

**March 25/ April 7: Annunciation of
Our Most Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary**

Friday of the 6th Week of Great Lent

Great Compline

After the first Trisagion: Troparion of the Feast

After the second Trisagion: Kontakion of the Feast

After the Doxology: Litia of the Feast; *Glory, Both now: Today Gabriel announceth...*

Aposticha: Feast; *Glory, Both now: Today*

Now lettest Thou Thy servant..., Trisagion

Troparia: Feast, thrice

Blessing of the Loaves

Matins

Troparia after *God is the Lord*: Feast, thrice

After the first Kathisma: Sessional Hymns from the Triodion, without litany

[After the second & third Kathismata: Small Litany, and Sessional Hymns of the Feast]

Polyeleos and Magnification of the Feast:

With the Archangel's voice we cry to thee, O most-pure one: Rejoice, thou who art full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

Psalm verse: *O God, give Thy judgment to the king, and Thy righteousness to the son of the king.*

Litany and Sessional hymns of the Feast

Hymn of Ascents, First Antiphon, Tone 4: *From my youth...*

Prokimenon of the Feast

Gospel: Luke §4 (1: 39-49, 56)

Psalm 50. *Glory: Through the prayers of the Theotokos...; Both now: Repeat; Have mercy on me, O God; Sticheron of the Feast.*

Save, O God, Thy people...

Canon

Odes 1, 3, 4, 6, and 7

Feast 8 *Most Holy Theotokos save us, The Angel cried, The Theotokos said*
Katavasia *I shall open my mouth...*

Odes 5, 8 & 9

Feast 4 *Most Holy Theotokos save us, The Angel cried, The Theotokos said*
Triodion 4 *Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee*
Katavasia *After Ode 5 & 8, from Triodion;*
 After Ode 9 from both Triodion and Feast

After Ode 3, Sessional hymns of the Feast

After Ode 6, Kontakion and Ikos of the Feast

[*At Ode 9, We do **not** sing More Honorable...*]

Exapostilaria: Feast

Praises: Feast 4; *Glory, Both now*: Feast

After the Doxasticon, the verse *Unto Thee is due glory, O Lord our God...* is omitted; the priest immediately announces *Glory to Thee Who hast shown us the light!*

The Small Doxology is **read**

Litany: *Let us complete our morning prayer...*

Aposticha: Triodion; *Glory, Both now*: Feast

It is good to give praise unto the Lord... once

Trisagion

Troparion of the Feast

Augmented Litany, followed by the Prayer of St. Ephraim, with 3 great prostrations.

No dismissal for Matins, but instead the first hour is begun.

First Hour

No Kathisma

Troparion: Feast; Kontakion: Feast

At the end, three great prostrations with the prayer of St. Ephraim

O Christ, the true Light...

Festal Dismissal: *May Christ our True God, through the intercessions of His Most Pure Mother and of all the saints.*

Third, Sixth, and Ninth Hours

With Kathismata (19 at 3rd Hour, 20 at 6th Hour)

At the end of each hour, 3 great prostrations, with the prayer of St. Ephraim

Troparion and Kontakion of the Feast

At the 6th Hour, the Troparion of the Prophecy

Prokimenon and reading from the Triodion

Typika

The Typical psalms are not said, but rather, at the conclusion of the 9th hour we read the Beatitudes, quickly, without prostrations.

The Creed is not read, but after *Both now...* skip to *Remit, pardon, forgive, O God... Our Father...*

Kontakion of the Feast

Lord, have mercy, 40 times

Glory... Both now...; More honorable...; In the name of the Lord...

The priest says: *God be gracious unto us...* Reader: *Amen.*

3 great prostrations, with the prayer of St. Ephraim

Priest: *Wisdom!* Choir: *It is truly meet to bless thee, the Theotokos, ever-blessed and most blameless and Mother of our God.*

Priest: *O most holy Theotokos, save us.* Choir: *More honorable...*

Dismissal