

**Vesper Propers, January 18, 2015**  
**Thirty-second Sunday after Pentecost**

**Our holy fathers Athanasius and Cyril of Alexandria**, archbishops of that city. Athanasius is called the “Father of Orthodoxy” because of his defense of the faith against Arius at the First Ecumenical Council of Nicea (325); he was greatly persecuted for this. This date celebrates his return from exile in 345. (373) Cyril worked against the Nestorian heresy, and was champion of the use of the term *Theotokos* (i.e. the one who gave birth to God). He was one of the major figures of the Third Ecumenical Council of Ephesus that was held in 431. (444)

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

*Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 7, p. 92), 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 our holy father Athanasius - Tone 4 samohlasen**

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You endured persecutions and with-stood per - ils, O venerable Athanasius,  
di-vine preach-er, so strenuously that you drove out the impious err-or of A-ri-us.  
You saved the Church from her - e - sy, as you pro-claimed in true faith that the  
Son and Spir - it have the same es-sence as the Fa - - - ther.

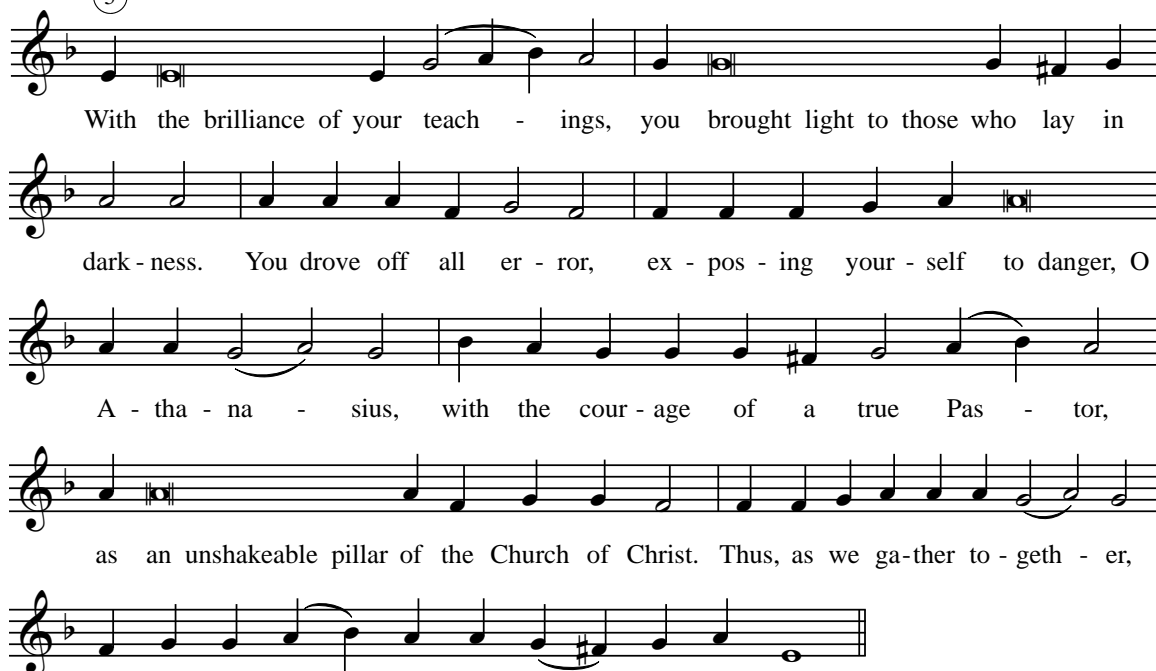
**Cantor:**

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.

5



With the brilliance of your teach - ings, you brought light to those who lay in  
 dark - ness. You drove off all er - ror, ex - pos - ing your - self to danger, O  
 A - tha - na - sius, with the cour - age of a true Pas - tor,  
 as an unshakeable pillar of the Church of Christ. Thus, as we ga - ther to - geth - er,  
 we ven - er - ate you with joy in our hymns.

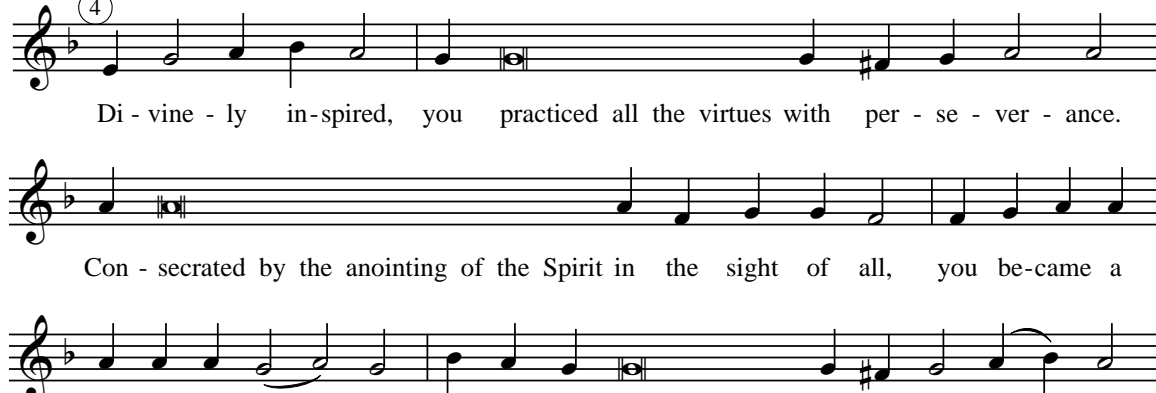
**Cantor:**

Let the watchman count on daybreak

(on 4)

and Israel on the Lord.

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Di - vine - ly in - spired, you practiced all the virtues with per - se - ver - ance.  
 Con - secrated by the anointing of the Spirit in the sight of all, you be - came a  
 most ho - ly Hier - arch, a de - fend - er of the Faith, and a true Shep - herd.



Thus, the whole Church glorifies your sa - cred mem - 'ry, ren - dering glory to the



Sav - - ior on this feast.

**Cantor:** 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 Cyril of Alexandria - Tone 4 samohlasen**



O learn-ed Cy - ril, by your teach-ings of fire, you burned the weeds and



thorns of her - e - sy. The depth of your thoughts swallowed up the stubborn

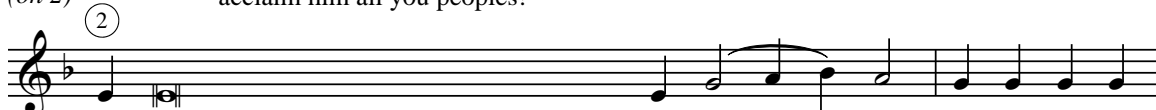


army of e-vil - think - ers. Your wise teach - ing remains the daily beauty of the

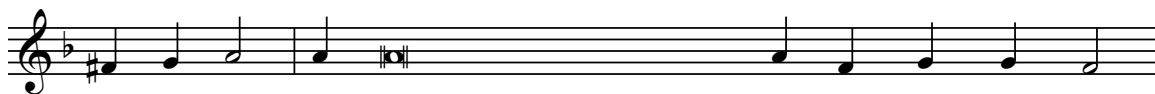


Church of be - liev - ers who ven - er - ate you with a loud voice.

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



Il - lumining your mind with the splendor of the Spir - it, you be-came a



ra - ~~diant~~ sun, shin - ing your precepts upon the ends of the earth like rays.



You en - light - ened the multitude of the faithful, O bless-ed Fa - ther, and you



dis-pelled the dark-ness of her - e - sies with the power of him who shone forth from



the Vir - - - gin, O God - bear - ing one.

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



The en - tire Church is a - dorned by the elegance of your dis - cours - es,



O Cyril, thrice-bless-ed Hier-arch. She is ra - diant in the splen-dor of the Faith



as she rev - erently vener-ates your me - mo - ry, O glo-ry of the Or-tho-dox,



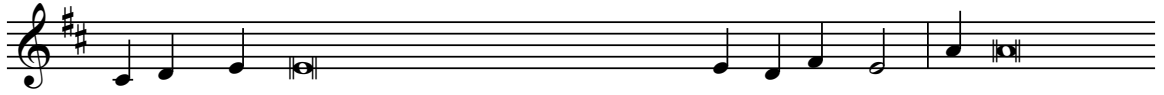
spokes - man for the Fathers gathered in Coun - cil, and champion of the all -



ho - - - ly The - o - to - kos.

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

**Doxastikon of our holy father Athanasius - Tone 6 samohlasen**



In our hymns, let us all venerate Athanasius, the Bish-op of Christ, who overcame the



teach-ing of A - ri - us, preach - ing clear - ly to the whole world the power of the



Ho - ly Trin - i - ty, the One God in Three Persons without di - vi - sion.



He intercedes be-fore God for us who cel - e - brate his



mem - o - ry in faith.

**Cantor:** (Tone 7) Now and ever...

*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the week (Tone 7, page 98).*

## Aposticha

*Aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 7, page 99), concluding with:*

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

**Aposticha doxastikon of our holy father Athanasius - Tone 3 samohlasen**



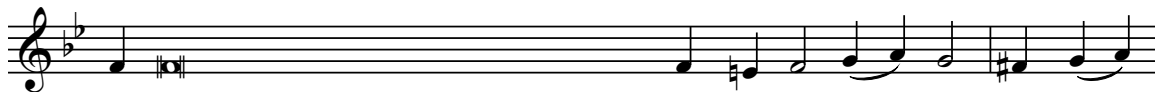
Once a-gain, on his an-nu-al feast, we are vis-ited by the one named for



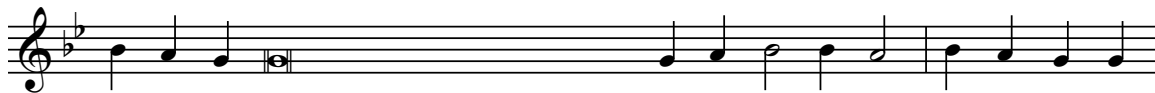
im-mor-tal-i-ty, that Nile Riv-er with gold-en streams. By his



spir-it-ual el-e-va-tion, he made immortality overflow in a riv-er of gold.



Giv-ing forth ambrosia as the fruit of his pro-found the-ol-o-gy, he taught



us to wor-ship the undivided power of the Ho-ly Trin-i-ty. By the flood of



his di-vine teach-ings, he waters the spirits of be-liev-ers



and in-ter-cedes be-fore God for us.

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

*Aposticha theotokion in the same tone (Tone 3, page 55).*

*Troparia in the Tone of the week (Tone 7, page 101).*