

Vesper Propers, August 18, 2024
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Postfestive day of the Dormition

The holy martyrs Florus and Laurus. Brothers in the flesh as well as in the spirit, they were zealous Christians and stonemasons by craft and were martyred for the Faith. (2nd century)

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

Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 4, p. 58), stichera 10-7.

Cantor: (Tone 2) 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 2 samohlasen

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With un-wor-thy lips we praise the The-o - to - kos who is more ven-'ra-ble than all
cre - a - tion and more ho - ly than the Cherubim and all the an-gels in heav - en.
She is the unshaka-ble throne of the King. She is the house in which the
Eternal One made his a-bode. She is the sal-va-tion of the world and the sanctu-ar - y
of God. In her ho - ly memory He richly gives great mer - cy to the faith - ful.

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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O Vir-gin, what awesome hymns did the a-pos-tles of the Word, stand-ing a-round
 your bier, offer up at that time to you? They cried out in a - maze-ment:
 The pal-ace of the King is de - part - ing. The ho - ly tab - ernacle is be-ing
 ex - alt - ed. Lift up, O you gates, for the Portal of God will en - ter in joy,
 and, with - out ceas - ing, she beseech-es great mer - cy for all the world.

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

(on 4)

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What spir - itual hymns shall we offer to you to - day, O all - ho - ly One? The whole
 world has been sanctified by your Dor - mi - tion. You have de - part - ed into heaven
 to contemplate the beauty of the Al might-y. As Mo - ther you rejoice to - geth - er
 with Him. The an - gel - ic ranks solemnly accompanied you, O pure One.

for you have become the Mother of the Creator of All, Christ our God. We
 beg you to inter-cede con-stant-ly for us; for, next to God, we have placed our
 hope in you, O most glorious and ev-er Vir - gin The - o - to - kos.

The service continues on p. 19.

Troparia

Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the Week (Tone 4, p. 68), 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.

To - geth - er with them, ask for peace and great mer - cy for us and for
 the souls of the just.

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 holy martyrs Florus and Laurus - Tone 4 samohlasen

O holy ones, you were revealed as unyield-ing pil-lars of strength through bodily tor-tures
 and be - head - ing. You edified the Church of the Lord when you razed
 to the ground the idols and tem - ples. There-fore, we hon-or you as inhabi-tants of
 Par - a - dise since you were sacrificial offerings of the hea - ven - ly tem - ple.

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

Grace pours forth, and we receive enlightenment, joy and mer - cy by coming close
 to the relics of the holy martyrs, Flo - rus and Lau - rus The divine grace of healing

flows abun-dant - ly from them. We hon - or them as media-tors from the Lord,
and we fittingly cry out: O our God, glo - ry to You!

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

Al - though you were buried a-live in the earth at the com-mand of the tor-tur-er.
through the divine will and the revelation of the Ho - ly Spi - rit, you ap-peared
to us as stars that ra - diate signs, mira-cles, and heal - ing gifts. O ho - ly
mar - tyrs, you now dwell with the an - gels in hea - - ven.

Cantor: *(Tone 4)* Glory... now and ever...

Doxastikon of the postfeast - Tone 4 samohlasen

All you peo - ples of the earth sing together a hymn of glo - ry to the
pure and most ho - ly Vir - gin from whom the Word of God came to us,

re - ceiv - ing flesh from her in a manner beyond un - der - stand - ing. Let us
cry out: Blessed are you a - mong wo - men, and bless - ed is your womb that
con-tained Christ, in - to whose hands you com - mit - ted your soul.
O pure Virgin, in-ter - cede with Christ God, that he may save our souls.

Cantor: *(Tone 4)* Now and ever...

Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week (Tone 4, page 64).

Aposticha

Sunday aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 4, p. 65), concluding with:

Cantor: *(Tone 4)* Glory... now and ever...

Aposticha doxastikon of the post-feast - Tone 4 samohlasen

O pure and most ho-ly Vir - gin, the choirs of angels in heaven and the
assembly of peo - ple on earth sing the praises of your glori ous Dor - mi - tion;