

**Vesper Propers, June 8, 2008**  
**Transfer of the Relics of the Great Martyr Theodore the Recruit**

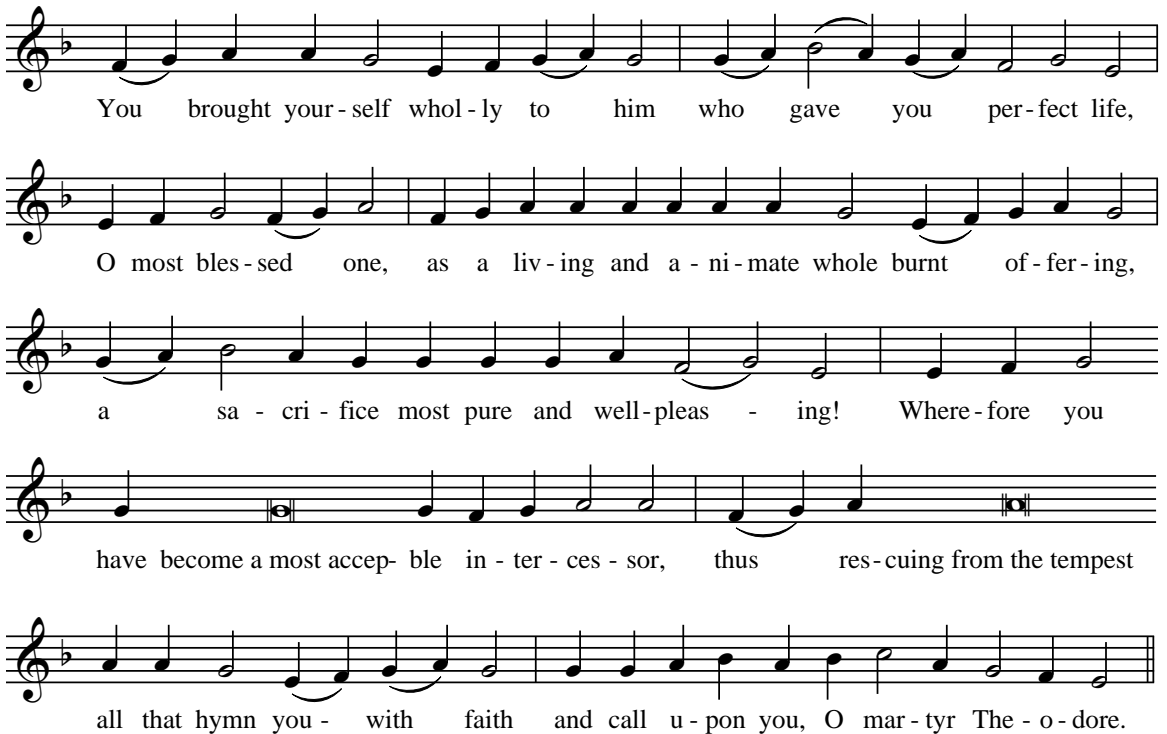
**The holy great martyr Theodore Stratelates** suffered for Christ in Herakleia on 8 February 319. At the time of his sufferings he ordered his servant Uaros to bury his body on the estate of his parents in Eukhaitos. The transfer of his relics took place on 8 June 319.

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

*Tone of the Week: Tone 3 (begins on page 48), stichera 10-5*

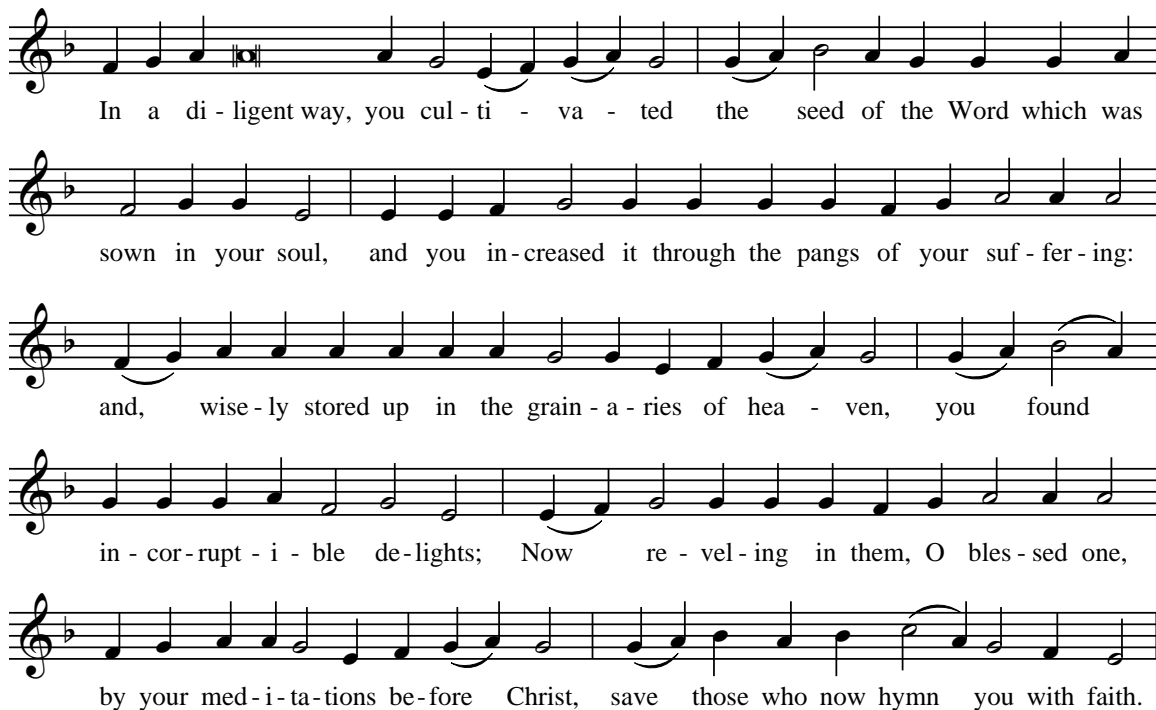
**Cantor:** Let the watchman count on daybreak, and Israel on the Lord.  
*(on 4)*

**Stichera of Theodore the Recruit - Tone 2 samohlasen**



You brought your - self whol - ly to him who gave you per - fect life,  
O most bles - sed one, as a liv - ing and a - ni - mate whole burnt of - fer - ing,  
a sa - cri - fice most pure and well - pleas - ing! Where - fore you  
have become a most accep - ble in - ter - ces - sor, thus res - cuing from the tempest  
all that hymn you - with faith and call u - pon you, O mar - tyr The - o - dore.

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



In a di - ligent way, you cul - ti - va - ted the seed of the Word which was  
sown in your soul, and you in - creased it through the pangs of your suf - fer - ing:  
and, wise - ly stored up in the grain - a - ries of hea - ven, you found  
in - cor - rupt - i - ble de - lights; Now re - vel - ing in them, O bles - sed one,  
by your med - i - ta - tions be - fore Christ, save those who now hymn you with faith.

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



O mar - tyr and Christ's own pas - sion - bear - er, by your en - trea - ties,  
save those that are in ma - ny needs, re - pel - ling ev - 'ry e - vil cir - cum - stance,  
dri - ving a - way soul - de - stroy - ing grief, and be - seech - ing mer - cy and grace for us,

that, saved by your sup - pli - ca - tions, we may hymn your honored struggles,

re - joi - cing, O The - o - dore!

**Cantor:** (Tone 4) Strong is the love of the Lord for us;  
(on 1) he is faithful forever.

*Tone 4 samohlasen*

In the Spi - rit, you showed your - self to be a generous athlete, and in - vin -

ci - ble sol - dier. You o - ver-threw the e - ne - my by the wis - dom

of your words and the en - dur - ance you showed in your strug - gle.

Thus you received the crown of vic-to-ry and joined the festive assembly in hea - ven,

O The - o - dore, the glo - ry of mar - - - tyrs.

**Cantor:** (tone 5) Glory...

**Doxastikon of the Martyr - Tone 5 samohlasen**

To-day the honored memory of Christ's pas-sion-bear-er shines forth more bright-ly  
than the mor-ning star, in - vi - sibly illuminating the hearts of the faith-ful  
and dis-pel-ling the clouds from their souls through the grace of the Ho-ly Spi-rit. To him  
let us cry out, O lov-ers of the mar - tyrs: O di - vine - ly bestowed grace re - vealed  
to the faith-ful, which spreads forth multitudes of miracles on those who flee to you,  
bles-sed The - o - dore! Un - cea - sing - ly en - trea - ting Christ, fail not to ob - tain  
e - ter - nal bles - sings for them that ho - nor your mem - o - ry with faith.

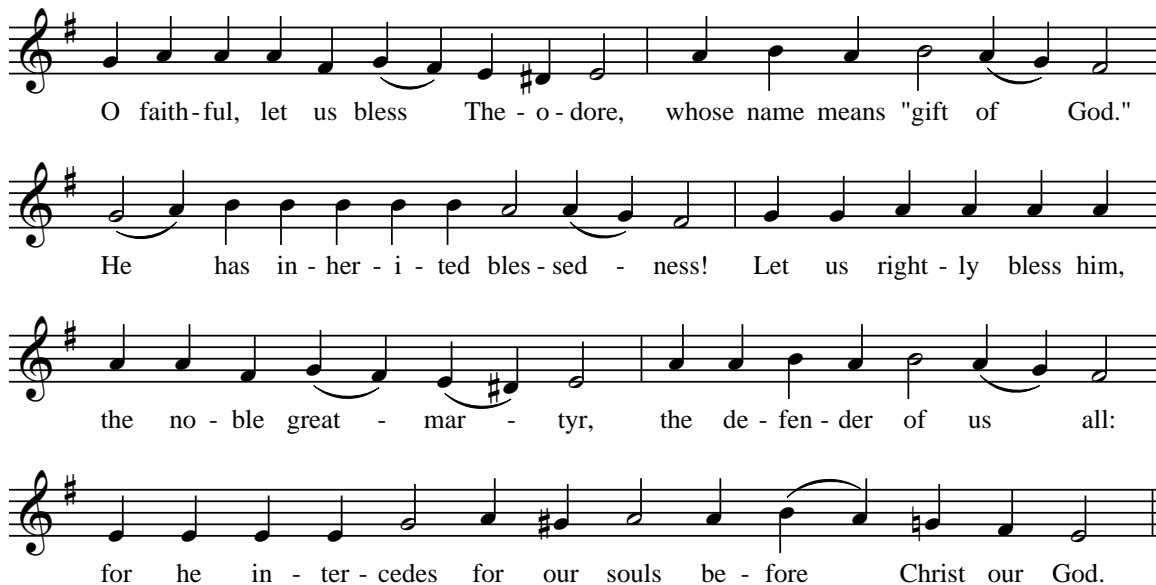
**Cantor:** (tone 3) Now and ever...

*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week (Tone 3), page 53*

*Aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 3), page 54, concluding with:*

**Cantor:** (Tone 8) Glory...

**Aposticha doxastikon of the martyr - Tone 8 samohlasen**



O faith-ful, let us bless The - o - dore, whose name means "gift of God."  
He has in - her - i - ted bles - sed - ness! Let us right - ly bless him,  
the no - ble great - mar - tyr, the de - fen - der of us all:  
for he in - ter - cedes for our souls be - fore Christ our God.

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

*Aposticha theotokion of Saturday in Tone 8, page 110*

**Troparia:**

*Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the Week (Tone 3), page 57*

**Cantor:** (Tone 4) Glory to the Father....

**Troparion of Theodore - Tone 4**



You be-came a bril-liant gen-er - al in the real ar-mies of the King of heav - en,



O The - o - dore the Tri - um - phant. You fought cou - ra - geous - ly with the



wea - pons of faith and put the le - gions of de - mons to flight



There - fore, we praise you with fer - vor at all times.

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

*Festal Theotokion in the same Tone (Tone 4), page 68*