

**Vesper Propers, January 16, 2011**  
**THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**The Veneration of the Chains of the holy, glorious, and illustrious apostle Peter.**  
The church on the Equiline Hill in Rome (called St. Peter in Chains) preserves the chains with which St. Peter was bound in prison during the persecution of Nero.

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

*Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 1, p. 24), stichera 10-5.*

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

**Stichera of the holy apostle Peter - Tone 4 podoben: Jako dobl'a**

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It was er - ror it - self that was bound by you, when you were cast in - to  
pri - son in chains as a pri - son - er in the Lord, O holy A - pos - tle Pe - ter.  
For this rea - son we ven - e - rate you with our whole heart and kiss your  
chains in faith. Find - ing strength for our bod - ies and souls in them,  
we ac - laim you fit - ting - ly as a companion of the an - gels and as



one who has seen God.

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



The di - verse fam - lies of the na - tions who had once been held in



ig - nor - ance have re - ceived know - ledge of God through you.



A vis - ion of them was shown to you in the sheet



seen lowered down from heaven con - tain - ing all types of an - i - mals. Thus all



ag - es glo - rify you, O Pe - ter, bow - ing down be - fore the chains which you

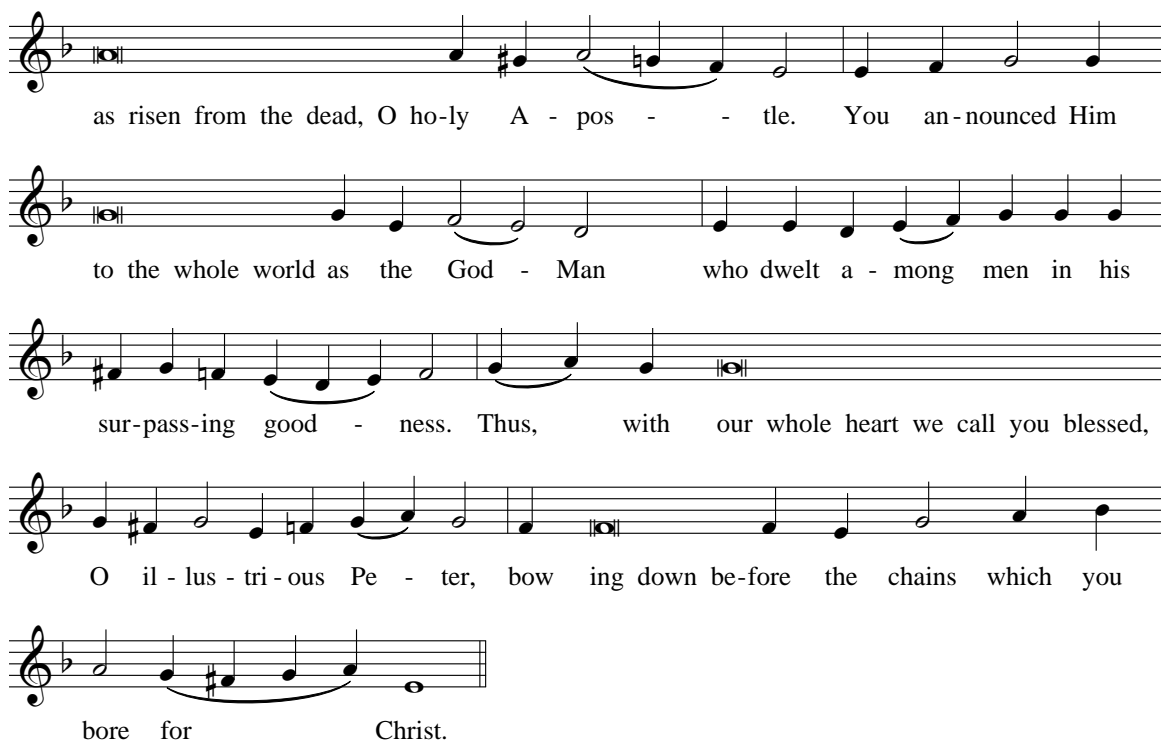


bore for Christ.

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



He whom you de - nied when He was being con - demned. you now have praised

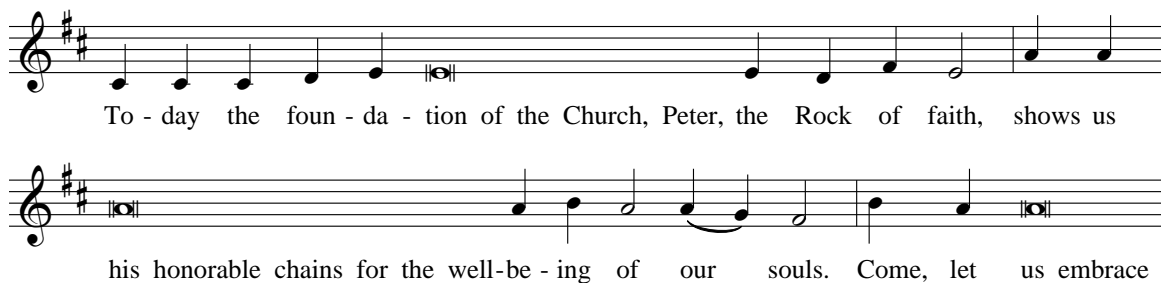


as risen from the dead, O ho-ly A - pos - - tle. You an-nounced Him  
to the whole world as the God - Man who dwelt a - mong men in his  
sur-pass-ing good - ness. Thus, with our whole heart we call you blessed,  
O il - lus - tri - ous Pe - ter, bow ing down be-fore the chains which you  
bore for Christ.

**Cantor:** Strong is the love of the Lord for us;  
*(on 1)* he is faithful forever. *All repeat "He whom you denied when he was being condemned..."*

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

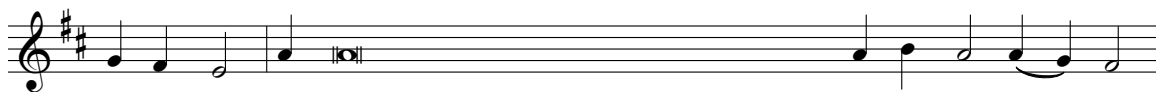
**Doxastikon of the holy apostle Peter - Tone 6 samohlasen**



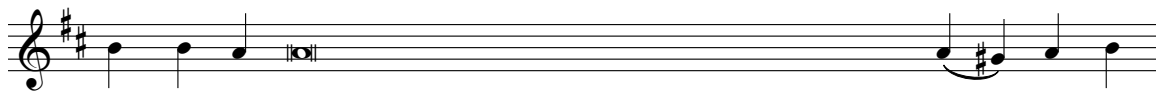
To - day the foun - da - tion of the Church, Peter, the Rock of faith, shows us  
his honorable chains for the well-be - ing of our souls. Come, let us embrace



them and crown him with our hymns of praise: "Hail, O fer - vent defen - der



of the Faith, who freely confessed Christ with a fervent heart as the Son of God!



Hail, O you who bring joy to the world, and carry the keys to the king - dom of



Hea - ven! Ob - tain grace for those who honor you whole - heart - ed - ly, em - bracing



your re - vered chains with love. You stand before the throne of the di - vine



King of all, con - stantly in - ter - ced - ing for us sin - - ners.

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

*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week (Tone 1, p. 30)*

## Aposticha

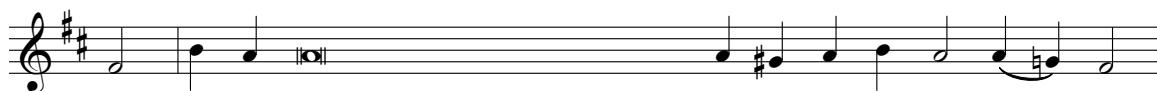
*Aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 1, p. 31), concluding with:*

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

**Aposticha doxastikon of the holy apostle Peter - Tone 6 samohlasen**



Our ar-dent pro-tec - tor, Peter, the Rock of faith, a - gain gathers us for a sp - ri-tual



feast, of - fer - ing to us his precious chains as a val - u - a - ble sus - ten - ance,



as a heal-ing for our ills, con - solation for the afflicted and a harbor for the



ship - wrecked. Come, let us all em - brace them and en - treat Him who glorified



their bear - er: "O Christ, save our souls!"

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

*Aposticha theotokion in the same tone (Tone 6, p. 90)*

*Troparia in the Tone of the week (Tone 1, page 34)*