

Vesper propers, November 4, 2007

Our venerable father Joannicius the Great in the coenobium of Antidium in Bithynia, monk, who, having left the military after more than twenty years in arms, pursued the solitary life in different forests of Mt. Olympus. He was accustomed to end his prayer with these words: "God my hope, Christ my refuge, Holy Spirit my protector." (846)

The holy martyr Nicander, bishop of Myra and the priest Hermas, at Myra in Lycia. Both were ordained by the Apostle Titus. They were distinguished by a great zeal for the Faith and for their great labors in winning pagans for Christ. Because of this, they were tortured in various ways and eventually were buried alive. (1st century)

*Supplement for **The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2006***

Tone of the Week: Tone 6 (begins on page 82), stichera 10 - 7.

Cantor: (Tone 4) 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 Joannicius - Tone 4 samohlasen

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You were illumined with light di - vine when with purity of mind you lift-ed
up your eyes and preferred the eternal things which are to come to the
things which are in-con - stant. Then re-ceiv-ing fire in your heart, O fa - ther,
like a deer you thirsted for love di-vine, and un-mind-ful of both flesh and blood
you pre-pared yourself for as-cet - ic strug - gle. For this reason you made

the passions of the bod - y sub - ject to your soul.

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

To as - cend the moun - tain of God, you made your dwell - ing in the heights,
 with - out being brought low by the vex - ing needs of this low - ly bod - y,
 O fa - ther Jo - an - ni - ci - us; for uniting yourself to the Good One
 by stand - ing whole nights and days in pray'r, you were il - lu - mined
 and received the gift of proph - e - cy be - holding things far off as if they were
 near, and fore - tell - ing to the faithful things which are to come. Where - fore we
 glo - ri - fy you as a di - vine teach - - - er.

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

and the right - eous. Pray with them to the Lord that our souls find
 mer - - - cy!

Cantor: Now and ever...

Theotokion, Tone 6, p. 90

Troparion and Theotokion, Tone 6, p. 91

and at-tained to the ranks of the an - gels, whose life you blamelessly
em - u - lat - ed. With your boldness be-fore Christ our God,
ask peace for our souls.

Cantor: (Tone 6) Now and ever...

Dogmatikon, Tone 6, p. 87

Aposticha, Tone 6, p. 88

Cantor: (Tone 8) Glory...

Doxastikon - Tone 8 samohlasen

We hon-or you as the instructor of a mul-ti-tude of monks, O Jo-an-ni-ci-us
our fa - ther; for by your steps we have learned how to walk a - right!
Blest are you in your la - bor for Christ, for thus you denounced the power of the
en - e - my, O con-vers-er with the an - gels, com - pan - ion of the venerable

The assaults and de - mon - ic darts you were able to se - vere - ly blunt
with the entreaties of your pray'rs, and by the pow'r of God, O most glo-rious
one, you have tri-umphed o - ver them. Where - fore, refreshed by the humility
of your heart, you were giv-en miracles as honors by the Good One! For this
cause, your precious relics pour forth fra-grant myrrh, for you have shown yourself
to be the sweet fra-grance of Christ, O fa-ther Jo-an-ni - ci - us.

Cantor: (Tone 2) Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

Stichera of Nicander - Tone 2 samohlasen

Hav-ing been giv-en a fit-ting name through the Lord's prov-i-dence, O fa - ther,
you con - firmed it by signifying it in the flesh; for in your endurance,

you van-quished a mul - ti - tude, both of ad - ver - sar - ies and of tor - tur - ers.
 Where-fore, re-ceiving a crown of glo-ry, you cried out with faith: Glory to your
 in - vin - ci - ble might, O Christ who loves us all!

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

On this, your di - vine me - mo - ri - al, you pour forth the most fra - grant
 myrrh of heal - ing up - on us to - day, O wise Ni - can - der;
 you drive a - way the darkness of sorrow and bod - i - ly suf - fer - ing,
 and fill with rich - est grace the as - sem - bly of all who cry out to Christ:
 You are the in - ex - haus - ti - ble myrrh, mak - ing fra - grant all who
 call up - on you!

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

As you have bold - ness be - fore Christ, who a - lone is glo - rious in his saints,
 en - treat him, O ven - 'ra - ble Ni - can - der, in be - half of all who celebrate
 your mem - ry with love and praise your cor - rec - tions, that through grace,
 we may be - come par - tak - ers of the in - ef - fa - ble good things of Christ
 and re - ceive his incor - rup - ti - ble glo - - - ry.

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...

Doxastikon - Tone 6 samohlasen

O ven - er - a - ble fa - ther, the sound of your corrections has gone forth in - to
 all the world; there - fore you have found, in heav - en, the re - ward
 for your earth - ly la - bor. You destroyed the hordes of de - mons