

you save us. O Lord all-pow - er - ful, glo - ry to you!

**Troparia**

*Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the Week (Tone 5, p. 80), then:*

**Cantor:** (Tone 1) Glory...now and ever...

**Troparion of the Exaltation of the Cross - Tone 1**

Save your peo - ple, O Lord, and bless your in - her - i - tance. Grant vic - to - ry  
to your Church o - ver e - vil, and pro - tect your peo - ple by your cross.

**Vesper Propers. September 15, 2019**  
**Sunday After the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

**The holy great martyr Nicetas the Goth** on the banks of the Danube. He was ordered to be burned to death by Athanaricus the Arian king because of his Catholic faith. (372)

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*Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 5, p. 69), stichera 10-7.*

**Cantor:** (Tone 5) 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 postfeast -Tone 5 samohlasen**

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Joy to you, life-bearing Cross of the Lord, in - vin - cible tri-umph of the true faith.  
You are the gate to Par - a - dise, the strength of the faithful and the stronghold  
of the Church. Be - cause of you, corruption no longer has mean - ing or pow - er.  
By you, we have been lifted up from earth to heav - en. You are an invincible  
weapon a - gainst e - vil, a glo - ry indeed for saints and mar - tyrs, and a

ha - ven for sal - va - tion. You are the source of mer - cy to the world.

**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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Joy to you, most honorable Cross of the Lord. Through you, the human race has been

de - liv - ered from the curse. In your ex - altation, you are a sign of true joy.

O Cross all - venerable, you scatter all our en - e - mies. You are the help of Chris - tians,

the glo - ry of kings, the strength of the just and the splen - dor of priests.

All who sign themselves with you are freed from per - il. You are the strength un - der

which we are tend - ed like sheep. The an - gels gather around you in awe as the

source of peace. You are the glo - ry of Christ, who grants great mer - cy

to the world.

de - liv - ered from dan - - - ger.

**Cantor:** *(Tone 8)* Now and ever...

**Aposticha doxastikon of the postfeast - Tone 8 samohlasen**

Be - hold the words of your prophet Moses are ful - filled, O Lord; for he said:

You shall see your life suspend - ed be - fore your eyes. To - day the Cross is

exalted, and the world is freed from er -ror. To - day the Resurrec - tion

of Christ is re - newed; the ends of the earth ex - ult with joy.

At the sound of the cymbals of Da - vid, they of - fer a hymn of praise and say:

In your good - ness and love for all, you have brought about your

salvation in the middle of the earth, O our God. Through your Cross and Resurrec - tion

of all so that He may be gen - er - ous and save our souls.

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

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

### Aposticha

*Sunday aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 5, p. 77), concluding with:*

**Cantor:** (Tone 8) Glory...

**Aposticha doxastikon of the holy great martyr Nicetas - Tone 8 samohlasen**

O hon - orable mar-tyr Ni - ce - - - tas, your name reveals you as a sign of  
 vic - to ry as you preached Christ our God in bat - tle. You con-fessed  
 Him before the king and the tor - tur-ers. Do not cease to pray to the Lov-er  
 of Man - kind for the preace of the world and for Christ-lov-ing rul - ers.  
 Re-mem-ber all who faithful-ly com-mem-o - rate you, and pray that we may be

**Cantor:** Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.

(on 4)

Joy to you, precious Cross of the Lord, guide to the blind and phy-si-cian to the sick,  
 and re-sur-rec-tion to the dead. You raised us out of corruption and re-moved  
 the curse. Through you we have been made di-vine, and the pow-er of Hades has  
 been de-stroyed in full. There-fore, see- ing you lifted up today by our priests,  
 we ex-alt Christ who was sus-pend-ed on you, and we bow deep - ly be-fore you,  
 seek-ing for-give - ness and great mer - - - cy.

**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 holy great martyr Nicetas - Tone 1 samohlasen**

Ha-ving clothed your-self with the ar - mor of faith, O vic - tor - ious mar-tyr

Ni-ce - tas, you were re-vealed as a defen-der of Christ the King just as the  
 might-y Gid-eon of old. You de-feat-ed the en-em-y by your cour - age.

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

O Mar - tyr, you defeat-ed the en - em - y by your all - pow - erful faith  
 in the Sav - ior. O God - wise one, you suff-ered the pas - sion.  
 Be-cause of this, O wise Ni - ce - - tas, you con-vert-ed the barbarians to the  
 Crea-tor and Mas - ter of all. And they de-vout-ly glo - ri - fy Him.

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

O ho - ly Mar - tyr, you offered to the glo - ry of Christ the first fruits of the  
 en - em - y. You were re - vealed as a sufferer of the pas - sion.

You preached about God and died as a witness to the Tri - ni - ty. For this,  
 you received a crown of mar - tyr - dom; and like a bril - liant light  
 you shed ra - di - ance through the world, O glo - ri - ous one.

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

**Doxastikon of the holy great martyr Nicetas - Tone 6 samohlasen**

We rec - ognize you as a torchbearer of the martyrs, O Ni-ce-tas, for you suf-fered  
 the pas - sion of Christ. You put aside the glo-ry of earth - ly trea - sures  
 and des-pised the paganism of your an-ces-tors. You destroyed their gods and victoriously  
 put the en - em - y to shame. You were mar-tyred for pro - fes - sing Christ  
 and be-came a soldier of the king of hea - ven. Pray for us to the Be - ne - fac - tor