

Vesper Propers, January 15, 2012
Thirty-first Sunday after Pentecost

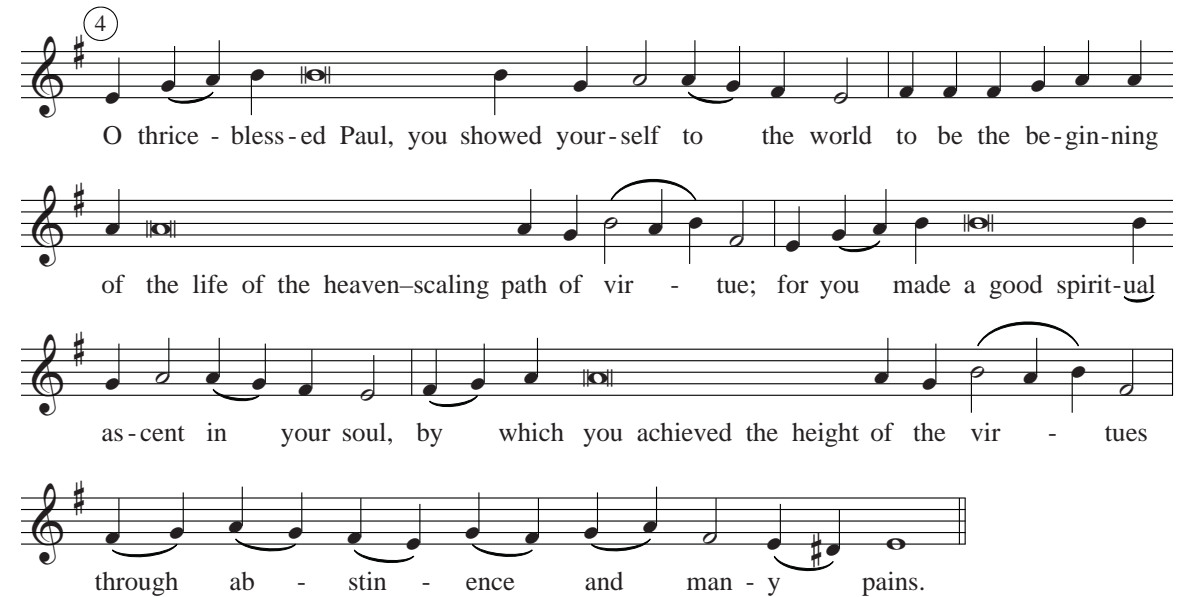
Our venerable fathers Paul of Thebes and John the Hut-dweller (Calibytes). Paul was a disciple of St. Anthony the Great and one of the earliest of the “desert fathers,” living as a hermit in the Thebaid in Egypt. (c.345). John of Constantinople, who, as it is said, briefly lived in a retreat in the home of his father. He left home for six years and came back and lived in a "kalyba" (i.e., a hut) as a beggar in rags, subsisting on the charity of his unwitting parents; wholly surrendered to contemplation. His parents recognized him, after his death, from a gold codex of the Gospels that they had given him. (5th century)

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

Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 6, p. 82), stichera 10-5.

Cantor: (Tone 1) Let the watchman count on daybreak
(on 4) and Israel on the Lord.

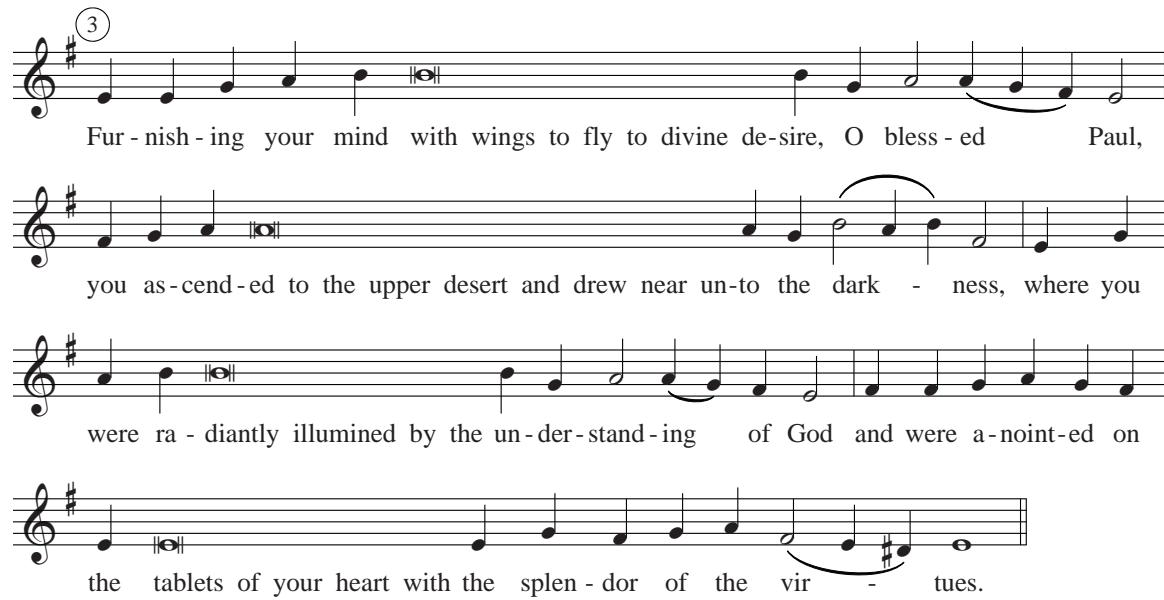
Stichera of our venerable father Paul - Tone 1 podobn: Nebesnych činov



O thrice - bless - ed Paul, you showed your - self to the world to be the be - gin - ning
of the life of the heaven - scaling path of vir - tue; for you made a good spirit - ual
as - cent in your soul, by which you achieved the height of the vir - tues
through ab - stin - ence and man - y pains.

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

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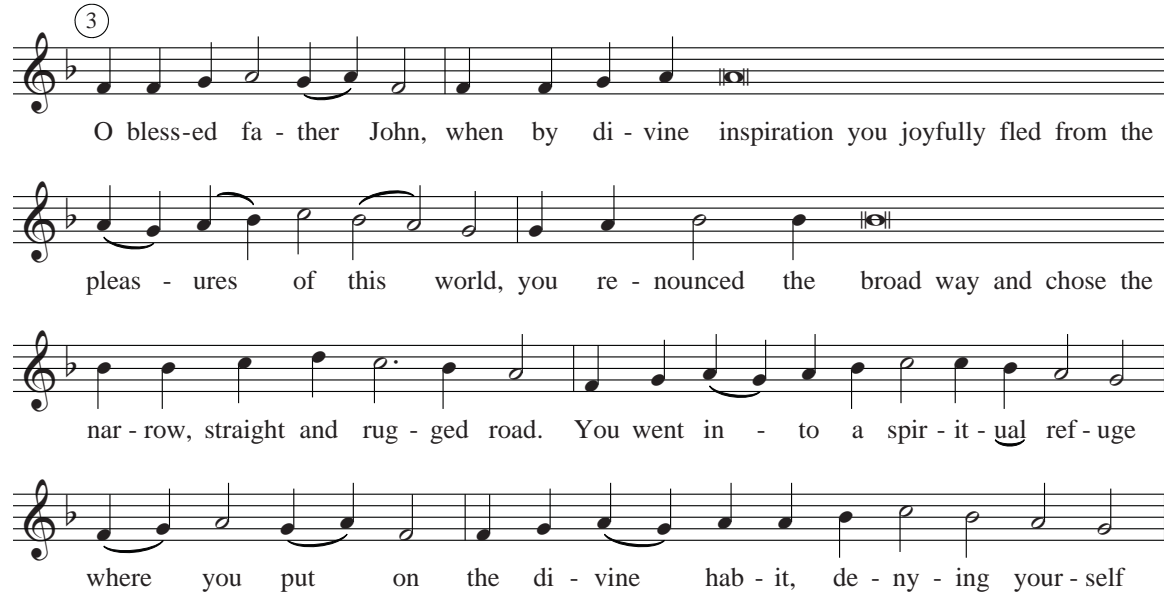


Fur-nish-ing your mind with wings to fly to divine de-sire, O bless-ed Paul,
 you as-cend-ed to the upper desert and drew near un-to the dark-ness, where you
 were ra-diantly illumined by the un-der-stand-ing of God and were a-noint-ed on
 the tablets of your heart with the splen-dor of the vir-tues.

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

Stichera of our venerable father John - Tone 2 podobn: Jehda ot dreva

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O bless-ed fa-ther John, when by di-vine inspiration you joyfully fled from the
 pleas-ures of this world, you re-nounced the broad way and chose the
 nar-row, straight and rug-ged road. You went in-to a spir-it-ual ref-uge
 where you put on the di-vine hab-it, de-ny-ing your-self

and strip-ping your - self of all pas - sions.

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

You con - ceived the a - maz - ing plan of your life, your won - drous

be-hav-ior, in your love for Christ, whose ineffable pov-er - ty you cher - ished.

With - out a home, living be-fore the thresh - old of your par - ents,

you endured need and trib - u - la - tions. But you were filled with di-vine

gra - ces and you in - her - it - ed heav - en and the treas - ure which

no one can ev - er take a - way.

Cantor: (Tone 2) Glory...

Doxastikon of our venerable father Jobn - Tone 2 samohlasi

Re - nounc-ing the world and all it con - tains, O ven-er - a - ble fa - ther,

you took up the Gospel of Christ and lived it com - plete - ly. In the hut
 where you dwelt as though in a mys - tic par - a - dise, treat-ing your bod - y with
 the ut - most se - ver - i - ty, you put to death the mur - der - ous drag - on.
 Now you dwell in heav - en, O ho - ly John: ask great mer - cy for us.

Cantor: (Tone 6) Now and ever...

Digmatikon in the Tone of the Week (Tone 6, p. 87).

Aposticha

Aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 6, p. 88), concluding with:

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...now and ever...

Aposticha doxastikon - Tone 6 samohlasen

O ven - er - a - ble fa - ther, the whole world is filled with the fame of your
 ho - ly deeds; through them, you have received the recompense of your la - bors

in heav - en. You de - stroyed hordes of de - mons and have been united to the
 choirs of an - gels, whose pure lives you im - i - tat - ed. By your bold - ness with
 Christ our God, ask peace for our souls!

Cantor: Now and ever...

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

Troparia in the Tone of the week (Tone 6, page 91)