

**Vesper Propers, September 18, 2011**  
**Sunday After the Exaltation of the Cross**

**Our venerable father Eumenius the Wonder-worker, bishop of Gortyna** in Crete. He gave himself with his whole heart to Christ from his youth. He gave all he owned to the poor, and kept a very ascetic life of fasting and vigils. Seeing his virtue, the people of Gortyna chose him to be their bishop. He was father to the poor, consolation to the sad, healing to the sick, and a shepherd to his flock. He traveled to visit the desert fathers in the Thebaid, where he died. (7th century)

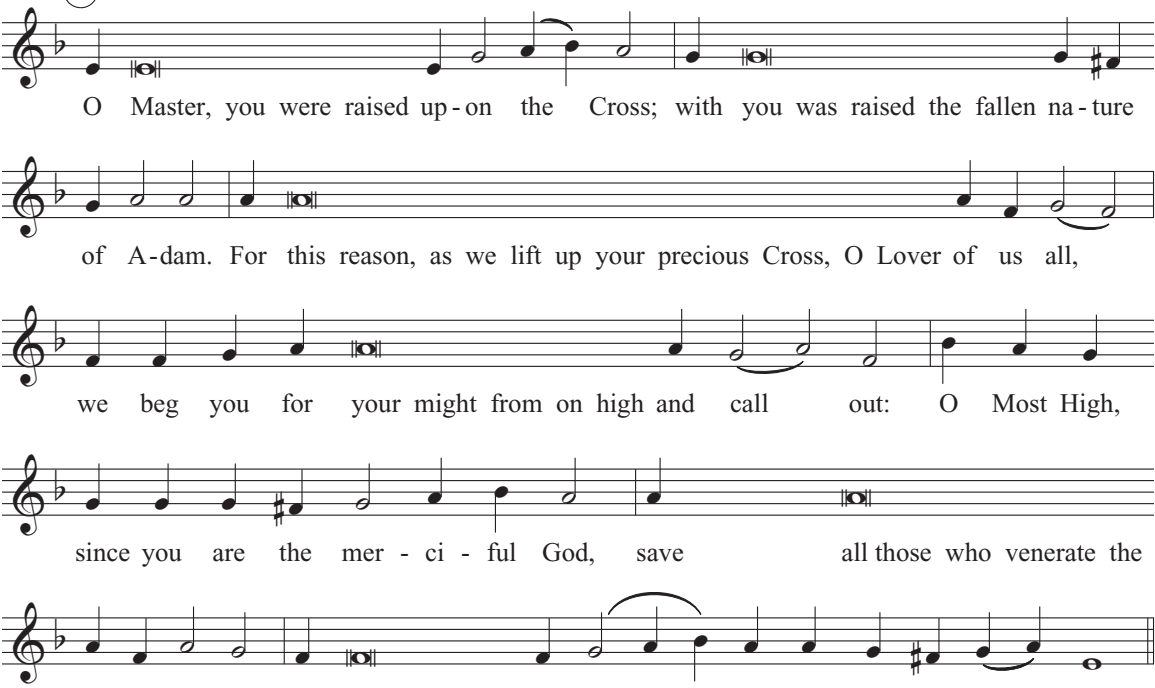
*Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2006*

*Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 5, p. 69), 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 postfeast - Tone 4 samohlasen**

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O Master, you were raised up-on the Cross; with you was raised the fallen na-ture  
of A-dam. For this reason, as we lift up your precious Cross, O Lover of us all,  
we beg you for your might from on high and call out: O Most High,  
since you are the mer-ci-ful God, save all those who venerate the  
ex-al-ta-tion of your precious, light-bear-ing and heav-en-ly Cross.

**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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O Mas - ter, the psalm - ist saw as though al - read - y pres - ent,  
the footstool on which you rested your most pure feet. To - day we  
lov - ingly venerate your most pre - cious Cross as we de - vout - ly raise it,  
En - treating you, we cry out: O Most High, you have sanctified us by your  
di - vine Cross. Make us partakers of your com - pas - sion and grace  
be - yond all words.

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

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O Christ, we bow to your most ho - ly Cross as to the in - vin - ci - ble  
ar - mor, an unconquerable shield and a di - vine scep - ter. Through it, the

we bow down be - fore you and say: How marvelous are your works, O Lord;  
glo - ry to you!

### Troparia

*Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the Week (Tone 5, p. 80), then:*

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

**Troparion of the Cross - Tone 1**

Save your peo - ple, O Lord, and bless your in - her - i - tance. Grant vic - to - ry  
to your Church o - ver e - vil, and pro - tect your peo - ple by your cross.

**Cantor:** (Tone 5) Now and ever...

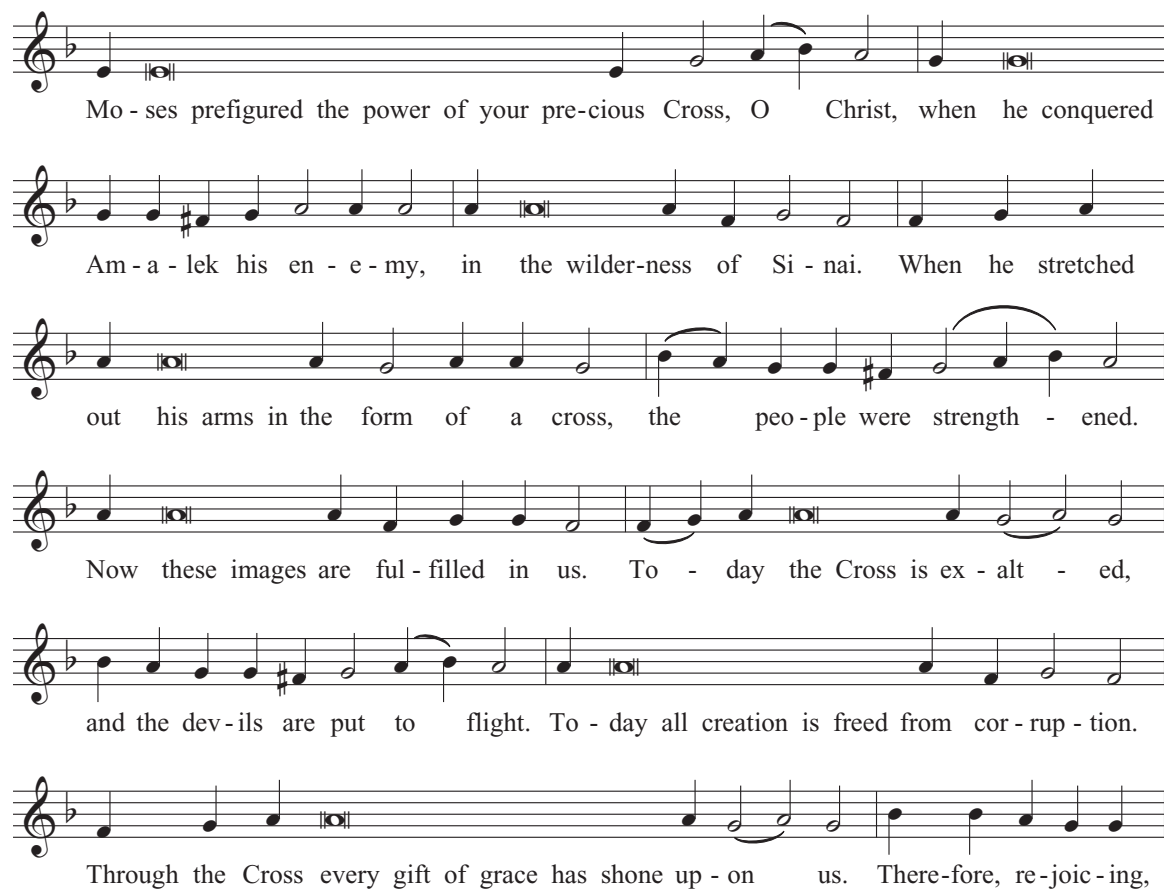
*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the week (Tone 5, page 76).*

### Aposticha

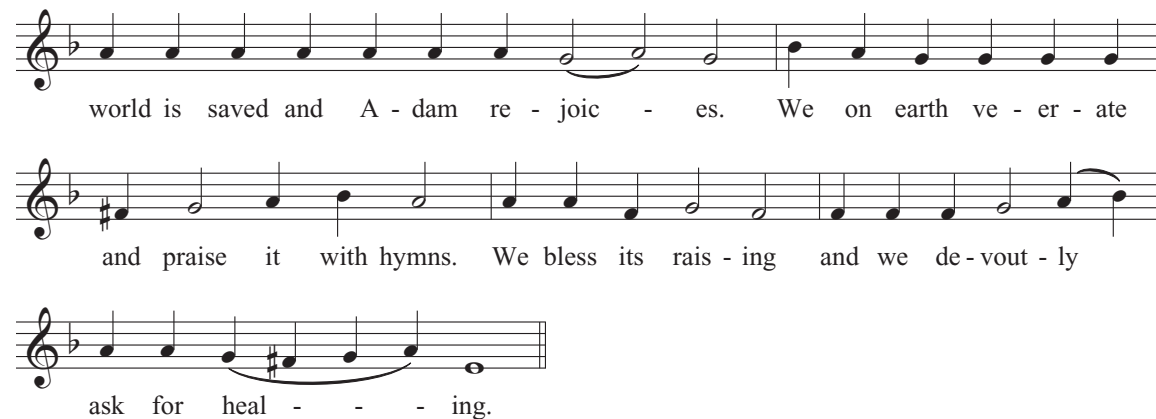
*Sunday aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 5, p. 77), concluding with:*

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

**Aposticha doxastikon of the post-feast - Tone 4 samohlasen**



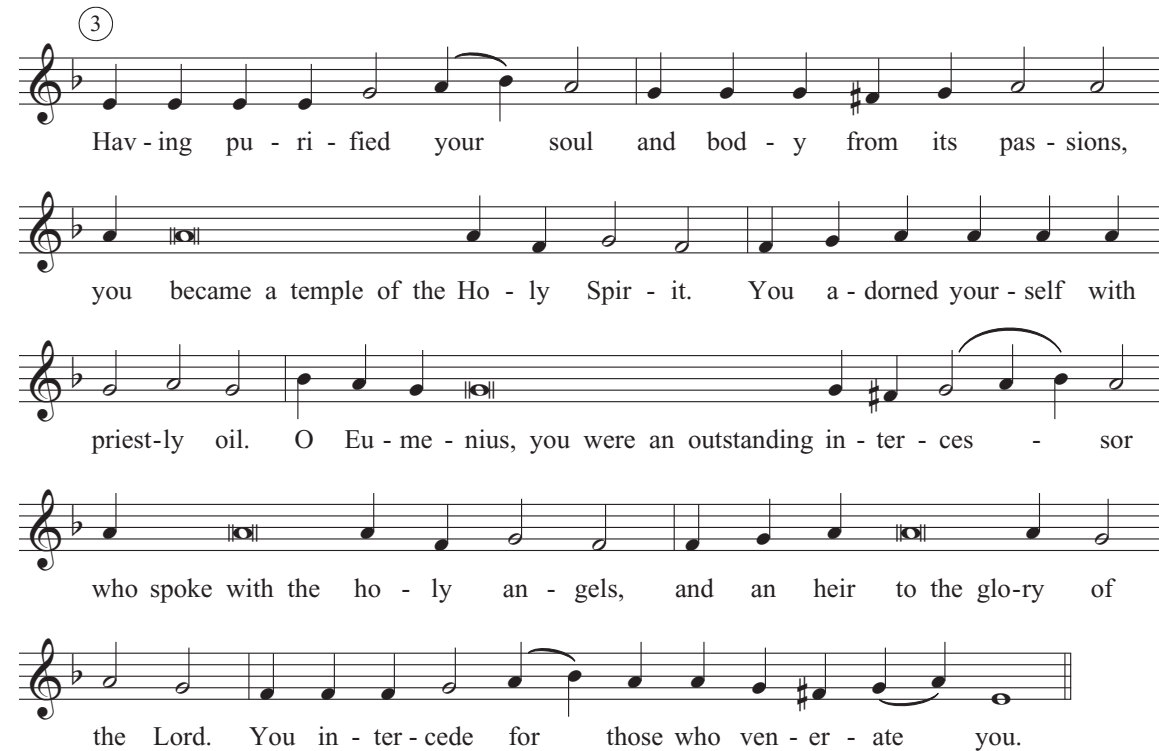
Mo - ses prefigured the power of your pre-cious Cross, O Christ, when he conquered  
Am - a - lek his en - e - my, in the wilder-ness of Si - nai. When he stretched  
out his arms in the form of a cross, the peo - ple were strength - ened.  
Now these images are ful - filled in us. To - day the Cross is ex - alt - ed,  
and the dev - ils are put to flight. To - day all creation is freed from cor - rup - tion.  
Through the Cross every gift of grace has shone up - on us. There-fore, re-joic - ing,



world is saved and A - dam re - joic - es. We on earth ve - er - ate  
and praise it with hymns. We bless its rais - ing and we de - vout - ly  
ask for heal - - - ing.

**Cantor:** (Tone 4) Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,  
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

**Stichera of Euthymius - Tone 4 samohlasen**



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Hav - ing pu - ri - fied your soul and bod - y from its pas - sions,  
you became a temple of the Ho - ly Spir - it. You a - dorned your - self with  
priest - ly oil. O Eu - me - nius, you were an outstanding in - ter - ces - sor  
who spoke with the ho - ly an - gels, and an heir to the glo-ry of  
the Lord. You in - ter - cede for those who ven - er - ate you.

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

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Your glorious life was illumined by vir - tues and it glowed through the splen-dor of mir - a - cles. O blessed one, you were glorified to the ends of the earth. O mir - acle-worker, worthy of hon - or, you were made free from error, a bril - liant mas - ter, a dweller with the saints, a hier - arch, and a citizen of the Ho - ly Cit - - - y with the an - gels.

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

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We have gathered to - geth - er to venerate the a - pos - tle of Crete, the unshakable foundation of the Church, bish-op Eu - me - ni - us. He is mag - nified in miracles and glorified in man - y pow - ers. As a light of the

faith - ful, he illumined those whose hearts were dark - ened.

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

**Doxastikon of the postfeast - Tone 2 samohlasen**

Hid - den as a di - vine treas - ure in the earth, the Cross of the Giv - er of Life now ap - peared in the heavens to the god - ly king, and its in - scrip - tion spirually signified his victo - ry o - ver the en - e - my. Re - joic - ing with faith and love, he was in - spired by God and hastened to raise on high the Cross that he had seen in his vi - sion. With great zeal he brought it forth from the bos - om of the earth for the de - liv - erance of the world and the sal - va - tion of our souls.