

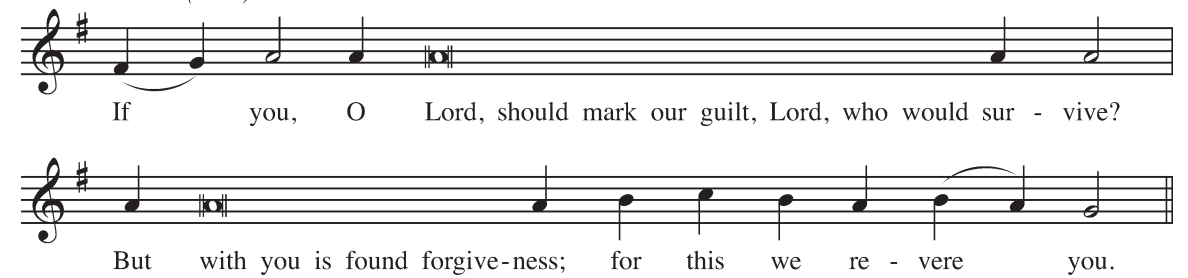
Vesper propers, November 18, 2007

**The holy martyrs Plato and Roman.** Born in the town of Ancyra in Galatia, Plato showed early and great perfection in virtue. Because he did not hide his faith, he was called before the governor for trial. After having been cruelly tortured, he was beheaded and died in 266. Roman was a deacon of the Church in Caesarea. Boldly accusing the governor of idolatry, he was tortured and killed. (303)

*Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2006*

*Tone of the Week: Tone 8 (begins on page 102), stichera 10 - 7.*

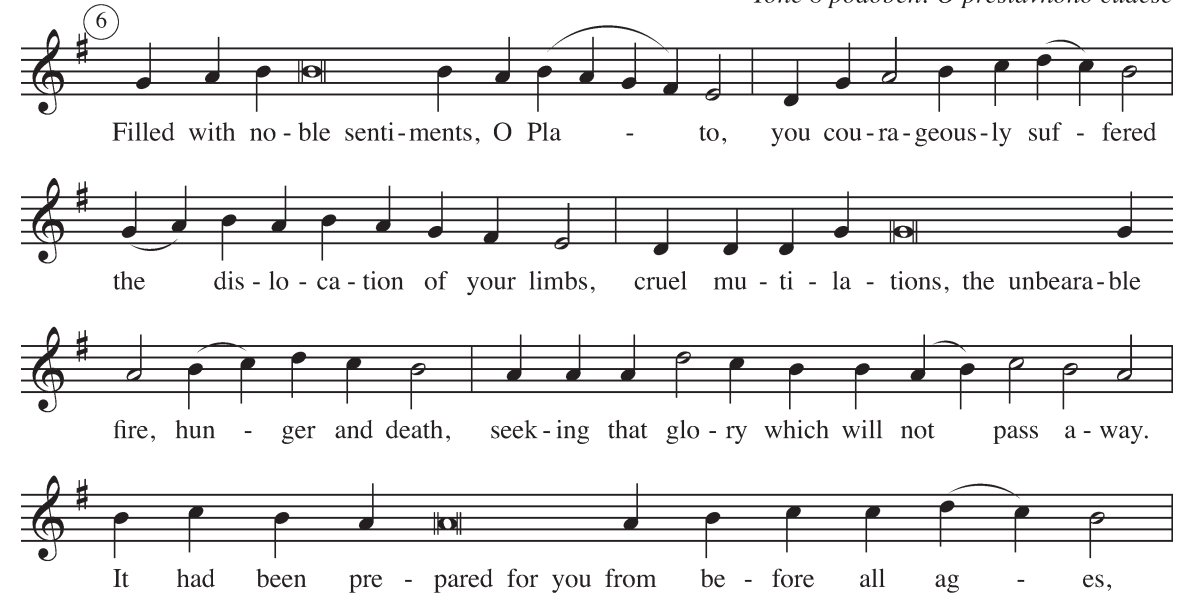
*Cantor (on 6)*



If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?  
But with you is found forgiveness; for this we revere you.

**Stichera of Plato**

*Tone 8 podoben: O preslavnoho čudese*



Filled with noble sentiments, O Plato, you courageously suffered  
the dislocation of your limbs, cruel mutilations, the unbearable  
fire, hunger and death, seeking that glory which will not pass away.  
It had been prepared for you from before all ages,

and you contemplated that e - ter - nal bliss in ad - vance.

*Cantor (on 5)*

My soul is longing for the Lord. I count on his word. My soul is longing

for the Lord more than watch - man for day - break.

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Trans - cend - ing the sens - - - es and lift - ing up your spir - it

to the life on high with a gen - er - ous heart and god - ly thoughts,

you re - nounced the base - ness and little val - ue of vis - i - ble things.

Thus you en - dured cut - ting and the sear - ing flame

with cour - age for the sake of Christ.

sto - ics. Flayed a-live and be-head - ed. he drowned the en - e - my in the  
streams of his blood. O glo-ry of mar - tyrs who courageously preached the  
sub-lime name of Christ, won-der-work-ing and bless - ed Pla - to,  
en-treat him to grant great mer-cy to our souls.

**Cantor:** (Tone 8) Now and ever...

*Dogmatikon, Tone 8, p. 107*

*Aposticha, Tone 8, p. 108*

*Troparion and Theotokion, Tone 8, p. 111*

*Cantor (on 4)*  
Let the watch-man count on day-break and Is - ra - el on the Lord.  
Hav - ing blocked by grace ev -'ry up-ris-ing of the en - e - my  
and the per - se - cu - tors sur-round - ing you, O Pla - to, you were crowned  
as a vic - tor, gain-ing un -end-ing hap - pi - ness and the in - ef - fa - ble  
splen-dor of God: en-treat him to grant re-mis-sion of sins to those who sing to you.

**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 Roman**

*Tone 4 podoben: Jako doblja*

Tem-pered by as-cet - i - ci - sm, sharp - ened by strug - gles,  
pol-ished by man - y suf-fer-ings, you were a dou-ble-edged sword which tore  
in - to the hordes of de - mons, O di-vine glo - ry of the ho - ly Church,

il - lus - tri - ous Ro - man, won - drous adornment of the ath - letes who  
poured out their blood.

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

Bound and lac - er - a - ted by blows, thrown in - to pris - on,  
your tongue cut out and your jaw brok - en, O vic - to - rious martyr,  
you at - tained your bless - ed end by viol - ent stran - gu - la - tion, O Ro - man.  
But you re - mained firm with the aid of the Ho - ly Spir - it: thus we  
ac - claim you in faith.

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

One young man be - gan to speak and filled the foolish with

a - maze - ment. Re - splen - dent for his sacred perseverance and ra - diant  
in his death, he ac - quired the glory of the ho - ly mar - tyr,  
since he was filled with zeal for God. In com - pan - y with  
him, entreat the remission of sins for us, O ho - ly Ro - man, won - drous and sto - ic  
mar - - - tyr.

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

**Doxastikon - Tone 6 samohlasen**

O Lord, won - drous and glo - rious is the victory of your mar - tyr.  
Im - i - tat - ing the boldness of the Gal - i - le - an fish - er - men,  
and weav - ing nets with his the - ol - o - gy, by his words and deeds  
he has burst asunder the myths of Pla - to and the bab - bling of the