

Matins – Annunciation

Priest: Blessed is our God.

Reader: Trisagion

Priest: For Yours is the Kingdom ...

Choir: Amen.

Priest: Glory to the Holy Consubstantial...

Reader: 3 Psalms

Glory, now and ever, Amen. Alleluia (3x) Glory to You, O God. (3x)

Deacon: Great Litany

Deacon: God is the Lord (Tone 4)

Choir: God is the Lord

Choir: sings Troparion 3x

Choir: Kathisma Hymn, Tone 3

Today all creation greatly rejoices,
for the Archangel says unto you:
“Hail! Blessed are you, O Pure and Holy,
Undefiled and Spotless.”

Today the proud insolence of the serpent is brought low,
for the fetters of the curse laid on our forefather are loosed.
Therefore with all the world we cry aloud to you: //
Hail, you who are full of grace.

Choir: Polieley and Magnification:

With the Archangel...

Deacon: Little Litany

Choir: Sessional Hymn, Tone 4

Gabriel was sent to the pure Virgin,
And disclosed to her joy past telling:
“You shall conceive without seed and shall remain inviolate.
For you shall bear a Son who is the pre-eternal God,
And He will save His people from their sins.”
Such is the testimony of Him who sent me to cry aloud to you,
O blessed Lady, “Hail!”
As a virgin you shall bear a child, //
And after childbirth you shall remain Virgin.

Choir: “From My Youth...”

Deacon/Choir: Prokeimenon, Tone 4: From day to day / proclaim the salvation of our God!

Vs. O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!

Let every breath...

Gospel: Luke 1:39-49,56.

Choir: Post-Gospel Stikhera

Deacon: “O God Save your People...”

Choir: Lord Have Mercy (12x)

Priest: Exclamation

Canon:

Choir: Irmos:

Reader 1: “The Angel said:” reads troparion

Reader 2: “The Theotokos said:” reads troparion

After 3rd Ode:

Choir: Kathisma Hymn, Tone 8

The Word of God is now come down upon earth.
The Angel stood before the Virgin and cried aloud: (*stay on same note*)
“Hail, blessed Lady,
who alone among women has preserved the seal of your virginity
while yet receiving in your womb the pre-eternal Word, and Lord, //
that He as God may save mankind from error.

After 6th Ode:

Reader: Lord have mercy (3x) GNE

Choir: Kontakion, Tone 8 *O Victorious Leader ...*

Reader: Ikos

A prince of the angels was sent from heaven to say to the Theotokos, "Hail!" And seeing You, O Lord, take bodily form at the sound of his bodiless voice, he was filled with amazement and stood still, crying to her thus:

Hail, you through whom joy will shine forth:

Hail, you through whom the curse will cease.

Hail, restoration of fallen Adam:

Hail, redemption of the tears of Eve.

Hail, Height hard to climb for the thought of man:

Hail, Depth hard to perceive even for the eyes of angels.

Hail, you who are throne of the King:

Hail, you who hold Him who holds all.

Hail, Star who makes the Sun appear:

Hail, you who are the Womb of the divine incarnation.

Hail, you through whom creation is made anew:

Hail, you through whom the Creator becomes a newborn child.

Choir: [So that we may sing, rejoice O unwedded bride.]

Ode 9: between troparia use refrain: "O earth, announce good tidings of great joy; O heavens, praise the glory of God!"

Deacon/Choir: Little Litany

Choir: Exapostilarion

Choir: Praises

Reader: Small Doxology

Deacon/Choir: Morning Litany:

Aposticha: Tone 6 (Thursday of 3rd week)

Like the prodigal I have fallen from sonship,
and as a slave I have eaten with the swine,
yet was not satisfied by their food;
But now I return to You, O compassionate Father.
Wrongly I forsook You, but rightly have I turned back in repentance, and I cry:
I have sinned against heaven and before You, O Father; //
Grant to me, returning homeward, Your great mercy. (twice)

Vs: We were filled in the morning with Your mercy, O Lord, and we rejoiced and were glad. In all our days, let us be glad: for the days wherein You have humbled us, for the years wherein we have seen evil. And look upon Your servants, and upon Your works, and guide their children.

(repeat above)

Vs: And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands for us; yes, establish the work of our hands.

To the Martyrs:

Great wonders has our God done for His saints and His elect.
Rejoice and be glad, all you His servants:
He has prepared for you crowns of glory and His Kingdom. //
We entreat you not to forget us.

GNE: Tone 8 Feast

Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice:
For the co-eternal Son of the Father,
who shares His throne and like him is without beginning,
has emptied Himself in His compassion and merciful love for man
according to the good pleasure and counsel of the Father;
He has gone to dwell in a virgin's womb -
a womb sanctified by the Spirit!
O marvel! God is come among men;
He who cannot be contained is contained in a womb;
The timeless one enters time;
And, O strange wonder! His conception is without seed,
His emptying is past telling: so great is the mystery!
For God empties Himself, taking flesh,
He is fashioned as a creature,
the angel announces to the Virgin her conception: //
"Hail, O full of grace: the Lord who has great mercy is with you."

Reader: "It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to Your Name, O Most High: to tell of Your mercy in the morning and Your truth every night.

Trisagion.

Priest: Exclamation

Reader: Standing in the temple of Your glory, we think ourselves in heaven, O Theotokos. You who are the gate of heaven, open unto us the door of Your mercy.

Lord have mercy (40x)

GNE

More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim: without defilement you gave birth to God the Word: true Theotokos we magnify you!

In the name of the Lord, father bless.

Priest: Christ our God, the existing, ...

Reader: Amen. O Heavenly King, establish the Orthodox Christians, confirm the Faith, quiet the heathen, give peace to the world, place our departed parents and brethren in the tabernacles of the righteous, and accept us sorrowers and penitents, for you are good and the lover of mankind.

Priest: Prayer of St. Ephrem.

Priest: Glory to you, O Christ, our God and our sure Hope, glory to You!

Choir: GNE, Lord have mercy (3x), Father Bless.

Priest: Pronounces dismissal.