

Vesper Propers, January 10, 2010
Sunday after Theophany

Our holy father Gregory of Nyssa, brother of St. Basil the Great, one of the great theologians of the Byzantine Church. (c.395)

The venerable Dometian, bishop of Melitene, who lived under Emperors Justinian the Lesser and Maurice, and was known for his remarkable intelligence, prudence, and spiritual zeal, and for his love for the poor. (602)


Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays After Pentecost, 2006

Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 7, p. 92), stichera 10-7.

Cantor: (Tone 8) 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.

Postfestive stichera of Theophany - Tone 8 samohlasen

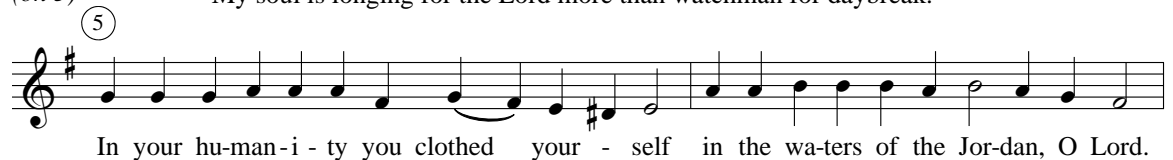
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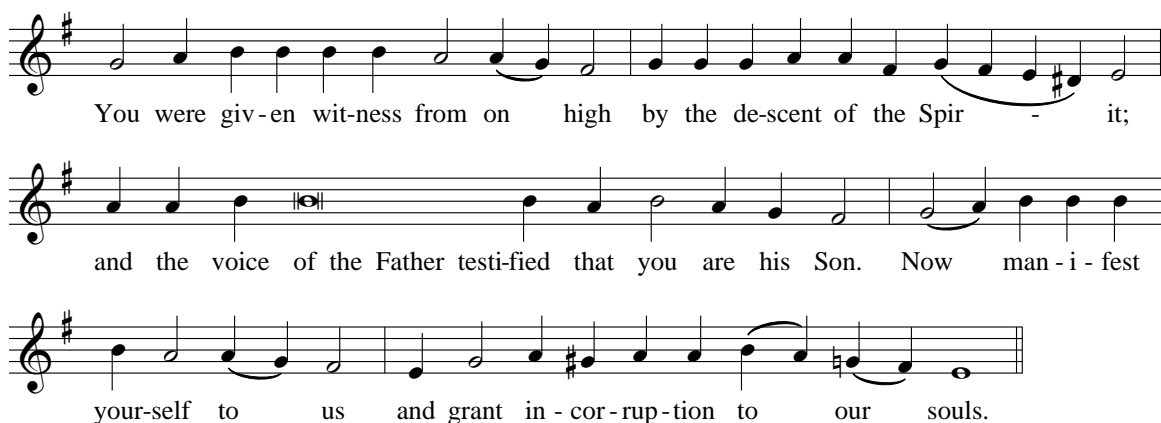
In your hu-man-i - ty you pre-sent - ed your-self to John in the Jor-dan, O Lord,
al - though you did not leave your heav-en - ly throne. You were seat-ed with the
Fa - ther, yet you were bap-tized for us. Since you are generous and you
love us all, you have freed the world from sla-v'ry to the en - e - my.

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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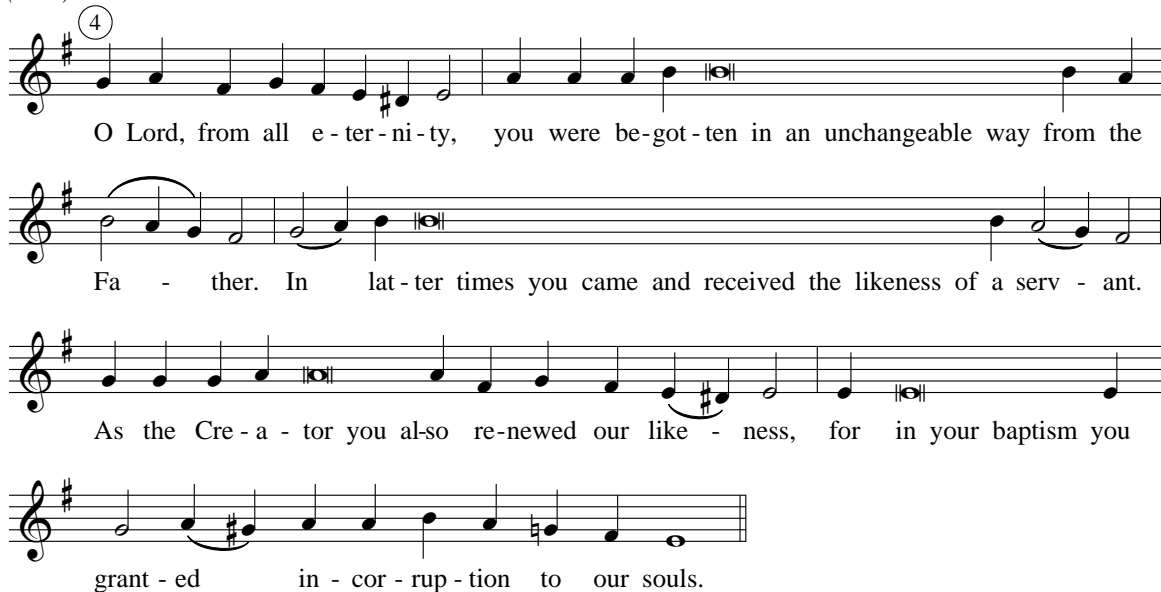


In your hu-man-i - ty you clothed your - self in the wa-ters of the Jor-dan, O Lord.



You were giv-en wit-ness from on high by the de-scent of the Spir - it;
 and the voice of the Father testi-fied that you are his Son. Now man - i - fest
 your-self to us and grant in - cor - rup - tion to our souls.

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



O Lord, from all e - ter - ni - ty, you were be-got - ten in an unchangeable way from the
 Fa - ther. In lat - ter times you came and received the likeness of a serv - ant.
 As the Cre - a - tor you al-so re-newed our like - ness, for in your baptism you
 grant - ed in - cor - rup - tion to our souls.

Cantor: (Tone 5) 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 Gregory of Nyssa - Tone 5



O ven - er - a - ble Fa - ther Greg - o - ry, you are filled with ho - li - ness,

O reed filled with the breath of the Com-fort-er, O clear-est tongue of
 pi - e - ty and man - y-splendored luminary of the di-vine Splen - dor, O
 preach-er of truth and foun-da-tion of the-ol - o - gy, foun-tain of sublime doctrine and
 rich teach-ings, you are a flute in - spired by God. You de-light-ed
 the thoughts of the faithful with your in-spired hymns. O all-wise one, implore Christ
 and pray to Him to save our race, for He renewed the world in the streams
 of the Jor - - - dan.

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

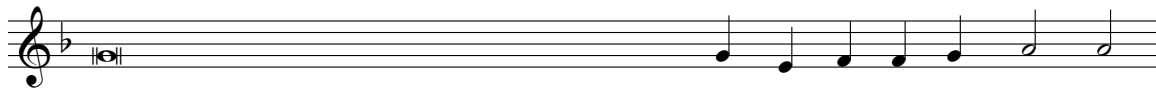
O ven - er - a - ble Fa-ther Greg - o - ry, you are most wor-thy of hon - or,
 you are the axe which chops down the as-saults of the her - e - tics. You are the



two-edged sword of the Com-fort-er. You are the shears that prune the wild branches



and the fire which burns up the brush - wood of her - e - sies. Tru - ly you



are the winnowing fan that defines both the simple and the dif - fi - cult teach - ings.



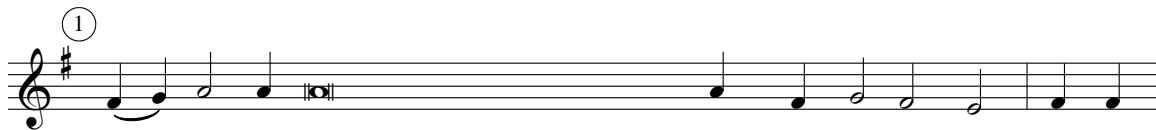
You gave clear rules for the path of sal - va - tion. Im - plo - re Christ and pray to Him to



save our race, for He renewed the world in the streams of the Jor - dan.

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

Stichera of the venerable bishop Dometian - Tone 1



The one who formerly threatened to seize the whole world in his hands, and who



boast-ed that he could dry up the o - ceans, hum-bly ap-pears be-fore the



faith - ful this day; for he has be-come a ser - vant of Je - sus Christ.

Cantor: (Tone 2) Glory...

Doxastikon of the Postfeast - Tone 2

To - day the Creator of heav-en and earth ap - proach-es the Jor-dan
Riv-er in the flesh; the One who is free from sin seeks to be bap-tized
in or-der to cleanse the hu-man race from the er-rors of the en - e - my;
the Mas - ter of all is baptized at the hand of the serv - ant in or-der
to grant us the cleans-ing through wa - ter. There-fore let us cry out to him:
O God who has ap - peared to us, glo - ry to you!

Cantor: (Tone 7) Glory... now and ever...

Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week (Tone 7, p. 98).

Aposticha

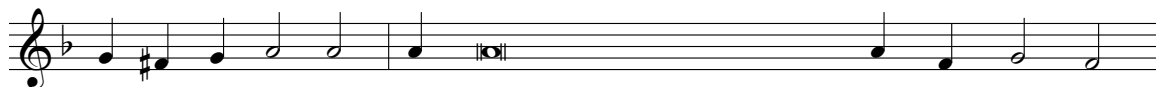
Aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 7, p. 99), concluding with:

Cantor: (Tone 4) Glory... now and ever...

Aposticha doxastikon of the postfeast - Tone 4 samohlasen



The One who clothes himself with light as with a robe deigned, for our sakes, to



be-come as we are. To - day he is clothed in the streams of the Jor - dan



e - ven though he has no need to be pu - ri - fied. What a mar - vel - ous won - der!



He creates a-new with - out fire and refashions without tear-ing a - part;



he grants sal - va - tion to those en - light - ened in him, Christ our God,



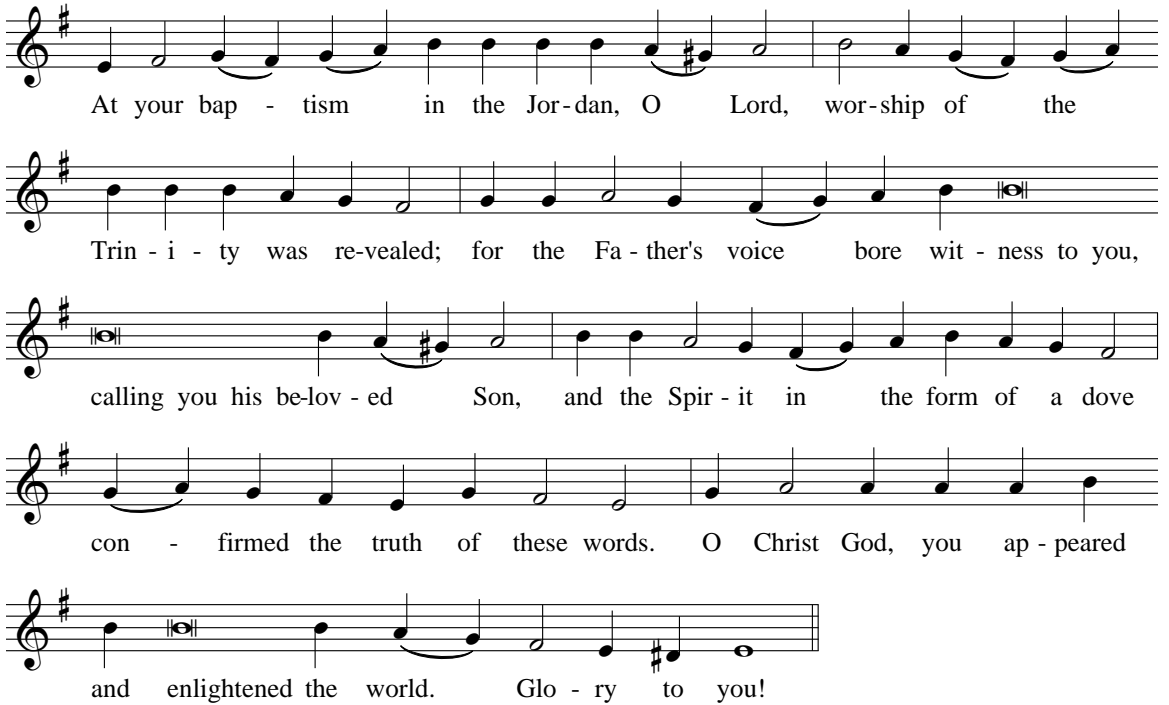
the Sav - ior of our souls.

Troparia

Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the Week (Tone 7, p. 101).

Cantor: (Tone 1) Glory... now and ever...

Troparion of Theophany - Tone 1



At your bap - tism in the Jor-dan, O Lord, wor-ship of the
Trin - i - ty was re-vealed; for the Fa - ther's voice bore wit - ness to you,
calling you his be-lov - ed Son, and the Spir - it in the form of a dove
con - firmed the truth of these words. O Christ God, you ap - peared
and enlightened the world. Glo - ry to you!