

*Entrance "O joyous light..." Prokeimenon of the day "The Lord is King"*

*Three Readings:*

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading from Genesis

Priest: Let us attend.

Reader: Abram, having heard that Lot, his nephew, had been taken captive, numbered his home-born servants, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued after them to Dan. And he came upon them by night, he and his servants, and smote them and pursued them as far as Hobah, which is on the left of Damascus. And he recovered all the cavalry of Sodom, and he recovered Lot, his nephew, and his possessions, and the women and the people. And the king of Sodom went out to meet him after he returned from the slaughter of Chedorlaomer, and the kings with him, to the valley of Shaveh (this was plain of the kings). And Melchizedek, King of Salem, brought forth loaves and wine, and he was the priest of the Most High God. And he blessed Abram, and said: "Blessed be Abram of the Most High God, Who delivered thine enemies into thy power." And Abram gave him the tithe of all.

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading from Deuteronomy

Priest: Let us attend.

Reader: In those days, Moses said to the children of Israel: "Behold, God hath delivered the land before you. Go in and inherit the land, which He promised to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give it to them and to their seed after them. And I spoke to you at that time, saying: I shall not be able by myself to bear you. The Lord your God hath multiplied you; and behold, ye are today as the stars of heaven in multitude. The Lord

God of your fathers add to you a thousand-fold more than ye are, and bless you as He hath said to you. How shall I alone be able to bear your labor, and your burden, and your gainsayings? Take to yourselves wise men for your tribes, and I will set your leaders over you. And ye answered me, and said: 'The thing which thou hast told us is good to do.' So I took of you wise and understanding and prudent men, and I set them to rule over you as rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens, and officers to your judges. And I charged your judges at that time saying: Hear causes between your brethren, and judge rightly between a man and his brother, and the stranger who is with him. Thou shalt not have respect of persons in judgement, thou shalt judge small and great equally; ye shall not shrink from before the person of a man; for the judgement is God's.

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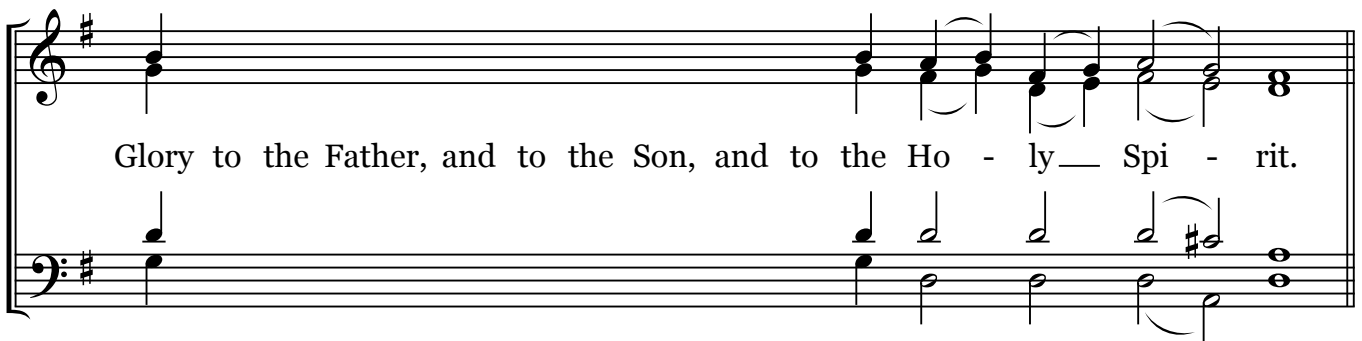
Reader: In those days, Moses said to the children of Israel: "Behold, the heaven, and the Heaven of heavens belong to the Lord thy God, the earth and all things that are therein. Only the Lord chose fathers to love them, and He chose out their seed after them, even you, beyond all nations, as at this day. Therefore, ye shall circumcise the hardness of your heart, and ye shall not harden your neck. For the Lord your God, He is the God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, and strong, and terrible God, Who doth not accept persons, nor will He by any means accept a bribe: executing judgement for the stranger and orphan and widow. And as He loveth the stranger, to give him food and raiment, so shall ye love the stranger: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt. Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God, and shall swear by His name. He is thy boast, and He is thy God, Who hath wrought in the midst of thee these great and glorious things, which thine eyes have seen.

### *The Litia*

*Reader:* In the **1st Tone:**

O Lord, Who hast ascended into the heavens, /  
from whence Thou hadst come down, /  
leave us not orphans. /  
That Thy Spirit may come, bearing peace unto the world, /  
show the works of Thy power unto the children of men, //  
O Lord Who lovest mankind.

*Reader:* Glory, in the 3rd tone.

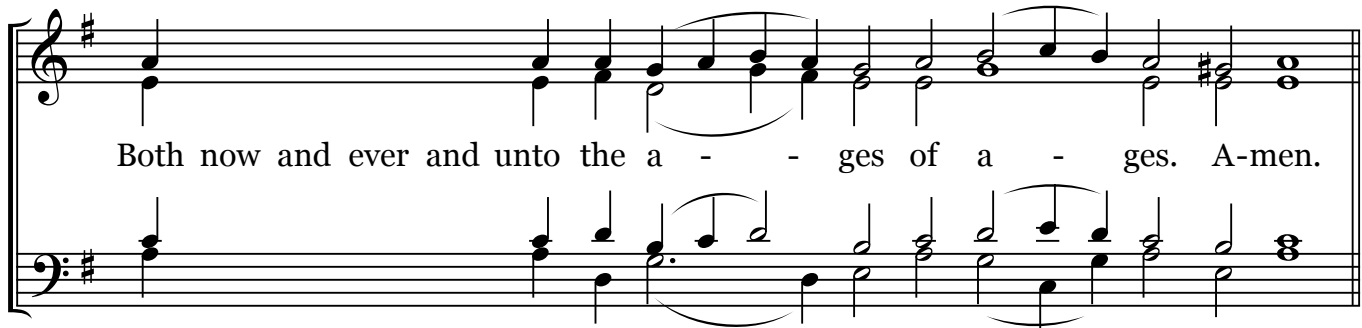


Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly - Spi - rit.

Ye were diligent keepers of the Traditions of the apostles, O holy fathers; /  
for teaching in Orthodox manner the consubstantiality of the Holy Trinity, /  
as a council ye cast down the blasphemy of Arius, /  
denouncing with him the Macedonians, who denied the Spirit; /  
and ye condemned Nestorius, Eutches and Dioscorus,  
Sabellius and Severus the mindless. /  
Pray ye that we be delivered from their delusion, //  
and that our life be kept undefiled in the Faith, we beseech you.

*Litia (continued)*

**Reader: Both now, in the 6th Tone.**



Both now and ever and unto the a - - ges of a - ges. A-men.

Having completed the mystery of Thy dispensation, O Lord, /  
taking Thy disciples up the Mount of Olives, Thou didst ascend; /  
and behold, Thou didst pass through the firmament of heaven, /  
O Thou Who for my sake didst become poor like me; /  
and having gone up to where Thou hadst never left, /  
Thou didst send forth Thy most Holy Spirit, //  
Who enlighteneth our souls.

## *The Aposticha*

*The Aposticha stichera of the Resurrection (from the Octoechos)  
in the 6th Tone, and then Glory, of the holy Fathers, in the 4th Tone:*

**Reader: Glory in the 4th Tone—**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - - - rit,

This day, let us the assemblies of the Orthodox, /  
faithfully acting in accordance with piety, /  
celebrate the prayerful memory of the God-bearing fathers /  
who in the splendid city of Nicea /  
assembled from throughout all the world; /  
for with pious resolve /  
they cast down the godless dogma of the fearsome Arius, /  
and in Council expelled him from the catholic Church, /  
and in their Symbol of Faith /  
have clearly taught all to confess the Son of God /  
to be consubstantial, equally eternal, and existant from before the ages, /  
setting this forth precisely and devoutly. /  
Wherefore, following their divine dogmas and believing them with certainty,  
we worship the Trinity One in Essence: //  
the Son and the Holy Spirit together with the Father, in One Godhead.

*Aposticha (continued)*

**Reader: Both now, in the same tone.**

Both now and ever, and unto the a - ges of a - - - ges. A-men.

The image shows a musical score for two staves, treble and bass clef, in G major. The melody is written in a simple, homophonic style. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The text is: "Both now and ever, and unto the a - ges of a - - - ges. A-men." The melody consists of a series of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The bass line provides a simple harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Having fulfilled the mystery /  
which was hidden from all the ages and generations, O Lord, /  
in that Thou art good, Thou didst go with Thy disciples to the Mount of Olives, /  
bringing also her who gave birth to Thee, the Creator and Fashioner of all; /  
for it was fitting that she who, as Thy Mother, /  
was pained more than all others at Thy suffering, /  
also delight with surpassing joy in the glory of Thy flesh. /  
And we also, sharing in Thine ascension into heaven, O Master, //  
glorify Thy great mercy toward us.