

Vesper Propers: February 5, 2005
Cheesefare Sunday

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1. *Beginning Prayers, p. 1*
2. *Psalm 103, p. 2 (chant) or p. 6 (melodic)*
3. *Litany of Peace, p. 8*
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5. *Lamplighting Psalms Tone 3 p. 48*
10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5 for the Resurrection, Tone 3, p. 49-51

Cantor: Let the watchman count on daybreak
(on 4) and Israel on the Lord.

Stichera of Cheesefare Sunday

Tone 6

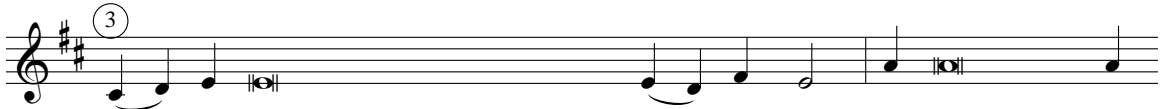
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My Cre - a - tor and Lord has formed me from the clay of the earth; he has
giv - en me a soul by his life - giv - ing breath. He has made me ruler of all things
vis - i - ble on the earth, and has made me a companion of the an - gels.
But Satan has used the ser - pent as a trap, and has de - ceived
me with this bait; he has sep - arated me from the glo - ry of God
and delivered me over to the earth and to death. But you, O mer - ci - ful Lord,



call me back to you.

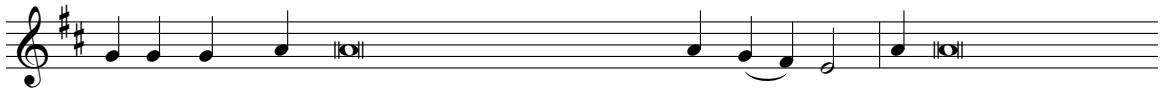
Cantor: Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.



A - las! I have been stripped of my div-ine gar - ment by transgressing your



com-mand-ment, O Lord, and by fol lowing the coun - sel of the E - ne - my.



I am now clothed with fig leaves and the gar-ment of skin; I now eat my bread



by the sweat of my brow, and be - cause of my fault, the earth is condemned to

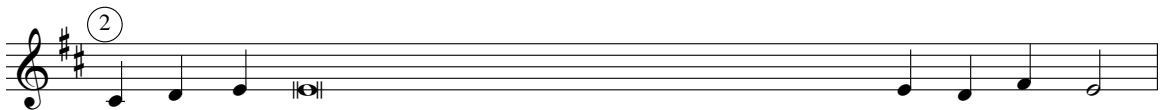


bring forth this - tles and thorns. But you, O Lord born of the Virgin in these

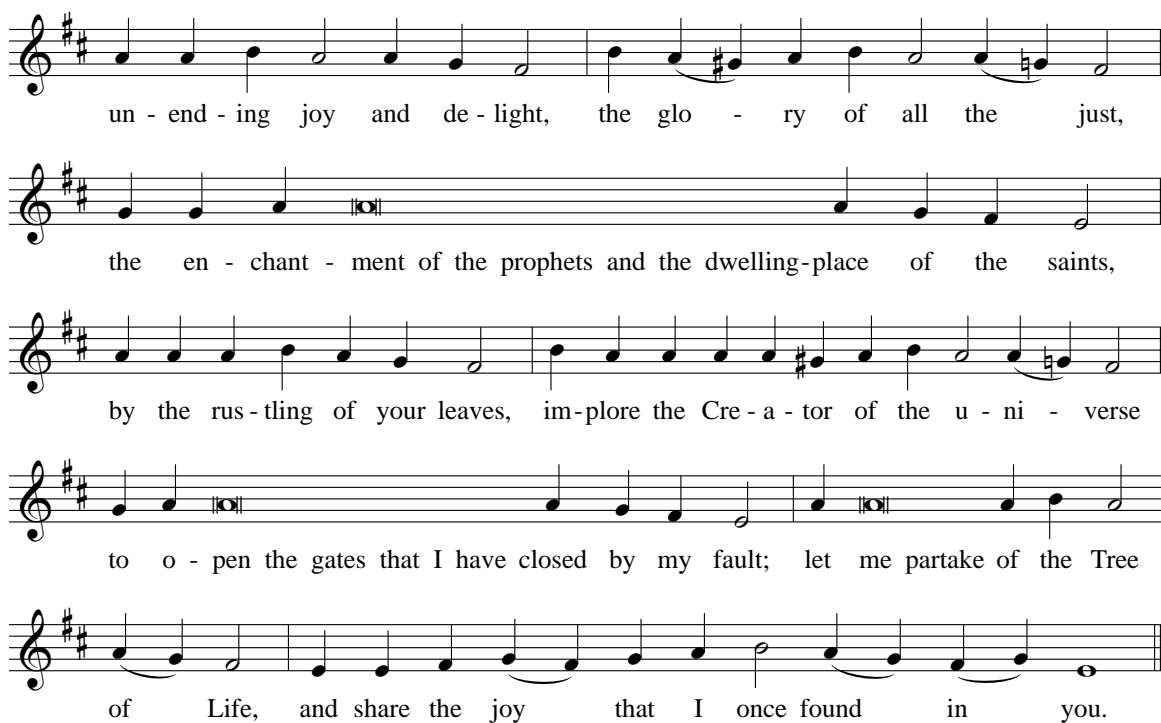


last times, call me back to en - ter Pa - ra - dise once a - gain.

Cantor: Praise the Lord, all you nations,
(on 2) acclaim him all you peoples!

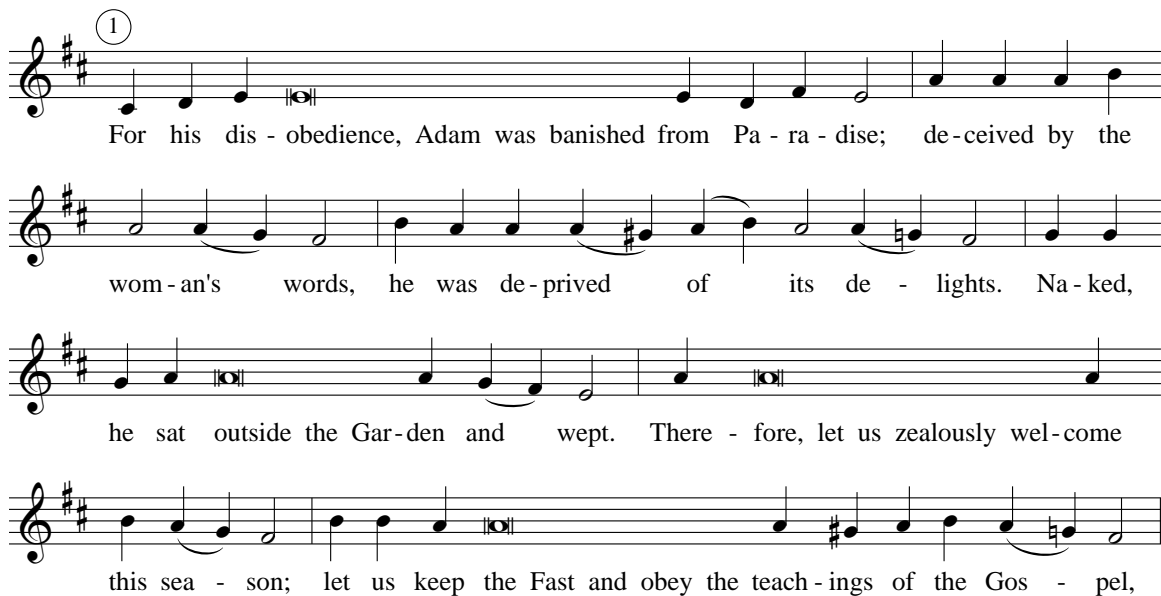


O be - lov - ed Paradise, beauty of Springtime and divinely cre-a - ted a - bode,



un - end - ing joy and de - light, the glo - ry of all the just,
the en - chant - ment of the prophets and the dwelling-place of the saints,
by the rus - tling of your leaves, im - plo - re the Cre - a - tor of the u - ni - verse
to o - pen the gates that I have closed by my fault; let me partake of the Tree
of Life, and share the joy that I once found in you.

Cantor: Strong is the love of the Lord for us;
(on 1) he is faithful forever.



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For his dis - obedience, Adam was banished from Pa - ra - dise; de - ceived by the
wom - an's words, he was de - prived of its de - lights. Na - ked,
he sat outside the Gar - den and wept. There - fore, let us zealously wel - come
this sea - son; let us keep the Fast and obey the teach - ings of the Gos - pel,

so that we may be accept-a - ble to Christ, and once again be-come
 in - ha - bi - tants of Pa - ra - dise.

Cantor: Glory...

Doxastikon of Cheesefare Sunday

Tone 6

Ad-am sat be-fore Pa-ra-dise, sigh-ing and weeping o-ver his na - ked - ness:
 A - las! I was se-duced by craft - i - ness and was stripped na - ked;
 but now I do not know what to do. O Pa - radise, never a-gain shall I
 taste your joy; nev - er a - gain shall I see the Lord, my Cre-a - tor and God.
 For I must return to the earth from which I came. O mer - ci - ful God,
 I cry out to you: I have fall-en, have mer - cy on me.

Cantor: Now and ever...

Dogmatikon, Tone 3, p. 53

6. *Hymn of the Evening, p. 12*
7. *Saturday Prokeimenon, p. 13*
8. *Litany of Fervent Supplication, p. 13*
9. *Hymn of Glorification, p. 14*
10. *Litany of Supplication, p. 16*
11. *Apostichera, Tone 3, pp. 54 - 55*

Cantor: Glory...

Aposticha Doxastikon

Tone 6

Ad-am was ban-ished from Paradise because of the for-bid-den fruit. He sat before
the gates, sighing and la-ment - ing: A - las! Woe is me! What is
happ-'ning to me? I have trans-gressed the command-ment of the Lord, and now
am deprived of ev - 'ry bless - ing. O Pa - radise so delightful, you were
plant-ed for me; and now you are closed be - cause of Eve. Be - seech your
Cre - ator who has al - so fash - ioned me to fill me with the fragrance of your
flow - ers once a - gain. And the Sav - ior said to him: I do not desire



the destruction of my cre - a - tion; I wish it, rather, to be saved and come



to the knowl-edge of truth; for I do not re - ject those who come to me.

Cantor: Now and ever...

- Aposticha Theotokion, Tone 6, p. 90*
- 13. Prayer of St. Simeon, p. 19*
- 14. Trisagion Prayers, p. 19*
- 15. Troparion and Festal Theotokion, Tone 3, p. 57*