

**Vesper Propers, January 30, 2011**  
**Thirty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

**THE THREE HOLY HIERARCHS: BASIL THE GREAT, GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN, AND JOHN CHRYSOSTOM.** All three of these saints have their own feast days. This celebration began in 1100 in the days of the Emperor Alexis Comnenus. A great quarrel arose in Constantinople as to which of these three was the greatest theologian. They appeared in a dream to then Patriarch John and told him that they were equal before God, and each had his special gifts and talents. John chose January 30 to commemorate all three of them together, and composed the office.

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

*Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 3, p. 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 the Three Holy Hierarchs - Tone 4 podoben: Jako dobl'a**

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Let us glo-ri - fy the three great preachers of the Trin - i - ty. the in - stru - ments  
of grace and harps of the Spir - it, re - nowned trum - pets of di - vine  
preach - ing who thun - dered awe - some won - ders which were re - vealed from  
on high. John, Ba - sil and Grego - ry made known the glo - ry of God  
to the ends of the earth.

**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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Let us wor - thi - ly ven - er - ate the de - fend - ers of the Trin - i - ty.  
They are the three apostles add - ed to the Twelve. They are riv - ers  
which overflowed living wa - ters out of E - den. They nour - ished  
the face of the earth with life - giv - ing di - vine wa - ters.  
They are the ba - sic ele - ments of na - ture, fash - ion - ing not cre - a - tion  
but the true faith.

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

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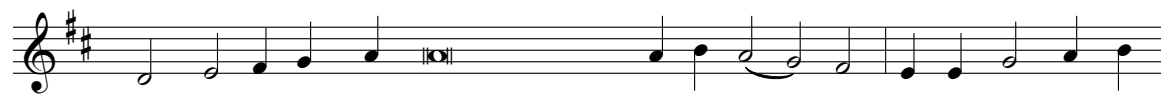
The proph - et spoke of them, say - ing: No one who lives or speaks  
has not heard their voice, for the fa - mous and ex - cel - lent work of these

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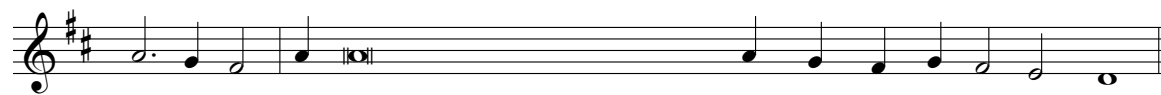
*Troparion of the Resurrection, in the Tone of the Week (Tone 3, p. 57).*

**Cantor:** (Tone 4) Glory...

**Troparion of the Three Holy Hierarchs - Tone 4**



Teach-ers of the world, of one mind with the a-pos - tles, in - ter-cede with the



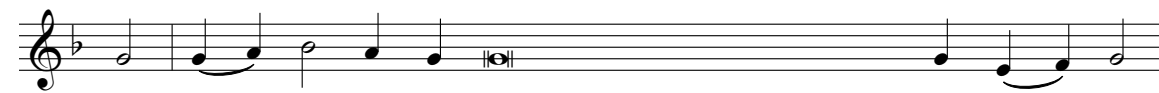
Lord of all to grant peace to the world, and a-bun - dant mer - cy to our souls.

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

*Festal theotokion in the same tone (Tone 4, p. 68).*



sub-lime and wise teach - ers has spread through all the earth and



sea. By their di - vine laws the ends of the earth are joined to - geth - er



and pre-served in the one true faith.

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



Let us, who fol - low their teach - ings, loud - ly sing and praise these



instruments of the Ho - ly Spir - - it. They are the true trum-pets and



or - a - tors of the Word. Let us pray to them since they find fa - vor with



the Lord, that he may grant a strong and last - ing u - ni - ver - sal peace

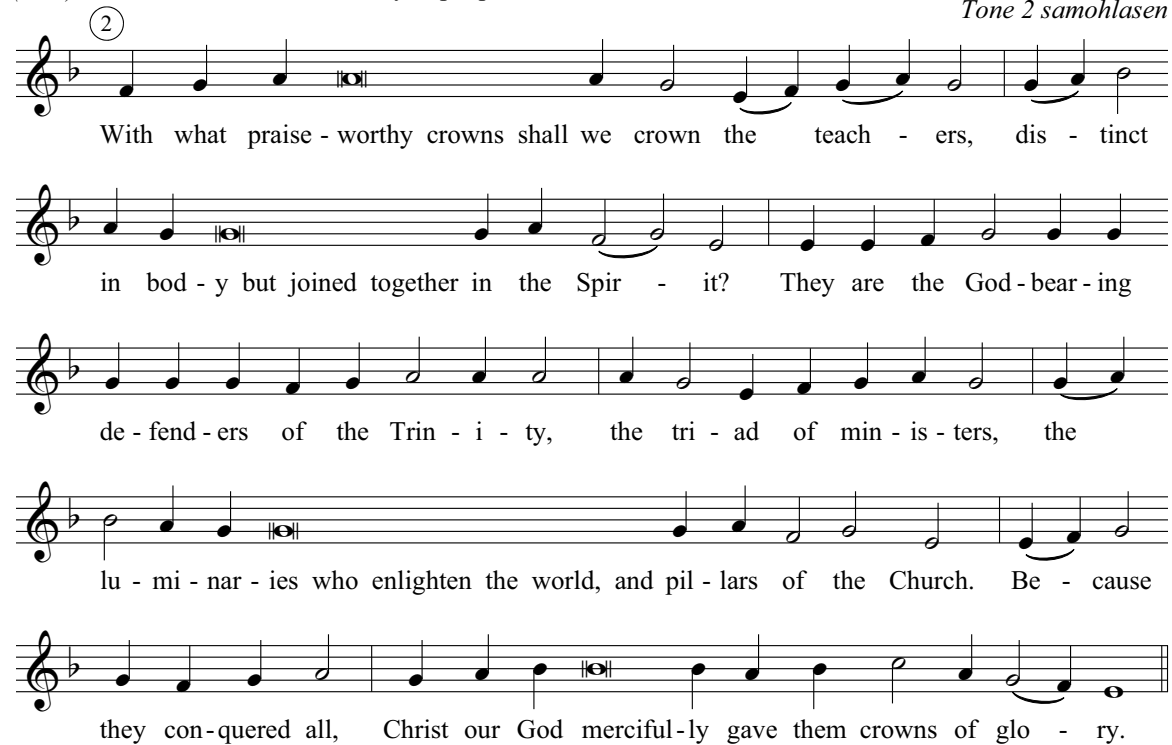


and for-give - ness to all of us.

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

*Tone 2 samohlasen*

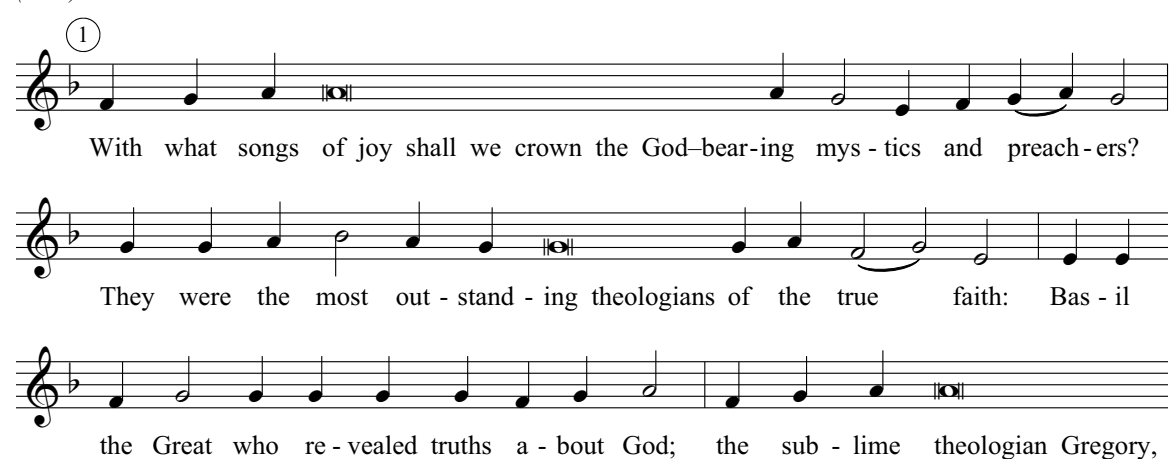
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With what praise - worthy crowns shall we crown the teach - ers, dis - tinct  
in bod - y but joined together in the Spir - it? They are the God - bear - ing  
de - fend - ers of the Trin - i - ty, the tri - ad of min - is - ters, the  
lu - mi - nar - ies who enlighten the world, and pil - lars of the Church. Be - cause  
they con - quered all, Christ our God merciful - ly gave them crowns of glo - ry.

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

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With what songs of joy shall we crown the God - bear - ing mys - tics and preach - ers?  
They were the most out - stand - ing theologians of the true faith: Bas - il  
the Great who re - vealed truths a - bout God; the sub - lime theologian Gregory,

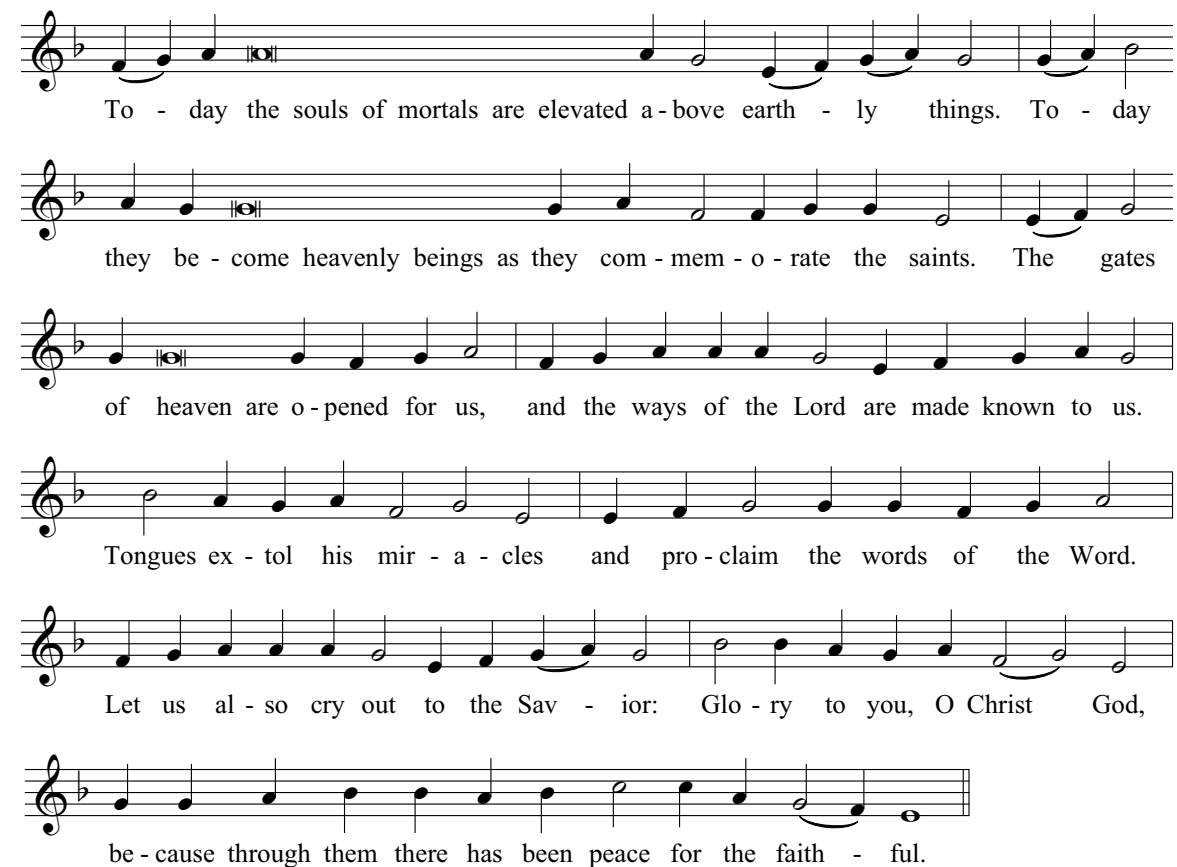
*Litany of the Litija, page 16*

## Aposticha

*Sunday aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 3, p. 54), concluding with:*

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

**Aposticha doxastikon of the Three Holy Hieraarchs - Tone 2 samohlasen**



To - day the souls of mortals are elevated a - bove earth - ly things. To - day  
they be - come heavenly beings as they com - mem - o - rate the saints. The gates  
of heaven are o - pened for us, and the ways of the Lord are made known to us.  
Tongues ex - tol his mir - a - cles and pro - claim the words of the Word.  
Let us al - so cry out to the Sav - ior: Glo - ry to you, O Christ God,  
be - cause through them there has been peace for the faith - ful.

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

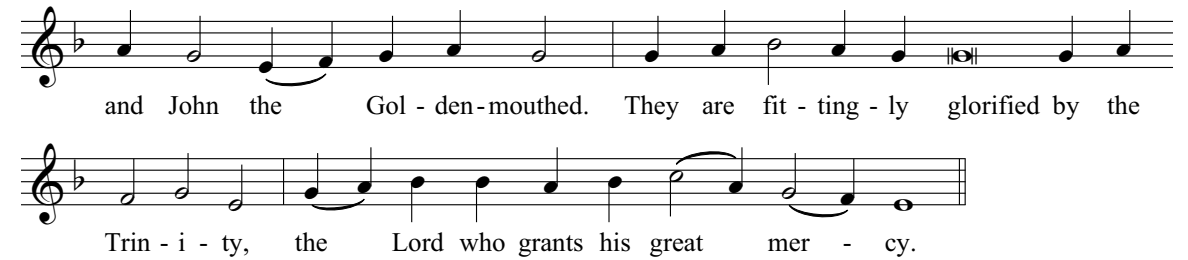
*Aposticha theotokion in the same tone (Tone 2, page 45).*

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

**Theotokion** - in the same tone



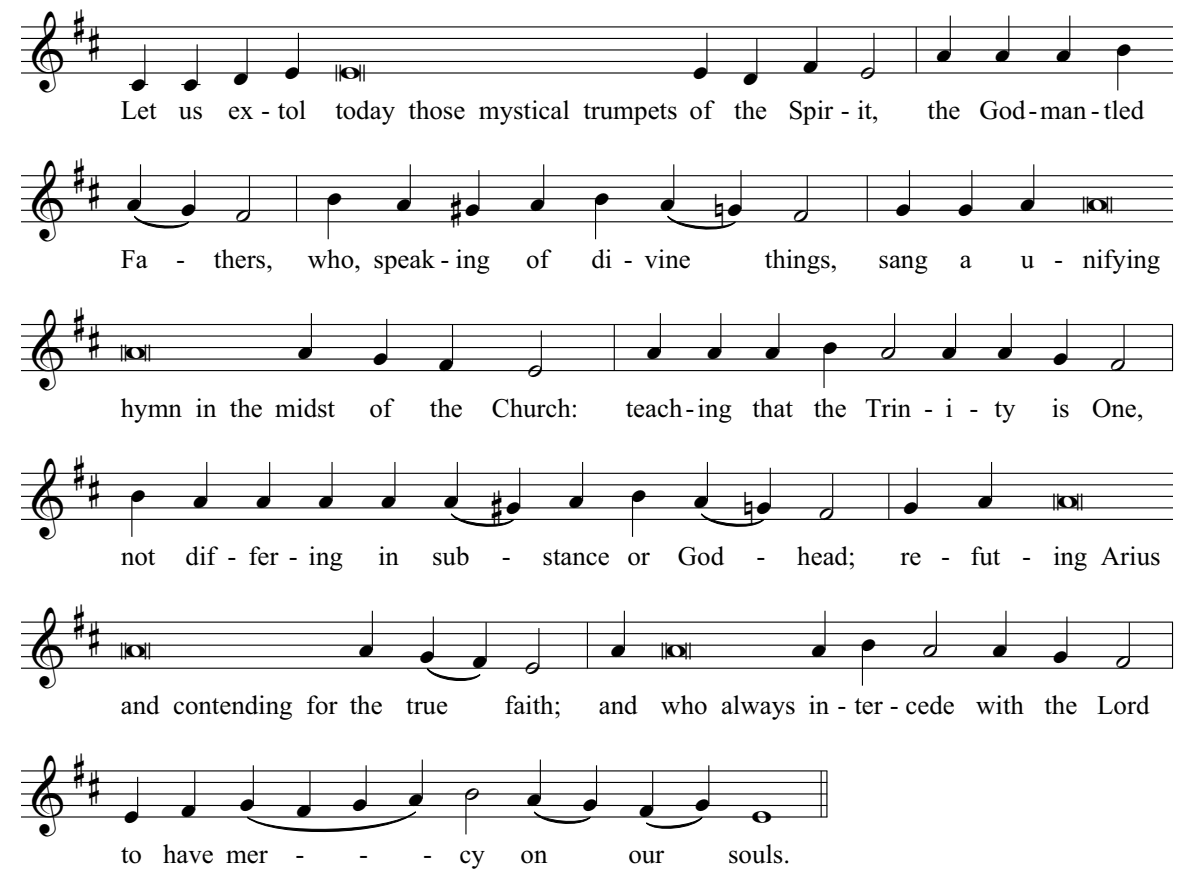
Hav - ing come together with songs of praise, O lov - ers of feasts, let us extol the  
boast of virgins and the joy of an - gels, the on - ly Mother of God and the  
strength of be - liev - ers. Let us all cry out to her: Re-joyce, O  
pure vir - gin Moth - er, splen - drous lu - minary and gate of heav - en.  
Re - joyce, O sacred tabernacle and all - pure One who con - tained God with - in  
your womb. Re-joyce, for without exception you are higher than all the heav-en-ly  
pow - ers. There - fore, La - dy and vir - gin Moth - er, do not cease to pro - tect  
your serv - ants who in faith and love ex - tol you at all times,  
and who bow down to your ho - ly and pure birth - giv - ing.



and John the Gol - den - mouthed. They are fit - ting - ly glorified by the  
Trin - i - ty, the Lord who grants his great mer - cy.

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

**Doxastikon of the Three Holy Hierarchs** - Tone 6 samohlasen



Let us ex - tol today those mystical trumpets of the Spir - it, the God - man - tled  
Fa - thers, who, speak - ing of di - vine things, sang a u - nifying  
hymn in the midst of the Church: teach - ing that the Trin - i - ty is One,  
not dif - fer - ing in sub - stance or God - head; re - fut - ing Arius  
and contending for the true faith; and who always in - ter - cede with the Lord  
to have mer - - - cy on our souls.

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

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

**Readings:** Deuteronomy 1: 8-11, 15-17 (EOT 301)  
 Deuteronomy 10: 14-21 (EOT 301)  
 Wisdom 3: 1 - 9 (EOT 315-316)

**Litija**

*Tone 6 samohlasen*

O Ho - ly Trin - ity, worthy of ad - o - ra - tion, glo - ry to your wise plan of  
 sal - va - tion, for you have given three great lu - mi - nar - ies to us.  
 They en - light - en us by the light of their knowl - edge of you, they inspire us by  
 their teach - ings, and they shine with the radiance of your precious de - sires for  
 our sal - va - tion. Through them the whole world has been enriched with the light  
 of un - der - stand - ing; it radiates with your glory and hastens to your bless - ed  
 king - dom. Since you are an all - generous God, O Ho - ly Trin - i - ty,  
 be at - ten - tive to their prayers on our be - half and save our souls, O

Lord and Lov - er of us all.

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

**Doxastikon - Tone 6**

Hav - ing come together with songs of praise, O lov - ers of feasts, let us praise the  
 bish - ops of Christ and the glo - ry of the Fa - thers, the pil - lars of  
 the faith, the teachers and defenders of the faith - ful. Let us cry out  
 to them: Re - joyce, O luminary of the Church and immutable pillar, wise Ba - sil.  
 Re - joyce, O heavenly mind and great hierarch, Gregory the The - o - lo - gian.  
 Re - joyce, O golden - voiced John, splendid preach - er of pen - ance. O thrice -  
 blessed Fathers, never cease to pray to Christ in behalf of those who in faith  
 and love ob - serve your sa - cred and sub - lime feast.