

**Vesper Propers, August 4, 2013**  
**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

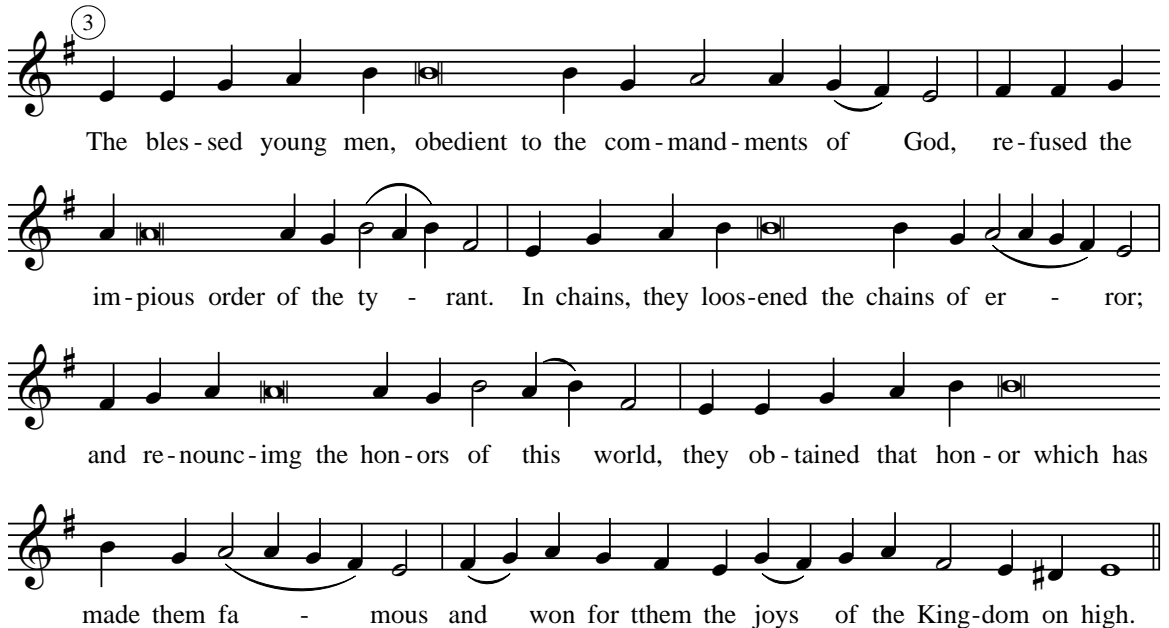
**The holy seven children of Ephesus.** During the persecution of the emperor Decius, seven young soldiers refused to sacrifice to idols. Tradition says that their names were: Maximilian, Iamblichus, Martinian, John, Dionysius, Exacustodianus, and Antoninus. They concealed themselves in a cave outside of Ephesus, and the emperor had them sealed into the cave to kill them. In the reign of the Christian emperor Theodosius the Younger (408-450), there arose a dispute about the veracity of the Christian teaching on the resurrection of the dead. The youths awoke, testified to the true teaching, and one week later died. (250 and 454)

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

*Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 2, p. 36), stichera 10-4.*

**Cantor:** (Tone 1) Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,  
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

**Stichera of the Seven Holy Children of Ephesus - Tone 1 podoben: Nebesnych činov**



The bles-sed young men, obedient to the com-mand-ments of God, re-fused the  
im-pious order of the ty - rant. In chains, they loos-ened the chains of er - ror;  
and re-nounc-ing the hon-ors of this world, they ob-tained that hon - or which has  
made them fa - mous and won for tthem the joys of the King-dom on high.

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

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You cour - a - geously girded yourselves for the strug-gles of mar-tyr - dom. You were

bur-ied in a cave as you cease-less-ly prayed to the Lord to grant you the strength to

per - se - vere. But for reas-ons known on - ly to Him - self, the Lov-er of

Man - kind divinely commanded you all to sleep in peace.

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

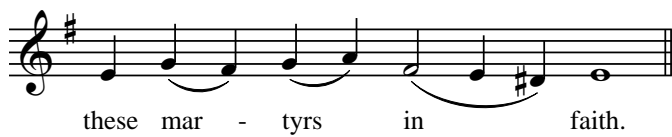
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The great - est mys - tery is fore-shad - owed by these Saints: just as they

did not notice their death, so they were surprised by their a - wa - ken - ing.

This mir - a - cle came about to confirm the resur-rec - tion of the dead;

so that those who rejected the idea might come to be-lieve in it as they glo-ri - fy



**Cantor:**      *(Tone 2)* Glory...now and ever...

*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week (Tone 2, p. 42)*

*Aposticha in the Tone of the week (Tone 2, p. 43).*

*Troparia in the Tone of the week (Tone 2, p. 47).*