

**Vesper Propers, January 18, 2009**  
**Thirty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Our holy fathers Athanasius and Cyril of Alexandria**, archbishops of that city. Athanasius is called the “Father of Orthodoxy” because of his defense of the faith against Arius at the First Ecumenical Council of Nicea (325); he was greatly persecuted for this. This date celebrates his return from exile in 345. (373) Cyril worked against the Nestorian heresy, and was champion of the use of the term *Theotokos* (i.e. the one who gave birth to God). He was one of the major figures of the Third Ecumenical Council of Ephesus that was held in 431. (444)

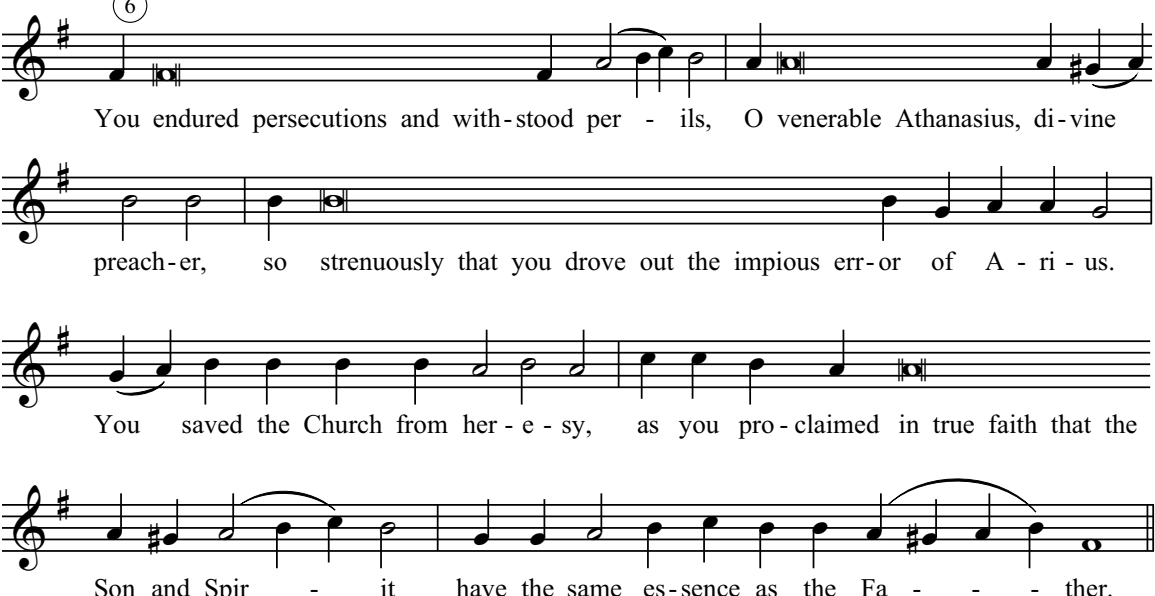
*Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2006*

*Tone of the Week: Tone 3 (begins on page 48), 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 our holy father Athanasius - Tone 4 samohlasen**

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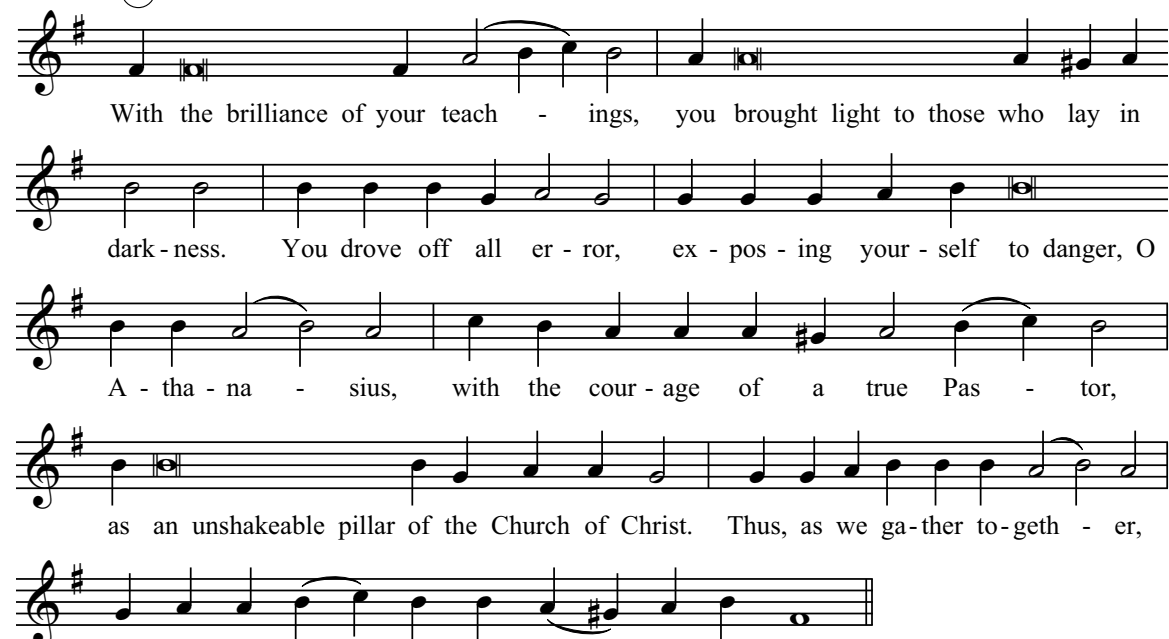


You endured persecutions and with-stood per - ils, O venerable Athanasius, di-vine  
preach-er, so strenuously that you drove out the impious err-or of A - ri - us.  
You saved the Church from her - e - sy, as you pro-claimed in true faith that the  
Son and Spir - it have the same es-sence as the Fa - - - ther.

**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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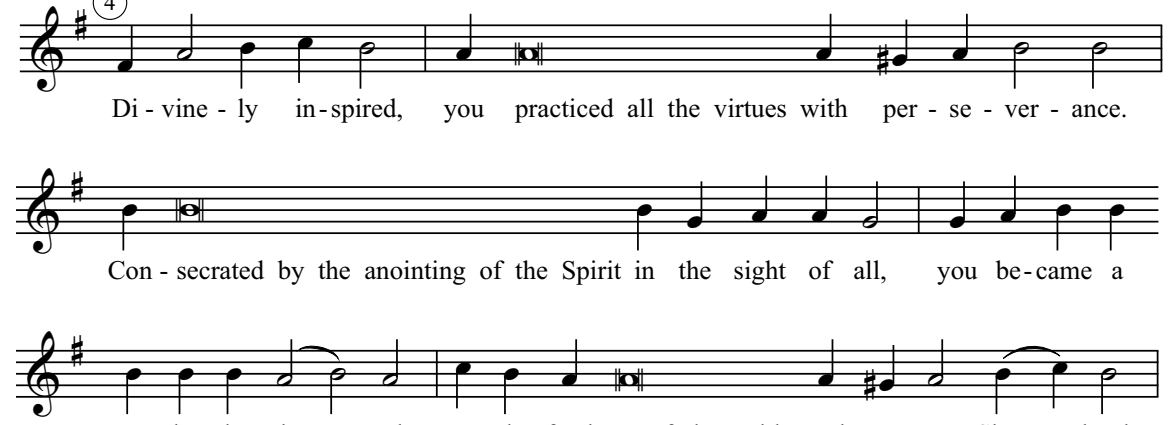


With the brilliance of your teach - ings, you brought light to those who lay in  
dark - ness. You drove off all er - ror, ex - pos - ing your - self to danger, O  
A - tha - na - sius, with the cour - age of a true Pas - tor,  
as an unshakeable pillar of the Church of Christ. Thus, as we ga - ther to - geth - er,  
we ven - er - ate you with joy in our hymns.

**Cantor:** Let the watchman count on daybreak

(on 4) and Israel on the Lord.

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Di - vine - ly in - spired, you practiced all the virtues with per - se - ver - ance.  
Con - secrated by the anointing of the Spirit in the sight of all, you be - came a  
most ho - ly Hier - arch, a de - fend - er of the Faith, and a true Shep - herd.

## Aposticha

*Aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 3, page 54), concluding with:*

**Cantor:** (Tone 3) Glory...

**Aposticha doxastikon of our holy father Athanasius - Tone 3 samohlasen**

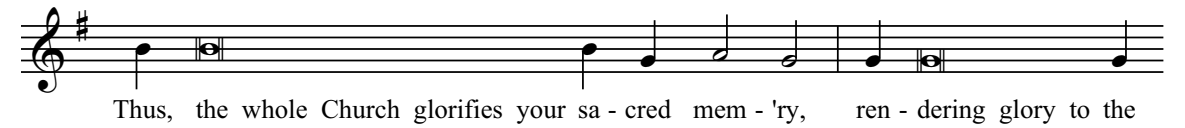


Once a-gain, on his an-nu-al feast, we are vis-ited by the one named for im-mor-tal-i-ty, that Nile Riv-er with gold-en streams. By his spir-it-ual el-e-va-tion, he made immortality overflow in a riv-er of gold. Giv-ing forth ambrosia as the fruit of his pro-found the-ol-o-gy, he taught us to wor-ship the undivided power of the Ho-ly Trin-i-ty. By the flood of his di-vine teach-ings, he waters the spirits of be-liev-ers and in-ter-cedes be-fore God for us.

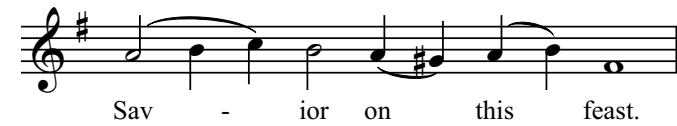
**Cantor:** Now and ever...

*Aposticha theotokion in the same tone (Tone 3), page 55.*

*Troparia in the Tone of the week (Tone 3), page 57.*



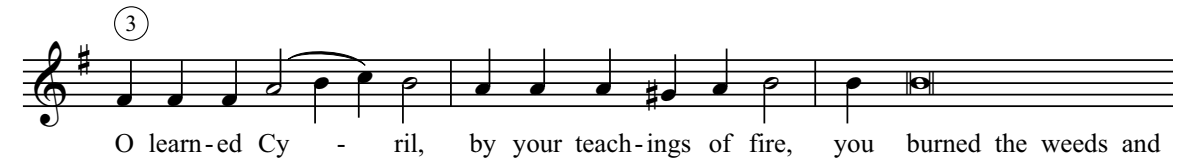
Thus, the whole Church glorifies your sa-cred mem-'ry, ren-dering glory to the



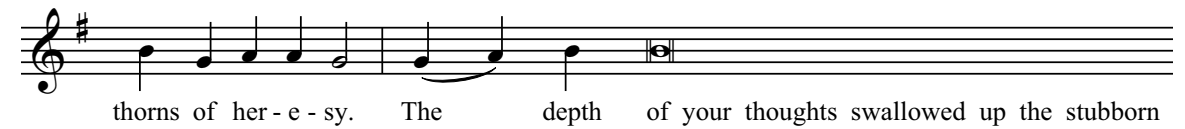
Sav-ior on this feast.

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

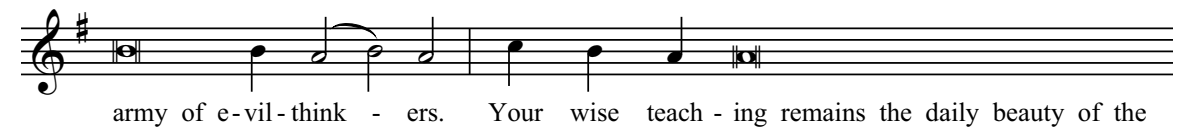
**Stichera of our Holy Father, Cyril of Alexandria - Tone 4**



O learn-ed Cy-ril, by your teach-ings of fire, you burned the weeds and



thorns of her-e-sy. The depth of your thoughts swallowed up the stubborn

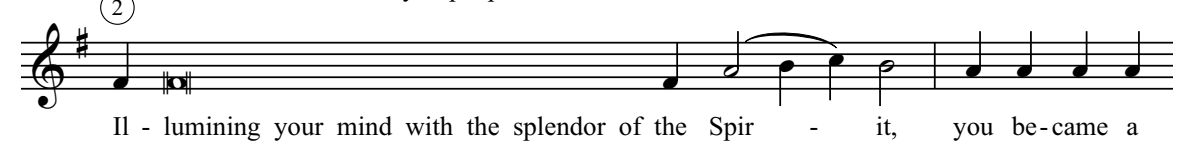


army of e-vil-think-ers. Your wise teach-ing remains the daily beauty of the



Church of be-liev-ers who ven-er-ate you with a loud voice.

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



Il-luminating your mind with the splendor of the Spir-it, you be-came a

ra - diant sun, shin - ing your precepts upon the ends of the earth like rays.

You en - light - ened the multitude of the faithful, O bless - ed Fa - ther, and you

dis - pelled the dark - ness of her - e - sies with the power of him who shone forth from

the Vir - - - gin, O God - bear - ing one.

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

The en - tire Church is a - dorned by the elegance of your dis - cours - es,

O Cyril, thrice - bless - ed Hier - arch. She is ra - diant in the splen - dor of the Faith

as she rev - erently vener - ates your me - mo - ry, O glo - ry of the Or - tho - dox,

spokes - man for the Fathers gathered in Coun - cil, and champion of the all -

ho - - - ly The - o - to - kos.

**Cantor:** *(Tone 6)* Glory....

**Doxastikon of our holy father Athanasius - Tone 6 samohlasen**

In our hymns, let us all venerate Athanasius, the Bish - op of Christ, who overcame the

teach - ing of A - ri - us, preach - ing clear - ly to the whole world the power of the

Ho - ly Trin - i - ty, the One God in Three Persons without di - vi - sion.

He intercedes be - fore God for us who cel - e - brate his

mem - o - ry in faith.

**Cantor:** *(Tone 3)* Now and ever...

*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the week (Tone 3, page 53).*