

Vesper Propers, August 20, 2023
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Postfestive day of the Dormition

The holy prophet Samuel. Fifteenth and last of the Judges of Israel, he lived approximately 1,100 years before Christ. Born in the tribe of Levi, son of Elkanah and Hannah, he was promised to the Lord by his till-then barren mother. At the age of twelve, Samuel had his first revelation from the Lord God. Samuel preached repentance to the children of Israel, and led the people to victory over the Philistines. Asked by the people to give them a king, he warned them that God was the only true king of Israel, but they insisted. It was Samuel who anointed Saul son of Kish as the first King of Israel, and David son of Jesse as its second and greatest ruler. He died in Ramah and was buried there.

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

Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 3, p. 48), stichera 10-7.

Cantor: (Tone 6) 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.

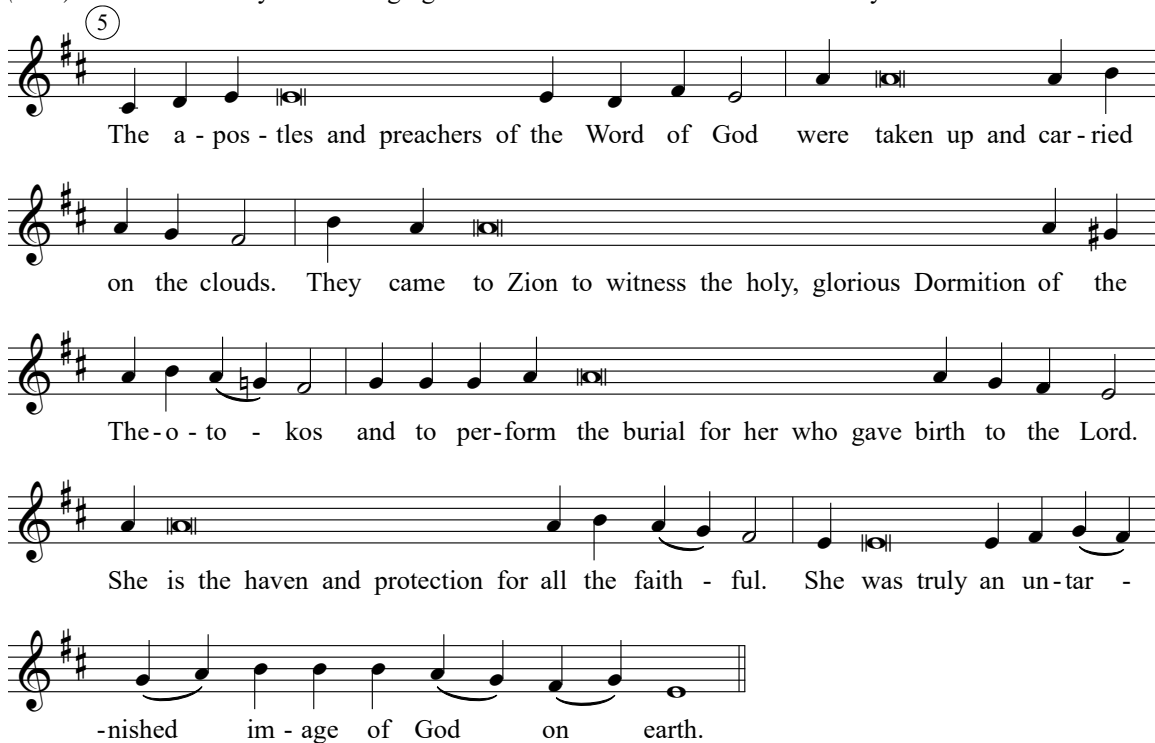
Stichera of the Dormition - Tone 6 samohlasen

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To - day the immaculate Virgin who gave birth to Life is carried to the
ev - er - last - ing life, grant - ing mer - cy to the faith - ful. All cre - a - tion
now gladly rejoices with the assembly of an - gels es - corting her as a queen with
fes - tal songs of praise Her Son and King en - thrones her with him - self
so that she may reign o - ver all.

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.

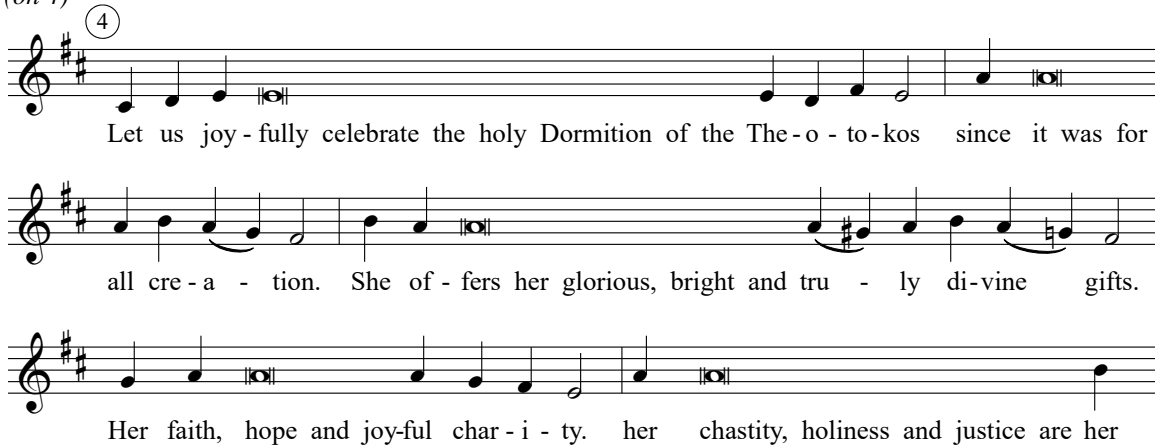
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The a - pos - tles and preachers of the Word of God were taken up and car - ried
on the clouds. They came to Zion to witness the holy, glorious Dormition of the
The - o - to - kos and to per - form the burial for her who gave birth to the Lord.
She is the haven and protection for all the faith - ful. She was truly an un - tar -
- nished im - age of God on earth.

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

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Let us joy - fully celebrate the holy Dormition of the The - o - to - kos since it was for
all cre - a - tion. She of - fers her glorious, bright and tru - ly di - vine gifts.
Her faith, hope and joy - ful char - i - ty. her chastity, holiness and justice are her

a-dorn - ment. May God make us worthy to be her com-pan - ions in the
 heav'n-ly king - dom.

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 Samuel - Tone 4 samohlasen

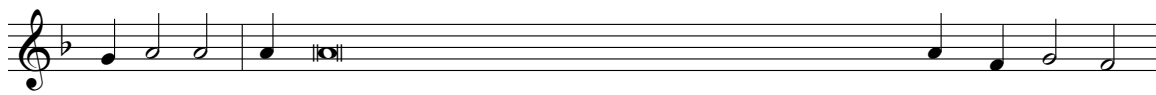
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Your mother offered you up from her maternal arms as an ac - cept - a - ble gift.
 O Samuel, through pray'rs she received you, a wor-thy off-spring, and she returned
 you to God, the Benefactor, as she had prom-ised. For this rea - son the grace of the
 Spirit dwelt in you O glo-rious one. You were adorned with wis-dom and grew
 up in vir - tue.

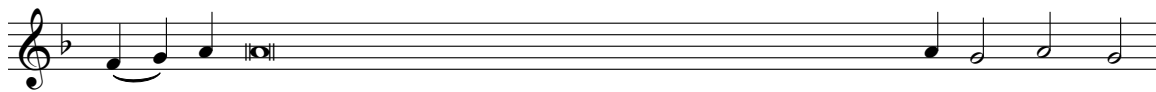
Cantor: Praise the Lord, all you nations, **Psalm 116**
 (on 2) acclaim him all you peoples!

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You were consecrated with ho-ly oil as a priest. Ap-pear-ing as a prophet, you fore-saw



the fu-ture. At a divine command, you anointed the king and fore-told the fu - ture.



You just - ly judged the Israelites who repeatedly sinned and turned a - way from God,



O wonder - working and God - lov - ing Sam - u - el.

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



O venerable Prophet and equal of the proph - ets; O friend of the just and



com - pan - ion of the an - gels; you see not in imagination nor in ob - scu - ri - ty



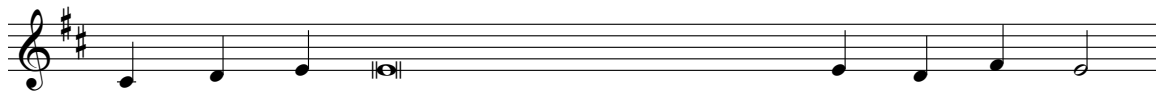
but face to face with the One whom you de - sired. You put aside the weight and



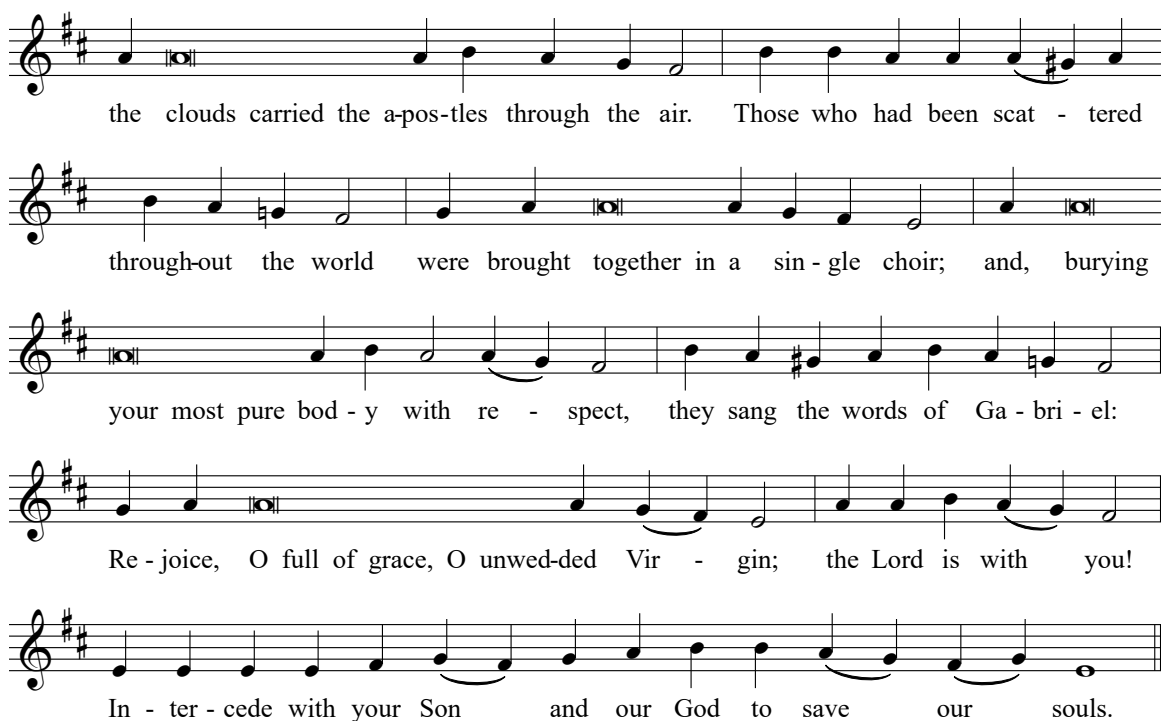
dark - ness of the flesh so that you may re - joice in heav - - - en.

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...

Doxastikon - Tone 6 samohlasen



For your ho - ly Dormition, O Mother of God and Moth - er of Life,



the clouds carried the a-pos-tles through the air. Those who had been scat - tered
 through-out the world were brought together in a sin - gle choir; and, burying
 your most pure bod - y with re - spect, they sang the words of Ga - bri - el:
 Re - jice, O full of grace, O unwed-ded Vir - gin; the Lord is with you!
 In - ter - cede with your Son and our God to save our souls.

Cantor: (Tone 3) Now and ever...

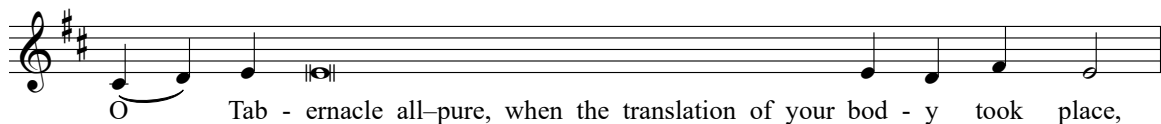
Dogmatikon in the Tone of the week (Tone 3, page 53).

Aposticha

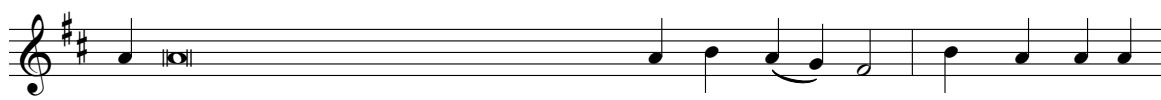
Sunday aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 3, p. 54), concluding with:

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory... now and ever...

Aposticha doxastikon of the Dormition - Tone 6



O Tab - ernacle all-pure, when the translation of your bod - y took place,



the apostles gathered around your bier with fear and trem - bling. They gazed up-on



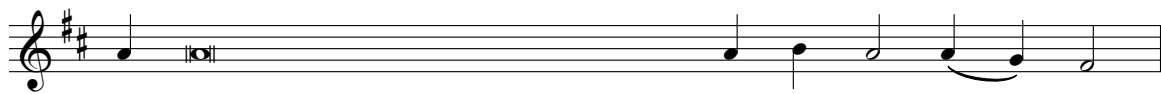
you and were filled with awe. In tears Pe - ter cried out to you:



O Virgin, I see you laid out as one dead, yet you gave birth to the



Life of the U - ni - verse. I am struck with a - maze - ment,



for in you dwells the One who shall be our joy in the life be - yond.



O pure Vir - gin, intercede unceas - ing - ly with your Son and God



to save the Chris - tian peo - - - ple.

Troparia

Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the Week (Tone 3, p. 57), then:

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

Troparion of the Dormition - Tone 1



O The - o - to - kos, in giv - ing birth you preserved vir - gin - i - ty; and in your
fall - ing a - sleep you did not for - sake the world. You are the Moth - er of Life
and have been trans - ferred to life, and through your pray'rs
you de - liv - er our souls from death.