

Vesper Propers, November 19, 2006

The holy prophet Obadiah, who after the exile of the people of Israel announced the wrath of the Lord against the enemy nations.

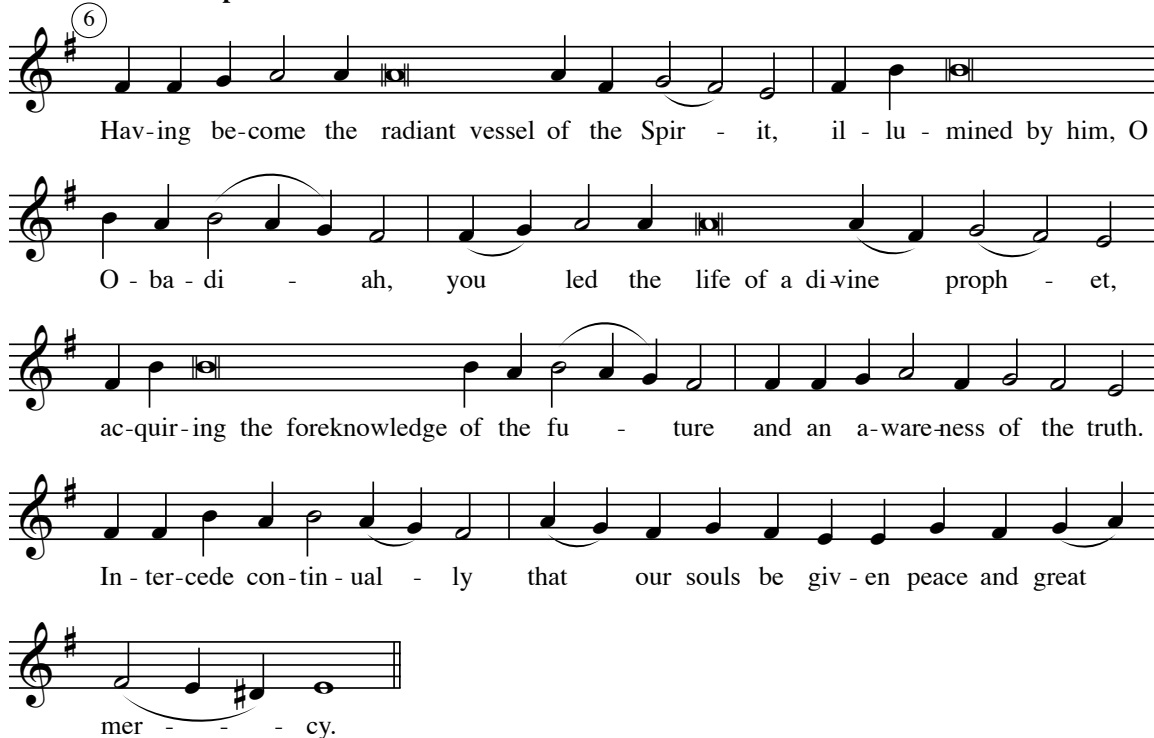
The holy martyr Barlaam at Antioch in Syria. He was rustic and unpolished but strong in the wisdom of Christ. He withstood the fire with incense placed on his hand by the unconquered constancy of his faith. Because of the ferocity of the tyrant, he came to his palm of martyrdom. (304)

Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays After Pentecost, 2005

Lamplighting Psalms: Tone 7, stichera 10-7, beginning on page 92.

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 Prophet Obadiah - Tone 1 samohlasen



Hav-ing be-come the radiant vessel of the Spir - it, il - lu - mined by him, O
O - ba - di - ah, you led the life of a di-vine proph - et,
ac-quir-ing the foreknowledge of the fu - ture and an a-ware-ness of the truth.
In - ter-cede con-tin - ual - ly that our souls be giv - en peace and great
mer - - - cy.

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.

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By grace and in - ti - mate com - mu - nion, the il - lus - trious and sa - cred
 proph - ets have ac - quired a knowledge of the second order of the
 prin - ci - ple traits, the es - sen - tial characteristic marks of the one God,
 be - cause of their po - si - tion; for the Lord en - lightens his own
 ser - vants with his light.

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

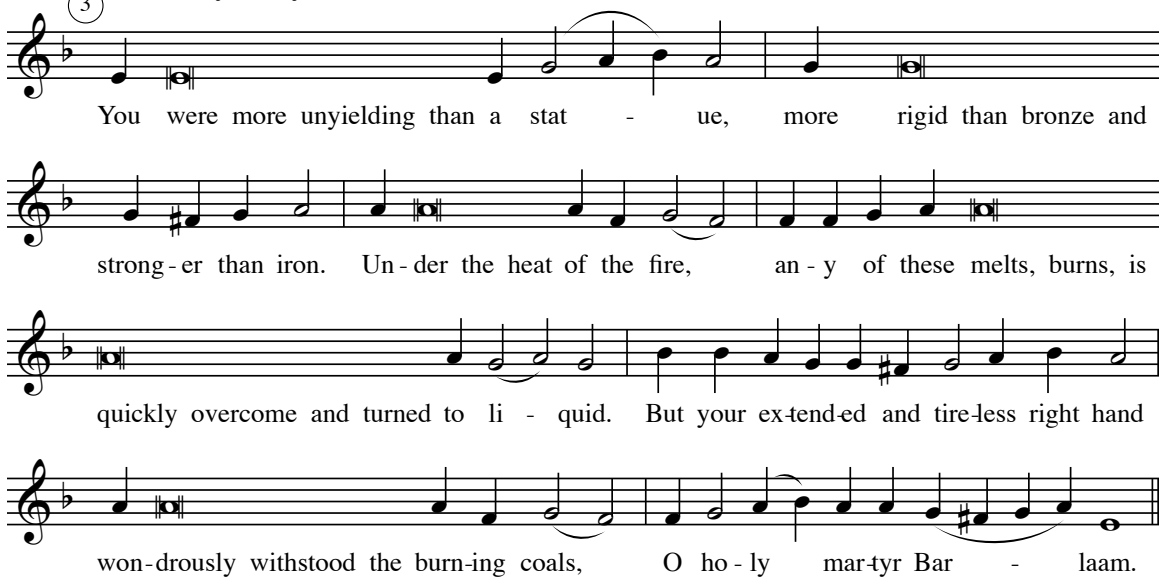
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Filled with in - ac - ces - si - ble light and con - tem - plat - ing the glo - ry of God
 who sur - pass - es all intelligence and un - der - stand - ing, O bless - ed
 O - ba - di - ah, you stand as a di - vine proph - et in the pres - ence
 of the Mas - ter of All. En - treat him to give our souls peace and great mer - cy.

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 martyr Barlaam - Tone 4 samohlasen

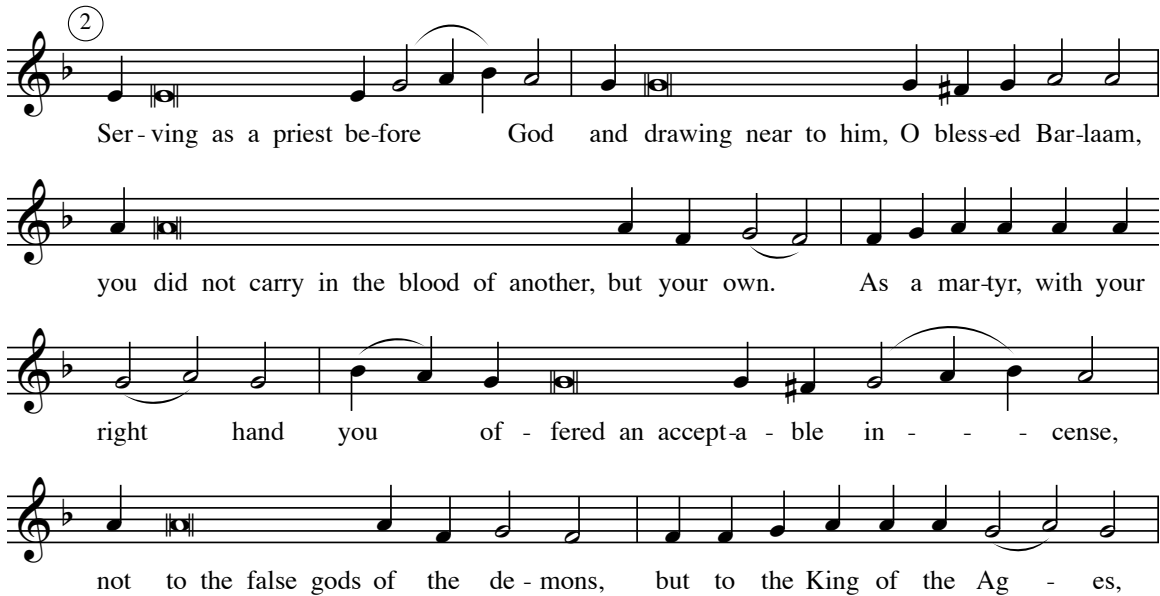
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You were more unyielding than a stat - ue, more rigid than bronze and strong-er than iron. Un-der the heat of the fire, an - y of these melts, burns, is quickly overcome and turned to li - quid. But your ex-tend-ed and tire-less right hand won-drously withstood the burn-ing coals, O ho - ly mar-tyr Bar - laam.

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

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Ser-ving as a priest be-fore God and drawing near to him, O bless-ed Bar-laam, you did not carry in the blood of another, but your own. As a mar-tyr, with your right hand you of - fered an accept-a - ble in - - - cense, not to the false gods of the de - mons, but to the King of the Ag - es,



Christ, our Mas - ter and Sav - - - ior.

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



O won-drous mar - tyr, we joy-fully render you dou - ble hon - or:




sac - rificing as a priest, and sacrificed as a lamb. You were both, and you were



offered as a holocaust in the fire of tor - ments to our God as a pure



vic - tim. En - treat him to save the faith - ful who venerate your



il - lus - tri - ous mem - o - ry.

Cantor: *(Tone 7)* Glory...now and ever...

Tone 7 Dogmatikon, p. 98

proph - ets. Be-hold, the be-gin-nings of God's ac-tions are be-yond our
un - der-stand-ing. You are be-got - ten e - ter - nal - ly and con - ceived
with-out seed. You work won-ders for our sal - va-tion. Glo-ry to you!

Cantor: (Tone 8) Glory...now and ever...

Theotokion - Tone 8 samohlasen

O Vir - gin, you have nev - er known wed - lock, yet you con-ceived our
God in the flesh in a man - ner which words can nev - er de - scribe.
You thus be-came the moth - er of God on high. O im - mac - u-late Lady,
receive your servants' sup-pli-ca - tion, grant-ing us the cleans-ing of our sins.
Ac - cept now our pray'rs and be - seech God to save all of us.

Aposticha, Tone 7, page 99

Troparia, Tone 7, page 100