

Vesper Propers, November 2, 2014  
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

The holy martyrs Akindynos, Pegasus, Aphthonius, Elpidiphor, and Anempodistus, and very many companions in Persia, martyrs, who, under Licinius the emperor, suffered under the King Shapur II. (335)

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

*Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 4, p. 58), stichera 10-4.*

**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 the martyrs - Tone 4 podoben: Jako dobl'a**

Let us sing of the as - sem - bly of the five mar - tyrs those val - iant  
ath - letes, those fer - vent de - fend - ers, who each ob - tains gifts for the faith - ful  
in keep - ing with his name: A - nem - po - dis - tus, brings free - dom from the pas - sions;  
El - pi - di - phor, hope for fu - ture goods; Aph - tho - nius, an abundance of heav - en - ly  
treas - ures; Pe - ga - si - us, a foun - tain which nev - er runs dry; and Akindynos  
the re - mov - al of all dan - - - ger.

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

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Nei - ther dan - ger nor hun - ger, life nor death, nei - ther fire nor the boiling  
wa - ter of the caul - drons, nei - ther the jaws of beasts nor yawn - ing pits,  
could sep - a - rate your gen - erous con - stan - cy from the love of Christ.  
Cease - less - ly lift - ing up your eyes to Him, and de - sir - ing  
noth - ing else but Him, you put the E - ne - my to flight.

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

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In the de - lights which you en - joy and the light with which you are  
filled as heirs of e - ter - nal life, grant help to the faith - ful  
who take ref - uge in you. De - liv - er them from bond - age,

from cap - tiv - i - ty, from all e - vils and from all dan - ger,  
 through the bold - ness which you have be - fore God; show the com - pas - sion  
 which you have in true im - i - ta - - tion of Christ.

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

**Doxastikon of the Martyrs - Tone 6 samohlasen**

To - day the ra - diant choir of five martyrs comes to - geth - er as resplendent stars  
 to enlight - en be - liev - ers and in - vites them to re - joice.  
 They are ser - vants of the mys - tic Sun, by which the erroneous beliefs of the Persians  
 were a - bol - ished; for they guid - ed to the Faith those who had ven - er - at - ed  
 the vis - i - ble sun and had bowed down be - fore fire.  
 As athletes and martyrs, they filled their cup to the ver - y brim and made

an oblation of their blood, poured out for Christ. They exhort us  
 who love the Faith. They say, "Come to the celebration of our triumph!  
 Behold the crowns with which we are honored; for Christ, the Truth,  
 has declared that he who perseveres to the end will be saved!  
 Thus, wear a crown with us, and we shall  
 intercede for you before the Lord!"

**Cantor:** (Tone 4) Now and ever...

*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week (Tone 4, p. 64)*

### Aposticha

*Aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 4, p. 65), concluding with:*

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

**Aposticha Doxastikon of the Martyrs - Tone 2 samohlasen**

Come, let us rejoice in the Lord, O feast-lovers, on this day

on which we celebrate the memorial of the martyrs! Come, let us sing  
 their praises, acclaiming them as we say, "Hail, Akin-dyn-os and Pe-ga-si-us,  
 An-em-po-dis-tus, El-pidiphor and Aph-tho-ni-us, who eclipsed  
 in-to the abyss the error of idol-a-try and clearly proclaimed Christ as Lord  
 in the a-re-na. O bless-ed ath-letes and martyrs of mul-ti-ple suf-fer-ings,  
 cease-less-ly in-tercede be-fore him on be-half of our souls!

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

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

*Troparia in the Tone of the Week (Tone 4, p. 68).*