

Vesper Propers, September 3, 2023
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The holy martyr Anthimus, bishop of Nicomedia, in Bithynia, and his companions, martyrs in the persecution of Diocletian the emperor. In fact, a whole crowd followed him as he received the glory of martyrdom by beheading for the sake of his confession of Christ. Some of his companions a judge ordered beheaded by the sword, some burned up by the fire, and finally some were put in boats and drowned at sea. (303)

Our venerable father Theoctist, companion of St. Euthymius the Great, was hegumen of the monastery six miles from Jerusalem on the road to Jericho. He was in all things a disciple of Euthymius, governing the monastery until his ninetieth year. (431)

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 1)* 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 martyr Anthimus - Tone 1 samohlasen

O bless-ed hier-arch, you joyfully dyed your sacred priest-ly vest - ments with the

pur-ple of your own blood. You rev-'rent-ly grew in strength and glo - ry;

and now you pray that our souls be of-fered peace and great mer - cy.

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.

As a priest, you offered the un-blood - y Sac - ri - fice to God. Then, O

ven - erable preacher, you offered yourself in your own blood as a hol - o - caust,
 a vic - tim accepta-ble to Je - sus Christ. As a true mar-tyr, en-treat him
 for those who hon - or you.

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

O ven - er - a - ble fa - ther An - thi - mus, by your teach - ing and wise
 ex - hor - ta - tions you have brought a whole troop of mar - tyrs to Christ.
 You in - struc - ted them not on - ly by your words, but al - so by the ex - am - ple
 of your life. O ven - erable hier - arch, pray with them that our souls be grant - ed
 peace 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.

By your boldness with Christ our God, ask peace for our souls.

Cantor: Now and ever...

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

Troparia in the Tone of the week (Tone 5, p. 81).

Stichera of our venerable father Theoctist - Tone 1 samohlasen

O ho - ly fa - ther The - oc - tist, your light - bearing memori - al brings joy

to all monks be - cause of the won - drous beau - ty of your life, the grace of your

splen - did mir - a - cles and your ra - diant cha - ris - ms. In - ter - cede be - fore

Christ God that our souls be grant - ed peace and great mer - cy.

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

O ho - ly fa - ther The - oc - tist, your con - stant asceticism was a terror to the

en - e - my, who was brought down by your con - tin - ual pray'rs.

O il - lus - trious father, you had Christ to assist you in the strug - gle.

Now pray to him that our souls be grant - ed peace and great mer - cy.

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

O ho - ly fa - ther The - oc - tist, in pre - serv - ing the image of God
with-in you by the life you led and the holy hab - it you as - sumed,
O monk wor - thy of all praise, you be - came e - ven more wor - thy of your name,
which means "crea - ture of God." Pray to Christ that our souls be granted
peace and great mer - cy.

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...

Doxastikon of the holy martyr Anthimus - Tone 6 samohlasen

Bless - ed An - thimus, you persevered as a holy priest to the end,
for as you celebrated the ineffable and di - vine Mys - ter - ies, you shed your blood for
Christ our God and of - fered yourself to the Lord as an accepta - ble sac - ri - fice.

By the boldness you have be - fore him, pray for those who celebrate your holy
mem - o - ry in faith and love, that they may be de - liv - ered from all af - flic - tion,
dan - ger and need.

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 6) Glory...

Aposticha doxastikon of our venerable father Theoctist - Tone 6

O ven - er - a - ble fa - ther, the whole world is filled the with fame of your
ho - ly deeds; through them, you have received the recompense of your la - bors
in heav - en. You de - stroyed hordes of de - mons and have been united to the
choirs of an - gels, whose pure lives you im - i - tat - ed.