

**Vesper Propers. September 1, 2024**  
**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**The Beginning of the Church Year (“Indiction”).** The First Ecumenical Council (325) decreed that the Church’s year should begin on September 1. The lunar month corresponding to September on the Jewish calendar was the beginning of the civil year (cf Exodus 12:2); it was at this time that our Lord Jesus went into the synagogue at Nazareth and read the words of the prophet Isaiah, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...to proclaim ‘the acceptable year of the Lord.’” (Isaiah 61:1-2; Luke 4: 16-21).

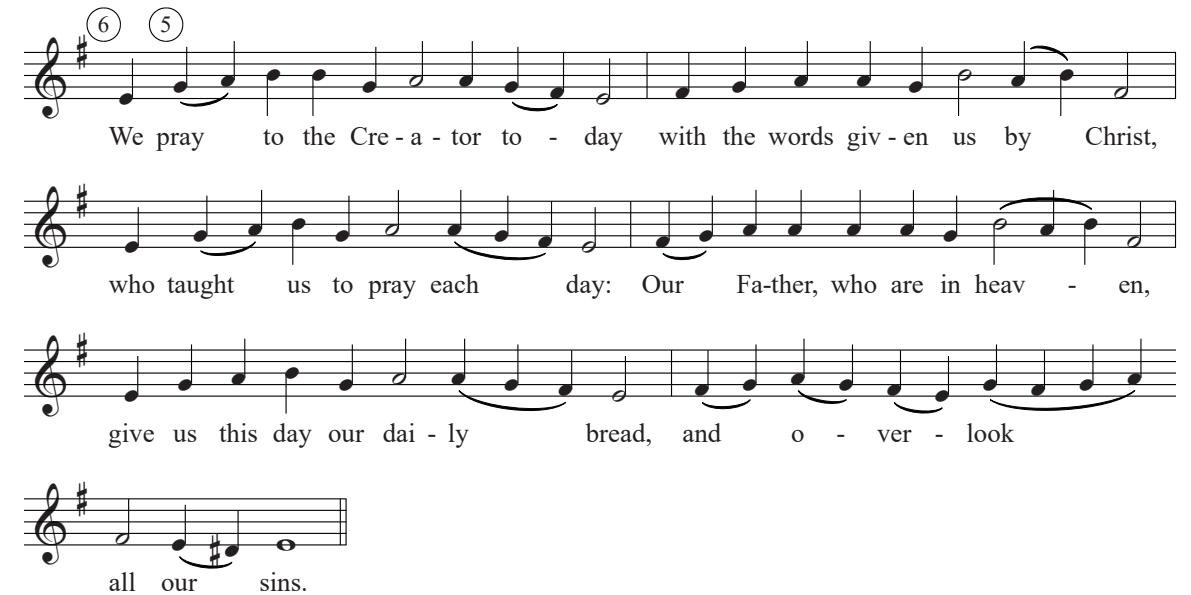
**Our venerable father Simeon the Stylite and his mother.** Simeon lived near Antioch in Syria. He was a monk, who lived for many years standing atop a column (in Greek, a *stylus*), hence he received the nickname “Stylite.” His life and admirable conversation were remarkable. (459)

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

*Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 6, p. 82), 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 New Year - Tone 1 podoben: Nebesnych činov**

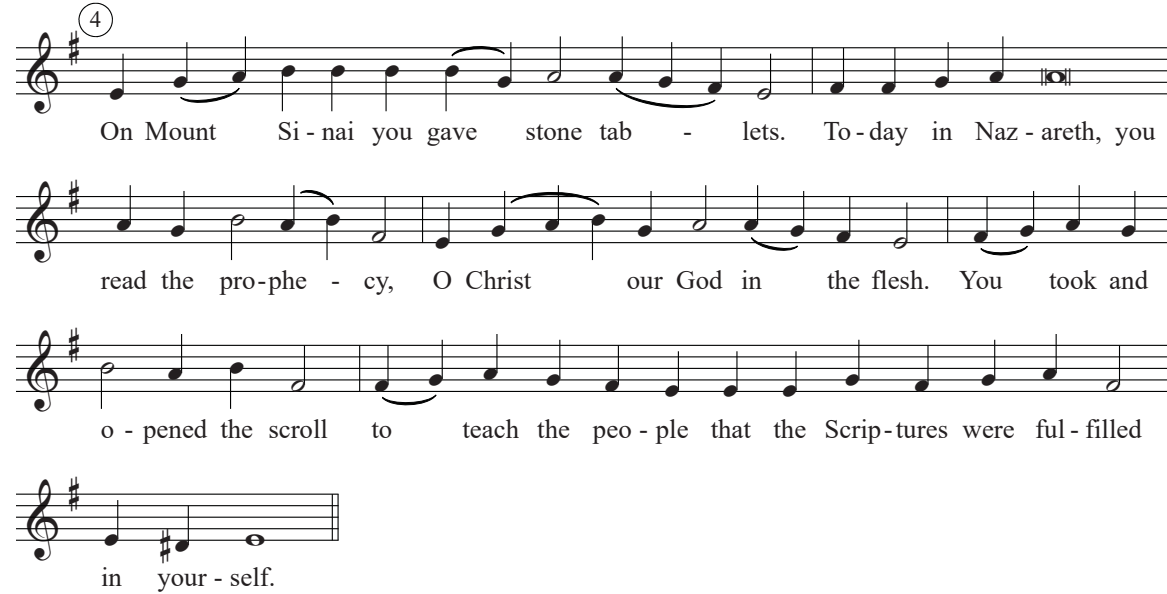


We pray to the Cre - a - tor to - day with the words giv - en us by Christ,  
who taught us to pray each day: Our Fa-ther, who are in heav - en,  
give us this day our dai - ly bread, and o - ver - look  
all our sins.

**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.  
All repeat "We pray to the Creator..."

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

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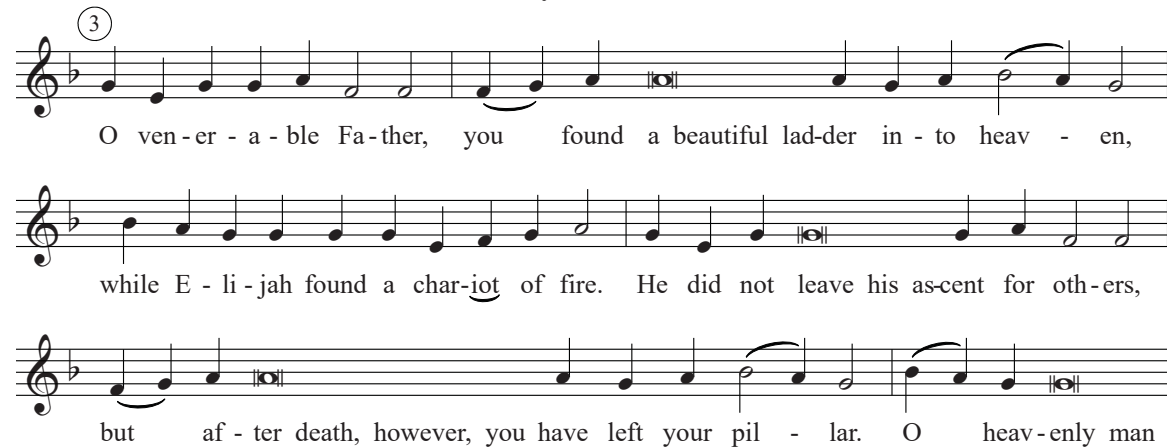


On Mount Si - nai you gave stone tab - lets. To - day in Naz - areth, you  
read the pro - phe - cy, O Christ our God in the flesh. You took and  
o - pened the scroll to teach the peo - ple that the Scrip - tures were ful - filled  
in your - self.

**Cantor:** Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,  
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

**Stichera of our venerable father Simeon the Stylite - Tone 5 samohlasen**

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O ven - er - a - ble Fa - ther, you found a beautiful lad - der in - to heav - en,  
while E - li - jah found a char - iot of fire. He did not leave his as - cent for oth - ers,  
but af - ter death, however, you have left your pil - lar. O heav - enly man



that he may grant peace to the whole world.

*and continue with the Blessing of Bread, p. 119*

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

**Troparion of the New Year - Tone 2**

O Lord, mak - er of the u - ni - verse, who a - lone has power o - ver  
times and sea - sons, bless this year with your boun - ty, pre - serve  
our country in safety, and keep your peo - ple in peace, save us through the  
pray'rs of the The - o - to - kos.

*OR, if bread has been blessed, then the following troparion in Tone 7 is sung twice, followed by the troparion of the Indiction (above) in Tone 2, once.*

Re - joice, O wo - man full of grace, ev - er - vir - gin The - o - to - kos, har - bor  
and protectress of the hu - man race. The Sav - ior of the universe re - ceived  
flesh from you, for you are the only one to be both moth - er and vir - gin,  
for - ev - er blessed, for - ev - er glo - ri - fied. In - ter - cede with Christ our God

and earth - ly an - gel, ev - er - watch - ful beacon to the whole world,  
O venera - ble Sim - e - on, pray for our sal - va - - - tion.

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

O ven - er - a - ble Fa - ther, e - ven if the pil - lar could talk,  
it would nev - er stop proclaiming your toils, your la - bors, and your weep - ing.  
E - ven though it held you, it was sus - tained by your tears, wa - tered as a tree.  
At your en - dur - ance the an - gels crowd a - bout, peo - ple stand in awe, and the  
de - mons trem - ble. O venera - ble Sim - e - on, pray for our sal - va - - - tion.

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

O ven - er - a - ble Fa - ther, by the might of the Ho - ly Spir - it,

you im - i - tat - ed your Mas - ter, as on a cross you ascend - ed the pil - lar.  
 The Lord erased the condemna - tion writ - ten a - gainst us, you de - stroyed the  
 rise of pas - sions. The Lord was a lamb, and you a vic - tim; the Lord  
 was on a cross, and you on a pil - lar. O venera - ble Sim - e - on, pray for  
 our sal - va - - - tion.

**Cantor:** (Tone 6) Glory...

**Doxastikon of the New Year - Tone 6**

O e - ter - nal Word and Son, to - gether with the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
 Cre - a - tor and Maker of all things vis - i - ble and in - vis - i - ble,  
 bless the be - gin - ning of the year, keep in peace all the faith - ful,

The - o - to - kos, for you are the victory and boast of Chris - tians  
 of the true faith.

**Troparia**

*Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the Week (Tone 6, page 91).*

**Cantor:** (Tone 1) Glory...

**Troparion of our venerable father Simeon the Sytite - Tone 1**

You be - came a col - umn of endurance and rivaled the forefathers, O ho - ly one,  
 be - com - ing like Job in your sufferings and like Jo - seph in your trials,  
 like the bod - i - less an - gels, though you lived in the flesh.  
 O Si - me - on, our ho - ly fath - er, in - ter - cede with Christ our God  
 that he may save our souls.

and earth - ly an - gel, ev - er - watch - ful beacon to the whole world,  
O venera-ble Sim - e - on, pray for our sal - va - - - tion.

**Cantor:** (Tone 5) Now and ever...

**Doxastikon of the New Year - Tone 5 samohlasen**

O King, you are eternal and re-main for - ev - er. Re - ceive the petitions  
of us sinners as we pray for sal - va - tion. O Lov - er of us all,  
grant your a - bundance to the earth with temperate and mild weath - er.  
Fight with the faith - ful against all enemy attacks as you helped Da - vid;  
for they have en - tered the tabernacle and defiled your most ho - ly place, O Sav - ior.  
But grant vic - tory over them, O Christ our God, through the pray'rs of the

through the pray'rs of the The - o - to - kos and all your saints.

**Cantor:** (Tone 6) Now and ever...

*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week (Tone 6, page 87).*

**Readings:** Isaiah 61:1 - 9  
Leviticus 26: 3 - 24  
Wisdom 4: 7 - 15

**At the Litija**

*Tone 1 samohlasen*

We have come to the be-gin-ning of the year, gath-er-ing to hon-or these saints:  
Cal - lis - ta and her brothers, Evod and Her-mo - ge - nes; Sim - e - on, e - qual  
to the an - gels, and Josh - u - a, the son of Nun; the sev - en  
child - ren of Eph - e - sus, and the for - ty ho - ly wo - men.  
O lov - ers of feasts, sharing in their re-mem - brance, with in - sis - tence we cry out:

O Lord, bless the works of your hands, and make us wor-thy to pass this year

in spir - it - u - al prog - ress.

O Christ our God, you created all things in your wis - dom, and brought

them from nothingness in - to be - ing. Now bless the be-gin-ning of the year

and keep our cit - y free from harm; and in your mer-cy grant peace and happiness to

all the faith - ful, grant-ing to the world great mer - cy through the

pray'rs of the The - o - to - kos.

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

**Litija doxastikon of the New Year - Tone 8 samohlasen**

In your in - ef - fa - ble wis - dom, O Lord, you formed the universe, O

Word and Christ our God. Times and sea - sons are your gift to us;

now bless the work of your own hands. In your good - ness and your love

for all peo - ple, that they may triumph over the En - e - my,

give strength to faith - ful Chris - - tians.

*The service continues with the Litany of the Litija, p 116.*

**Aposticha**

*Sunday aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 6, p. 87), concluding with:*

**Cantor:** (Tone 5) Glory...

**Aposticha doxastikon of our venerable father Simeon the Stylite - Tone 5 samohlasen**

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