

Vesper Propers, July 10, 2005
Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

July 10 Our venerable father Anthony of the Monastery of the Caves.

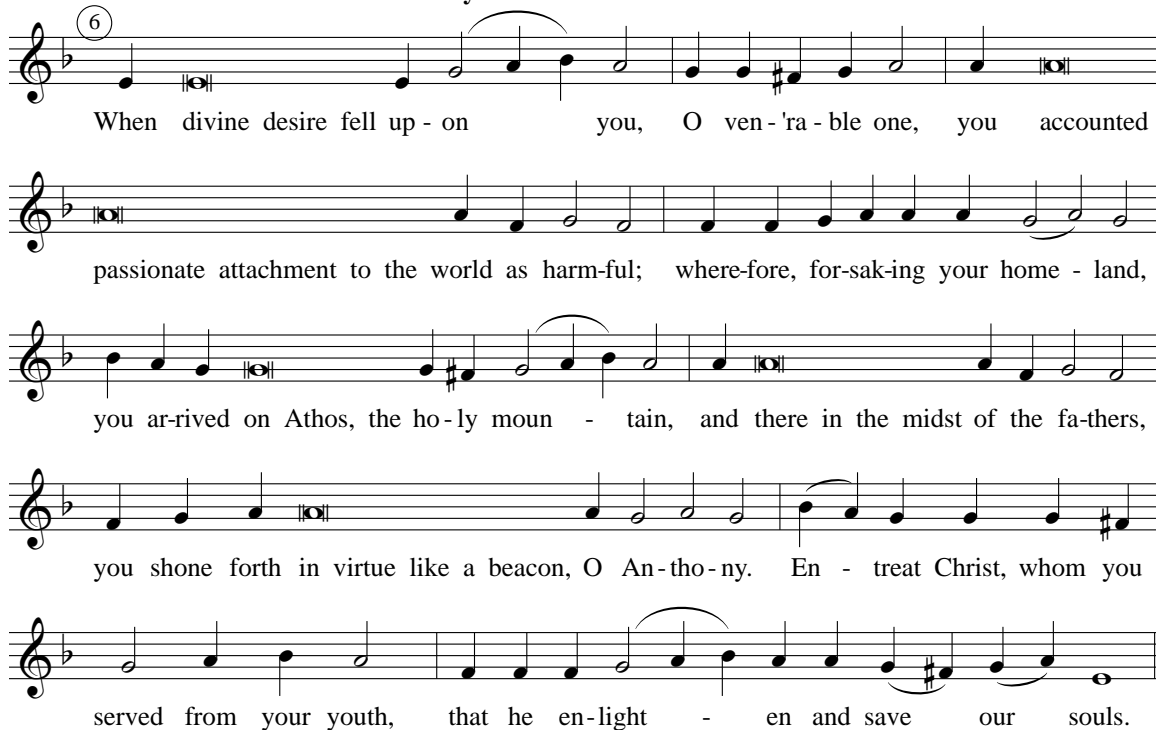
He was a hermit, who in the laura called “the Caves” followed the monastic life which he had learned on Mt. Athos. He was the founder of Russian monasticism.(1073)

*Supplement for **The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2004***

Tone of the Week: Tone 7 (begins on page 92), stichera 10 - 7.

Cantor: If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?
(on 6) But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.

Stichera of our venerable father Anthony - Tone 4



When divine desire fell up - on you, O ven - 'ra - ble one, you accounted
passionate attachment to the world as harm - ful; where - fore, for - sak - ing your home - land,
you ar - rived on Athos, the ho - ly moun - tain, and there in the midst of the fa - thers,
you shone forth in virtue like a beacon, O An - tho - ny. En - treat Christ, whom you
served from your youth, that he en - light - en and save our souls.

Cantor: My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word.
(on 5) My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.

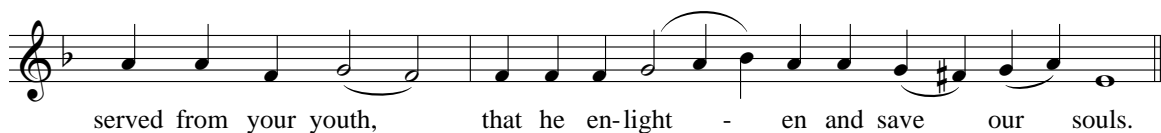
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When you were set afire by the love of Christ, you despised the wisdom and
 glo - ry of this world, see - ing them as things which pass a - way. Be - cause of
 this, you made a cave for your - self, and with - in it struggled like an an - gel.
 God rewarded you for this with an - gel - ic hon - ors. Stand - ing with them before
 the throne of God, pray that he en - light - en and save our souls.

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

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When you received di - vine love in your heart, you entered into a dark cave as
 into a splen - did bri - dal - cham - ber, and there you were enriched with understanding
 of things un - seen, be - hold - ing things of the future as though they were
 pres - ent, speak - ing plain - ly of them to all. En - treat Christ, whom you



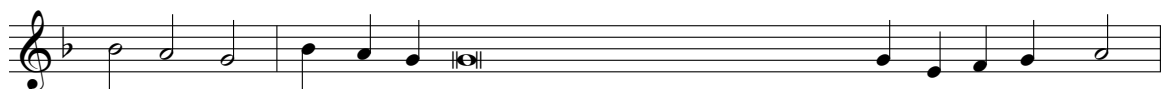
served from your youth, that he en-light - en and save our souls.

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

Tone 5



O An-tho-ny, ven-'ra-ble fa-ther, hav-ing il - lu - mined your mind with the Ho - ly



Spir-it's grace, you pre-dict-ed the wrath of God which would fall up-on the church,



and en-trust-ed the defense against foes to Sim - e - on, and fore-told his burial in the



church which he was build - ing. We, there - fore, hymn you as a mediator of

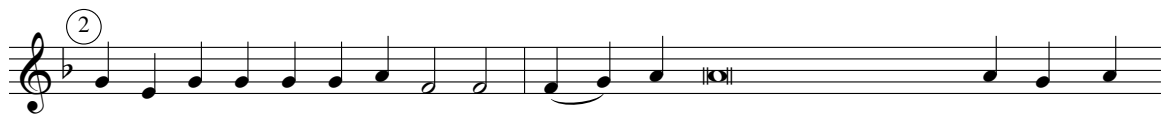


good things for all, ask - ing that through you we may re - ceive



great mer - cy from Christ our Mas - ter and Lord.

Cantor: Praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples! **Psalm 116**
(on 2)



O An-tho-ny, ven-'ra-ble fa-ther, ful - fill - ing the commandments of the good



shep - herd, Christ, show - ing forth love e - ven af - ter your de - par - ture,



you trans - formed the deadly illness of E - ras - mus, who lived in sloth and pined



for pos - ses - sions. Giv - ing him time for re - pent - ance, you guid - ed

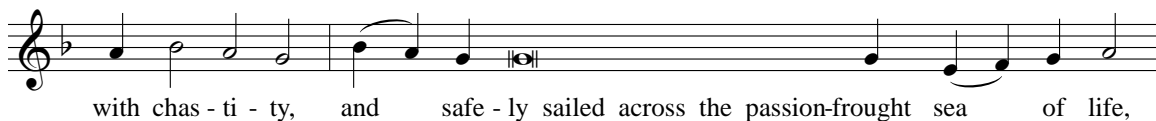


oth - ers to chas - ti - ty. En - treat Christ that our souls be saved.

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



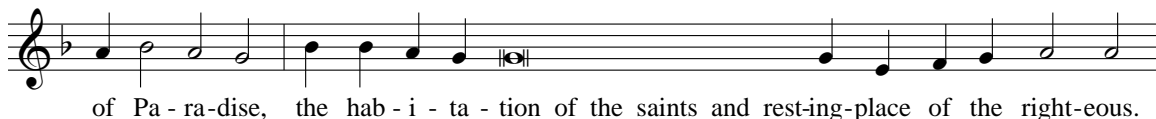
① O An - tho - ny, ven - 'ra - ble fa - ther, with grace you steered the ship of your mind



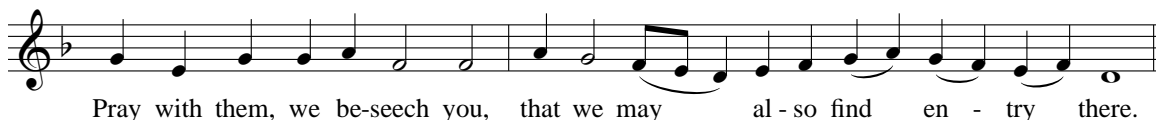
with chas - ti - ty, and safe - ly sailed across the passion - fraught sea of life,



im - pelled by the sail of the all - ho - ly Spir - it. You at - tained the calm ha - ven



of Pa - ra - dise, the hab - i - ta - tion of the saints and rest - ing - place of the right - eous.



Pray with them, we be - seech you, that we may al - so find en - try there.

Cantor: Glory...

Doxastikon - Tone 6



Your way of life and your labors for God were hard, as the fathers of the Holy
Moun-tain learned. In ac-cord with God's prov - i - dence, they sent you to your
home-land, say - ing: "Go, child, that through your pres - ence God may be
known to those who know him not!" Then ar - riv-ing, O ven'-ra - ble one,
you en-light-ened your na-tive land and be-came a lead - er of monks,
and brought a multitude of them to Christ. Where-fore pray that we who cele-brate
your re - pose may be pre-served un - van-quished by the en - e - my,
and that our souls may be saved.

Cantor: Now and ever...

Dogmatikon, Tone 7, p 98

Aposticha, Tone 7, p. 99

Cantor: Glory...

Aposticha Doxastikon - Tone 6



Won - drous is the influence and great the faith which you have acquired, O
ven - 'ra - ble An - tho - ny, in em - ulating the Proph - et E - li - jah;
for he drew down fire from heaven, consuming the sac - ri - fice, while you drew down
fire from heav - en to cleanse the place which was to hold the temple of the
The - o - to - kos. We bless you, then, as one who dwells with the ven - 'ra - ble
and who emulates the prop - hets, and we pray: En - treat Christ, that our souls
may be saved.

Cantor:

Aposticha Theotokion, Tone 6, p. 90

Troparia

Troparion, Tone 7, p. 101

Glory...

Troparion of our venerable father Anthony - Tone 4



You re-nounced and left the world, fol - lowing Christ in the spir-it of the
Gos - pel. Liv-ing a life of an an - gel, you set - tled in the peaceful
shel-ter of Mount A - thos. Af - ter that, you came to the moun-tains of Kiev
with the bles-sing of the fa - thers. You end-ed your life of la - bor there,
cast-ing light o - ver all your home - land. Show - ing the path of the king-dom
to all monks, you led them on to Christ: Now beg him to save our souls, O
ven - er - a - ble An - tho - ny.

Now and ever...

Festal Theotokion, Tone 4, p. 68