

**Vesper Propers, February 4, 2024**  
**SUNDAY OF MEAT-FARE**  
**Commemoration of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ as Judge**  
**Post-festive Day of the Meeting**

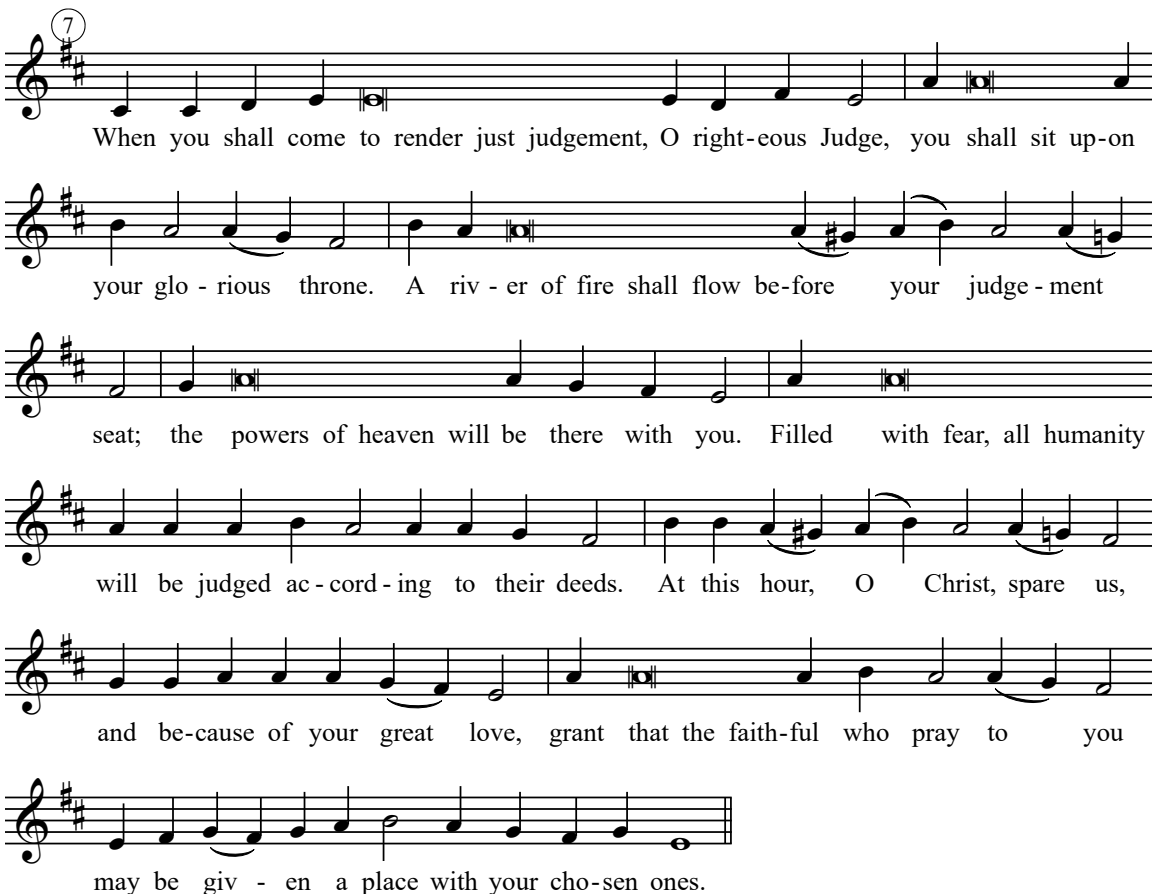
*Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2006*

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

**Cantor:** (Tone 6) Let your ears be attentive  
(on 7) to the voice of my pleading.

**Stichera of Meatfare Sunday - Tone 8 samohlasen**

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When you shall come to render just judgement, O right-eous Judge, you shall sit up-on  
your glo - rious throne. A riv - er of fire shall flow be-fore your judge - ment  
seat; the powers of heaven will be there with you. Filled with fear, all humanity  
will be judged ac - cord - ing to their deeds. At this hour, O Christ, spare us,  
and be-cause of your great love, grant that the faith-ful who pray to you  
may be giv - en a place with your cho-sen ones.

**Cantor:** 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.

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The books will be opened and the se - crets laid bare be - fore your awe-some  
judge-ment seat; and the whole valley of tears will re-sound with a dread-ful  
sigh, when it sees the sinners sent to eternal punishment by your just judge - ment,  
and hears them weep-ing hope - less - ly. O God of mercy, there - fore we  
pray to you: Spare us who sing to you, O on - ly Good One.

**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.

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The trum - pet shall sound and the tombs shall be o - pened; hu - manity shall  
come forth tremb - ling. Those who have done good shall re - joice,  
as they await the reward they shall re - ceive. Those who have done evil shall

shriek in ter - ror, as they are sent to pun - ish - ment  
 and sep - arated from the e - lect. In your goodness, spare us, O glo - rious Lord,  
 and grant that we may en - joy a place with those who love you.

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

I weep and la - ment when I think of the outer darkness and e - ter - nal fire  
 to - geth - er with Hades, the worm that consumes, and the gnash - ing of teeth,  
 the un - ceas - ing grief that falls upon those who have sinned with - out meas - ure,  
 and those who have provoked you to an - ger, O God most good. A - las, among these  
 sin - ners, I am first. But in your great mer - cy, O Judge, save me.

**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 the Post-feast - Tone 4 samohlasen**

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In ful - fill - ment of the Law, the Lover of us all now is brought to the  
Tem - ple. Sim - eon takes him in his aged arms and cries out: Now let me  
depart to the blessedness of the world to come; for I have be - held  
on this day, clothed in mor - tal flesh, the One who is Lord of life and  
Mas - ter of death.

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

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As a light of revelation to the Gen - tiles, you manifested your - self, O Lord.  
The Sun of Justice sits up - on a light cloud. You ful - filled the shad - ow of the Law  
and showed the beginning of the new grace. There - fore, beholding you, Sim - e - on  
cried out: Re - lease me from cor - rup - tion, for I have seen you to - day.

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

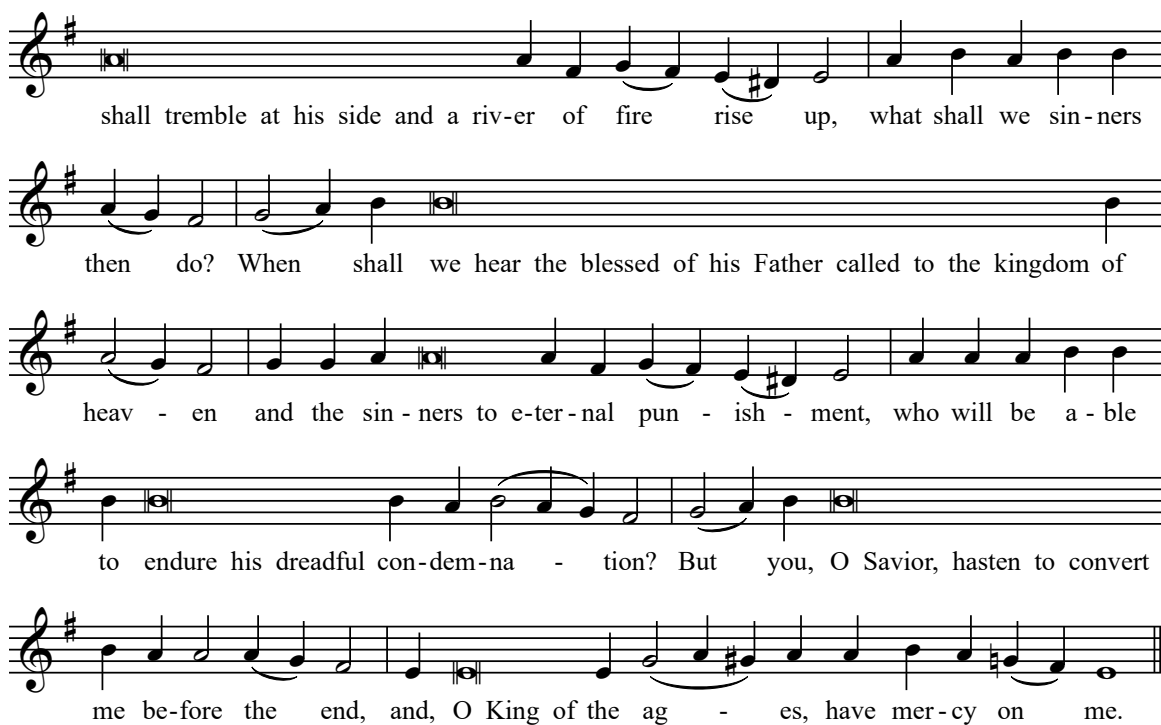
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When you became incar-nate as you willed, you did not separate yourself from  
the bos-om of the Fa-ther. You up-hold the whole world with your hand,  
yet you were held in the arms of the ev-er - Vir - gin, and you were  
hand-ed over to the arms of Sime-on, the ser-vant of God. There-fore, he cried out  
with joy: Now you may dis-miss your ser - vant in peace, O Lord,  
for I have seen you.

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

**Doxastikon of Meatfare Sunday - Tone 8 samohlasen**

When the thrones are set up and the books are o - pened, and God will sit in  
judg - ment, what fear shall I fear in that mo - ment! When the an - gels



shall tremble at his side and a riv-er of fire rise up, what shall we sin-ners  
then do? When shall we hear the blessed of his Father called to the kingdom of  
heav - en and the sin - ners to e-ter-nal pun - ish - ment, who will be a - ble  
to endure his dreadful con-dem-na - tion? But you, O Savior, hasten to convert  
me be-fore the end, and, O King of the ag - es, have mer-cy on me.

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

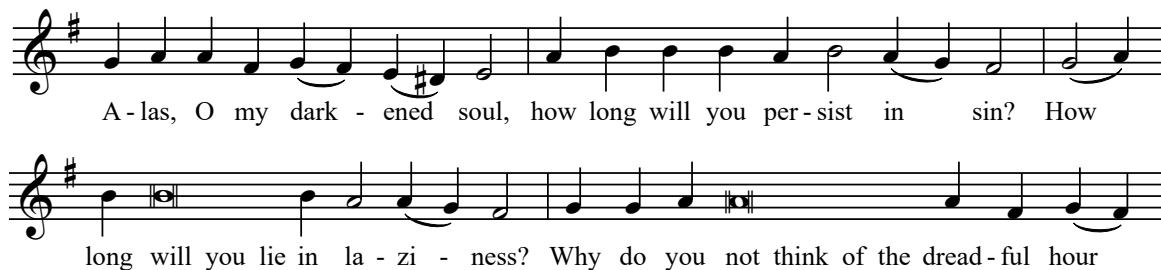
*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the week (Tone 3, page 53).*

### Aposticha

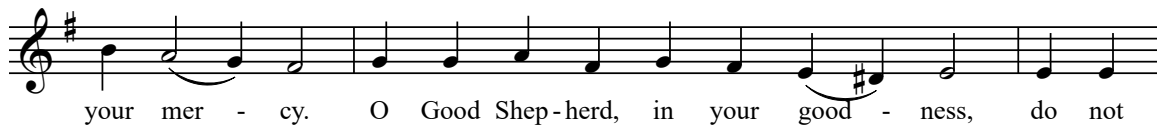
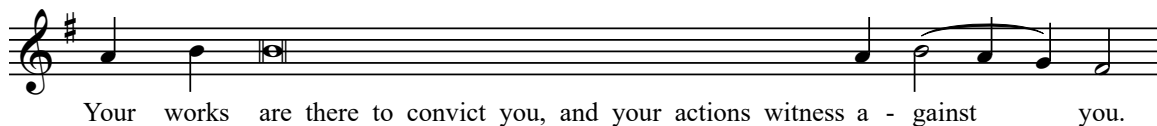
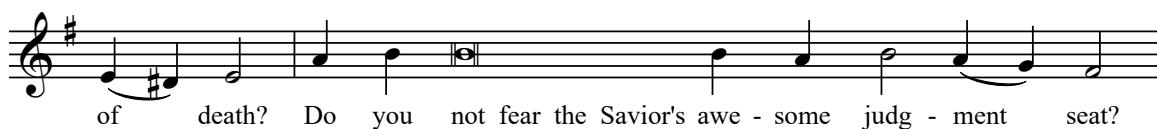
*Sunday aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 3, p. 54), concluding with:*

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

**Aposticha doxastikon of Meatfare Sunday - Tone 8 samohlasen**



A-las, O my dark - ened soul, how long will you per-sist in sin? How  
long will you lie in la - zi - ness? Why do you not think of the dread-ful hour



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

**Aposticha doxastikon of the Post-feast - Tone 2 samohlasen**



for - merly saw in the dark - ness when he re - ceived the tables of the Law on Mount  
 Si - nai. This is He who speaks through the pro - phets; He is the Cre - a - tor  
 of the Law. This is He whom Da - vid an - nounced; He is awe - some to all, yet He has  
 great and a - bun - dant mer - cy.

### 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 Meeting - Tone 1

Re-joyce, The - o - to - kos, Vir - gin full of grace; for from you has shone forth  
 the Sun of Jus - tice, Christ our God, en - light - en - ing those who are in  
 dark - ness. Re - joyce al - so, you just el - der; you re - ceived in  
 your arms the liber - a - tor of our souls, who grants us res - ur - rec - tion.