

Vesper Propers, October 6, 2024
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

The holy and glorious apostle Thomas, who did not believe the other disciples when they announced that Jesus had risen. When Jesus himself showed his pierced side, he exclaimed, "My Lord and my God." After this demonstration of faith, it is related that he evangelized India.

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. Then:

Cantor: (Tone 4) 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 apostle Thomas - Tone 4 samohlasen

O bless - ed one, you touched the side of the Lord, and understood the
height of all Good. As a sponge ab-sorbs wa - ter, so you drew eternal life
from the Foun-tain of Good - ness, the streams of the Age to come, in or-der to
ir - ri-gate all of those whose hearts had been left parched by ig - no - rance.
You poured out the know-edge of God up - on them by your teach - ing.

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.
All repeat "O blessed one, you touched the side of the Lord..."

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

Through a cer - tain lack of faith, you strengthened the faith of be - liev - ers
on that day when you confessed as God and Lord him who for us was in - car - nate
and suf - fered and died on the Cross, fas - tened by nails, and pierced by a
lance in his side, from which Life poured forth for all of us.

Cantor: Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.
(Repeat "Through a certain lack of faith...")

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

O Lord, the won - drous Thom - as o - pened a fountain of teach - ings for your
faith - ful, when, in touch - ing your side, he was in - i - tiated by your two
natures in your two en - er - gies, and cried out, "You are my God and my Mas - ter,

Cantor: Now and ever...

Festal theotokion in the same tone (Tone 2, p. 47).



O Lord of Glo - ry, in - car - nate for me!"

Cantor: Strong is the love of the Lord for us;
(on I) he is faithful forever. *All repeat "O Lord, the wondrous Thomas..."*

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

Doxastikon of the holy apostle Thomas - Tone 6 samohlasen



As a serv - ant of the Word and his divine In - car - na - tion, you drank from
wis-dom's sea, O bless-ed a - pos - tle Thom - as. You be-came a
fish - er of men, pull - ing them from er - ror's depths by the rod of the
pre - cious Cross. Through the net of your teachings a - bout the Lord,
you have brought light to the world. In the midst of shad - ows,
you made the people of India shine with the light of knowl - edge. You rejoiced in
the glory of Christ in the full - ness of light. En - treat him to take pit - y



on our souls.

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

Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week (Tone 3, p. 53)

Readings: 1 John 1: 1-7
James 1: 1-12
Jude 1-7, 17-25

Aposticha

Aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 3, p. 54), concluding with

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...

Aposticha doxastikon of the holy apostle Thomas - Tone 6 samohlasen

I - ni - tiated into the di-vine mys-ter-ies, O blessed a-pos-tle Tho - mas,
 you be-came a cha-lice of the wis-dom of Christ, from which the souls of the faithful
 may drink with joy. By the net of the Ho - ly Spi - rit, you drew up people
 from the a-byss of de-spair. Like a riv - er of grace, you have flowed from
 Zi - on, ma-king the streams of your divine teachings water the whole cre-a - tion.

Then, im - itating the suffering of Christ, you received the blow of a lance in your side.

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In - ter - cede be - fore the Lord that he have mer - cy on our souls.

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Cantor: Now and ever...

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

Troparia

Troparion of the Resurrection, in the Tone of the Week (Tone 3, p. 57).

Cantor: (Tone 2) Glory...

Troparion of the holy apostle Thomas - Tone 2

O dis-ci - ple of Christ and member of the a-pos-tol - ic coun - cil, your lack
 of faith proclaimed Christ's re - sur - rec - tion, and your touch con-firmed his
 ho - ly pas - sion. O Thom-as, wor - thy of all praise, pray now
 that he grant us peace and great mer - cy.