

Vesper Propers, February 8, 2009  
Sunday of the Prodigal Son  
Postfestive Day of the Meeting

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

*Lamplighting Psalms in the tone of the week (Tone 6, page 82), 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 the Publican and Pharisee - Tone 1 samohlasen**

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I have sown sin in a land of life and in - no - cence and have har - vested the  
ears of thought-less - ness. I have gath - ered my actions in - to bun - dles of sheaves,  
but I have not placed them on the threshing floor of re - pen - tance. And now  
I pray to you, O my God, for you are the pre - e - ter - nal Till - er of our fields:  
With the breath of your lov - ing - kind - ness, now win - now the grain of my ac - tions,  
feed my soul with your grace and for - give - ness, gath - er me in - to  
your heav - en - ly gra - na - ries and save me.

**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.  
 All repeat "I have sown sin..."

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

O faith-ful, let us discover the power of the di-vine mys-te-ry. The Prod-i-gal  
 came back from his sin and returned to his fa-ther's house; in his lov-ing-kindness his  
 father came out to meet him and kissed him. He re-stored him to the glo-ry  
 of his house, and pre-pared a mys-ti-cal ban-quet on high. He killed the fatted  
 calf so that we might share in his joy; the joy of the Fa-ther who of-fers in love,  
 and the joy of the Lamb who gives him-self for us; for he is Christ, the  
 Sav - ior of our souls.

seen your sal - va - tion, O Lord.

**Troparia**

*Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the Week (Tone 6, page 91).*

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

**Troparion of the Meeting - Tone 1**

Re-joyce, The - o - to - kos, Vir - gin full of grace; for from you has shone forth  
 the Sun of Jus - tice, Christ our God, en - light - en - ing those who are in  
 dark - ness. Re-joyce al - so, you just el - der; you re-ceived in  
 your arms the liber-a - tor of our souls, who grants us res - ur - rec - tion.

sense-less beasts; I have longed to eat the food of swine, and be-cause  
 no one offered it to me, I re-mained hun - gry. But now I return to my Fa-ther,  
 who is so good, and with tears I cry out: Treat me as one of  
 your serv - ants: for I no long-er de-serve your love; and in your  
 mer - cy save me.

**Cantor:** (Tone 5) Now and ever...

He who is ancient of days and young in the flesh is be - ing brought to the  
 temple by his vir-gin Moth - er. He ful-fills the promise of his own law.  
 Sim - e - on re-ceive him and says: Now you may dis-miss your serv - ant,  
 ac - cord - ing to your word, in peace, for my eyes have

**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 the Meeting - Tone 1 samohlasen**

③  
 O Sim - e - on, tell us whom you are joyfully carrying in-to the Tem - ple. To  
 whom are you say - ing: Now you may dis-miss your serv - ant, O Lord,  
 be-cause my eyes have seen my Sav - ior. He is the child born of the  
 Vir - gin. He is the Word and God of God. O Lord, who for our sake was  
 in-car-nate and saved the world, to you we bow down in wor - ship.

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

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 O Sim - e - on, now re-ceive the One whom Mo - ses the lawgiver had foreseen  
 through the cloud on Si - nai. He has be-come a child and sub-mits him-self  
 to the Law. This is he who spoke through the Law and whom the proph - ets

fore-told. O Lord, who for our sake was incar-nate and saved the world,  
to you we bow down in wor - - ship.

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

O faith-ful, come, let us wel-come Christ and re-ceive him with hymns of  
praise and glo - ry. He is the sal-va-tion Sim-e-on has seen.

He is the One whom Da-vid fore-told, and of whom the proph-ets have spo - ken.

O Lord, who for our sake was incarnate and in-spired the Law, to you we

bow down in wor - - ship.

**Cantor:** *(Tone 2)* Glory...

**Doxastikon of the Prodigal Son - Tone 2**

From what bless-ings have I been de-priv-ed in my wretch-ed-ness, from what

king-dom have I been ex - iled! I squan - dered the treasure that I  
re-ceived from you! and I have wan-dered far from your law. A - las,

O my poor soul, you shall be delivered to the e - ter - nal fire; be-fore the end,

cry out to Christ our God Re - ceive me, O Lord, like the Prod-i - gal Son,

and have mer - cy on me.

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

*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the week (Tone 6, page 87).*

**Aposticha**

*Aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 6, page 88), concluding with:*

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

**Aposticha doxastikon of the Prodigal Son - Tone 6 samohlasen**

I have wast-ed the treasure that my Fa-ther gave to me; I have lived a-mong