

Vesper propers, September 30, 2018  
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The holy martyr Gregory, bishop of Armenia, who after many labors withdrew to a cave near the confluence of tributaries of the Euphrates and there rested in peace. He is called “the Illuminator” and is considered the apostle of the Armenians. (332)

*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:** 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 holy martyr Gregory - Tone 6 samohlasen**

Dye - - - ing your vest-ments in the purple blood of mar - tyr - dom,  
you en - tered into the Ho - ly of Ho - lies, where the in - ef - fable Light  
shines in the radiant glo-ry of God and where there is always the sound of fes-tive  
re - joic - ing. There, O ad - mir - a - ble mar - tyr, you re - ceived the imper-  
ish - a - ble crown as your reward for your la - bors, with e - ter - nal renown and a  
dwell - ing in Par - a - dise. O ho - ly Gregory, standing be - fore the Lord,

in - ter - cede with bold-ness for our souls.

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

Your soul was not bro - ken by the storms of tor - ments, nor by your

long im - pris - on - ment in the dark pit into which you had been thrown;

you shone as a light up-on all of those who were threat-ened by the shad-ows

of vain i - dols. You con - vert - ed them into the sons of the day through

il - lu - min - a - tion, that bath of rebirth which brings a-bout sal - va - tion,

and through the di - vine life in truth, O Gregory, illus-tri - ous mar - tyr

and in-spired hier - - - arch.

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

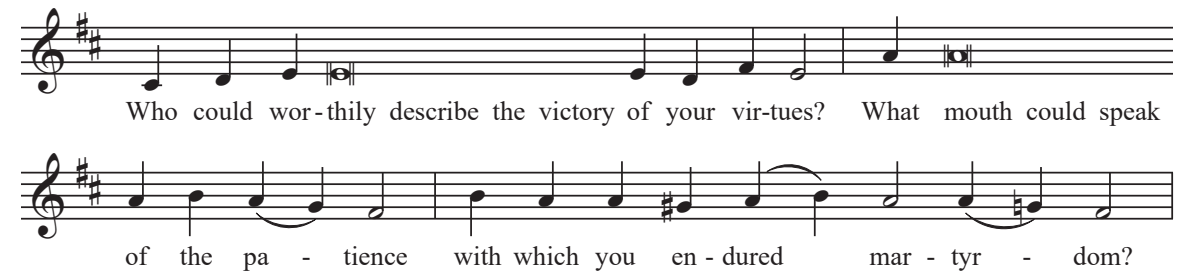
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Mas-ter of the u - ni-verse, cher - ishing you as her im-mor - tal Bride - groom,  
 Rhip - sime endured the flaying of her skin from her bod - y af - ter hav-ing  
 al-read-y stripped her-self of the dark tunic of the passions through her tem-per - ance.  
 With her al - so suffered the il-lus-tri-ous Ga - ya - na, and fol - lowed by a whole  
 company of vir - gins who fought the good fight val - iant - ly, o - ver-com-ing  
 the an - cient se - duc - er of Eve, the moth - er of all the liv - ing.  
 O Christ, we glo - ri - fy you as we cel - e - brate their mer - - - its.

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

**Doxastikon of the holy martyr Gregory - Tone 6 samohlasen**



Who could wor-thily describe the victory of your vir-tues? What mouth could speak  
 of the pa - tience with which you en - dured mar - tyr - dom?

You ex-celled in all things, O Greg-o-ry! Nev-er cease to in-ter-cede by your pray'rs,  
 so ac-cept - a - ble to Christ. And with the bold-ness you have be-fore him,  
 pray for the sal-va-tion of our souls, O ho - ly hie-ro-mar - - - tyr.

**Cantor:** (Tone 2) Now and ever...

*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the week (Tone 2, page 42).*

### Aposticha

*Sunday aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 2, p. 43), concluding with:*

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

**Aposticha doxastikon of the holy martyr Gregory - Tone 6 samohlasen**

The mar-tyr and ho - ly hier-arch, hav - ing spirit-ual - ly en - tered  
 in - to the in - ac - ces - si - ble cloud of Light, was in - i - tiated  
 into the inexpressi-ble se - crets of the di-vine mys-ter - ies, af - ter

hav - ing been first en-light-ened as a mar - tyr, and then initiated as a pas - tor.  
 Thus he also received a double crown of glo-ry from on high, and cease - less-ly  
 prays to Christ for the sal - va - tion of our souls.

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

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

*Troparion and Theotokion in the Tone of the Week (Tone 2, page 47).*