

# March 24: Forefeast of the Annunciation

## Kontakion, Tone 8

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Thou art the be - gin - ning of the sal - va - tion of all of us

mor - tals, O Vir - gin The - o - to - kos; for Ga - bri - el the great

su - preme com - man - der, the ser - vant of God, sent from hea - ven to

stand be - fore thee, of - fered thee glad - some joy. Where - fore, we all cry

out to thee: Re - joice, O Bride un - wed - ded!

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