

**Vesper Propers, January 25, 2009**  
**Thirty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday of Zacchaeus**

**Our holy father Gregory the Theologian, archbishop of Constantinople, the friend of St. Basil; bishop of Sebaste, and then of Constantinople, and finally Nazianzus. He defended the divinity of the Word with great ardor, for which reason he is also named "the Theologian." During his time as patriarch of Constantinople, he presided over the Second Ecumenical Council (Constantinople, 381). (389)**

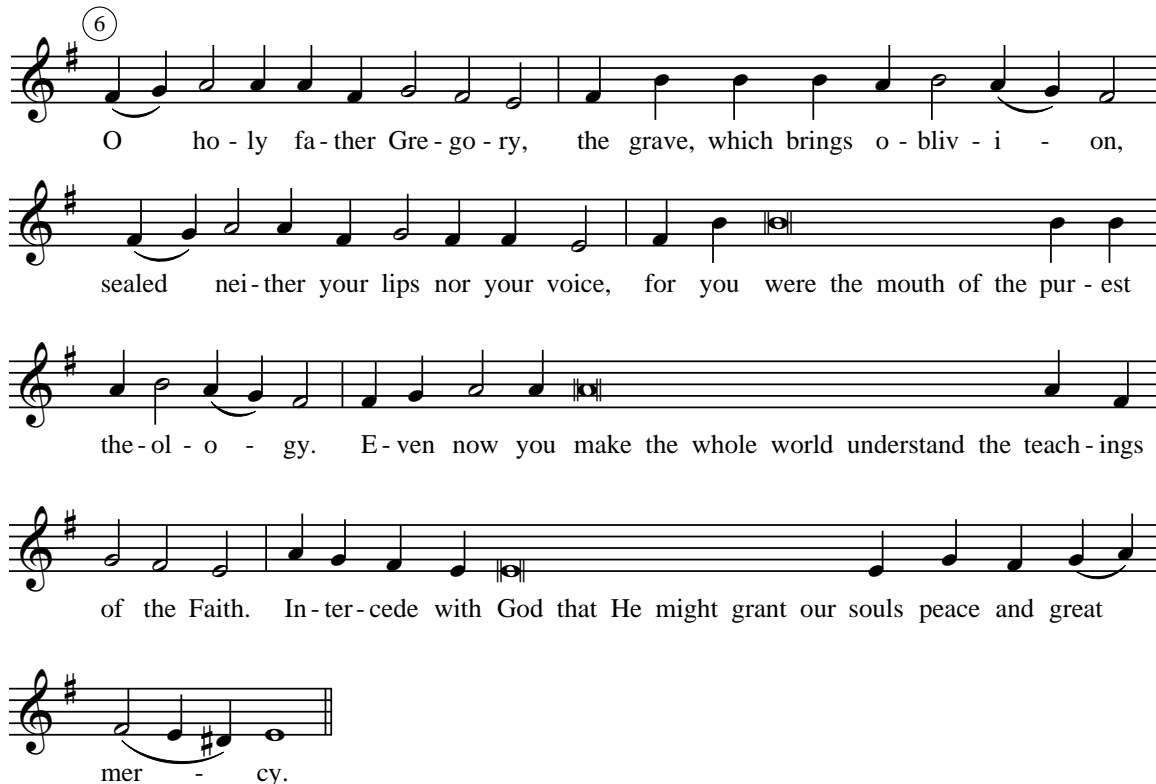
*Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2006*

*Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 4, p. 58), 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 our holy father Gregory the Theologian - Tone 1 samohlasen**

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O ho - ly fa - ther Gre - go - ry, the grave, which brings o - bliv - i - on,  
sealed nei - ther your lips nor your voice, for you were the mouth of the pur - est  
the - ol - o - gy. E - ven now you make the whole world understand the teach - ings  
of the Faith. In - ter - cede with God that He might grant our souls peace and great  
mer - cy.

**Cantor:** My soul is waiting for the Lord. I count on his word.  
(on 5) My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.

5

O ho - ly fa - ther Gre - go - ry, you wise - ly repelled the hostile re - bel - lion  
of the flesh. Mount - ing the char - iot of the vir - tues, you took flight  
heavenward toward the inef - fa - ble Beau - ty. Filled by It, you grant our souls  
peace and great mer - cy.

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

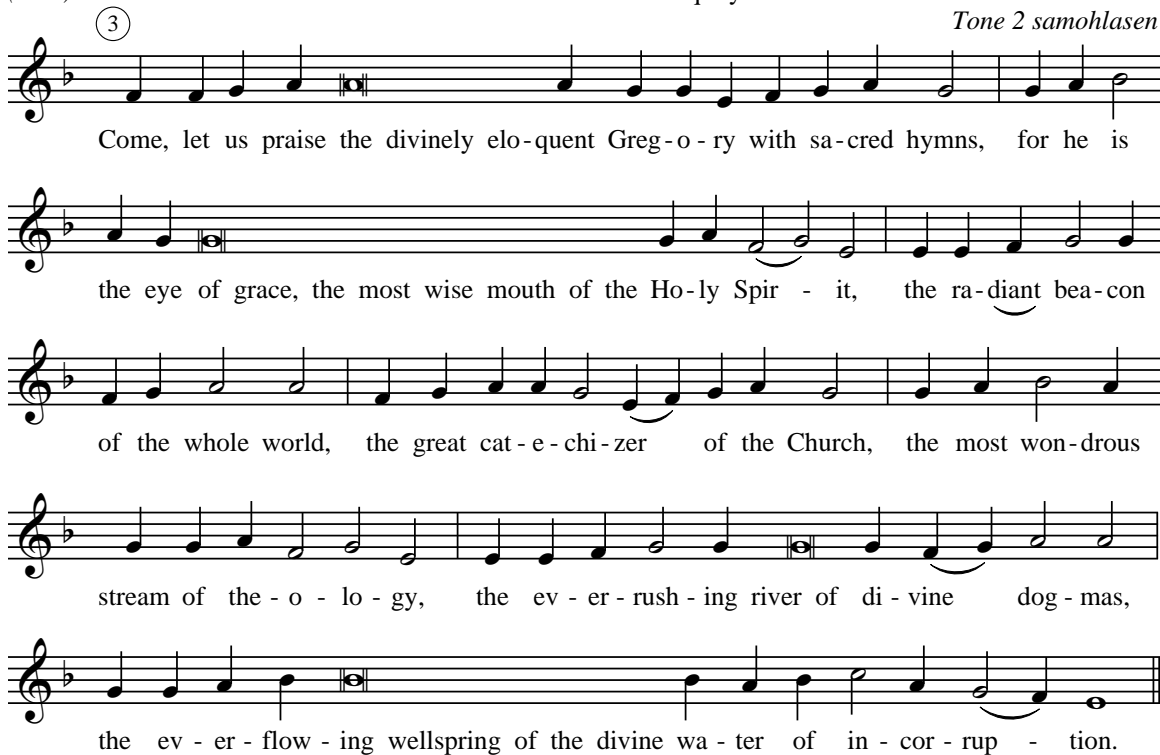
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O ho - ly fa - ther Gre - go - ry, through grace you became a faithful mediator be - tween  
God and man. Now by your con - fi - dent prayers, you ob - tain for us the good  
gra - ces of Christ. O ven - er - able father, you never cease to in - ter - cede with Christ  
that He might grant our souls peace and great mer - - - cy.

**Cantor:** (Tone 2) Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,  
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

*Tone 2 samohlasen*

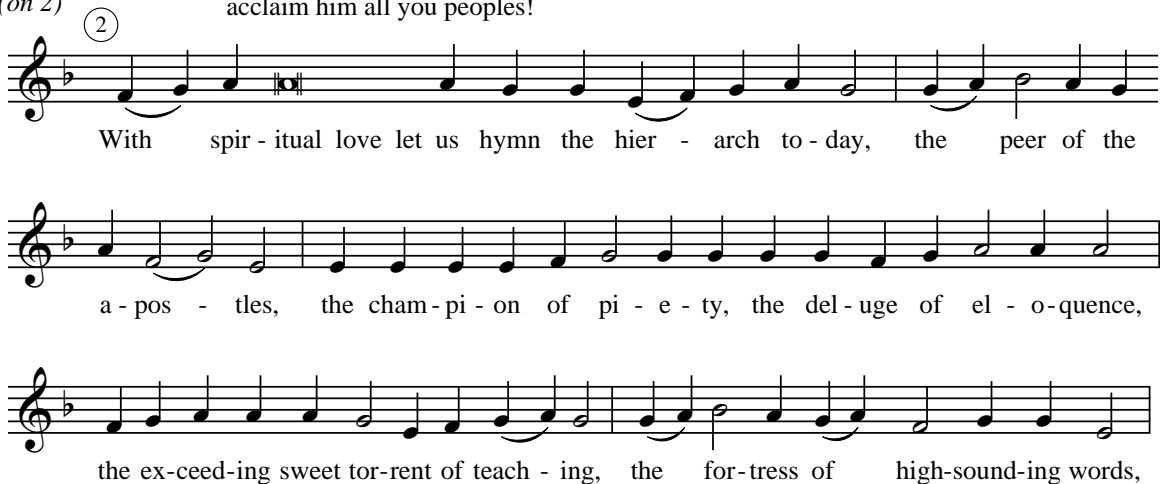
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Come, let us praise the divinely elo-quent Greg-o-ry with sa-cred hymns, for he is  
the eye of grace, the most wise mouth of the Ho-ly Spir - it, the ra-diant bea-con  
of the whole world, the great cat-e-chi-zer of the Church, the most won-drous  
stream of the - o - lo - gy, the ev - er - rush - ing river of di - vine dog - mas,  
the ev - er - flow - ing wellspring of the divine wa - ter of in - cor - rup - tion.

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

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With spir - itual love let us hymn the hier - arch to - day, the peer of the  
a - pos - tles, the cham - pi - on of pi - e - ty, the del - uge of el - o - quence,  
the ex - ceed - ing sweet tor - rent of teach - ing, the for - tress of high - sound - ing words,



the mouth of heav-en - ly thun-der, the fier-y tongue, the treas-ure of wis - dom,



the preach - er of the Word, the a - dorn-ment of the faith - ful.

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

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With fit-ting hymns let us all praise the the - o - lo - gian, the guard-ian of



the flock of Christ, the hunt - er of the wolves of e - vil, the most wise



up-root - er of base weeds and most won-drous sow - er of right dog - mas,



the ex - ceed - ing - ly mighty dis-pel - ler of her - e - tics, who tru - ly in-creased



the tal - ents of Christ by his god - ly vig - i - lance, as is good,

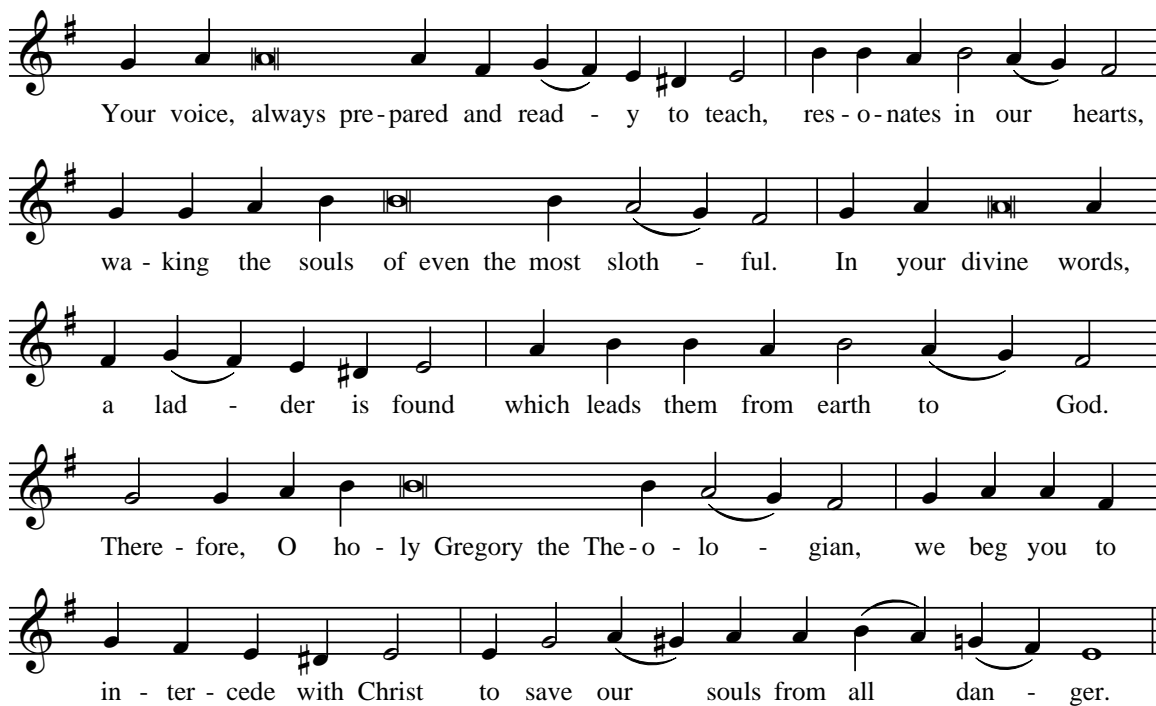


and il - lu - mined the world with the divine ra - di - ance of his doc - trines.

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

(on 1)

**Doxastikon of Gregory the Theologian - Tone 8 samohlasen**



Your voice, always pre-pared and read - y to teach, res - o - nates in our hearts,  
wa - king the souls of even the most sloth - ful. In your divine words,  
a lad - der is found which leads them from earth to God.  
There - fore, O ho - ly Gregory the The - o - lo - gian, we beg you to  
in - ter - cede with Christ to save our souls from all dan - ger.

**Cantor:** (Tone 4) Now and ever...

*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the week (Tone 4, page 64).*

**Readings:** Composite I (FM 486)  
Composite II (FM 486-488)  
Wisdom 4:7-15 (EOT 308)

## Aposticha

*Aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 4, page 65), concluding with:*

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

**Aposticha doxastikon of our holy father Gregory the Theologian - Tone 8 samohlasen**



With your voice as a plow, you cultivated the hearts of the faith - ful to make



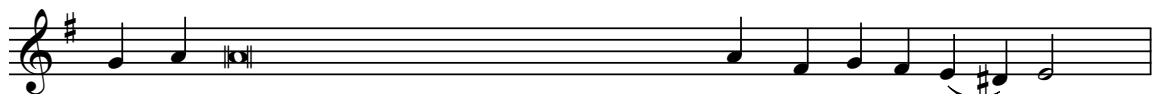
the immortal fruits of the faith grow in them, O hier - arch Greg - o - ry,



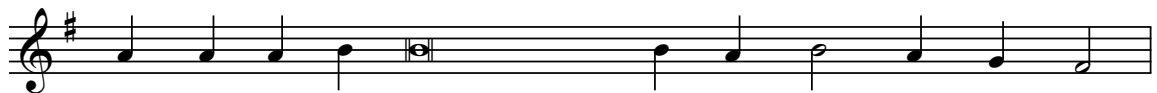
and to of - fer them to the Lord. By pull - ing out all thorns of her - e - sy



by the roots, you gave thoughts their pur - est beau - ty.



Re - ceive our praises as the lyre of God, O ever - watch - ful The - o - lo - gian,



shep - herd of shep - herds, who drive a - way the wolves from your flock.



In - tercede ceaselessly be - fore the Word for our souls.

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

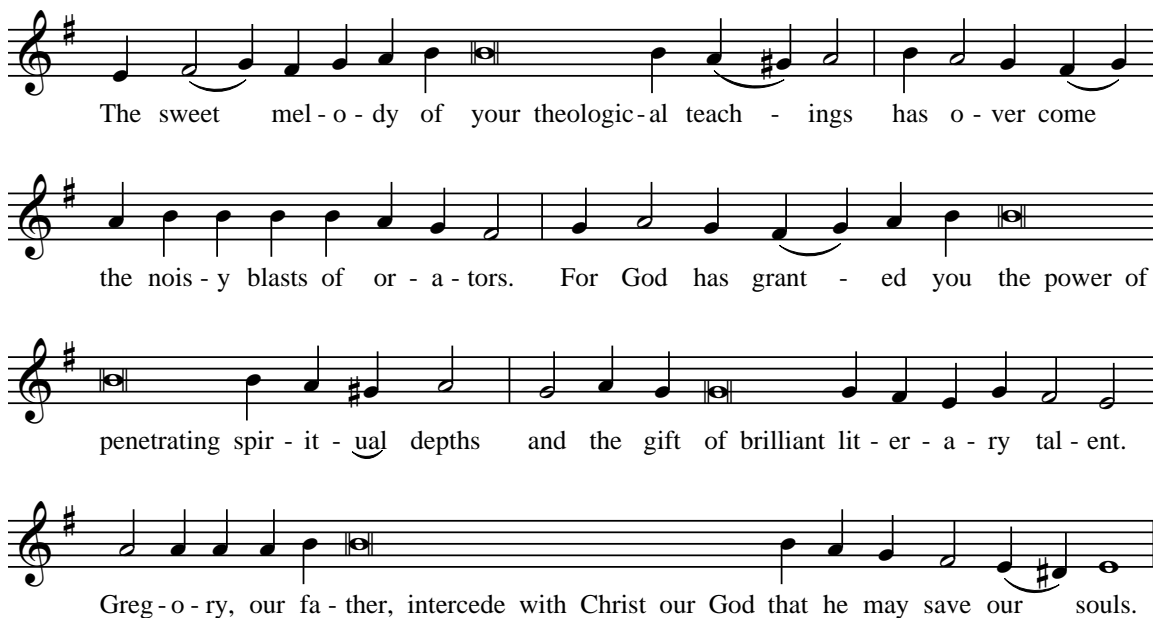
*Aposticha theotokion in the same tone (Tone 8), page 110.*

## Troparia

*Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the Week (Tone 4, page 68).*

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

**Troparion of our holy father Gregory the Theologian - Tone 1**



The sweet mel-o - dy of your theologic-al teach - ings has o - ver come  
the nois - y blasts of or - a - tors. For God has grant - ed you the power of  
penetrating spir - it - ual depths and the gift of brilliant lit - er - a - ry tal - ent.  
Greg - o - ry, our fa - ther, intercede with Christ our God that he may save our souls.

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

*Festal Theotokion in the same Tone (Tone 1, page 34).*