

**Vesper Propers, January 4, 2015**  
**SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY**

**The Synaxis of the holy seventy Apostles**, whose names were recorded by Saint Dorotheus. In addition to the Twelve Apostles, our Lord chose seventy other apostles and sent them out to preach. (cf. Luke 10:1-5)

**Our venerable father Theoctist, hegumen of Cuomo in Sicily** founded a monastery in the city of Kucuma on the island of Sicily, where he became hegumen. At his monastery lived Greek monks, who had fled persecution by the iconoclasts. (800)

*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 holy Seventy Apostles - Tone 4 podoben: Dal jesi znamenie**

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O faith - ful, let us bless with sa - cred hymns: Cle - ophas, Andronicus, Sil - va - nus,  
and Ag - a - bus; An - a - ni - as and Phil - ip; Pro - chor - us, Nichanor, Ru - fus, and  
Sos - te - nes; Li - nus, and then Sta - chius, Stephen, and Ti - mon, Her - mas,  
Phle - gon - tus, and Mark, to - geth - er with Luke, Sosipater, Ja - son, and Gai - us;  
and Ty - chi - cus and Phi - le - - - mon.

**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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May Narcissus and Trophimus be worthily ven-er - at - ed, to - gether with Caesar,  
Zenus, and Ar - is - tar - chus; Mark, Si-lus, and Gai - - us; Her-mas  
and A - syn - critus; Apol-lo and Ce - phas; Clem - ent and Jus - tus; Quar-tus,  
Er - as-tus, and Luke; O - ne - si - phorus, Carpus, and E - vo - di - us; Mat-thi - as and  
James; Urban and Ar - is - to - bu - lus; Ty - chi - cus and Ar - is - tar - chus.

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

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Let us venerate the hono-ra - ble prea - chers of God: Pu - dens, Herodoni-as and  
Ar - te-mis; Phi-lo-gus, O-lym-pus, and Rho - di - on; A - pel - lus and Ampli-us,  
Pa - tro - bus and Mark; Ter - ti - us and Thad - de - us the won - der - ful

O Ad - am, rejoice with the first moth - er, Eve, and do not hide yourselves as  
once you did in Par - a - dise. For, see - ing you naked, Christ has appeared to  
put on the first robe. He has appeared to re-new all cre - a - tion.

## Aposticha

*Aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 5, page 77), concluding with:*

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

**Aposticha Doxastikon of the Prefeast - Tone 6 samohlasen**

Christ the Truth is coming to the Jor - dan to be bap - tized by John, and the  
Bap - tiz - er says to him: I should be bap - tized by you, but you are  
com - ing to me. I do not dare to put straw to the fire.  
O Master, sancti - fy me by your di - vine The - o - pha - ny.

## Troparia

*Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the Week (Tone 5, page 80).*

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

**Troparion of the Prefeast - Tone 4**

Zeb - u - lun, make read - y; Naphta - li, pre - pare your - self. O Riv - er Jor - dan,  
stand and leap for joy to re - ceive the Master coming to be bap - tized.

Epenetus, Achaiacus, and A - quil - a; Lu - cius, Bar - nabas, and For - tu - na - tus;  
and the glorious A - pol - lo and Cris - - pus.

**Cantor:** (Tone 2) Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,  
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

**Stichera of our holy father Theoctist - Tone 2 podobn: Jehda ot dreva**

When you pierced your soul with di - vine yearn - ing, O all - bless - ed one,  
you re - joyced and took up your cross and fol - lowed Christ. Through self - di - sci - pline,  
you morti - fied the de - sires of your flesh. By the warmth of your prayers,  
you re - ceived the life - giving en - er - gy of the Spir - it, to put an end  
to the win - ter of ill - ness - es. There - fore, we will - ing - ly bless you.

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

O Fa - ther, through as - siduous prayer and con - tin - u - al fas - ting,

you pur-i-fied the cra-vings of the soul. You were the tem-ple of the Di-vi - ni - ty,  
 and you re - ceived the ho - ly, divine a-noin-ting of the priest - hood. You en-tered  
 in - to the sanctuary to offer as a sac - ri-fice the One who was sacrificed out of  
 his great love for us.

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

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 You re-vealed your - self to be meek and in - no-cent in liv - ing  
 the rule, O Fa - ther The - oc - tist. You tru - ly fol - lowed the way of the meek.  
 Hav - ing be - come de - i - fied through com - mun - ion with God,  
 you sa - vored the joy and happi-ness of the true One. Do not cease

to remember those who sin-cere - ly ve - ne - rate you and who ob - serve  
 your di - vine fal - ling a - sleep.

**Cantor:** (Tone 3) Glory...

**Doxastikon of the Prefeast - Tone 3 samohlasen**

Re-splend-ent is the feast which has passed; but more glo-ri-ous is the  
 pre-sent day. On that day the Magi a-dored the Sav - ior; on this, the glo-ri-ous  
 ser - vant baptizes the Mas - ter. There, the shep - herds sang in a - maze - ment;  
 here, the voice of the Father proclaims Him to be the On - ly - be - got - ten Son.

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

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