

**Vesper Propers, November 9, 2008**  
**Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Our venerable mother Matrona.** From Perga in Pamphylia, she fled a horrible marriage by dressing in men's clothing and, under the name of Babylas, lived in a monastery in Constantinople. She went from monastery to monastery to evade her husband. She lived the monastic life for seventy-five years and fell asleep in the Lord. (492)

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

*Tone of the Week: Tone 1 (begins on page 24), stichera 10-4*

**Cantor:** (Tone 4) Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,  
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

**Stichera of venerable mother Matrona - Tone 4 podoben: Jako dobl'a**

As a friend of wis - dom, you sub - dued the de - sires  
of your flesh though the la - bors of asceticism, O Ma - tro - na, and you  
fol - lowed Christ. You dwelt a - mong pi - ous her - mits  
to quench the bur - ning flames of the passions under the rain of your tears,  
and to enkindle your ar - dent love for the Cre - a - - - tor.

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

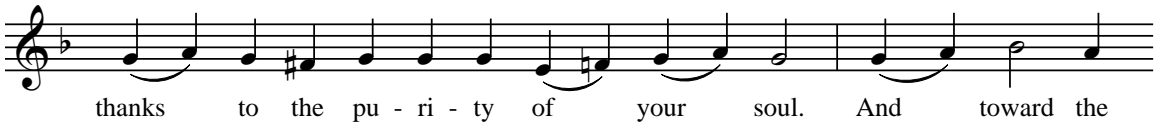
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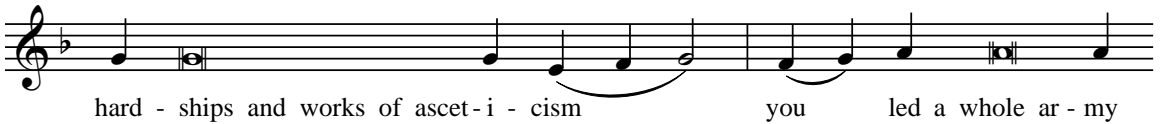
You found - ed a sanc - tu - a - ry for med - t - ta - tion



for the sal - va - tion of man - y, since you were a tem - ple of the Spir - it,



thanks to the pu - ri - ty of your soul. And toward the



hard - ships and works of ascet - i - cism you led a whole ar - my



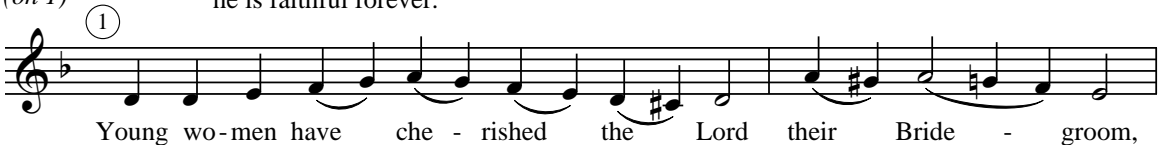
a saved peo - ple, whom you pre - sent - ed to the Lord as an of - fer - ing;



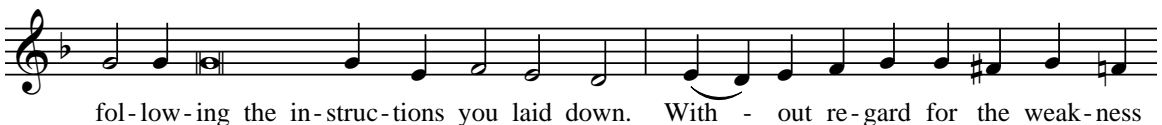
with them, we glo - ri - fy you in faith.

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

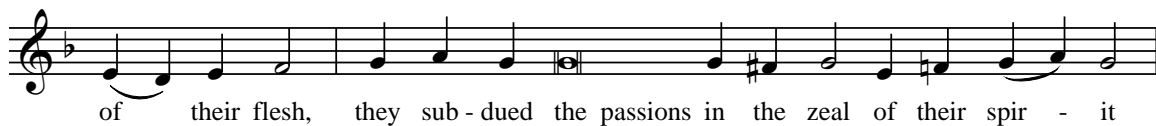
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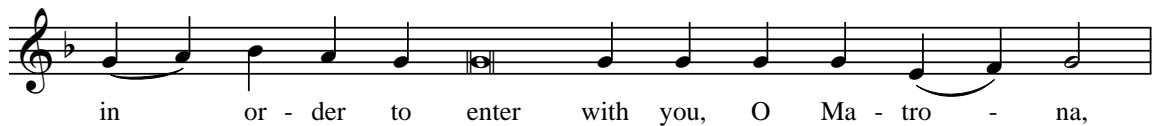
Young wo - men have che - rished the Lord their Bride - groom,



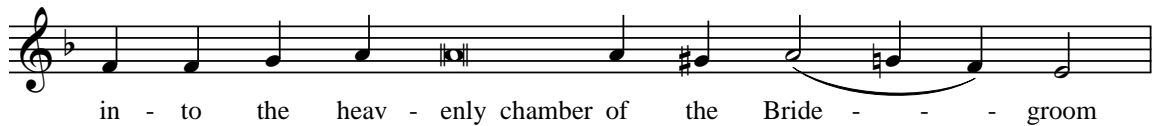
fol - low - ing the in - struc - tions you laid down. With - out re - gard for the weak - ness



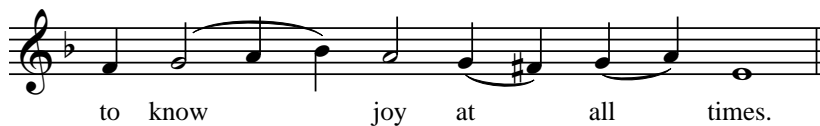
of their flesh, they sub-dued the passions in the zeal of their spir - it



in or - der to enter with you, O Ma - tro - na,



in - to the heav - enly chamber of the Bride - - - groom



to know joy at all times.

**Cantor:** (Tone 1) Glory... Now and ever...

*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the week (Tone 1, page 30)*

*Aposticha and troparia in the Tone of the week (Tone 1, page 31)*