

THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 2021
ANNUNCIATION

2ND WEEK OF LENT
LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS
(sung on Wednesday)

***LORD I CALL: Five stikhera of the Triodion followed by three for the saint
Triodion, tone 1:***

Let us keep a spiritual fast, O brothers!
Let us speak no lies or deceit with our tongue!
Let us not give each other cause for stumbling,
but by repentance let the lamp of our soul shine brightly!//
Forgive us our sins in Your love for mankind!

tone 3 (by Joseph)

Through the prayers of Your divine Apostles, O Lord,
grant us to spend this time of fasting with compunction of heart, //
that being saved we may glorify You, O compassionate One!

Great and awesome is Your coming, O Lord,
when You will sit in righteous judgment.
Despite my guilt, do not condemn me, O God,
but by the prayers of Your Apostles, spare me!

tone 6 (by Theodore):

O Apostles of Christ,
lights for those born on earth,
rich treasuries of the knowledge of God:
by your holy prayers deliver from temptations us who praise you!
Guide us safely through the course of the Fast!
Keep our lives in peace,
so that we may reach Christ's passion unharmed //
and with boldness offer hymns of praise to our God!

Annunciation, tone 6: (Speical Melody ‘You Set All Your Hope in Heavenly Things’):

Gabriel came and stood before you, O Virgin,
Revealing God’s eternal plan, he greeted you:

“Hail, O earth that has not been sown!

Hail, burning bush, that remains unconsumed!

Hail, O unsearchable depth!

Hail, O bridge that leads to heaven, and ladder raised on High, that Jacob saw!

Hail, deliverance from the curse, and restoration of Adam!//

The Lord is with you!”

“You appear to me in the form of a man,”

The undefiled Virgin said to the captain of the heavenly hosts.

“How can you speak to me of things that pass man’s power?

You have said that God will be with me,

That He will take up His dwelling in my womb.

How shall I become the holy dwelling place of Him who rides upon the cherubim?

Do not deceive me.

I have not known pleasure; I have not entered into wedlock.

How then shall I bear a child?”

“When God so wishes,” said the bodiless angel,

“The order of nature is overcome.

What is beyond man’s power comes to pass.

Believe my words, O pure and holy lady.”

She cried out: “Be it done to me according to your word!

I shall bear Him who has no flesh!

He will take flesh from me!

By this, He will lead mankind to glory,//

For He alone has the power to accomplish this!”

GLORY...NOW AND EVER...Annunciation, tone 6:

Gabriel the Archangel was sent from heaven

To announce to the Virgin the glad tidings of her conceiving;

And coming to Nazareth he pondered in amazement on this wonder.

‘O how shall He who dwells in the heights,

Whom none can comprehend, be born of a Virgin?

How shall He whose throne is heaven and whose footstool is the earth

Be held in the womb of a woman?

He upon whom the six-winged seraphim and the many-eyed cherubim
cannot gaze

Has been pleased at a single word to be made flesh of this His creature.

It is the Word of God who dwells within her.

Why then do I stand here, and not say to the Maiden:

Rejoice, O pure Virgin, rejoice Bride unwedded.

Rejoice, Mother of Life:

Blessed is the fruit of your womb.'

PROKEIMENON, tone 6: Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice,

O you righteous!

vs. Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven.

2nd PROK., tone 1: Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have set our hope
on You!

vs. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous!