

MARCH 25

**The Annunciation of our Most Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary
Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (sung on Friday)**

NOTE: NO KATHISMA

"Lord I Call..." Tone 7

Lord, I call upon You, hear me!
Hear me, O Lord!
Lord, I call upon You, hear me!
Receive the voice of my prayer,
when I call upon You!//
Hear me, O Lord!

Let my prayer arise
in Your sight as incense,
and let the lifting up of my hands
be an evening sacrifice!//
Hear me, O Lord!

- v. (10) Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Your Name!*
- v. (9) The righteous will surround me; for You will deal bountifully with me.*
- v. (8) Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!*
- v. (7) Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!*
- v. (6) If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You.*
- v. (5) For Your Name's sake I wait for You, O Lord. My soul has waited for Your word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.*
- v. (4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord!*

Tone 7 *Idiomelon* *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

My soul's nobility has been enslaved to passions.
Like a beast, I cannot lift up my eyes to You, O Most High.
But bowing down, O Christ, I pray like the Publican and cry://
"Have mercy on me, O God, and save me!"

- v. (3) For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.*

Tone 6 *(from the Menaion, for the Feast) (Having placed all their hope)*

Revealing to you the pre-eternal counsel,
Gabriel came and stood before you, O Maiden,
and greeting you, he said:
“Rejoice, earth that has not been sown!
Rejoice, burning bush that remains unconsumed!
Rejoice, unsearchable depth!
Rejoice, bridge that leads to Heaven!
Rejoice, ladder raised on high that Jacob saw!
Rejoice, divine jar of manna!
Rejoice, deliverance from the curse!
Rejoice, restoration of Adam; //
the Lord is with you!”

v. (2) Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!

“You appear to me in the form of a man,”
said the undefiled Maid to the chief of the Heavenly Hosts.
“How then do you speak to me of things that pass man’s power?
You have said that God shall be with me
and shall take up His dwelling in my womb.
How shall I become the spacious habitation
and the holy place of Him Who rides upon the Cherubim?
Do not deceive me with trickery;
for I have not known pleasure,
I have not entered into wedlock. //
How then shall I bear a Child?”

v. (1) For His mercy is confirmed on us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.

Then the bodiless Angel replied:
“When God so wills, the order of nature is overcome,
and what is beyond man comes to pass.
Believe that my sayings are true,
O all-holy and immaculate Lady!”
And she cried aloud:
“Let it be to me according to your word,
and I shall bear Him Who is without flesh!
He shall borrow flesh from me,
that through this union of natures
He may lead man up to his ancient glory, //
for He alone has power so to do.”

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

Tone 6 *(for the Feast, by John the Monk)*

The Archangel Gabriel was sent from heaven,
to announce to the Virgin the good news of her conceiving.
And coming to Nazareth, he was filled with wonder at the miracle,
and reasoned within himself:
“How is it that He Who dwells on high,
Whom none can comprehend, is to be born of a Virgin?
How is He, Whose throne is Heaven and Whose footstool is the earth,
to be contained in the womb of a woman?
He upon Whom the six-winged Seraphim and the many-eyed Cherubim are not
able to gaze
is well-pleased to be made flesh from her at a single word.
It is the Word of God Who is to come.
Why then do I hesitate, and not say to the Maiden:
‘Rejoice, O Lady, full of grace, the Lord is with you!
Rejoice, pure Virgin!
Rejoice, Bride without Bridegroom!
Rejoice, Mother of the Life!//
Blessed is the Fruit of your womb!’”

Tone 4 **Prokeimenon**

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, / You that lead Joseph like a flock! *(Ps. 79:1)*

V. You Who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth! (Ps. 79:2a)

Reading from Genesis (12:1-7)

Tone 4 **Prokeimenon** Rejoice in God, / our helper! *(Ps. 80:1a)*

V. Raise a song, sound the timbrel! (Ps. 80:2a)

Reading from Proverbs (14:15-26)

Old Testament Readings

Genesis 28:10-17 *(Annunciation)*

Ezekiel 43:27-44:4 *(Annunciation)*

Proverbs 9:1-11 *(Annunciation)*

Exodus 3:1-8 *(Archangel Gabriel)*

Proverbs 8:22-30 *(Archangel Gabriel)*

(and the rest of the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts)