

The Annunciation of Our Most Holy Lady the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary; Passing into Eternal Life (1944) of Blessed Omelian (Emil) Kovch, Priest of Peremyshliany and Martyr of Majdanek - March 25.

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Liturgical Instruction: The Typicon prescribes an evening Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom. If the Vespers Divine Liturgy is not taken then the following propers are used:

The entrance verse is proclaimed after the deacon has intoned "Wisdom! Stand aright!"

Entrance Verse: Proclaim from day to day the good tidings of our God's salvation (Ps 95:2).

Troparion (Tone 4): Today is the crown of our salvation,* and the unfolding of the eternal mystery;* the Son of God becomes the Virgin's Son,* and Gabriel brings the good tidings of grace.* With him let us also cry to the Mother of God:* Rejoice, Full of grace! The Lord is with you.

+Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion (Tone 8): To You, O Mother of God,* the invincible leader,* we, your servants, ascribe these victory hymns* in thanksgiving for our deliverance from evil.* With your invincible power free us from all dangers* that we may cry out to you:* "Hail, O Bride and pure Virgin!"

Prokimenon (Tone 4): Proclaim from day to day* the good tidings of our God's salvation (Ps 95:2).

verse: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth (Ps 95:1).

Epistle (Hebrews 2:11-18): *Brethren,* For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, 'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.' And again, 'I will put my trust in him.' And again, 'Here am I and the children whom God has given me.' Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Alleluia (Tone 1): Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

verse: He will descend like rain on a fleece, and like drops dripping on the earth (Ps 71:6).

verse: Let His name be blessed through the ages; His name exists before the sun
(Ps 71:17).

Gospel: (Luke 1:24-38): In those days Zechariah's wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, 'This is what the Lord has done for me when he looked favourably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people.' In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

Instead of "It is truly...": O earth, announce good news of great joy; praise God's glory, O heavens.

Irmos (Tone 4): Let no hand of the profane touch God's living ark, but instead let the lips of those who are believers sing out ceaselessly in the words of the angel, crying out with great joy to the Mother of God: Hail, O Full of Grace! The Lord is with you.

Communion Verse: For the Lord has chosen Sion;* He has chosen it for His dwelling (Ps 131:13). Alleluia! (3x).