

Vesper Propers, August 28, 2005
Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

28 Our venerable father Moses the Ethiopian. He was at first the leader of a band of robbers, but repented and became a great ascetic. He gave himself up utterly to work, prayer, vigils, and fasting. He was ordained a priest in his old age, and then founded a monastery of his own. He was martyred by barbarians looking for loot. (405)

Our holy father Augustine, bishop of Hippo. Born in Hippo in Africa, he was turned from paganism to Christianity by the prayers and tears of his mother, St. Monica. He was baptized by Saint Ambrose of Milan, and returned to North Africa. There he was chosen bishop of Hippo, and he spent the rest of his life in prolific teaching and writing. He served and glorified the Lord for thirty-five years as bishop of Hippo. (430)

The holy martyr Ghebre Michael, priest of Ethiopia, that is, Servant Michael, in Cerecca-Ghebababa in Ethiopia, priest of the Congregation of the Mission [i.e., the Vincentians] and martyr, who always sought the true faith in study and prayer and finally entered the unity of the Church, on account of which he suffered imprisonment for thirteen months followed by travels with soldiers with his feet burdened by chains, and finally, spent by hunger and thirst, he was killed by scourging. (1855)

In monasteries: The Synaxis of the venerable fathers of the Monastery of the Caves. The blessed work of asceticism begun by St. Anthony grew throughout the ages as a fruitful olive tree. The numerous saints, who shone like the stars in these caves in Kiev, are commemorated today by the faithful, asking for their prayers.

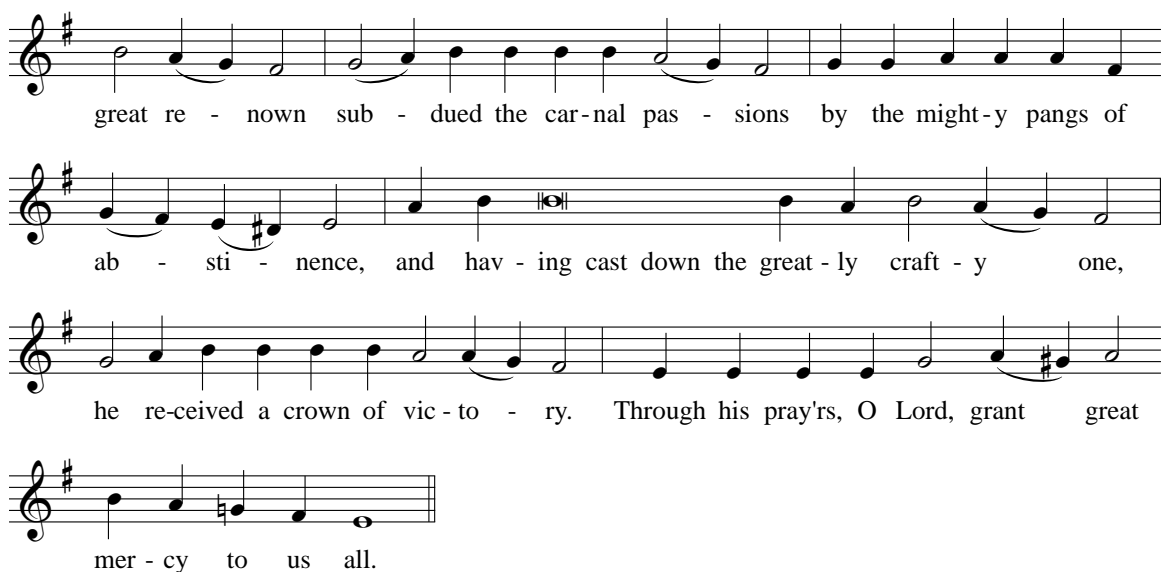
Supplement for **The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2004**

Tone of the Week: Tone 6 (begins on page 82), stichera 10 - 7.

Cantor: (Tone 8) 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.

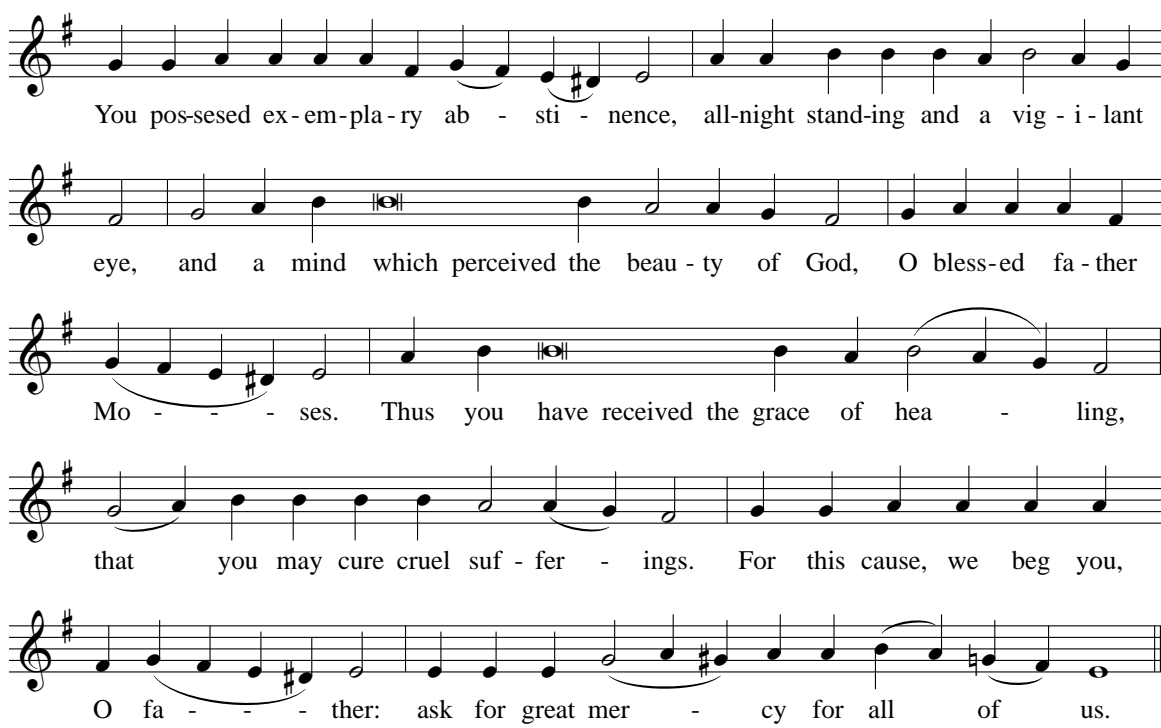
Stichera of Moses the Ethiopian - Tone 8

Hav - ing wise - ly abandoned the a - dorn - ments of the world, fa - ther Mo - ses of



great re - nown sub - dued the car-nal pas - sions by the might-y pangs of
 ab - sti - nence, and hav - ing cast down the great - ly craft - y one,
 he re-ceived a crown of vic - to - ry. Through his pray'rs, O Lord, grant great
 mer - cy to us all.

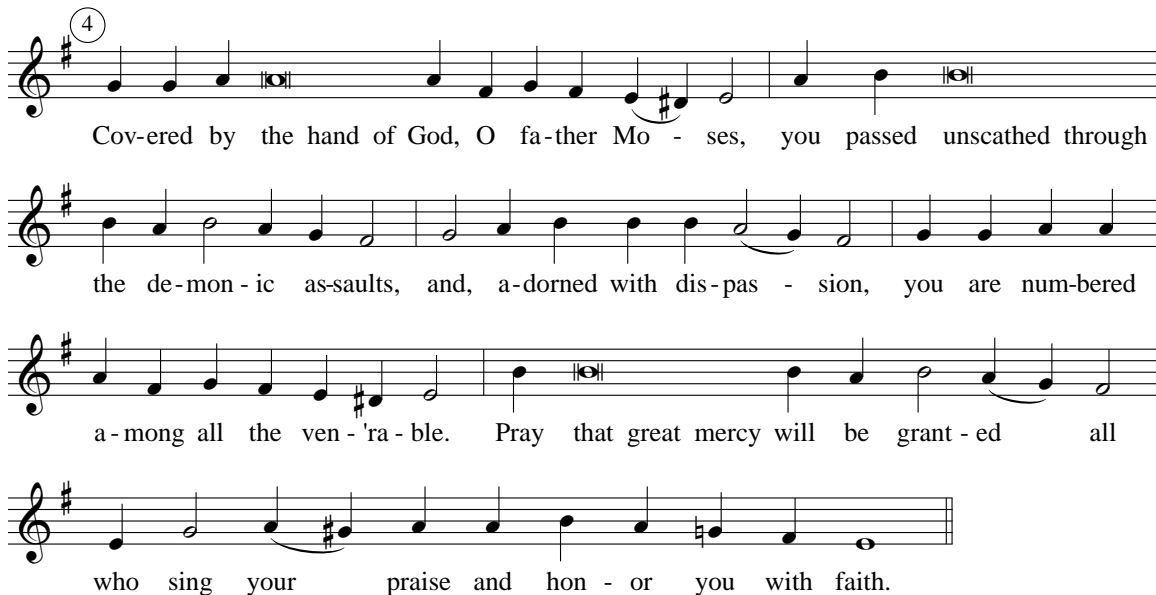
Cantor: My soul is waiting for the Lord. I count on his word.
 (on 5) My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.



You pos-sesed ex-em-pla-ry ab - sti - nence, all-night stand-ing and a vig - i - lant
 eye, and a mind which perceived the beau - ty of God, O bless-ed fa - ther
 Mo - - ses. Thus you have received the grace of hea - ling,
 that you may cure cruel suf - fer - ings. For this cause, we beg you,
 O fa - - - ther: ask for great mer - cy for all of us.

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

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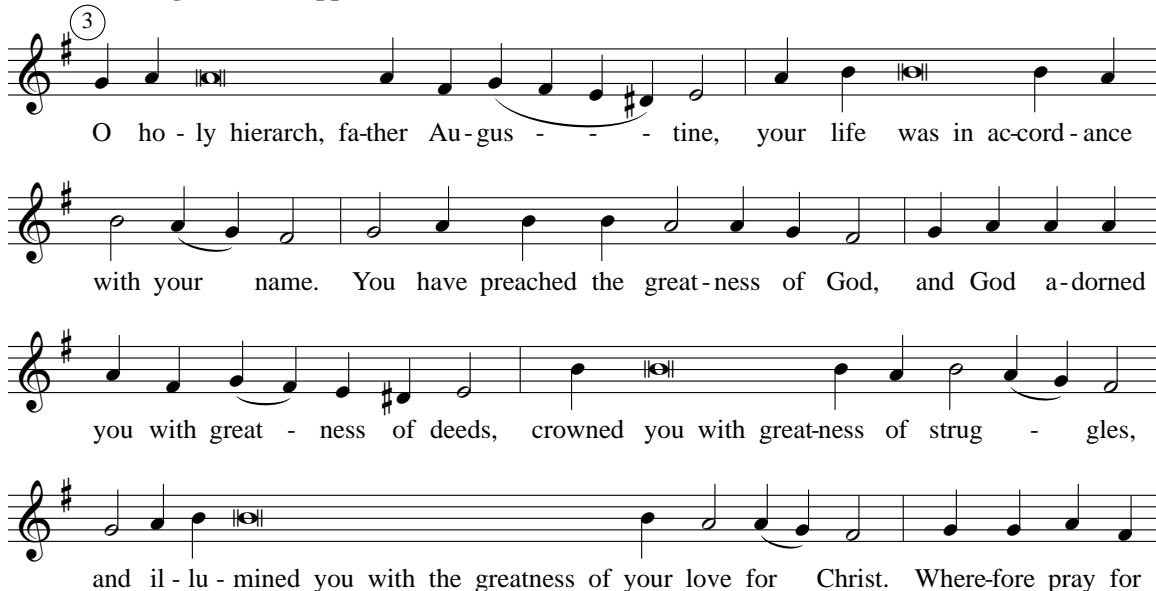


Cov-ered by the hand of God, O fa-ther Mo - ses, you passed unscathed through
the de-mon - ic as-saults, and, a-dorned with dis-pas - sion, you are num-bered
a-mong all the ven - 'ra - ble. Pray that great mercy will be grant - ed all
who sing your praise and hon - or you with faith.

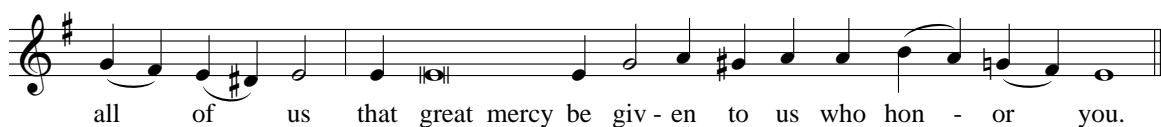
Cantor: (Tone 8) Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

Stichera of Augustine of Hippo - Tone 8

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O ho - ly hierarch, fa-ther Au-gus - - - tine, your life was in ac-cord - ance
with your name. You have preached the great-ness of God, and God a-dorned
you with great - ness of deeds, crowned you with great-ness of strug - gles,
and il - lu - mined you with the greatness of your love for Christ. Where-fore pray for



all of us that great mercy be giv - en to us who hon - or you.

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



O ho - ly hierarch, fa-ther Au-gus - tine, e - ven though the city of Hippo has
 fall - en si - lent, yet we glo - rify you as an uprooter of her - e - sies,
 the con - firmation of the Or - tho - dox faith, the great boast of mon - as - tics,
 the a - dorn - ment of hierarchs and lover of pov - er - ty, the teach - er of the
 Scrip - tures, and our fer - vent in - ter - ce - ssor. Where - fore pray for
 all of us that great mercy be giv - en to us who hon - or you.

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



Wa-tered by the divine words of Am - brose, you pro - duced the grain of the

vir-tues an hun-dred - fold, and be - came an orna-ment for the Church,
a blaz-ing bea - - - con, a flame burn-ing up all her - e - sies,
and a fire warming the hearts of your faith-ful ones, O bish-op of the cit-y of
Hip - po, bless-ed fa-ther and ho - ly hier - arch. Where-fore pray for
all of us that great mercy be giv - en to us who hon - or you.

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...now and ever...

Dogmatikon, Tone 6, p. 87

The service continues with the Hymn of the Evening, page 12.

Aposticha, Tone 6, p. 88

Troparia, Tone 6, p. 91