

Vesper Propers, January 17, 2010
Thirty-third Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday of Zacchaeus

Our venerable father Anthony the Great, who, bereaved by his parents' death, accepted the evangelical commands, distributed all his goods to the poor and retired in solitude to the Thebaid in Egypt. He began to lead an ascetic life and diligently worked to strengthen the Church, sustaining confessors of the faith during the persecution of the Emperor Diocletian. He supported St. Athanasius against the Arians. He had many disciples, and is thus considered the father of monks. (356)

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

Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 8, p. 102), stichera 10-7.

Cantor: (Tone 4) 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 venerable father Anthony the Great - Tone 4 samohlasen

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You were enlightened by the rays of the Spir - it, when the love of God inflamed
you and made your soul soar to desire the truly in-fin-ite Love. Then you turned
a - side from flesh and blood and left the world, while re - main - ing united with it
through great abstin-ence and si - lence. There-fore, as you de-sired, you have been



filled with blessings and ra-di - at - ed them, en - lightening our souls as a star, O



An - thon - y.

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 "You were enlightened..."

Cantor:

Let the watchman count on daybreak

(on 4)

and Israel on the Lord.



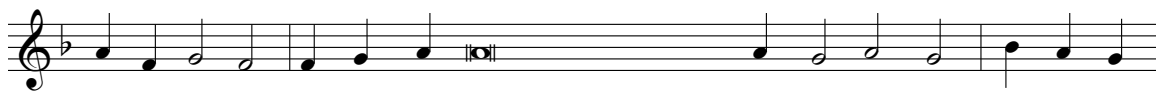
By the grace of the di-vine Spir - it, you became radiant with di-vine light



and broke the bows and arrows of the dev-ils. By di-vine teachings, you exposed all



their e - vil snares. You are a ra-diant light for monks, the first glory



of the des-ert, a most pre - cious and skilled physi-cian for the sick, and the first



liv - ing example of the life of vir - tue, O Fa - ther An - thon - y.

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

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

An - thony, pure in heart and soul, earth - ly angel, heav - en - ly man,
teach - er of chastity, precise rule of ab - stin - ence: liv - ing with your Mas - ter
and of - fering him never-silent praise with the an - gels and all the holy
monks and mar - tyrs, O bless - ed saint, set free from grievous dan - ger and sin
all those who hon - or your ho - ly mem - o - ry.

Cantor: Strong is the love of the Lord for us;
(on 1) he is faithful forever. *All repeat "Anthony, pure in heart..."*

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...

You pre - served the image of God with - in you, set - ting the mind as master over the
restless passions by your as - cet - ic life. As far as possible, you have grown in

the di-vine like - ness. Brave-ly con-trol-ling na - ture, you have subjected
the lower to the high - er and made the body the serv-ant of the spir - it.
There-fore you became the head of those living the mon-as - tic life as a dweller
in the des - ert, a spir-itual father teaching those who drew near to you,
and an ex - am - ple of vir - tue. Now in heav - en, O An - thon - y,
the look - ing-glass has been brok - en and you di - rect - ly gaze upon
the Trin - i - ty: pray for those who hon - or you with faith and love.

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

Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week (Tone 8, p. 107)

Readings: Wisdom 3: 1 - 9
Wisdom 5: 15 - 6: 3
Wisdom 4: 7 - 15

Aposticha

Aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 8, p. 108), concluding with:

Cantor: (Tone 8) Glory...

Aposticha doxastikon of our venerable father Anthony the Great - Tone 8 samohlasen



All the monks honor you, O holy Father, as a spir - it - u - al guide. Through you,



we have set out on the nar-row path; blest are you for hav-ing served Christ



and for hav - ing broken the power of the en - e - my, O com-pan-ion



of the an-gels, the just and the saints. With them, ask the Lord to have



mer - cy on our souls.

Cantor: Now and ever...

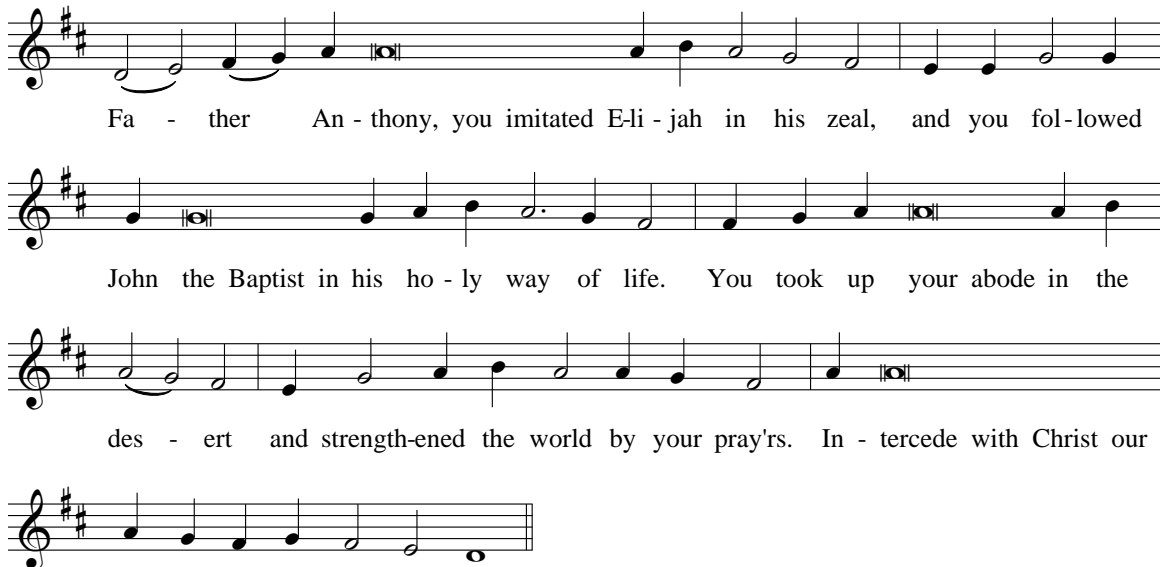
Aposticha theotokion in the same tone (Tone 8, p. 110).

Troparia

Troparion of the Resurrection, in the Tone of the Week (Tone 8, p. 111).

Cantor: (Tone 4) Glory...

Troparion of our venerable father Anthony the Great - Resurrection Tone 4



Fa - ther An - thony, you imitated E-li - jah in his zeal, and you fol - lowed
John the Baptist in his ho - ly way of life. You took up your abode in the
des - ert and strength-ened the world by your pray'rs. In - tercede with Christ our
God that he may save our souls.

Cantor: Now and ever...

Festal theotokion in the same tone (Tone 4, p. 68).