

Vesper Propers, July 10, 2011
Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Our venerable father Anthony of the Monastery of the Caves.

He was a hermit, who in the laura called “the Caves” followed the monastic life which he had learned on Mt. Athos. He was the founder of Russian monasticism.(1073)

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 our venerable father Anthony - Tone 4 samohlasen

When divine desire fell up - on you, O ven - 'ra - ble one, you accounted
passionate attachment to the world as harm - ful; where - fore, for - sak - ing your home - land,
you ar - rived on Athos, the ho - ly moun - tain, and there in the midst of the fa - thers,
you shone forth in virtue like a beacon, O An - tho - ny. En - treat Christ, whom you
served from your youth, that he en - light - en and save our souls.

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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When you were set afire by the love of Christ, you despised the wisdom and glo-ry of this world, see - ing them as things which pass a - way. Be-cause of this, you made a cave for your-self, and with-in it struggled like an an - gel. God rewarded you for this with an-gel - ic hon - ors. Stand - ing with them before the throne of God, pray that he en - light - en and save our souls.

Cantor: Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.

(on 4)

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When you received di-vine love in your heart, you entered into a dark cave as into a splen-did bri-dal-cham-ber, and there you were enriched with understanding of things un-seen, be - hold - ing things of the future as though they were pres - ent, speak-ing plain - ly of them to all. En - treat Christ, whom you

Troparia

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

Cantor: (Tone 4) Glory...

Troparion of our venerable father Anthony - Tone 4

You re-nounced and left the world, fol - lowing Christ in the spir-it of the Gos - pel. Liv-ing a life of an an - gel, you set - tled in the peaceful shel-ter of Mount A - thos. Af - ter that, you came to the moun-tains of Kiev with the bles-sing of the fa - thers. You end-ed your life of la - bor there, cast-ing light o - ver all your home - land. Show - ing the path of the king-dom to all monks, you led them on to Christ: Now beg him to save our souls, O ven - er - a - ble An - tho - ny.

Cantor: Now and ever...

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

Aposticha

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

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...

Aposticha Doxastikon - Tone 6

Won - drous is the influence and great the faith which you have acquired, O
ven - 'ra - ble An - tho - ny, in em - ulating the Proph - et E - li - jah;
for he drew down fire from heaven, consuming the sac - ri - fice, while you drew down
fire from heav - en to cleanse the place which was to hold the temple of the
The - o - to - kos. We bless you, then, as one who dwells with the ven - 'ra - ble
and who emulates the prop - hets, and we pray: En - treat Christ, that our souls
may be saved.

Cantor: Now and ever...

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

served from your youth, that he en - light - en and save 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.

Tone 5 samohlasen

O An - tho - ny, ven - 'ra - ble fa - ther, hav - ing il - lu - mined your mind with the Ho - ly
Spir - it's grace, you pre - dict - ed the wrath of God which would fall up - on the church,
and en - trust - ed the defense against foes to Sim - e - on, and fore - told his burial in the
church which he was build - ing. We, there - fore, hymn you as a mediator of good
things for all, ask - ing that through you we may re - ceive great mer - cy from
Christ our Mas - ter and Lord.

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

O An - tho - ny, ven - 'ra - ble fa - ther, ful - fill - ing the commandments of the good

shep - herd, Christ, show - ing forth love e - ven af - ter your de - par - ture,
 you trans - formed the deadly illness of E - ras - mus, who lived in sloth and pined
 for pos - ses - sions. Giv - ing him time for re - pent - ance, you guid - ed
 oth - ers to chas - ti - ty. En - treat Christ that our souls be saved.

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

O An - tho - ny, ven - 'ra - ble fa - ther, with grace you steered the ship of your mind
 with chas - ti - ty, and safe - ly sailed across the pas - sion - fraught sea of life,
 im - pelled by the sail of the all - ho - ly Spir - it. You at - tained the calm ha - ven
 of Pa - ra - dise, the hab - i - ta - tion of the saints and rest - ing - place of the right - eous.
 Pray with them, we be - seech you, that we may al - so find en - try there.

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

Doxastikon - Tone 6 samohlasen

Your way of life and your labors for God were hard, as the fathers of the Ho - ly
 Moun - tain learned. In ac - cord with God's prov - i - dence, they sent you to your
 home - land, say - ing: "Go, child, that through your pres - ence God may be
 known to those who know him not!" Then ar - riv - ing, O ven' - ra - ble one,
 you en - light - ened your na - tive land and be - came a lead - er of monks,
 and brought a multitude of them to Christ. Where - fore pray that we who cele - brate
 your re - pose may be pre - served un - van - quished by the en - e - my,
 and that our souls may be saved.

Cantor: Now and ever...

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