In the sixth month the archangel was sent to a pure Virgin. And as he opened his mouth to her with Peace, he announced to her that from her should come the Redeemer. And having accepted the greeting with faith, she conceived thee, O God before eternity, who wast pleased, in an inexplicable manner, to become incarnate for the salvation of our souls.

From day to day, show forth the salvation of our Lord.
The Theotokos heard a language she did not understand; for the archangel uttered to her the words of the Annunciation. And having accepted the greeting with faith, she conceived thee, O God before eternity. Wherefore, we lift our voice to thee in joy, saying, O God who wast incarnate without transubstantiation, grant the world safety and our souls the Great Mercy.

Sing unto the Lord a new canticle.
Behold, now is our recall made manifest; for God is united with mankind in an ineffable manner. And at the voice of the archangel error hath vanished; for the Virgin hath received joy and earthly things have become heavenly, and the world is freed from the ancient curse.

Wherefore, let creation rejoice; let it raise its voice with praise, O Lord, our Creator and Redeemer, glory to thee.
Vespers - Menaion
Glory and Both Now
Tone 4

Slow

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March 25
Annunciation to the Theotokos
Basil Kazan

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the
Ho - ly Spir - it. Both now and ev - er, and un - to

Slow

To - day is the An - nun - ci - a - tion, the
vir - gin - al cel - e - bra - tion; for ter - res - tri - als
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Eve__ freed of the first__ sor - row. And the
tab - er - nacle who__ is of our own sub - stance
hath be - come a tem - ple for God, by
de - i - fi - ca - tion of the clay de - rived___ from her.
What mystery, the incomprehensible quality of the condescension, and the ineffable manner of the Concepcion! An angel ministering the wonder, and the virgin womb receiving the Son. The Holy Spirit is sent, and on high the Father is well pleased. The reconciliation was effected by the universal will, through which and by which having been saved, let us with Gabriel sing unto the
Virgin, Hail, O full of grace. The Lord is with thee, from whom Christ our Lord God and Savior did take our nature and join it to himself. Wherefore, implore thou him to save our souls.

Following St. Simeon's Prayer and the Trisagion Prayers, sing the Troparian of the Annunciation, as on the next page, three times.