

**Vesper Propers, June 18**  
**Second Sunday After Pentecost**

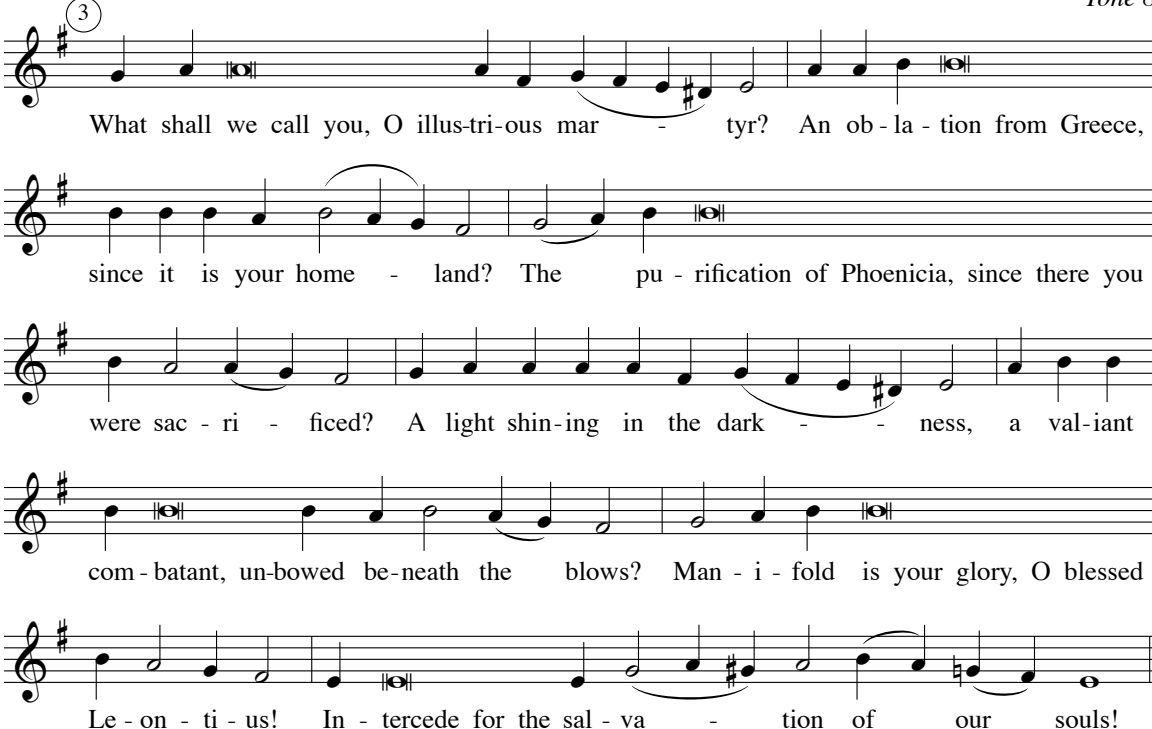
**The holy martyr Leontius**, soldier at Tripoli in Phoenicia, who, having suffered patiently harsh tortures in prison, was granted the crown of martyrdom in the reign of the emperor Vespasian. (c. 73)

*Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2005*

*Tone of the Week: Tone 2 (begins on page 36)*

**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.

Tone 8

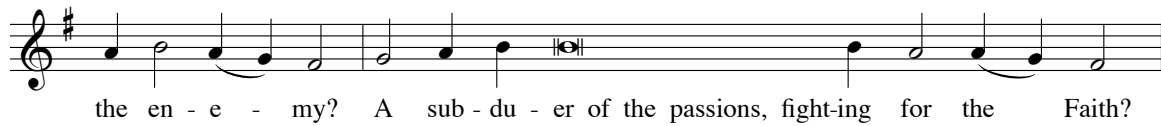


What shall we call you, O illus-tri-ous mar - tyr? An ob - la - tion from Greece,  
since it is your home - land? The pu - rification of Phoenicia, since there you  
were sac - ri - ficed? A light shin-ing in the dark - - ness, a val-iant  
com - batant, un-bowed be-neath the blows? Man - i - fold is your glory, O blessed  
Le - on - ti - us! In - tercede for the sal - va - tion of our souls!

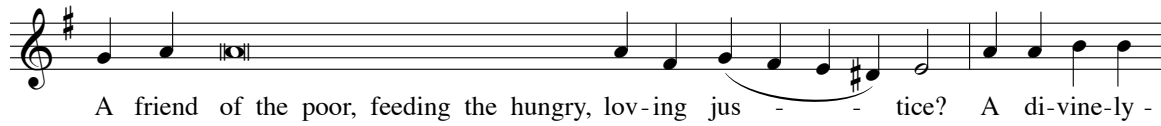
**Cantor:** Praise the Lord, all you nations,  
(on 2) acclaim him all you peoples!



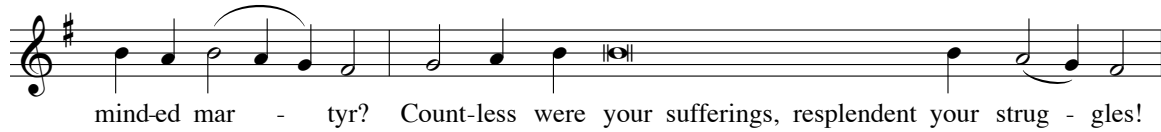
How shall we invoke you, O vic-to-ri-ous ath - lete? A sol - dier of Christ, defeat-ing



the en - e - my? A sub - du - er of the passions, fight-ing for the Faith?



A friend of the poor, feeding the hungry, lov-ing jus - - tice? A di-vine-ly -



mind-ed mar - tyr? Count-less were your sufferings, resplendent your strug - gles!



In - tercede for the sal - va - - tion of our souls!

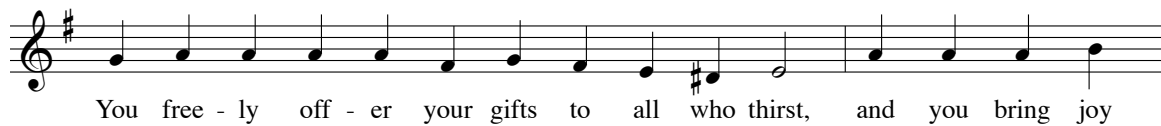
**Cantor:** Strong is the love of the Lord for us;  
(on I) he is faithful forever.



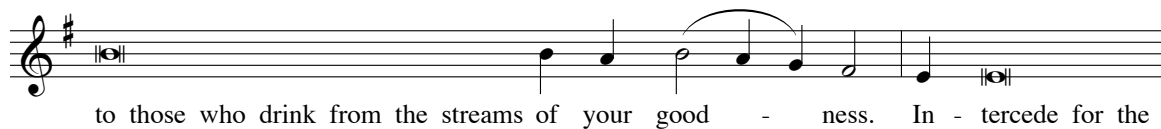
Who would not admire you, O Le-on - ti-us? At-tain-ing the Fountain of all truth



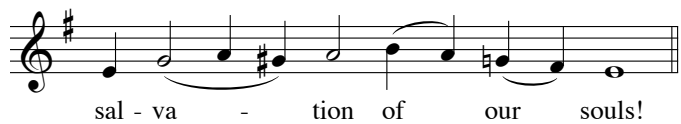
as your dwell - ing, you re-fresh believers with a veritable river of bless - ings.



You free - ly off - er your gifts to all who thirst, and you bring joy



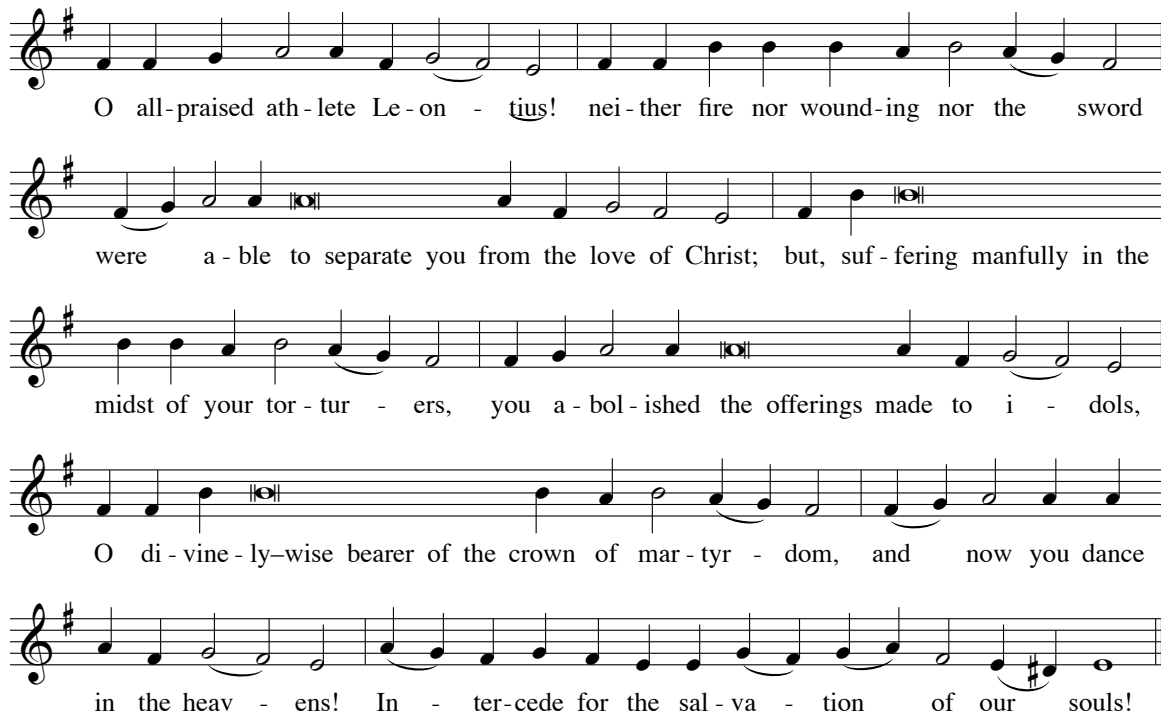
to those who drink from the streams of your good - ness. In - tercede for the



sal - va - - tion of our souls!

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

**Doxastikon - Tone 1**



O all-praised ath-lete Le-on - tius! nei-ther fire nor wound-ing nor the sword  
were a-ble to separate you from the love of Christ; but, suf-fering manfully in the  
midst of your tor-tur - ers, you a-bol-ished the offerings made to i - dols,  
O di-vine-ly-wise bearer of the crown of mar-tyr - dom, and now you dance  
in the heav - ens! In - ter-cede for the sal - va - tion of our souls!

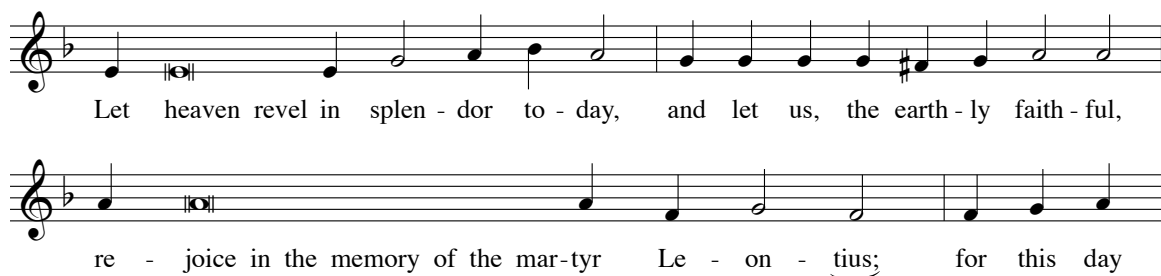
**Cantor:** Now and ever...

*Dogmatikon, Tone 1, p. 30*

*Aposticha, Tone 1, p. 31*

**Cantor:** (Tone 4) Glory...

**Doxastikon (Tone 4)**



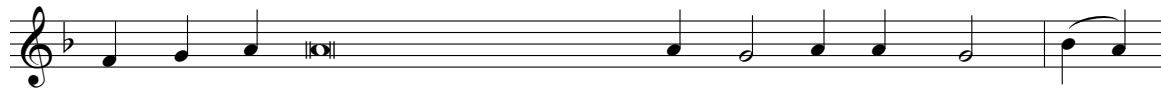
Let heaven revel in splen - dor to - day, and let us, the earth - ly faith - ful,  
re - joice in the memory of the mar-tyr Le - on - tius; for this day



is crowned, not with the sac-ri-fic-es of beasts, but with the sac-rifice of praise, with



spir - it - ual flow - ers. For, standing with us as one a - dorned,



off - 'ring up the Unbloody Sacrifice to the Be - stow - er of Crowns, he



ra - diantly offers up in - ter-ces - sion that those who faithfully keep his mem-'ry



may at - tain the courts of Par - a - dise.

**Cantor:** Now and ever...

*Theotokion, Tone 4, p. 67*

*Troparion and Theotokion, Tone 1, p. 68*