

# March 24: Forefeast of the Annunciation Kontakion, Tone 8

Kiev Caves Lavra

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to chant hymnody of the fore - feast; for, lo! Ga - bri - el com - eth,

bear - ing a salutation to the Vir - gin, and he crieth out to her:

Rejoice, O thou who art full of grace! The Lord \_\_\_\_\_ is with thee!"

English translation by Isaac E. Lambertsen, "The Menaion of the Orthodox Church", Vol VII,  
St. John of Kronstadt Press, ©1999. The entire service text may be purchased through: [sjkp.org](http://sjkp.org)