

Vesper Propers, February 4, 2007
Sunday of the Prodigal Son
Postfestive Day of the Meeting

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

Lamplighting Psalms, Tone 2, page 36, 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 Prodigal Son - Tone 1 samohlasen

I have sown sin in a land of life and in - no - cence and have har - vested the
ears of thought - less - ness. I have gath - ered my actions in - to bun - dles of sheaves,
but I have not placed them on the threshing floor of re - pen - tance. And now
I pray to you, O my God, for you are the pre - e - ter - nal Till - er of our fields:
With the breath of your lov ing kind - ness, now win - now the grain of my ac - tions,
feed my soul with your grace and for - give - ness, gath - er me in - to
your heav - en - ly gra - na - ries and save me.

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 "I have sown sin..."

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



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O faith-ful, let us discover the power of the div-ine mys-te-ry. The Prod-i-gal
came back from his sin and returned to his fa-ther's house; in his lov-ing-kindness his
father came out to meet him and kissed him. He re-stored him to the glo-ry
of his house, and pre-pared a mys-ti-cal ban-quet on high. He killed the fatted
calf so that we might share in his joy; the joy of the Fa-ther who of-fers in love,
and the joy of the Lamb who gives him-self for us; for he is Christ, the
Sav-ior of our souls.

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 Postfeast of the Meeting

Tone 4 podoben: Dal jest znamenije


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In ful-fill-ment of the Law, the Lover of us all now is brought to the Tem - ple.



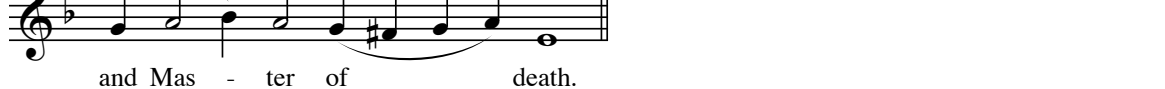
Sim - e - on takes him in his aged arms and cries out: Now let



me depart to the blessedness of the world to come; for I have be-held on this day,



clothed in mor - tal flesh, the One who is Lord of life




and Mas - ter of death.

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

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As a light of revelation to the Gen - tiles, you manifest ed your-self, O Lord.



The Sun of Jus - tice sits up on a light cloud. You ful - filled



the shad-ow of the Law and showed the be gin - ning of the new grace.

There fore, be hold ing you, Sim-e - on cried out: Re - lease me from cor rup - tion,

for I have seen you to-day.

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

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When you became in car-nate as you willed, you did not separate yourself from

the bosom of the Fa - ther. You up-hold the whole world with your hand,

yet you were held in the arms of the ev - er - Vir - gin, and you were

hand-ed over to the arms of Simeon, the ser-vant of God. There fore, he cried out

with joy: Now you may dis miss your ser - vant in peace, O Lord,

for I have seen you.

Cantor: (Tone 2) Glory...

Doxastikon of the Prodigal Son - Tone 2 samohlasen

From what bless - ings have I been de - prived in my wretch - ed - ness, from what
king - dom have I been ex - iled! I squan - dered the treasure that I
re - ceived from you! and I have wan - dered far from your law. A - las,
O my poor soul, you shall be delivered to the e - ter - nal fire; be - fore the end,
cry out to Christ our God Re - ceive me, O Lord, like the Prod - i - gal Son,
and have mer - cy on me.

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

Dogmatikon, Tone 2, p. 42

Litija

Tone 2 Bolhar

With out stain, Christ came forth from the Vir - gin, just as he was begotten of the
Fa - ther be - fore the day - star with - out be - ing di - min - ished,



as the Son by whom Ad - am was re-deemed.

Cantor: (Tone 4) Glory...

Doxastikon - Tone 4 samohlasen



As the Prod - i - gal Son I also come to you, O God of good - ness,



af - ter having spent my life far from you. O Fa - ther, I wasted the riches that



you gave me. Re - ceive my re-pent-ance, O Lord, and have mer - cy



on me.

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

Theotokion - Tone 5 samohlasen



He who is ancient of days and young in the flesh is be-ing brought to the Temple by



his vir - gin Moth - er. He ful - fills the prom - ise of his own law.



Sim - e - on re-ceives him and says: Now you may dis-miss your serv - ant,

ac - cord-ing to your word, in peace, for my eyes have seen
your sal - va - tion, O Lord.

Litija Litany, p. 116

Aposticha, Tone 2, p. 43

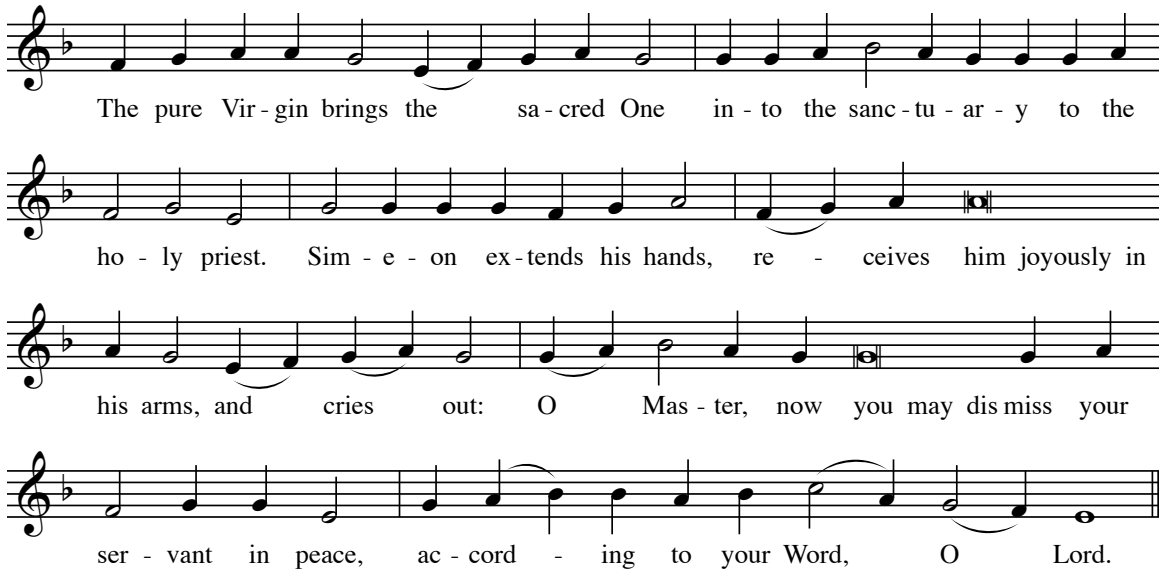
Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...

Doxastikon - Tone 6 samohlasen

I have wast-ed the treasure that my Fa-ther gave to me; I have lived a-mong
sense-less beasts; I have longed to eat the food of swine, and be-cause
no one offered it to me, I re-mained hun - gry. But now I return to my Fa-ther,
who is so good, and with tears I cry out: Treat me as one of
your serv - ants: for I no long-er de-serve your love; and in your
mer-cy save me.

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

Theotokion - Tone 2

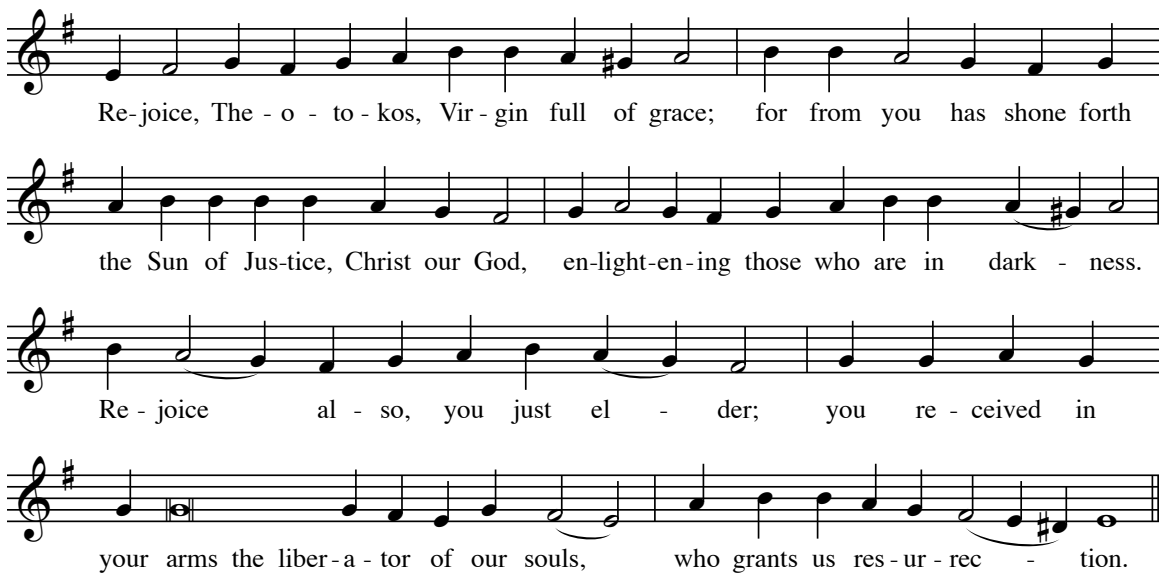


The pure Vir-gin brings the sa-cred One in-to the sanc-tu-ar-y to the
ho-ly priest. Sim-e-on ex-tends his hands, re- ceives him joyously in
his arms, and cries out: O Mas-ter, now you may dis-miss your
ser-vant in peace, ac-cord-ing to your Word, O Lord.

Troparia at the Blessing of Bread:

"Rejoice, O Virgin..." is sung once by the priest and once by the people.

Troparion of the Meeting - Tone 1



Re-joice, The-o-to-kos, Vir-gin full of grace; for from you has shone forth
the Sun of Jus-tice, Christ our God, en-light-en-ing those who are in dark-ness.
Re-joice al-so, you just el-der; you re-ceived in
your arms the liber-a-tor of our souls, who grants us res-ur-rec-tion.