### BYZANTINE MUSIC PROJECT

#### Volume 1

## Vespers

By

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**Second Edition** 

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#### **Preface to the Second Edition**

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#### **Volume 1 – Vespers**

In 1967, His Eminence, Metropolitan PHILIP saw the great need to create a way whereby new generations of Orthodox could learn to use the traditional music of the Orthodox Church in Antioch, Byzantine chant, in their parishes throughout North America.

To that end, the Metropolitan asked the late protopsalti, Basil Kazan to undertake the monumental task of compiling the music for the entire church year in English and with Western notation. This task, under the supervision of the late Director of the Department of Sacred Music, Raymond J. George, lasted until 1995 -- 28 years to complete.

Today, the *Byzantine Project* consists of twelve loose-leaf volumes of music and two supplemental volumes, including complete services for Vespers, Matins, Holy Week, Menaion, Triodion, and Pentacostarion. The first edition of the project was entirely hand written with the words typewritten onto stencils that subsequently were printed in Ray's basement. To date, more than 1,000 copies of Matins and Vespers alone have been issued.

In 2001, the Department of Sacred Music determined that the time had arrived to begin computerizing the project to make it more usable and more accessible. This Second Edition of Vespers is the first in what will become a series of reissued publications of the entire *Byzantine Project*. The project remains true to its original goals, but with improvements including 1) the addition of the *ison*, 2) the movement of selected bar lines to better reflect the fluid pulse of Byzantine music, 3) the division of syllables according to standard American dictionary usage, and 4) punctuation according to American standard English. In this second edition, an Appendix has been added which includes the *Glory and Now* in the eight tones, so the user does not have to page through Psalm 140 or the Aposticha

The Department of Sacred Music acknowledges Michael Kargatis, who spent over three years computerizing the music, checking each and every note and syllable. Many thanks are also given to Khouriyee Joyce Black, who has proof-read the publication, and checked all the syllabic divisions with the dictionary and to Dr. Michael G. Farrow for coordinating the project.

James Meena, Chairman Department of Sacred Music Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese January 2004

#### Basil Gibran Kazan

Basil Gibran Kazan, known throughout the Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese as the composer of the multi-volume Byzantine Project was born on May 16, 1915 in Jditah-Chtaura, Lebanon, the son of Economos Girgeos and Tamam (Shehadey) Kazan. He received his BA degree from the Patriarchal Lycee in Damascus, Syria in 1935; a diploma in theology at the University of Athens in 196. He taught at St. John's Seminary, Khonchara, Lebanon from 1939-1947 and served as the secretary to Patriarch Alexandros of Antioch in Damascus from 1947-1950. From 1950-1956 he was both a priest (and later, an Archimandrite) and a student at the University of Athens and subsequently, after immigrating to the USA in 1957, served in the priesthood at several parishes in the USA, including St. Michael of Louisville and St. George of Cleveland, from 1957-1964. He returned to Lebanon and operated a bookstore in Beirut from 1964-1967 at which time he was requested to return to the United States by Metropolitan PHILIP, Primate of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese to initiate the monumental task of putting down in English and in Western musical notation, the services of the Holy Orthodox Church for the entire ecclesiastical year. This project, in its finality, consisted of over 12 volumes with two supplemental volumes. Mr. Kazan retired from the position in 1995. During that period he served as the head chanter at St. Mary's Antiochian Church in Brooklyn, NY (1967-1992) and as Professor of Music at St. Vladimir's Seminary in Crestwood, NY (1975-1977). Resigning from the priesthood in 1970, Professor Kazan married the former Viola Habeeb and the couple settled in Brooklyn, NY. In 1974, Bishop A. Shadrawi, patriarchal Vicar General of Mexico and Central America engaged Mr. Kazan in a project to write the Divine Liturgy music in Spanish and in 1981 he was asked to record his music for the new text of the Divine Liturgy for the Western Rite in both Byzantine and Western melodies. In 1986 he translated a poem from the Arabic by the noted Orthodox poet, Elia Abu Nady and then composed the music for the anthem of the church's youth group, SOYO. He also composed music for other religious services including the Akathist to the Virgin, the Wedding, Funeral and Memorial services, the Holy Unction Service, the Paracletice to Our Lady, the Presanctified Liturgy, the Matins and Vespers for Ss Peter and Paul and the Akathist to Ss Peter and Paul.

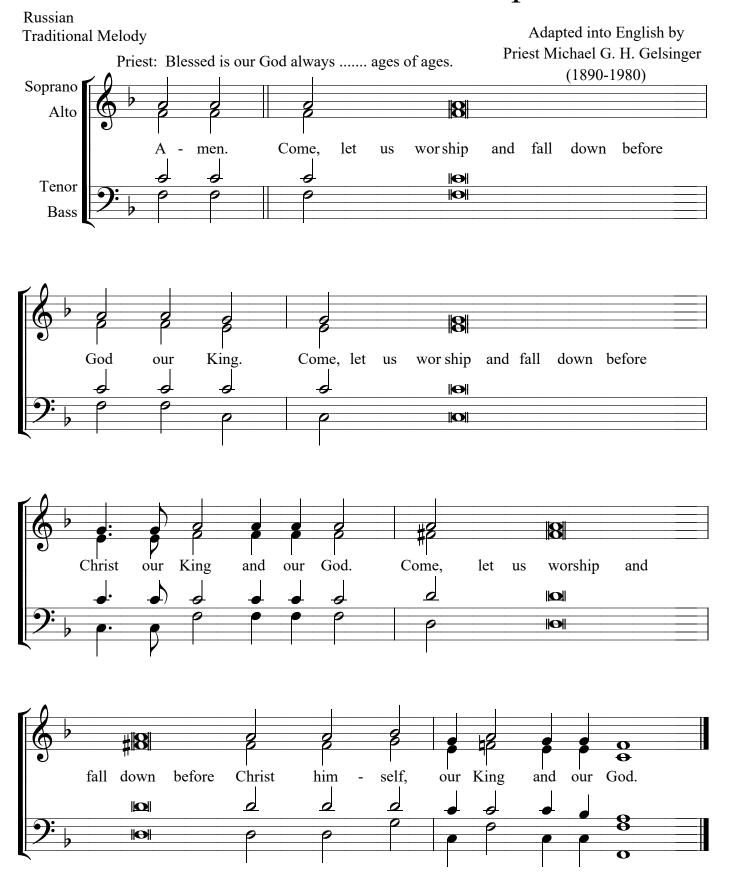
In addition to his religious endeavors, Mr. Kazan served as a translator at the Berlitz School and Translation Service in New York City from 1970-1980 and as advisor to the Consulate General of Lebanon in New York City from 1973-1980; He was the Assistant Examiner of the Board of Education in Brooklyn from 1974-1984. Throughout his career in the United States he wrote poetry and composed essays which were published in many of the Arabic newspapers throughout the country.

Basil Kazan was the recipient of high honors during the Golden Jubilee of Patriarch Alexandros of Antioch in 1954. In 1992, Metropolitan PHILIP presented the highest award of the church in America, the Antonian Gold Medal of Merit, on the occasion of the 25<sup>th</sup> year of the *Byzantine Music Project*.

Basil Gibran Kazan fell asleep in the Lord on November 11, 2001.

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#### PSALM 103 (104)

READER: <sup>1</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty. <sup>2</sup> Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain: <sup>3</sup> Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: who maketh the clouds his chariot: who walketh upon the wings of the wind: <sup>4</sup> Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire: <sup>5</sup> Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever. <sup>6</sup> Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a garment: the waters stood above the mountains. <sup>7</sup> At thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away. <sup>8</sup> They go up by the mountains; they go down by the valleys unto the place which thou hast founded for them. <sup>9</sup> Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over; that they turn not again to cover the earth.

<sup>10</sup> He sendeth the springs into the valleys, which run among the hills. <sup>11</sup> They give drink to every beast of the field: the wild asses quench their thirst. <sup>12</sup> By them shall the fowls of the heaven have their habitation, which sing among the branches. <sup>13</sup> He watereth the hills from his chambers: the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works. <sup>14</sup> He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man: that he may bring forth food out of the earth; <sup>15</sup> And wine that maketh glad the heart of man, and oil to make his face to shine, and bread which strengtheneth man's heart. <sup>16</sup> The trees of the LORD are full of sap; the cedars of Lebanon, which he hath planted; <sup>17</sup> Where the birds make their nests: as for the stork, the fir trees are her house. <sup>18</sup> The high hills are a refuge for the wild goats; and the rocks for the conies.

<sup>19</sup> He appointed the moon for seasons: the sun knoweth his going down. <sup>20</sup> Thou makest darkness, and it is night: wherein all the beasts of the forest do creep forth.

<sup>21</sup> The young lions roar after their prey, and seek their meat from God. <sup>22</sup> The sun ariseth, they gather themselves together, and lay them down in their dens. <sup>23</sup> Man goeth forth unto his work and to his labour until the evening. <sup>24</sup> O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches. <sup>25</sup> So is this great and wide sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts. <sup>26</sup> There go the ships: there is that leviathan, whom thou hast made to play therein. <sup>27</sup> These wait all upon thee; that thou mayest give them their meat in due season. <sup>28</sup> That thou givest them they gather: thou openest thine hand, they are filled with good. <sup>29</sup> Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled: thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust. <sup>30</sup> Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth.

<sup>31</sup> The glory of the LORD shall endure for ever: the LORD shall rejoice in his works. <sup>32</sup> He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth: he toucheth the hills, and they smoke. <sup>33</sup> I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being. <sup>34</sup> My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the LORD. <sup>35</sup> Let the sinners be consumed out of the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless thou the LORD, O my soul. Praise ye the LORD.

The sun knoweth his going down. Thou makest darkness, and it is night. O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all.

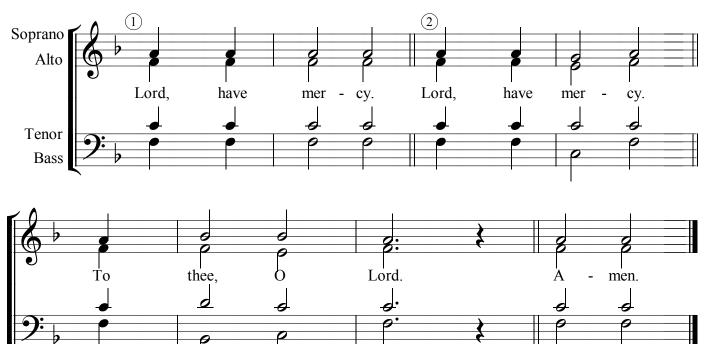
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Glory to thee, O God. (Thrice)

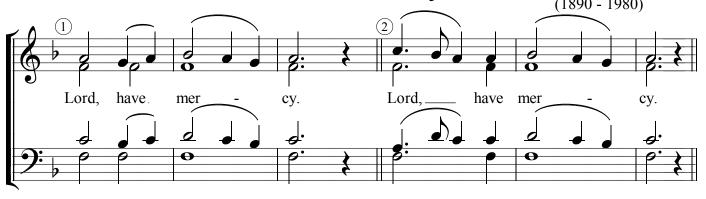
O our God and our Hope, glory to thee.

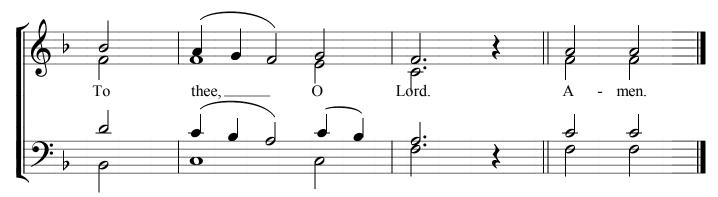
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### 6 Psalm 140 Tone 1 Basil Kazan





### **Psalm 141**Tone 1 Basil Kazan





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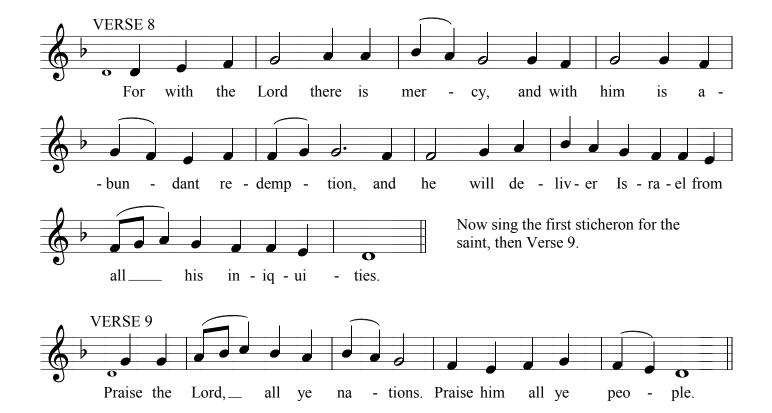




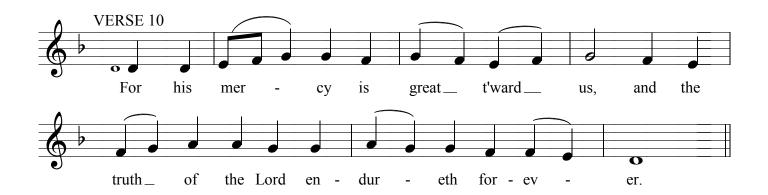
### 14 Verses & Stichera Tone 1 Basil Kazan



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Now sing the second sticheron for the saint, then Verse 10.



Now sing the third sticheron for the saint, then "Glory ......"

### 16 Theotokion Tone 1 Basil Kazan



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#### 19 Psalm 140 Tone 2 Basil Kazan





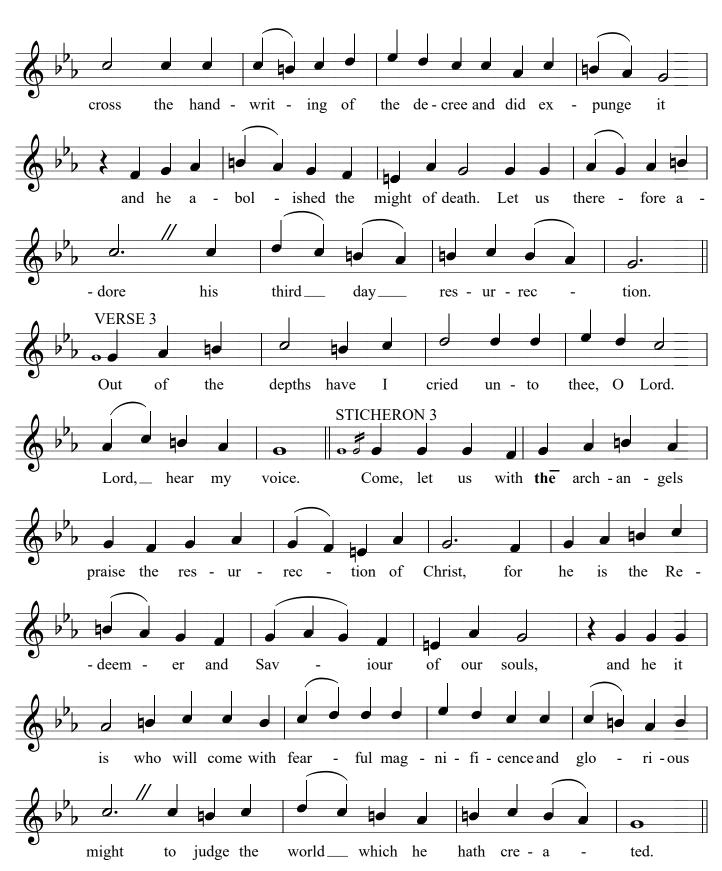
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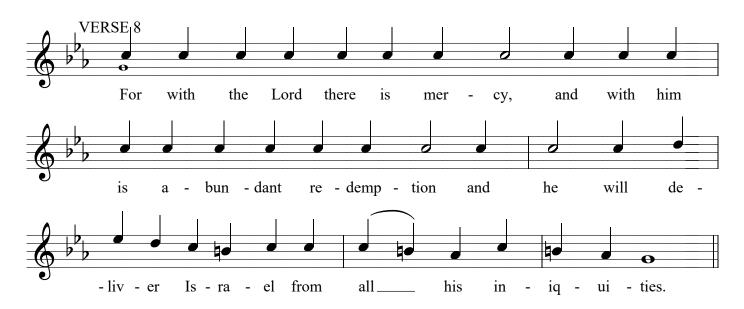






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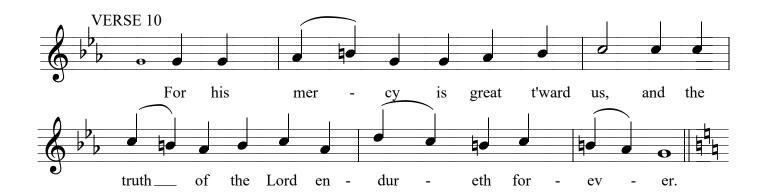
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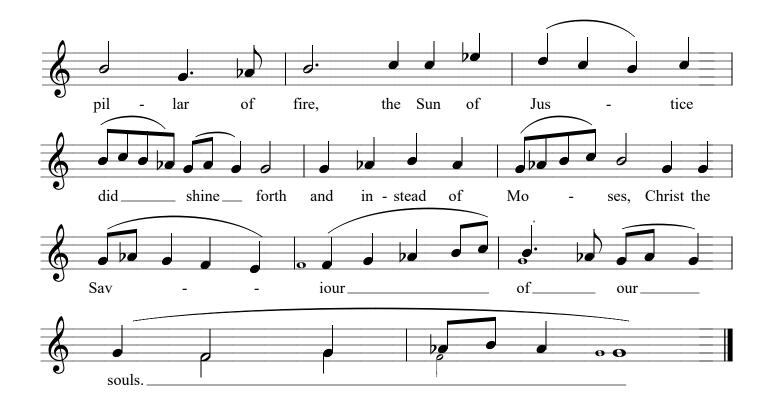
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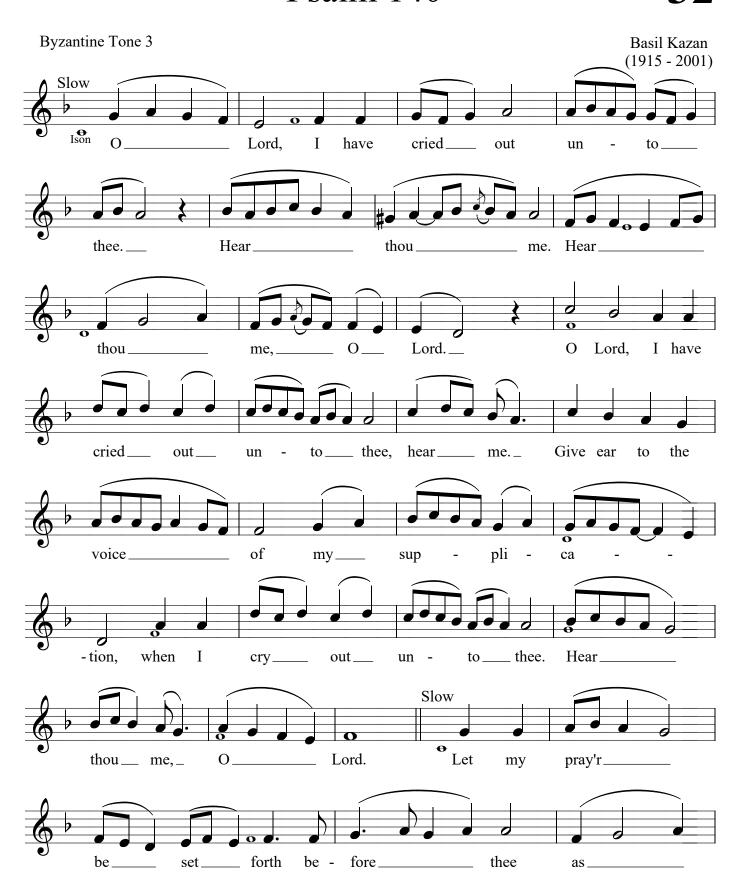
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## Theotokion Tone 2 Basil Kazan



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### Psalm 140 Tone 3 Basil Kazan





#### 35 Psalm 141 Tone 3 Basil Kazan





#### 37 Verses & Stichera Tone 3 Basil Kazan





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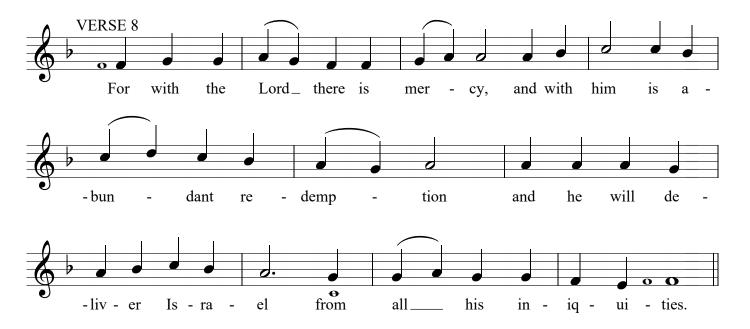




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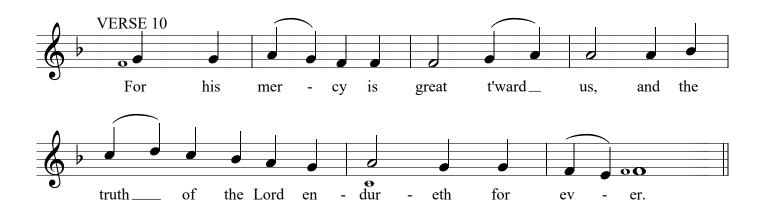
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# Theotokion Tone 3 Basil Kazan







#### 46 Psalm 140 Tone 4 Basil Kazan





## 48 Psalm 141 Tone 4 Basil Kazan





# Verses & Stichera Tone 4 Basil Kazan





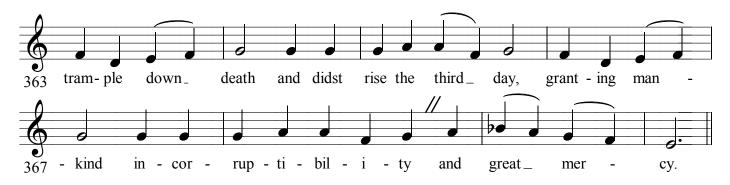
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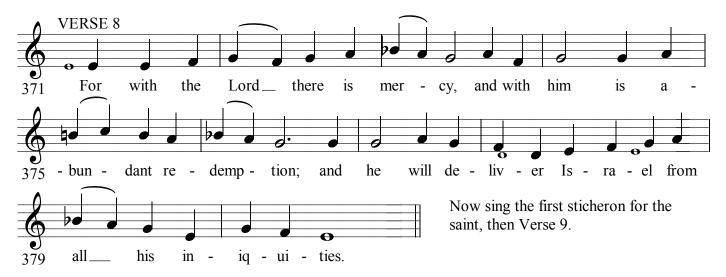


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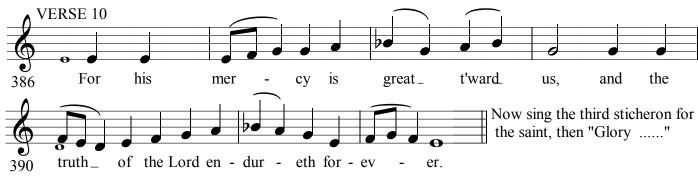


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#### 59 Psalm 140 Tone 5 Basil Kazan





## 61 Psalm 141 Tone 5 Basil Kazan





# Verses & Stichera Tone 5 Basil Kazan





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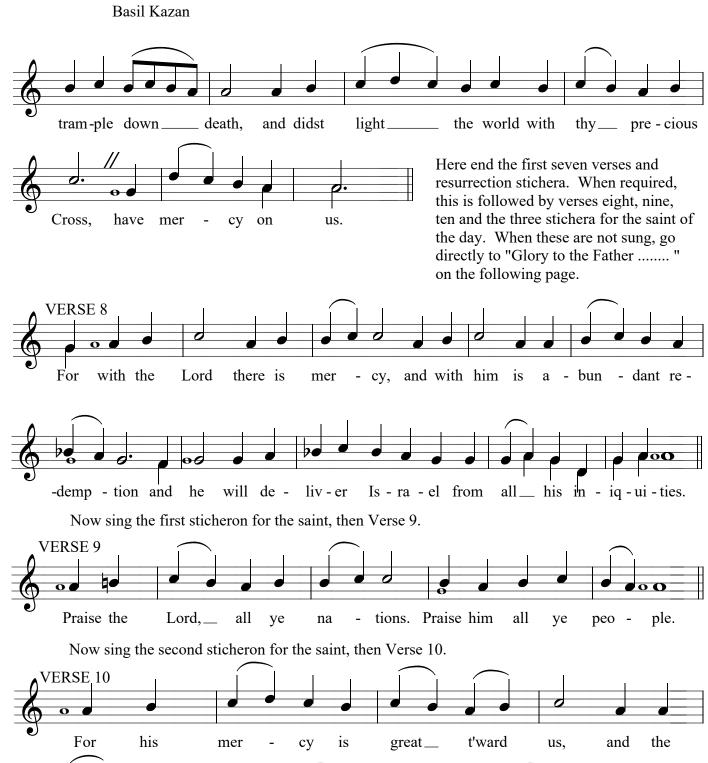


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#### 75 Psalm 141 Tone 6 Basil Kazan





#### 77 Verses & Stichera Tone 6





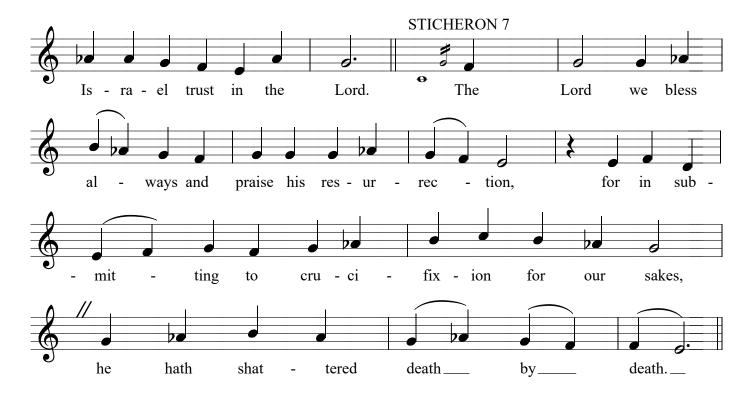
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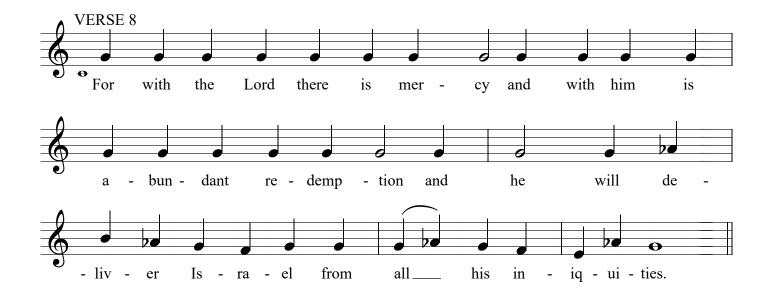
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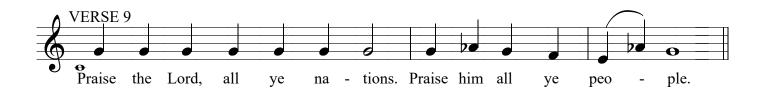
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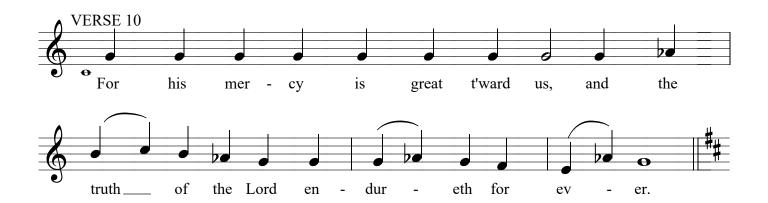
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#### 86 Psalm 140 Tone 7 Basil Kazan





### Psalm 141 Tone 7 Basil Kazan





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## 92 Verses & Stichera Tone 7 Basil Kazan

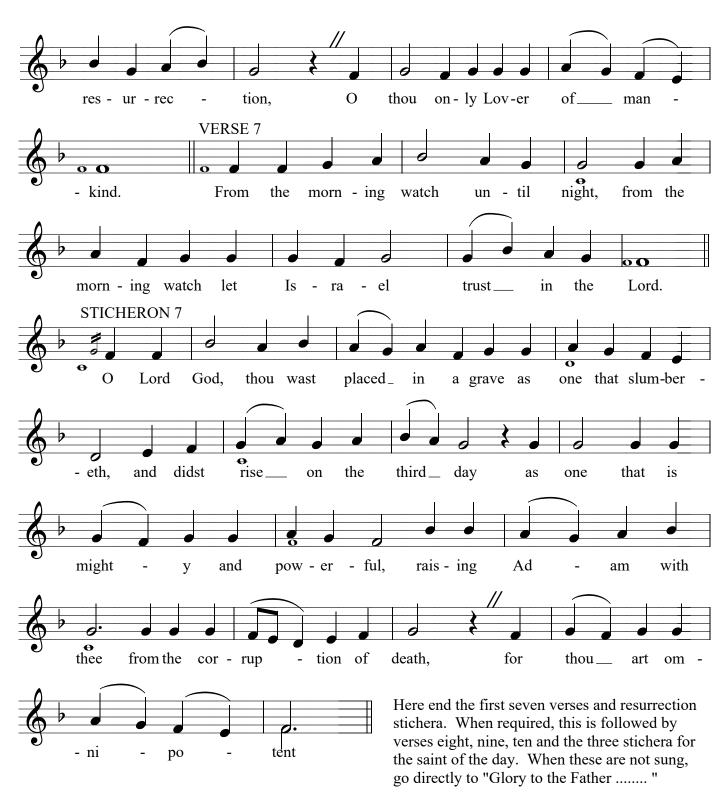




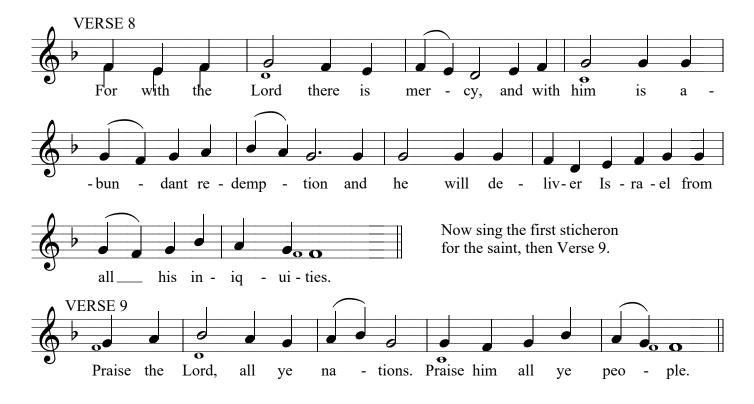
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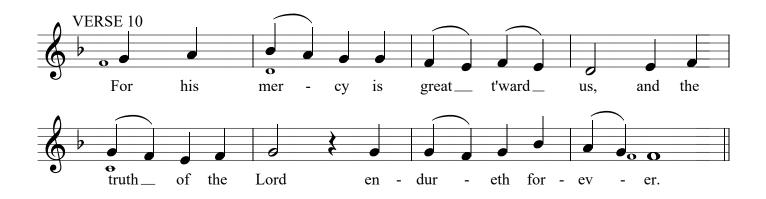




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Now sing the second sticheron for the saint, then Verse 10.



Now sing the third sticheron for the saint, then "Glory ....."





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### 100 Psalm 140 Tone 8 Basil Kazan





#### 102 Psalm 141 Tone 8 Basil Kazan





## 104 Verses & Stichera Tone 8 Basil Kazan



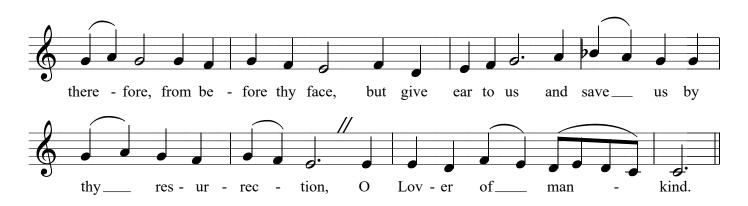


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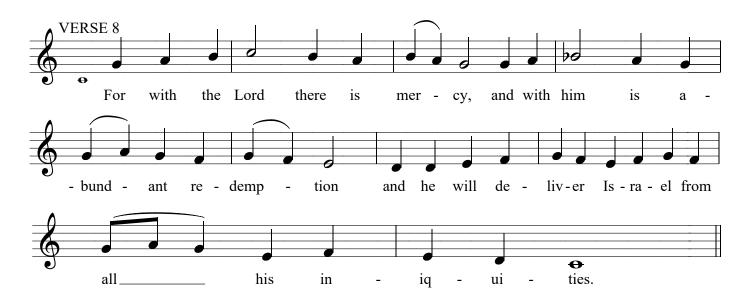




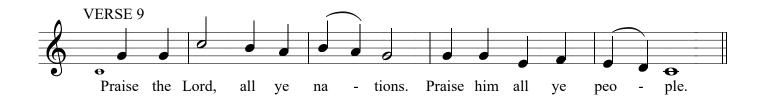
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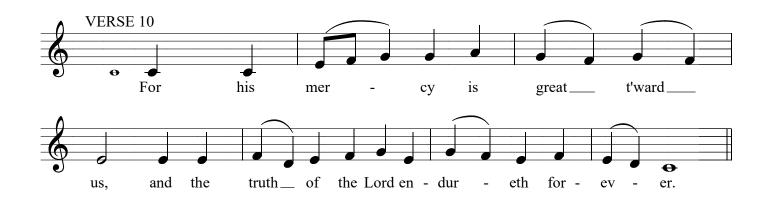
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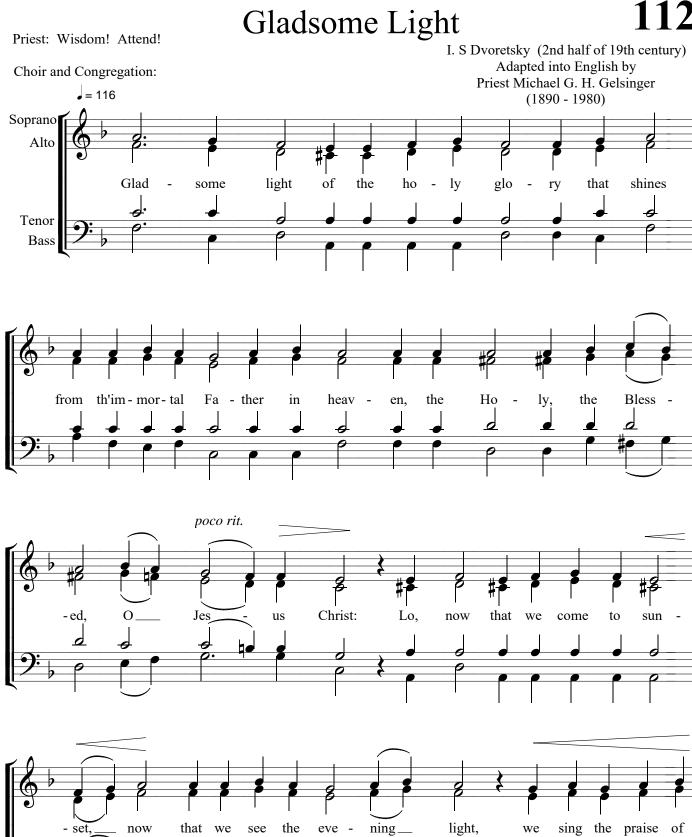
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### 110 Theotokion Tone 8 Basil Kazan





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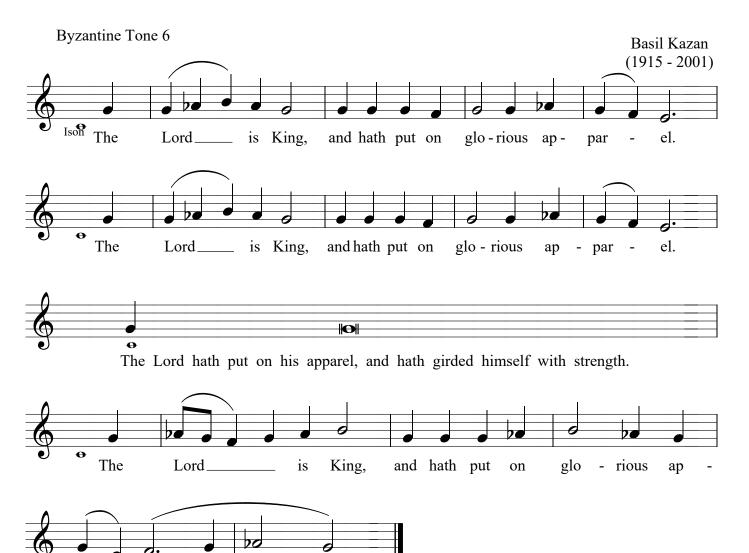




#### Gladsome Light



### Prokeimenon of Saturday Evening 113



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#### The Prokeimenon

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### Litany of the Fervent Supplication #1 115

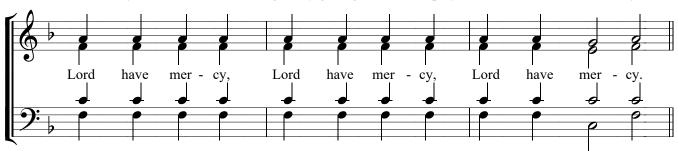
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PRIEST: O Lord Almighty, the God of our Fathers, we pray thee: hearken and have mercy.



PRIEST: Have mercy on us, O God, according to thy great goodness, we pray thee: hearken and have mercy.



PRIEST: Again we pray for all pious and Orthodox Christians.

PRIEST: Again we pray for our Archbishop (or Bishop or Metropolitan) N.

PRIEST: Again we pray for all our brethren; the Priests, Deacons, and Monks; and for all our brethren in Christ.

PRIEST: Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation and visitation, and pardon and remission of sins for the servants of God, all Orthodox Christians of true worship, who live and dwell in this community.

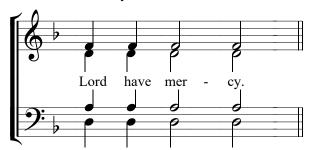
PRIEST: Again we pray for the blessed and ever-memorable founders of this holy Temple; and for all our fathers and brethren, the Orthodox departed this life before us, who here and in all the world lie asleep in the Lord.

PRIEST: Again we pray for those who bear fruit and do good works in this holy and all-venerable Temple; for those who serve and those who sing; and for all the people here present, who await thy great and rich mercy.

PRIEST: For thou art a merciful God and lovest mankind, and unto thee we ascribe glory; to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

#### Litany of the Fervent Supplication #2 115-A

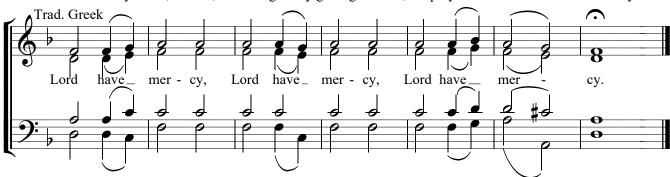
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PRIEST: For thou art a merciful God and lovest mankind, and unto thee we ascribe glory; to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Read by Choir and Congregation except when the Bishop is officiating:

Amen. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this evening without sin. Blessed art thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is thy Name forever. Amen.

Let thy mercy be upon us, O Lord, even as we have set our hope on thee. Blessed art thou, O Lord; teach me thy statutes. Blessed art thou, O Master; make me to understand thy statutes. Blessed art thou, O Holy One; enlighten me with thy statutes.

Thy mercy, O Lord, endureth forever: O despise not the works of thy hands. To thee belongeth worship, to thee belongeth praise, to thee belongeth glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

### Litany



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Byzantine Tone 1



# 119 Aposticha & Verses Tone 1 Basil Kazan





### 121 Theotokion Tone 1 Basil Kazan





To St. Simeon's Prayer --»



# 124 Aposticha & Verses Tone 2 Basil Kazan





# 126 Theotokion Tone 2 Basil Kazan





To St. Simeon's Prayer --»

#### Aposticha & Verses



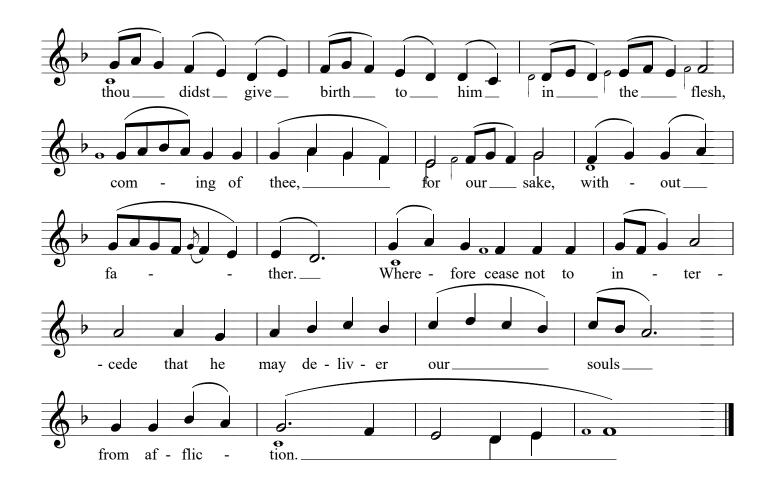
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# 131 Theotokion Tone 3 Basil Kazan





To St. Simeon's Prayer --»



### 134 Aposticha & Verses Tone 4 Basil Kazan





# 136 Theotokion Tone 4 Basil Kazan





To St. Simeon's Prayer --»

#### Aposticha & Verses



# 139 Aposticha & Verses Tone 5 Basil Kazan



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# 141 Theotokion Tone 5 Basil Kazan







# 144 Aposticha & Verses Tone 6 Basil Kazan









To St. Simeon's Prayer --»



# 149 Aposticha & Verses Tone 7 Basil Kazan





# 151 Theotokion Tone 7 Basil Kazan





To St. Simeon's Prayer --»



# 154 Aposticha & Verses Tone 8 Basil Kazan



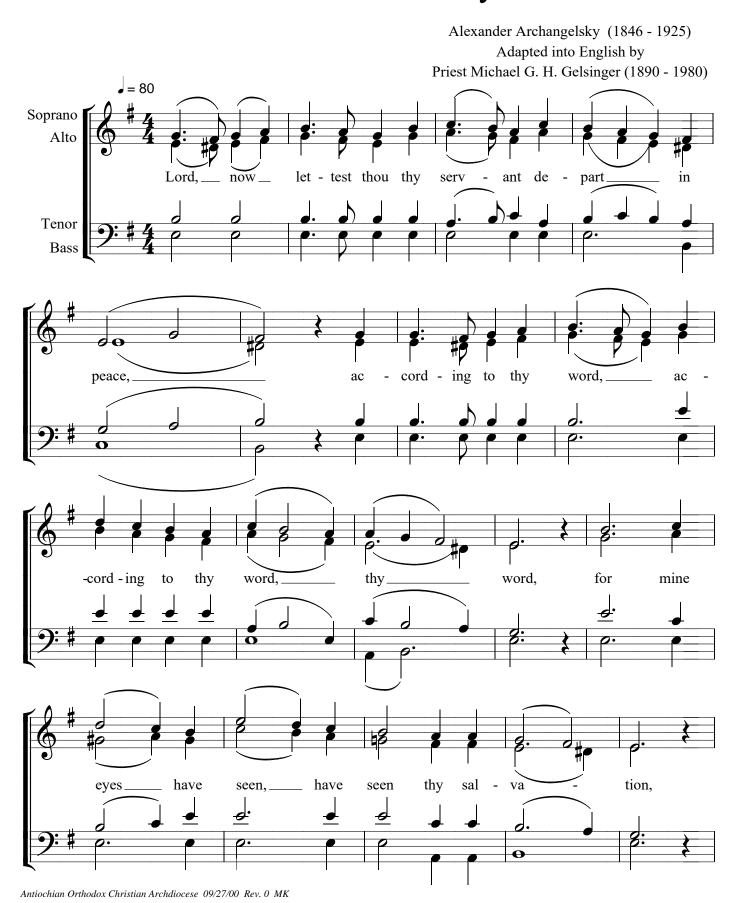






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#### Saint Simeon's Prayer

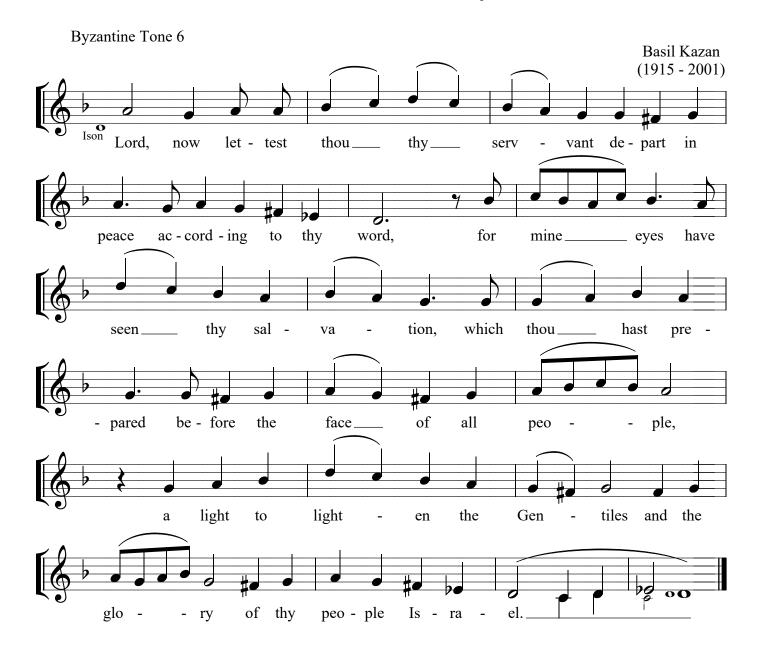


## 159 St. Simeon's Prayer Alexander Archangelsky



#### St. Simeon's Prayer

### 159-A



To "Holy God..." --» pg. 160

#### Read by Choir and Congregation:

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (Thrice)

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

All-holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our iniquities. Holy God, visit and heal our infirmities for thy name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. (Thrice)

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

#### Priest:

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

#### **Choir and Congregation:**

Amen.







#### 164

#### Theotokion



To Dismissal --»

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### 166

#### Theotokion





### 168

#### Theotokion



To Dismissal -->>



### **170**

#### Theotokion



To Dismissal --»



# 172

### Theotokion



To Dismissal -->>

# Apolytikion of the Resurrection 173



### Theotokion

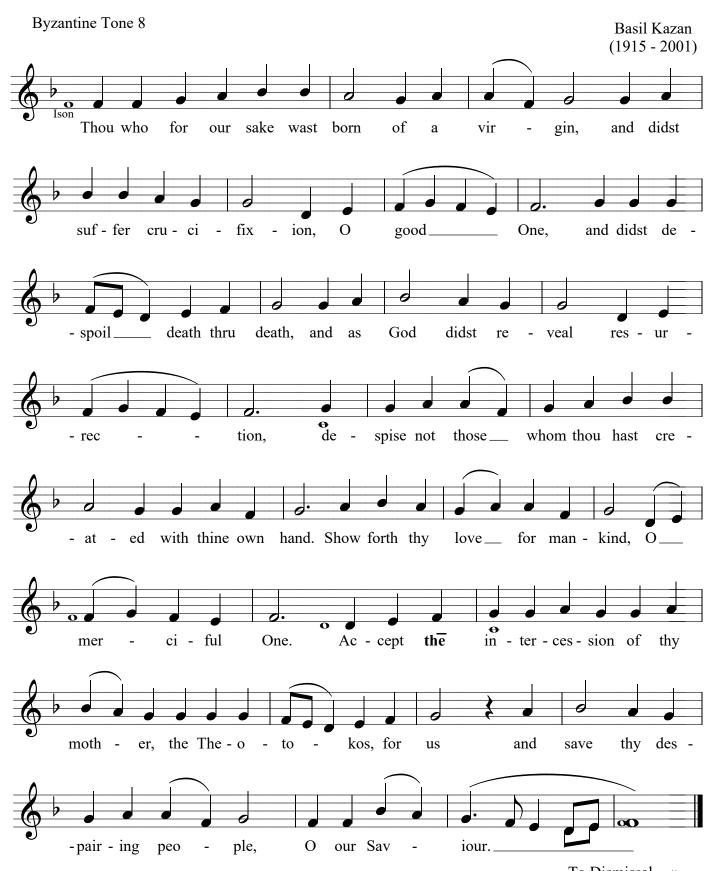


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# 176

### Theotokion









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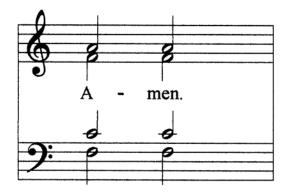
### **THE BENEDICTION**

#### PRIEST:

May Christ, our true God, through the intercessions of his all-immaculate and all-blameless holy Mother, of Saint N. (the saint of the day) of Saint N. (patron saint of the Church) and of all the saints, have mercy upon us and save us, forasmuch as he is good and loveth mankind.

Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us.

### CHOIR:



# **APPENDIX**

The following section contains both the "slow" and the "fast" Glories & Now in the 8 Byzantine tones. There are many times when a slow Glory or Now is appointed to be sung from the Menaion for a Saint or other commemoration, and may require a quick change of tone. It is more convenient for the chanter to have the Glories and Nows, in all tones, in one location, so that the proper tone can be found without paging through other sections of Psalm 140 or the Aposticha.

# Glory & Now - Slow

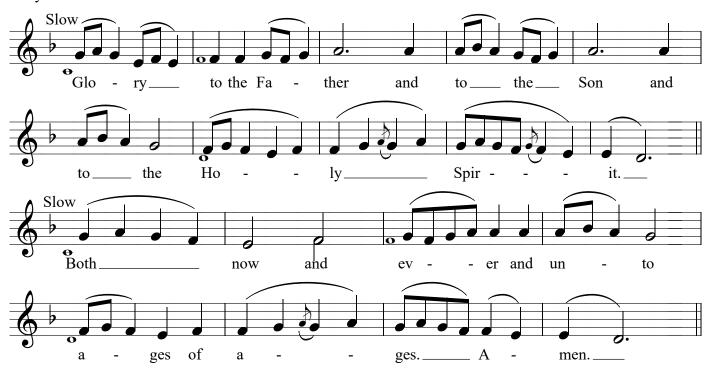
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Byzantine Tone 1

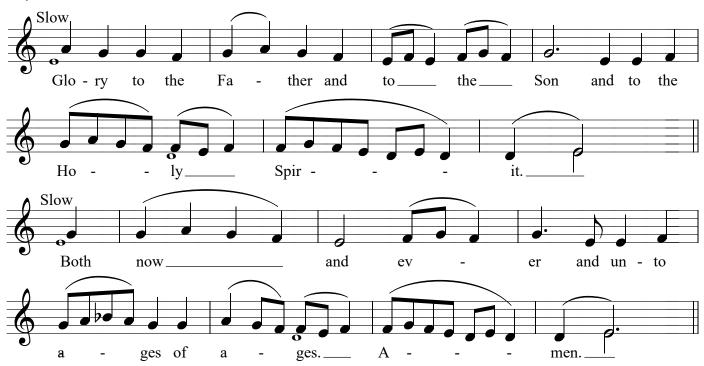


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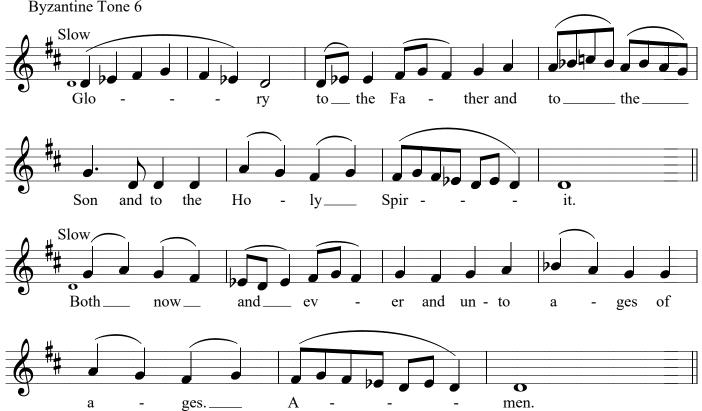
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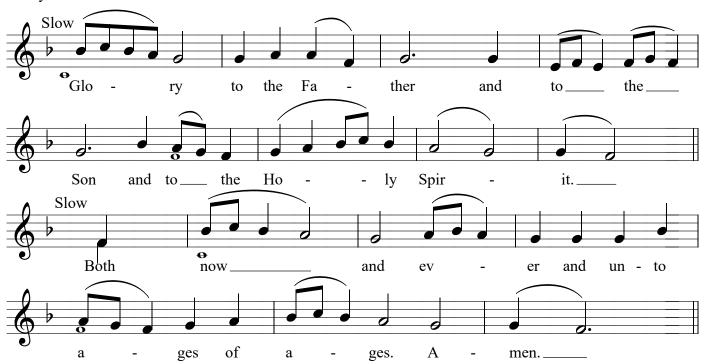




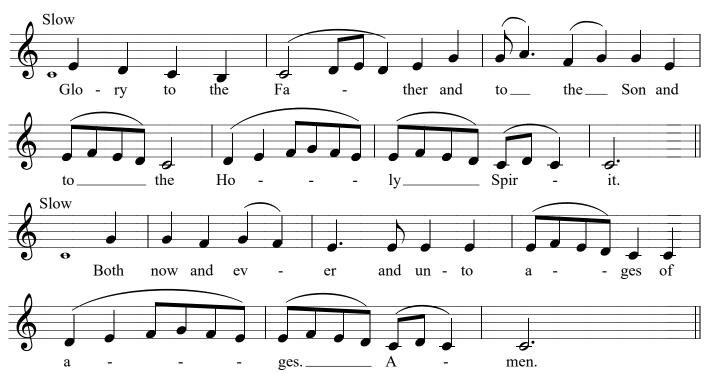


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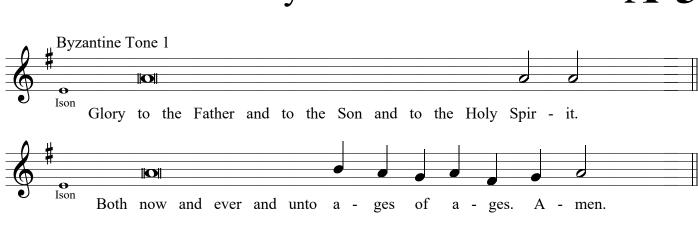
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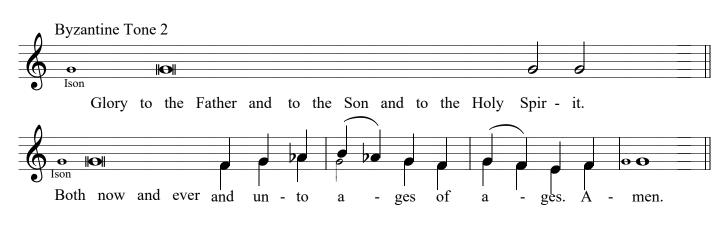


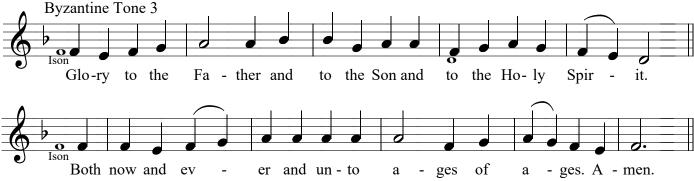
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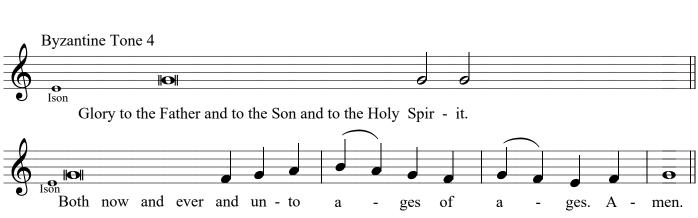


## Glory & Now - Fast









## A-6 Glory & Now - Fast

