O Lord.)

PRIEST

For Yours is the dominion, and Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

CHOIR

Kathisma I.

From Menaion - - -

Mode pl. 1. N/M (Let us worship the Word.)

Elizabeth was freed from barrenness, while the Virgin remained still a virgin, when at Gabriel's voice each of them conceived in the womb; but the Forerunner John leapt in the womb when he recognized beforehand his God and Master incarnate in a virgin womb for our salvation (EL)

Glory. Both now. Theotokion.

Mode pl. 1. Let us worship the Word.

Both now. **Theotokion. Mode pl. 1.** *Ke=A. Let us worship.*

Diatonic A

8 Ho-ly Moun-tain on which God him - self has trod, re - joice! Liv-ing

8 bush that was burn - ing and not con-sumed, re - joice! O Re - joice, the on - ly

8 bridge that joins the world to God, and con - ducts the mor-tal hu-man race to

8 ev - er-last-ing life. Re - joice, im - mac-u - late Maid - en, who with-out

8 know-ing a hus - band, tru - ly gave birth to Him who saves our souls.

Kathisma II.

From Menaion - - -

Mode 4. N/M (Come quickly.)

The desert-loving dove, the sacred Baptist, who preached repentance and revealed Christ become man, has been born, a patron for all who sin, unfailingly helping all who are storm-tossed. At his entreaties, O Christ, save your world. (EL)

Glory. Both now. Theotokion.

Mode 4. N/M (Come quickly.)

You alone bore the Maker of the universe, you alone adorned humanity by your child-bearing, O Immaculate. Deliver me from the snares of crafty Beliar, stand me on the rock of Christ's wishes, as you insistently entreat him to whom you gave a body. (EL)

READER

Psalm 50 (51).

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your great mercy; and according to the abundance of Your compassion, blot out my transgression. Wash me thoroughly from my lawlessness and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my lawlessness, and my sin is always before me. Against You only have I sinned and done evil in Your sight; that You may be justified in Your words, and overcome when You are judged. For behold, I was conceived in transgressions, and in sins my mother bore me. Behold, You love truth; You showed me the unknown and secret things of Your wisdom. You shall sprinkle me with hyssop, and I will be cleansed; You shall wash me, and I will be made whiter than snow. You shall make me hear joy and gladness; my bones that were humbled shall greatly rejoice. Turn Your face from my sins, and blot out all my transgressions. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your guiding Spirit. I will teach transgressors Your ways, and the ungodly shall turn back to You. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, the God of my salvation, and my tongue shall greatly rejoice in Your righteousness. O Lord, You shall open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise. For if You desired sacrifice, I would give it; You will not be pleased with whole burnt offerings. A sacrifice to God is a broken spirit, a broken and humbled heart 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 offerings and whole burnt offerings; then shall they offer young bulls on Your altar. (SAAS)

Kontakion.

From Menaion - - -

Mode 1. N/M (In heaven be amazed.)

Great Zachary with far-famed Elizabeth his wife is radiantly glad, for worthily she conceives John the Forerunner, of whom an Archangel brought the good tidings rejoicing, and whom we humans fittingly honour as an initiate of grace. (EL)

Oikos.

Let us open the sacred Gospel, which holy and wondrous Luke wrote for us, and let us contemplate the radiant and notable conception of the Forerunner. For, he says, when the Elder and righteous Zachary entered the Holy of Holies to offer incense at the moment of the daily service, Gabriel appeared to him brining good tidings and saying: You have a son, Hierarch, in your old age, the Prophet and Forerunner, voice and herald, ever-lighted lamp and initiate of grace. (EL)

Synaxarion.

From the Menaion.

On September 23 we remember the conception of the holy and glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John.

On this day we commemorate the holy martyrs Andrew, John, Peter and Anthony who died in Africa.

On this day we commemorate the holy women Xanthippe and Polyxeni the sisters.

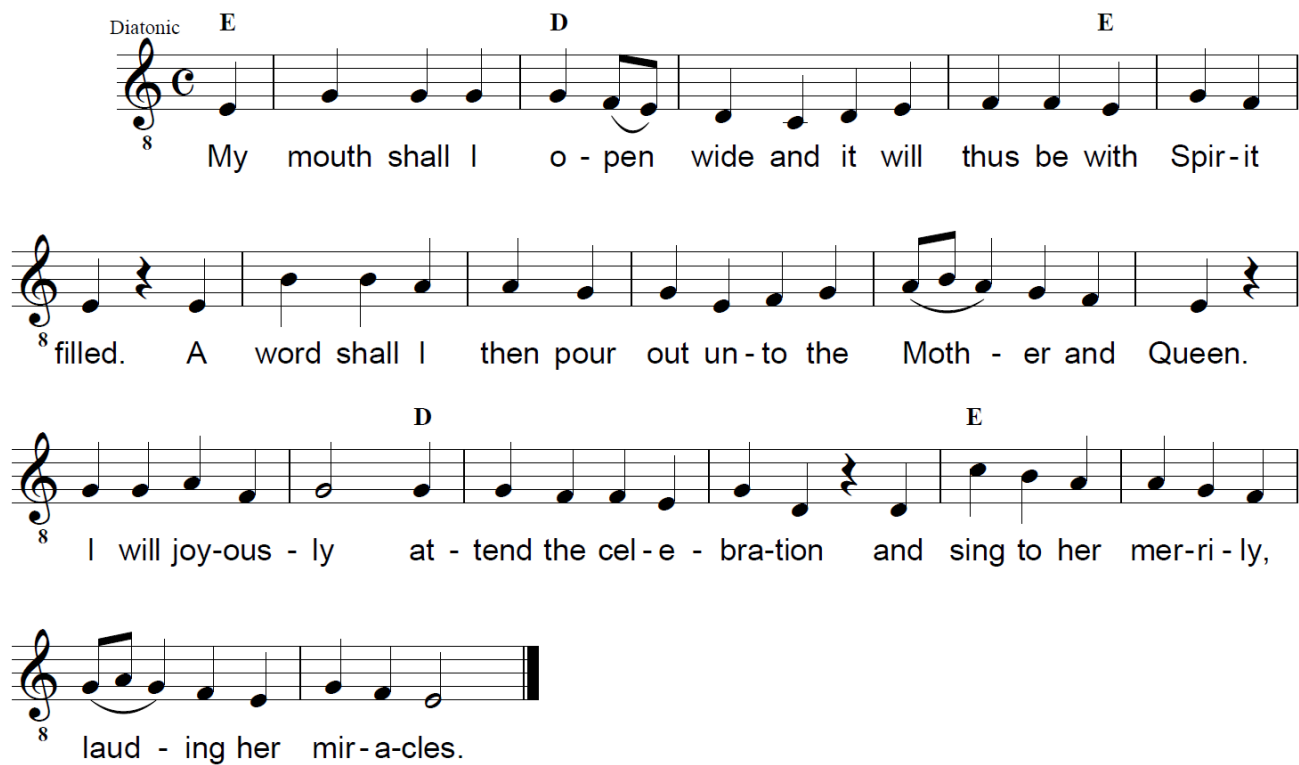
The holy New Martyr Nicholas the Grocer witnessed in Constantinople in 1672 and died by the sword.

By the intercessions of Your Saints, O God, have mercy on us. Amen.

CHOIR

Katavasia. Ode i. Mode 4. $V_u=E$.

Diatonic E D E



8 My mouth shall I o - pen wide and it will thus be with Spir-it

8 filled. A word shall I then pour out un - to the Moth - er and Queen.

D E

8 I will joy-ous - ly at - tend the cel - e - bra-tion and sing to her mer-ri - ly,

8 laud - ing her mir-a-cles.

Katavasia. Ode iii. Mode 4. $Vu=E$.

Diatonic E

8 Es - tab - lish your ser-vants who ex - tol you, O Moth - er of

E U

8 God, for they have formed a spir - i - tu - al choir for you, the liv-ing and a-


D E

8 - bun - dant fount; and crowns of glo-ry gra-cious-ly in your di-

8 - vine glo-ry grant to them.

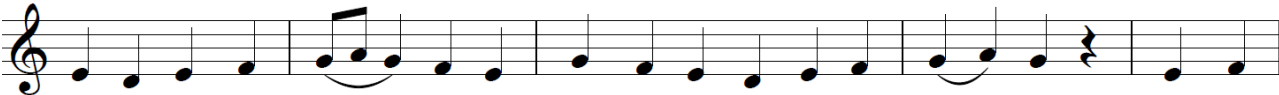
Katavasia. Ode iv. Mode 4. $Vu=E$.

Diatonic E U




⁸ When the Proph-et Ha - bak-kuk heard the di - vine

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⁸ and in-com-pre - hen - si-ble coun-sel of Your In-car - na - tion from the

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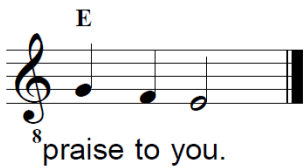
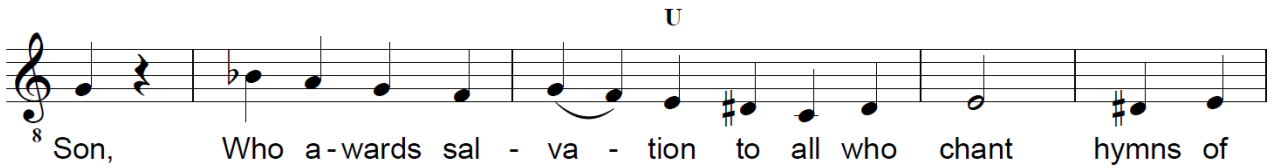
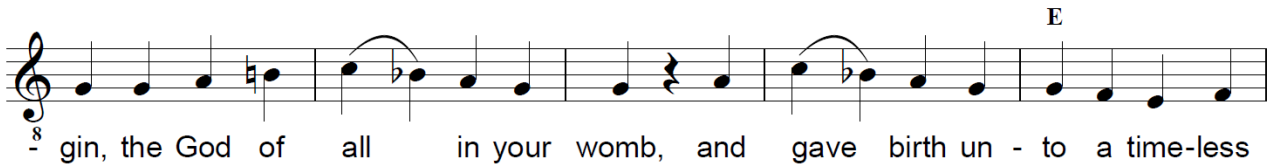
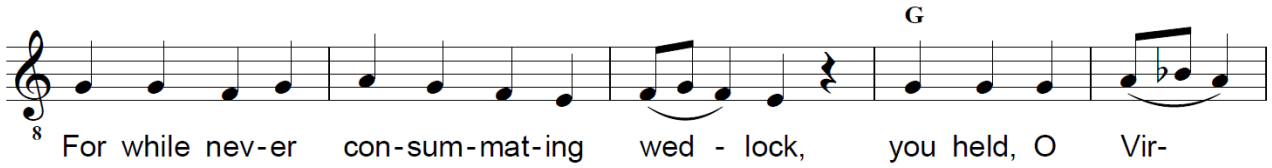
⁸ Vir - gin, O Most High, con - sid-er-ing he cried a - loud, "Glo-ry to Your

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⁸ pow - er, O Lord my God."

Katavasia. Ode v. Mode 4. $Vu=E$.



Katavasia. Ode vi. Mode 4. $Vu=E$.

Diatonic **D**



8 Let us, pos - sessed of a god - ly mind, ob - serv - ing this di-

E **D**



8 - vine and all - ven - er - a - ble feast in hon - or of the The - o - to - kos, come

E



8 clap our hands, while glo - ri - fy - ing God, who was tru - ly born of her.

Katavasia. Ode vii. Mode 4. $Vu=E$.

Diatonic E D E

⁸ God - ly - mind - ed three did not a - dore cre - at - ed

D E U

⁸ things in the Cre - a - tor's stead, but brave - ly tram - pling up -

E

⁸ on the threat of the fur-nace fire, chant-ed joy-ful - ly, "O su -

D E

⁸ - preme - ly praised and most ex - alt - ed Lord and God of the

⁸ fa - thers, You are bless - ed."

Katavasia. Ode viii. Mode 4. *Vu=E.*

Diatonic D E

⁸ We praise and we bless and we wor - ship the Lord.

E G

⁸ Pi-ous Ser-vants stood with-in the fur - nace. The Son of the The-o-

E

⁸ to-kos went and res-cued them. He who was pre - fig-ured then,

C D U G

⁸ man-i - fest-ly ac - tive now, is gath-er-ing to - geth-er the en - tire

E D

⁸ u - ni - verse to sing the hymn: "O praise and su-

E

⁸ -preme-ly ex - alt the Lord, O all you His works, un - to the a-

⁸ ges."

Katavasia. Ode ix. Mode 4. $V_u=E$.

Diatonic

8 All you born on earth, with fes - ti - val lamps in hand, in

8 spir - it leap for joy; heav - en - ly in - tel - li - gen - ces of in - cor -

8 po - re - al An - gels, cel - e - brate, and hon - or thus the sa - cred

8 won - ders of the Moth - er of God, cry - ing loud - ly: "O re - joice, all -

8 - bless - ed one, ev - er - vir - gin and pure, who gave birth to God."

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DEACON

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

CHOIR

Ode ix.

Megalynarion. Mode 4.

The Magnificat. Mode 4. $Vu=E$.

Diatonic

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My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spir - it has re - joiced in God my

E

8

Sav - ior. Great - er in hon - or than the Che - ru - bim, and in glo - ry

E

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

D

8

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

8

to - kos. You do we mag - ni - fy.

Verse 2

8  For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; E for be - hold, hence-

8  forth all gen-er - a - tions will call me E bless - ed. Great - er in

8  hon-or than the C Che - ru - bim, D and in glo - ry great - er be - yond com-

8  pare than the E Se - ra - phim, you with-out cor - rup - tion gave birth to

8  God the Word and are tru - ly The - o - to - kos. You do we

8  mag - ni - fy.

Verse 3

8 For He who is mighty has done great things for me, and ho - ly is His

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8 name. And His mercy is on those who fear Him from gen-er - a - tion to

E

8 gen-er - a - tion. Great - er in hon-or than the Che-ru-bim,

C D E

8 and in glo-ry great - er be - yond com - pare than the Se-ra-phim,

8 you with-out cor - rup - tion gave birth to God the Word and are

8 tru - ly The-o - to - kos. You do we mag-ni - fy.

Verse 4

8 He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the im-

8 a - gi - na-tion of their hearts. Great - er in hon-or than the Che-ru-bim,

8 and in glo-ry great - er be - yond com - pare than the Se-ra-phem,

8 you with-out cor - rup - tion gave birth to God the Word and are

8 tru - ly The-o - to - kos. You do we mag-ni - fy.

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C D E

Verse 5

8 He put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted the lowly;

8 He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He sent a - way

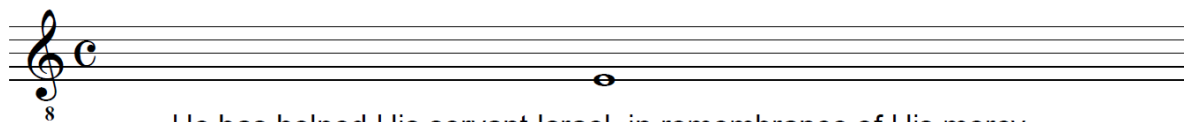
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8 great - er be - yond com - pare than the Se-ra-phim, you with-out cor-

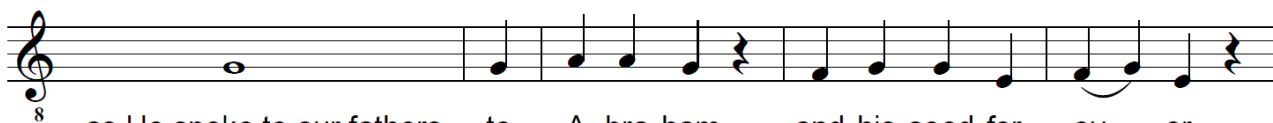
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8 to - kos. You do we mag - ni - fy.

Verse 6



He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy,

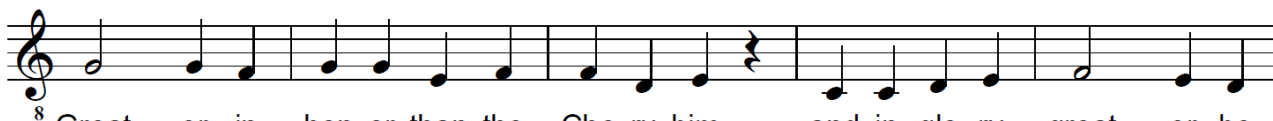


as He spoke to our fathers, to A-bra-ham and his seed for - ev - er.

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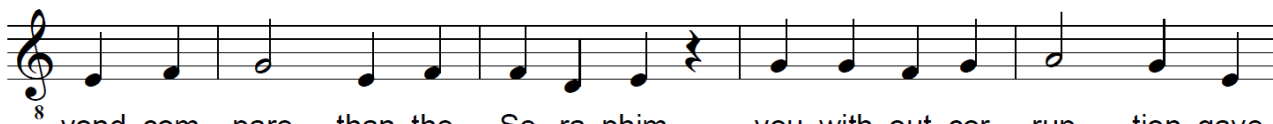
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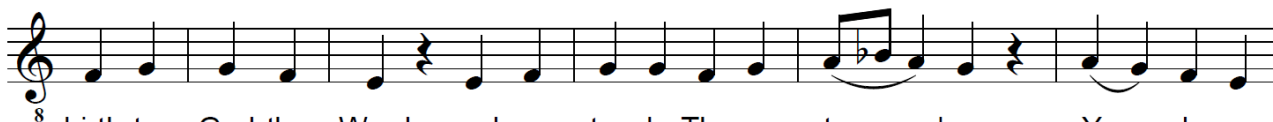


Great - er in hon-or than the Che-ru-bim, and in glo-ry great - er be-

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mag-ni - fy.

Katavasia. Ode ix. Mode 4. *Vu=E*.

Diatonic

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8 spir-it leap for joy; heav-en - ly in - tel - li-gen - ces of in-cor-

8 - po - re - al An-gels, cel - e-brate, and hon-or thus the sa-cred

8 won-ders of the Moth - er of God, cry-ing loud - ly: "O re-joice, all-

8 - bless-ed one, ev - er - vir - gin and pure, who gave birth to God."

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DEACON

Again and again, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

(Lord, have mercy.)

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

(Lord, have mercy.)

Commemorating our most holy, pure, blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

(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.

(Amen.)

CHOIR

Exaposteilarion.

From Menaion - -

Exaposteilarion. Mode 2. *Di=G. On the mountain.*

Soft Chromatic **G**

8 To - day the ho - ly Fore - run - ner's won - drous - ly

8 wrought con - cep - tion fore - tells the com - ing of the King

8 to be born of the Vir - gin, as he him - self will be al - so

8 from the child - less and bar - ren E - liz - a - beth and el - der -

8 - ly Zach - a - ri - as the great priest. Save us, O Lord,

8 by their prayers and those of the The - o - to - kos and

8 those of Your bap - tiz - er John, and on us all take

8 pit - y.

Theotokion.

Mode 2. On the mountain.

Theotokion. Mode 2. *Di=G. On the mountain.*

Soft Chromatic **G**

8 We who have been de - liv - ered from the pri-mal curse, O

8 pure one, thru your di - vine de - liv - er - y, shout the au-

8 - gust Arch - an - gel's "Re - joyce," and thus we sa - lute you

8 with great joy and thanks - giv - ing. A-dam's re - demp-tion, O re-

8 - joyce, The-o - to - kos and Vir - gin. Re-joyce, thru you

8 we have been de - liv-ered from death, O Maid - en. Re-

8 joyce, thru whom we have ob - tained the King-dom of the

8 heav - ens.

Lauds. Mode 1.

Lauds. Mode 1. *Pa=D.*

Diatonic D U D

8 Let ev - ery - thing that breathes

8 praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heav -

8 - ens, praise Him in the

8 high - est. It is fit - ting to sing a

8 hymn to You, O God.

Mode 1. *Pa=D.*

Diatonic **D**

8 Praise Him, all you His an - gels;

8 praise Him, all you His hosts. It is

8 fit - ting to sing a hymn to You, O God.

Stichera for the Forerunner.

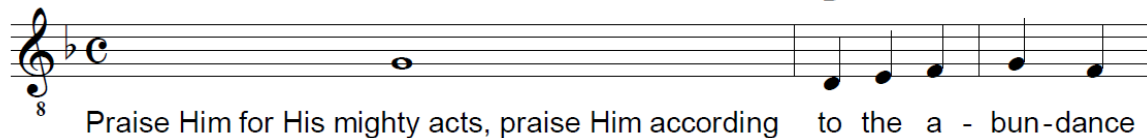
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Mode 1. For the celestial orders.

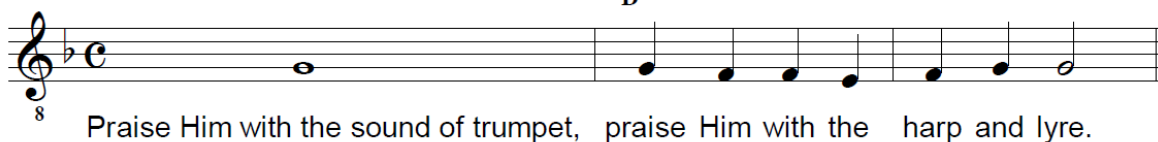
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Diatonic

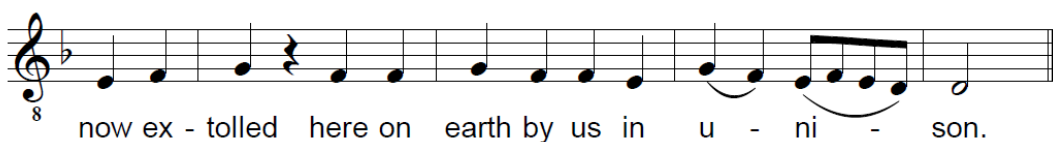
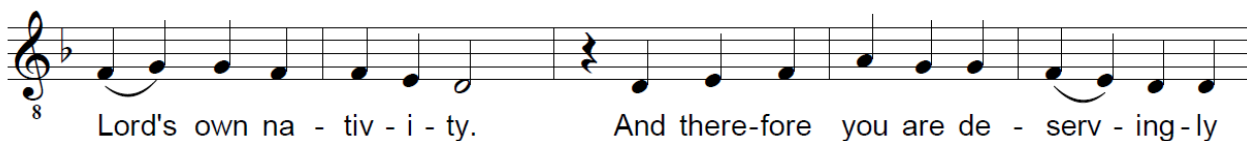
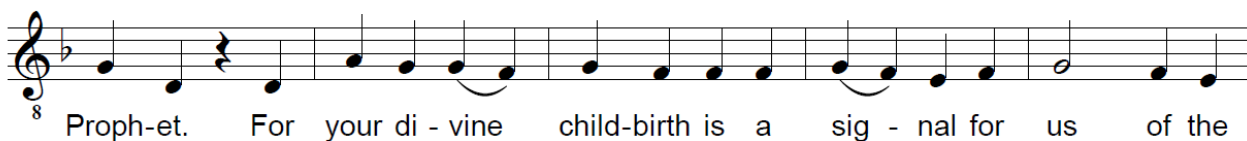
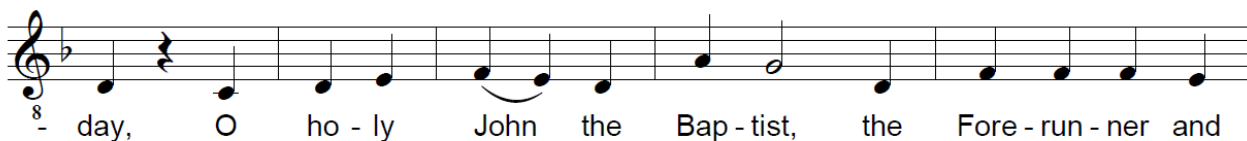
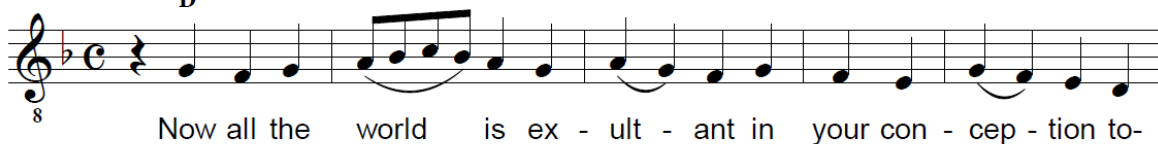
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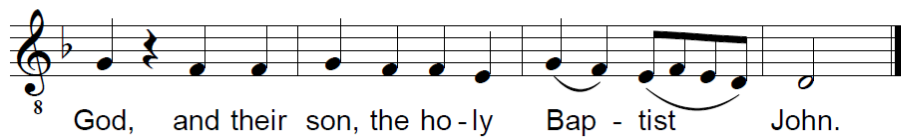
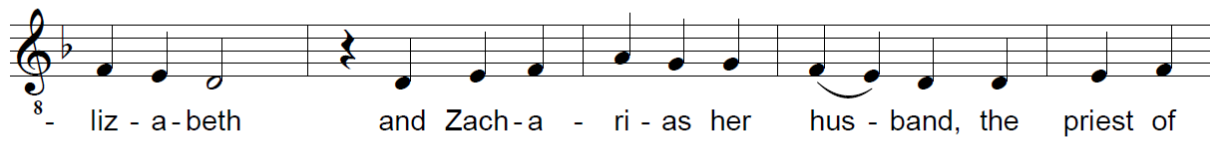
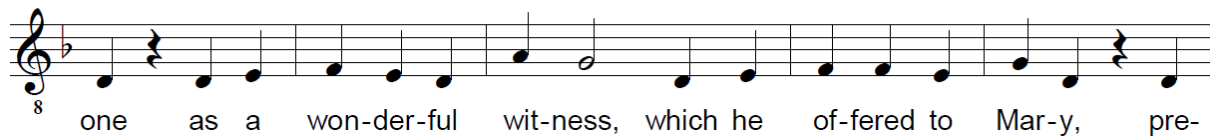
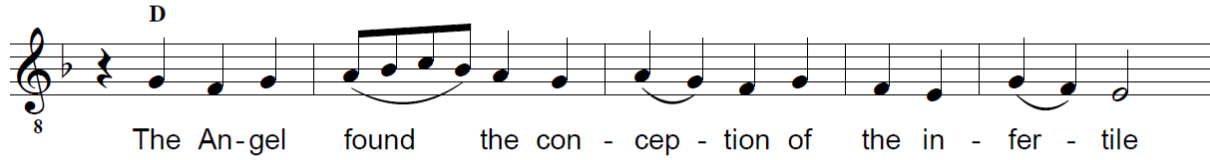
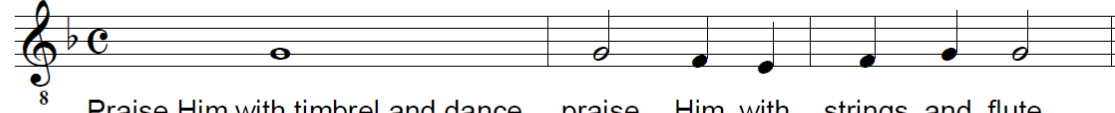
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Mode 1. *Pa=D. For the celestial.*

Diatonic

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

Diatonic

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

8 Let ev - ery - thing that breathes praise the Lord. Now the di -

8 - vine - ly pre - pared lamp of the e - ter - nal light, and the

8 friend of the Bride-groom, the great star of the morn-ing be -

8 - fore the Sun of glo - ry, the liv - ing voice of God's Word, and the

8 Fore-run-ner of the ap - pear-ance of Christ is con - ceived to -

8 - day at the sound of the an - gel - ic voice.

Glory. Both now.

From Menaion - - -

Mode pl. 4.

Elizabeth conceived the Forerunner of grace, the Virgin the Lord of glory. The mothers greeted one another and the infant leapt for joy. For within the slave was praising the Master.

Marvelling the mother of the Forerunner began to cry aloud: Whence is this to me, that the Mother of my Lord should come to me? That he, who alone has great mercy, may save a people in despair. (EL)

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