

Vesper Propers, February 15, 2009  
Sunday of Meat-fare  
Commemoration of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ as Judge

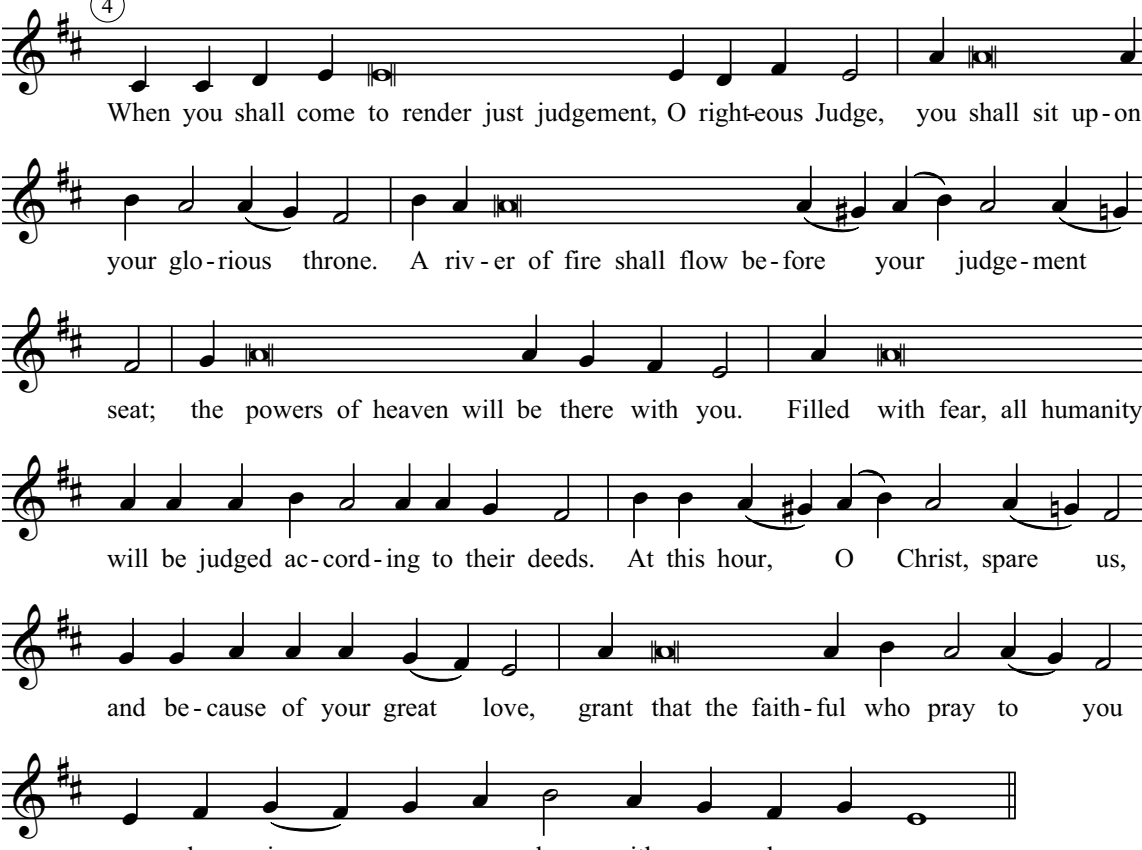
*Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2006*

*Lamplighting Psalms in the tone of the week (Tone 7, page 92), stichera 10-5.*

**Cantor:** (Tone 6) Let the watchman count on daybreak  
(on 4) and Israel on the Lord.

**Stichera of Meatfare Sunday - Tone 6 samohlasen**

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When you shall come to render just judgement, O righteous Judge, you shall sit up-on  
your glo-rious throne. A riv-er of fire shall flow be-fore your judge-ment  
seat; the powers of heaven will be there with you. Filled with fear, all humanity  
will be judged ac-cord-ing to their deeds. At this hour, O Christ, spare us,  
and be-cause of your great love, grant that the faith-ful who pray to you  
may be giv - en a place with your cho - sen ones.

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

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The books will be opened and the secrets laid bare before your awe-some  
 judge-ment seat; and the whole valley of tears will re-sound with a dread-ful  
 sigh, when it sees the sinners sent to eternal punishment by your just judge-ment,  
 and hears them weep-ing hope-less-ly. O God of mercy, there-fore we  
 pray to you: Spare us who sing to you, O on-ly Good One.

**Cantor:** Praise the Lord all the nations; **Psalm 116**  
 (on 2) acclaim him all you people.

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The trum-pet shall sound and the tombs shall be o-pened; hu-manity shall  
 come forth tremb-ling. Those who have done good shall re-joice,  
 as they await the reward they shall re-ceive. Those who have done evil shall  
 shriek in ter-ror, as they are sent to pun-ish-ment

of death? Do you not fear the Savior's awe - some judg - ment seat?

How will you de - fend your - self? How will you be vin - di - cat - ed?

Your works are there to convict you, and your actions witness a - gainst you.

More - o - ver, time is grow-ing short, O my soul; has - ten and cry out

in faith: I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned; but I know your love and

your mer - cy. O Good Shep - herd, in your good - ness, do not

de - prive me of a place at your right hand.

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

*Aposticha theotokion in the same tone (Tone 8, page 110).*

*Troparion and theotokion in the tone of the week (Tone 7, page 101).*

and sep - arated from the e - lect. In your goodness, spare us, O glo - rious Lord,

and grant that we may en - joy a place with those who love you.

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

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I weep and la - ment when I think of the outer darkness and e - ter - nal fire

to - geth - er with Hades, the worm that consumes, and the gnash - ing of teeth,

the un - ceas - ing grief that falls upon those who have sinned with - out meas - ure,

and those who have provoked you to an - ger, O God most good. A - las, among these

sin - ners, I am first. But in your great mer - cy, O Judge, save me.

**Cantor:** (Tone 8) Glory...

**Doxastikon of Meatfare Sunday - Tone 8 samohlasen**

When the thrones are set up and the books are o - pened, and God will sit in

judg - ment, what fear shall I fear in that mo - ment! When the an-gels  
 shall tremble at his side and a riv-er of fire rise up, what shall we sin-ners  
 then do? When shall we hear the blessed of his Father called to the kingdom of  
 heav - en and the sin-ners to e-ter-nal pun - ish - ment, who will be a - ble  
 to endure his dreadful con-dem-na - tion? But you, O Savior, hasten to convert  
 me be-fore the end, and, O King of the ag - es, have mer-cy on me.

**Cantor:** (Tone 7) Now and ever...

*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the week (Tone 7, page 98).*

**Litija**

*Tone 7 samohlasen*

Know-ing the com-mand-ments of the Lord, let this be our way of life:

let us feed the hungry, let us give drink to the thirst-y, let us clothe the naked, let  
 us wel-come stran-gers, let us vis - it those in prison and the sick.  
 Then the Judge of all the earth will say e - ven to us: Come, bless-ed  
 of my Father, in - her - it the king - dom pre-pared for you.

**Cantor:** Glory... now and ever...

*Theotokion, Tone 7, p. 100*

*Litija Litany, p. 116*

**Aposticha**

*Aposticha in the tone of the week (Tone 7, page 99), concluding with:*

**Cantor:** (Tone 8) Glory...

**Aposticha Doxastikon of Meatfare Sunday - Tone 8**

A-las, O my dark - ened soul, how long will you per-sist in sin? How  
 long will you lie in la - zi - ness? Why do you not think of the dread-ful hour