

THE RESPONSES FOR
The Kontakion to the Most Holy Theotokos
known as the Akathist Hymn

For the Canon

Byzantine Chant Tone 4

Bishop BASIL

Most Ho - ly The - o - to - kos, ___ save ___ us!

For the Oikoi

Byzantine Chant Tone 8

Hail, O Bride, ___ Hail, O

Bride ___ with - out ___ Bride - groom.

Al - le - lu - (u), Al - le -

lu - - - ia! (a) ___

March 25

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS

Kontakion

(This hymn is also sung during the Akathist Hymn - Service)

Byzantine Chant, Tone 8
The Original Melody

Bishop Basil Essey

Ison
To thee, the Cham-pion Lea - der, do I of - fer thanks of
vic - to - ry, O The - o - to - kos, thou who hast de - liv - ered
me from ter - ror; but as thou that hast that pow - er in - vin - ci - ble,
O The - o - to - kos, thou a - lone can set me free:
from all forms of dan - ger free me and de - liv - er me,
that I may cry un - to thee: "Hail, O Bride with - out
Bride - - - - - groom."

March 25th

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS

Kontakion

(This hymn is also sung during the Akathist Hymn - Service)

Based on Byzantine Tone 8
Special (Original) Melody

Arranged by Dr. Frederick Karam
(1926-1978)

To thee, our cap - tain Queen of war, the bat - tle

tro - phies won, thy peo - ple res - cued

by thine aid from per - il, ded - i -

cate as our off - 'ring of thanks - giv - ing,

O The - o - to - kos, as thou hast might which none by

war can o - ver - come, from all forms of

dan - ger hast thou de - liv - ered me, that I may cry un - to

thee: Hail, O vir - gin, un - wed - ded bride.

March 25th

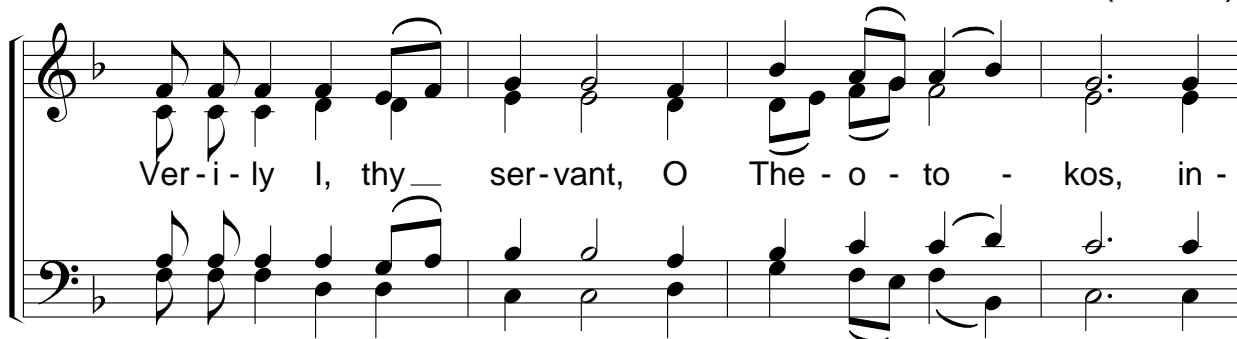
THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS

Kontakion

(This hymn is also sung during the Akathist Hymn - Service)

Tone 8 - Syro-Byzantine Melody
Andante, with great warmth

Arranged by Archpriest James C. Meena
(1924-1995)



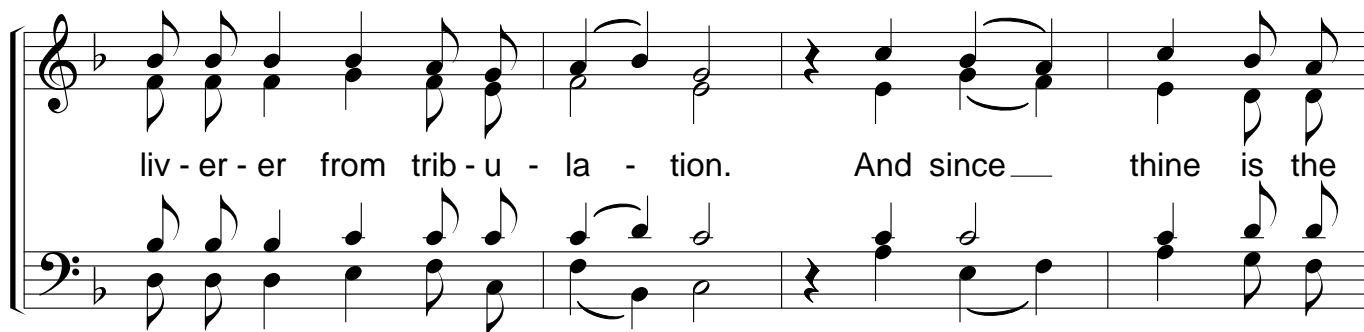
Ver-i - ly I, thy ser-vant, O The - o - to - kos, in -



scribe un - to thee the ban - ners of con-quest, O de -



fend-ing sol - dier. I of - fer thanks to thee as a de -



liv - er - er from trib - u - la - tion. And since thine is the

(un-)
might un-con-q'ra - ble, de - liv - er me, O de - liv-er me from op-

pres - sion that I may sing un - to

thee: Re - joice, O Bride with - out Bride - groom.

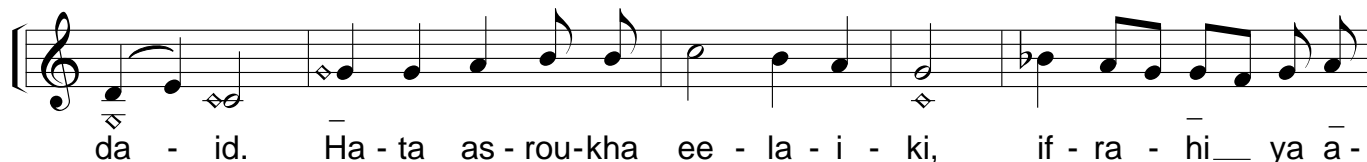
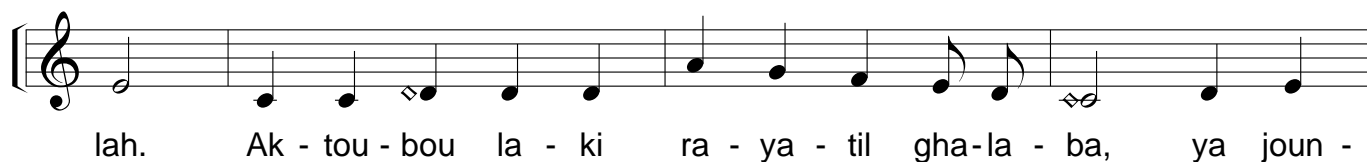
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ANNUNCIATION

Kontakion - Arabic

Byzantine Chant Tone 8

Archpriest Elias Bitar



Lenten Triodion

5th SATURDAY OF GREAT LENT

(Also sung at the Akathist on the 5th Friday only!)

Troparion

Byzantine Chant, Tone 8
The Original Melody

Bishop Basil Essey

With my-stic ap-pre - hen - sion of the di-vine com -
mand - ment, the Bo-di-less An - gel quick-ly ap - peared
in the house of Jo - seph, and said to the un -
wed Vir - gin: Lo, He who in His des-cent did
bow the hea-vens is housed un - changed and whole in
thee; as I be - hold Him in thy womb ta-king on the
form of a ser - vant, I mar - vel and cry un - to thee:
Hail, O Bride with-out Bride - groom.

Lenten Triodion

THE AKATHIST HYMN

Troparion

Byzantine Chant - Tone 3

Bishop Basil Essey

Ison
Awed by the beau - ty of thy vir -
gin - i - ty, and the ex - ceed - ing ra -
diance of thy pu - ri - ty, Ga - bri - el stood a -
mazed and cried to thee, O Moth - er of God:
"What praise may I of - fer thee that is wor - thy of
thy beau - ty? By what name shall I call thee?
I am lost and be - wil - dered; but I shall greet thee
as I was com - mand - ed: 'Hail, thou that
art full of grace.'"