

**Vesper Propers, October 1, 2023**  
**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**THE PROTECTION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY.** On October 1, 911, during the reign of emperor Leo the Wise, there was an all-night vigil in the Blachernae church of the Theotokos in Constantinople. Standing near the rear of the church was St. Andrew the Fool for Christ, and his disciple Epiphanius. At four o'clock in the morning, the Theotokos appeared above the people with a veil spread over her outstretched hands, as if to protect them. She was surrounded by angels and saints. Seeing this, Andrew asked his disciple, "Do you see the Queen and Lady of all is praying for the whole world?"

**The holy apostle Ananias, who baptized St. Paul** in Damascus, as is related in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 9:10-19)

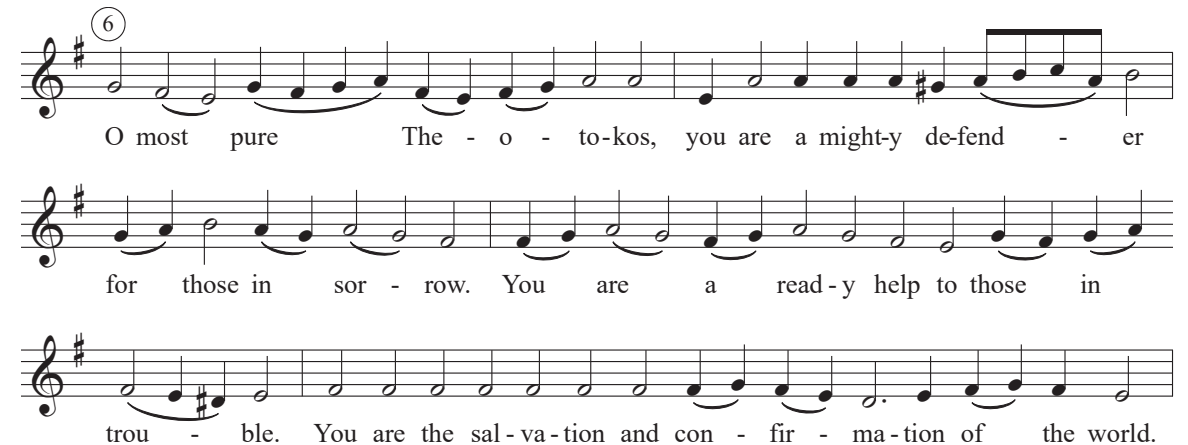
**Our venerable father Romanus the Melodist**, deacon, who merited the name "the Melodist" from his sublime art in composing ecclesiastical hymns in honor of the Lord and the saints.(496)

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

*Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 1, p. 24), 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 Protection - Tone 1 podoben: O divnoje čudo**



O most pure The - o - to - kos, you are a might - y de - fend - er  
for those in sor - row. You are a read - y help to those in  
trou - ble. You are the sal - va - tion and con - fir - ma - tion of the world.

You are the depth of mer - cy, the font of God's wis - dom, and the  
 pro - tec - tress of the world. O faith - ful, let us sing and  
 praise her glo - rious pro - tec - tion, say - - - ing: Re - joice,  
 O wo - man full of grace, the Lord is with you! the Lord, who  
 be - cause of you be - stows great mer - cy on our souls.

**Cantor:** My soul is longing for the Lord. I count on his word.  
 (on 5) My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.

The won - drous proph - - - - et I sai - ah fore - told:  
 The moun - tain of the Lord will be re - vealed in the last days, and the house  
 of the Lord will be up - on the moun - tain. O Queen and La - dy,  
 we have seen this proph - e - cy tru - ly ful - filled in you,

**Troparion - Resurrection Tone 4 (sung three times)**

Pro - tect - ed by your appear - ance, O Moth - er of God; to - day, we devout people  
 sol - emn - ly cel - e - brate. Gaz - ing up - on your most pure i - con, we fer - vent - ly say:  
 Pro - tect us with your ho - ly veil, and de - liv - er us from all e - vil,  
 im - ploring your Son, Christ our God, to save our souls.

*Blessing of Bread, p. 119.*

## Aposticha

Sunday aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 1, p. 31), concluding with:

**Cantor:** (Tone 2) Glory...now and ever...

**Doxastikon - Tone 2 samohlasen**

O all-pure The-o - to - kos, the Church is clothed with your honorable  
pro - tec - tion as with a most glo - ri - ous wreath. It ra - diant - ly  
re - joi - ces to - day. It mys - tic - 'ly dances with joy and sings to  
you, O La - dy: Re - joi - ce, hon - orable raiment and crown of God's glo - ry.  
Re - joi - ce, unique perfection of glo - ry and e - ter - nal joy; re - joi - ce,  
ref - uge of all who has - ten to you; re - joi - ce, our salva - tion and  
de - liv - - - er - ance.

be - cause the moun - tains and hills have been a - dorned by the  
man - y church - es named af - ter your feasts. There - - fore, we  
joy - ful - ly sing out to you: Re - joi - ce,  
O wo - man full of grace, the Lord is with you! the Lord, who  
be - cause of you be - stows great mer - cy on our souls.

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

O awe - some beau - - - - - ty, you are the true  
pro - phet - ic fulfillment for all the faith - ful. You are the glo - ry of  
the a - pos - tles and the joy of the mar - tyrs, the pride of vir - gins  
and a won - drous pro - tec - tion for the whole world. O

La - dy, with the man - tle of your mer - cy, pro - tect our  
 Church and all the peo - ple who sing out to you:  
 Re - joice, O wo - man full of grace, the Lord is with you!  
 the Lord, who be - cause of you be - stows great mer - cy  
 on our souls.

**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.

*Tone 4 podoben: Jako doblja*

O The - o - to - kos, you co - op - er - at - ed with the in - vi - ta - tion offered  
 by the Ho - ly Spir - it. You were like a par - a - dise plant - ed by God  
 and the sight of the liv - ing Tree. We ac - knowl - edge you as having  
 brought forth the Cre - a - tor of all, who feeds the faith - ful with

with the an - gels, joy - ous - ly sing - ing the hymn of Da - vid  
 to the vir - gin bride of Christ our God, the King of all:  
 A - rise, O Lord, in the place of your dwell - ing,  
 you and the ark of your maj - es - ty. Be - cause you have a - dorned her  
 as a beau - tif - ul pal - ace, re - ceive her in - to your cit - y  
 that through her pray'rs, O Lord, and with your al - might - y pow'r,  
 she will or - der our lives and pro - tect our Church from its en - e - mies.

*Litija Litany p.116*

ban-quet of mel-o-dies for us, which brings joy to the faith - ful.

**Sticheron for the Protection - Tone 2 Bolhar**

Let us as - sem - ble to - day, O faith - ful and praise the

im - mac - u - late Queen of all, the most pure Vir - gin Moth - er of

Christ our God; for she al - ways mercifully ex-tends her hands to

her Son. In a - maze - ment, An - drew saw her in a cloud, pro - tec - ting

the faith - ful with her man - tle. Let us fer - vent - ly sing to her:

Re - joice, O protec - tion, de - fense, and sal - va - tion of our souls.

**Cantor:** Glory...now and ever...

**Doxastikon - Tone 2 Bolhar**

Hav - ing pu - ri - fied our minds and souls, we al - so re-joyce

the Bread of Life. We ask you to pray for us, with the Fore-run - ner.

With your mantle, pro-TECT all peo - ple from ev - 'ry dan - ger.

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

Heav - en and earth are sanc - ti - fied. The Church is radiant and all the

peo - ple are re - joi - cing. Be - hold, the The - o - to - kos, to - geth - er

with the an - gel - ic hosts, the Forerunner, and the The - o - lo - gian, with the

proph - ets and apostles, has in - vis - i - bly en - tered. She prays to Christ in behalf

of all Chris - tians, that he may have mercy on our city and all peo - ple,

who glo - ri - fy the feast of her Pro - tec - - - tion.

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

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O The-o - to-kos, you are the beau-ty of Ja - cob; you are the heav-en - ly  
lad - der by which Christ came down to earth. In-deed, those  
im - ages signify your hon - or and glo - ry. The an - gels in heaven  
and all peo-ple on earth praise you, for you have giv - en birth to  
the God of all. We hon - or you as you pray for the whole world  
and cov - er with your man - tle all those who ob-serve your  
ho - ly feast.

**Cantor:** (Tone 8) Glory...now and ever...

**Doxastikon - Tone 8 samohlasen**

All the lead-ers of the heav-en - ly ar - - mies form a spir - itual choir and

re-joyce with all of us when they see the faithful praising the Lady and Queen  
of all. The spir - its of the just re - joyce al - so as they wit-ness  
the vision of the Queen pray-ing with out - stretched arms. She asks for peace  
in the world, pow - er and strength for our Church, and sal - va - tion  
for our souls.

**Readings:** Genesis 28: 10 - 17  
Ezekiel 43: 27 through 44: 4  
Proverbs 9: 1 - 11

### At the Litija

**Sticheron for Romanus the Melodist - Tone 1 podobn: Nebesnych činov**

The me - lo - dious poet, the lyre of the Ho - ly Spir - it, the sing-ing  
ci - ca - - da, the reed of di - vine can - ti - cles, pre - pares a