

November 26: St. Innocent of Irkutsk (on Sunday) Vespers

*After the Introductory Psalm, chant the 1st Kathisma, "Blessed is the Man..."
At "Lord I have cried", 4 of the Resurrection, then 6 stichera of the Saint:*

I-descant (6) Reader: In the 6th Tone, If Thou shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, O Lord, who shall stand?

II-chant
melody

For with Thee there is for - give - ness.

Let us praise a man glorious in his be-ing, our father, the holy hierarch In - no-cent;

for the Lord hath wrought much glory in the incorruption of his holy bod - y,

placing it as a candle upon a can-dle-stand, and enlightening the flock of Irkutsk

with the rays of his mir - a - cles, that the memory of the righteous one may not

de - part there - from, but that His name may live unto generations of

gen - er - a - tions; that the nations may declare his wis - dom, be - hold - ing the

ho - ly Church, proclaiming his praise continually in hymns and spi - ri - tual songs.

(5) *Reader:* For Thy name's sake have I patiently waited for Thee, O Lord; my soul hath waited patiently for Thy word,

My soul hath hoped in the Lord.

Repeat 1st Sticheron: "Let us praise a man wondrous in his being..."

(4) *Reader:* From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch

Let Is - - ra - el hope in the Lord.

Let us praise the new apostle of Christ, /
 who cometh to the land of barbarous heathens with the Gospel, /
 who maketh fragrant the uttermost ends of Russia with faith, /
 who doth flourish like a lily in the east of the Siberian realm, /
 who rained with words of heavenly wisdom //
 upon pagans who had not been watered with streams of grace.

(3) *Reader:* For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption;

And He shall redeem Israel out of all his in - i - - qui - ties.

When the dark kingdom of the Chinese, /
 beclouded with the pride of the ancient serpent, /
 could not contain the light of the kingdom of Jesus Christ, /
 and did not wish to receive the right glorious Russian hierarch, /
 then, among the pagans ruled by the Russian scepter, /
 the holy Christian Faith began to grow and increase //
 through the mouth of the holy and great hierarch Innocent, who prayeth for our souls.

(2) *Reader:* O praise the Lord, all ye nations;

Praise Him all ye peo - - - - - ples.

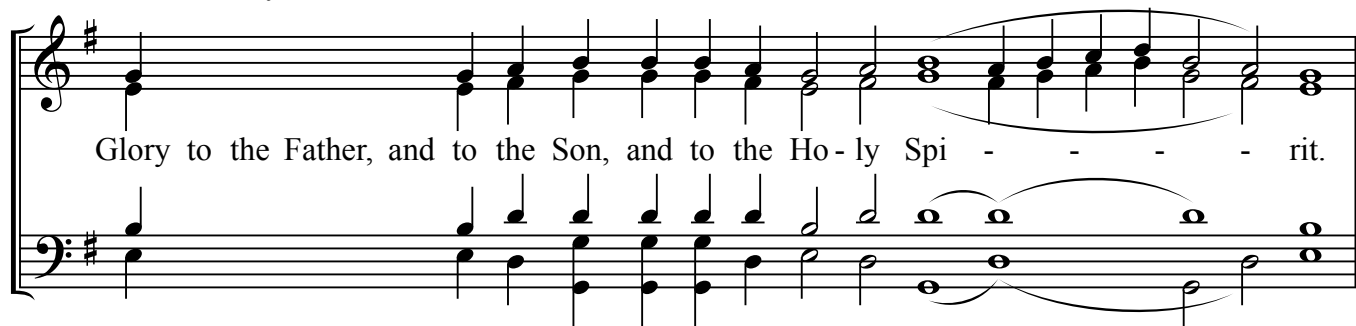
Thy name was as fragrant myrrh, O father, /
 poured forth upon thy flock, /
 which was illumined with the rays of thy comeliness, /
 and upon people who reverently honor thy holy memory, /
 and upon all Christian cities and lands /
 which glorify the God of Israel, Who is wondrous in His saints. //
 Him do thou entreat, that our souls be saved.

(1) *Reader:* For He hath made His mercy to prevail over us,

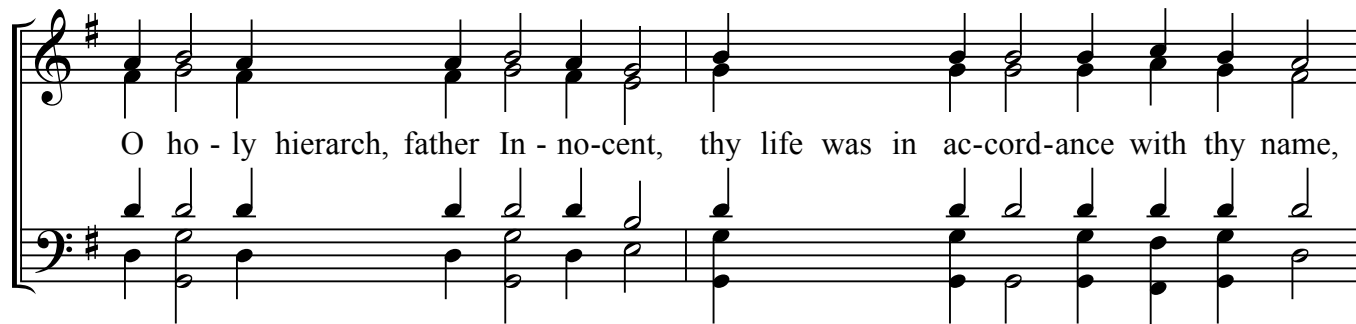
And the truth of the Lord a - bi - - - - deth for - ev - - - - er.

Upon thee, O father, /
 was established the truth of the Lord /
 which was foretold by the prophet David, who proclaimed of old: /
 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, /
 and like a cedar in Lebanon shall he be multiplied; /
 and he shall be like the tree which is planted by the streams of the waters. /
 Wherefore, we beseech thee, //
 O most wondrous hierarch: /
 Overshadow this city and all Orthodox Christians with thine intercessions.

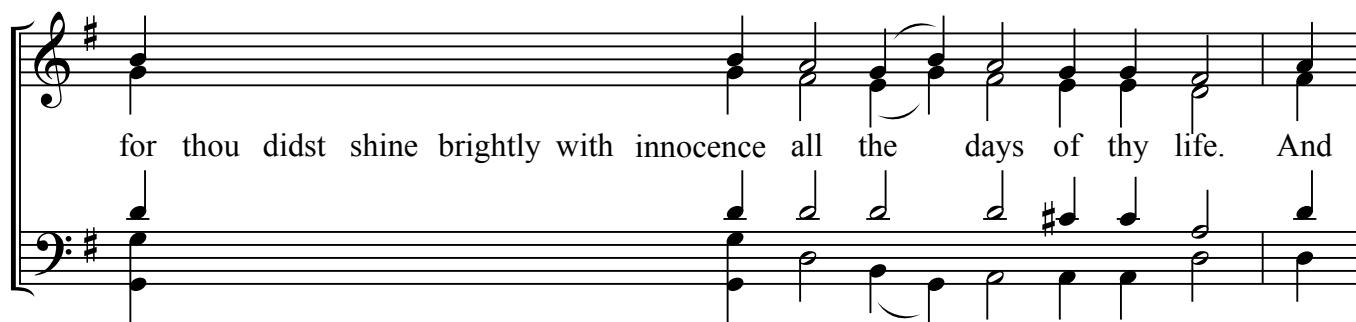
Reader: Glory... in the **8th Tone**.



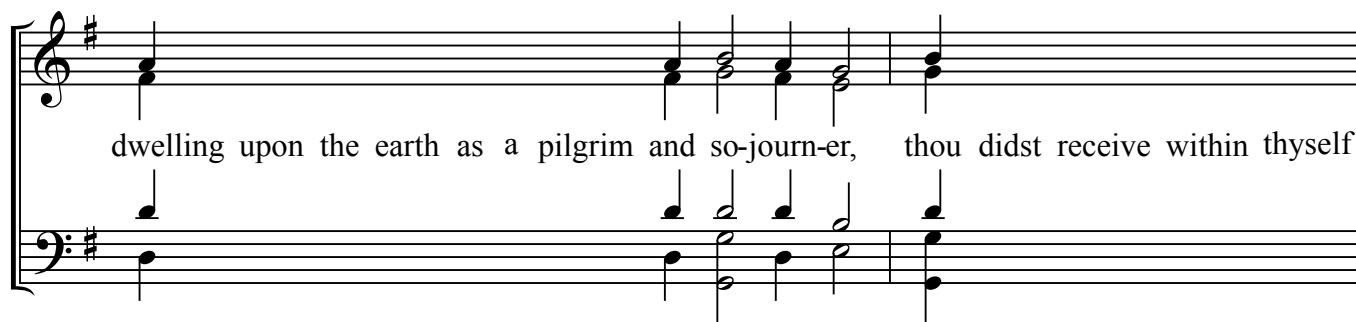
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spi - - - rit.



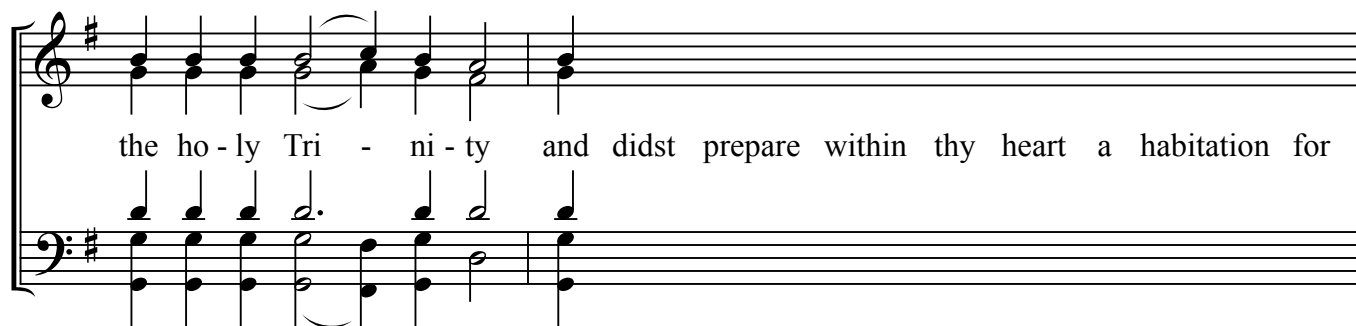
O ho-ly hierarch, father In-no-cent, thy life was in ac-cord-ance with thy name,



for thou didst shine brightly with innocence all the days of thy life. And



dwelling upon the earth as a pilgrim and so-journ-er, thou didst receive within thyself



the ho-ly Tri-ni-ty and didst prepare within thy heart a habitation for

the Father, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spi - rit. Wherefore, even in the grave did

thy holy body flour - ish, and not one of thy divinely preserved bones was

bro - ken. Therefore, venerating with faith thy pre - cious rel - ics,

which have been glorified by an abundance of heal - ings,

we beseech thee, O fav - o - rite of God, zealous pastor, a - dorn - ment of hi - er - archs:

Render us pleasing unto the Holy Tri - ni - ty, Whom on earth thou didst glorify

in holiness and right - eous-ness, and be - fore Whom thou now dost stand,

ever interceding for the peace of thy flock and the sal - va - tion of our souls.

Both now... the Dogmatic Theotokion in the tone of the week.

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