

1st Prokeimenon

Deacon: Let us attend!

Priest: Peace be unto all.

Reader: And to thy spirit.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Prokeimenon, in the 4th Tone— O Shepherd of Israel, attend, Thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep. (*Psalm 79*)

Choir:

II-chant

O Shep - herd of Is - ra - el, at - tend,

I-descant

Thou that lead - est Jo - seph like a sheep.

Reader: Thou that sittest upon the cherubim, manifest Thyself.

Choir: (*sings entire prokeimenon again*)

Reader: O Shepherd of Israel, attend,

Choir: *Thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep.*

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading from Genesis. (*12:1-7*)

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: And the Lord said to Abram, Go forth out of thy land and out of thy kindred, and out of the house of thy father, and come into the land which I shall show thee. And I will make thee a great nation, and I will bless thee and magnify thy name, and thou shalt be blessed. And I will bless those that bless thee, and curse those that curse thee, and in thee shall all the tribes of the earth be blessed. And Abram went as the Lord spoke to him, and Lot departed with him, and Abram was seventy

five years old, when he went out of Charrhan [Haran]. And Abram took Sara his wife, and Lot the son of his brother, and all their possessions, as many as they had got, and every soul which they had got in Charrhan [Charrhan], and they went forth to go into the land of Chanaan [Canaan]. And Abram traversed the land lengthwise as far as the place Sychem, to the high oak, and the Chananites [Canaanites] then inhabited the land. And the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, I will give this land to thy seed. And Abram built an altar there to the Lord who appeared to him.

2nd Prokeimenon

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: The Prokeimenon, in the **4th Tone**: Rejoice in God our helper. (*Psalm 80*)

Choir:

Re - joice in God our help - - - er.

Reader: Take up a psalm, and bring the timbrel.

Choir: (*sings entire Prokeimenon again*)

Reader: Rejoice in God,

Choir: Our helper.

(at a PreSanctified Liturgy)

Deacon: Command!

The Priest, holding the candle and the censer, and standing before the Holy Altar, exclaims: Wisdom! Aright!

And turning to the people he says: The Light of Christ illumineth all. *And the people prostrate.*

Reader: The reading from Proverbs (14:15-26)

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: The simple believes every word: but the prudent man betakes himself to after-thought. A wise man fears, and departs from evil; but the fool trusts in himself, and joins himself with the transgressor. A passionate man acts inconsiderately; but a sensible man bears up under many things. Fools shall have mischief for their portion; but the prudent shall take fast hold of understanding. Evil men shall fall before the good; and the ungodly shall attend at the gates of the righteous. Friends will hate poor friends; but the friends of the rich are many. He that dishonors the needy sins: but he that has pity on the poor is most blessed. They that go astray devise evils: but the good devise mercy and truth. The framers of evil do not understand mercy and truth: but compassion and faithfulness are with the framers of good. With every one who is careful there is abundance: but the pleasure-taking and indolent shall be in want. A prudent man is the crown of the wise: but the occupation of fools is evil. A faithful witness shall deliver a soul from evil: but a deceitful man kindles falsehoods. In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence: and he leaves his children a support.