

Vesper Propers, September 4, 2011 Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

The holy martyr Babylas, bishop of Antioch. St. John Chrysostom wrote of Babylas, “this great and wonderful man—if one can call him a man.” He was archbishop of Antioch in the time of the evil emperor Numerian. He forbade the emperor entrance into the church because he was an idolator. In response, the emperor threw him into prison, and had students of his tortured in front of him in an attempt to have Babylas apostasize. Babylas encouraged them to stand firm and, after they were martyred, he joined them as a victim of the sword. (283)

The holy prophet Moses, who saw God. Moses was chosen by God to free his people who were oppressed in Egypt and to lead them to the promised land. God also revealed himself to Moses on Mount Sinai saying, "I am who I am," and gave the law which would direct the life of the chosen people. The servant of God died in the fullness of years on Mount Nebo, in the land of Moab near the promised land.

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

Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 3, p. 48), stichera 10-7.

Cantor: (Tone 6) 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 holy martyr Babylas - Tone 6 samohlasen

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Dye - ing your sa - cred vest - ments in the stream of your own blood, you were
sanc - tified, O il - lus - tri - ous Bab - y - las, and thus entered into the Holy of
Ho - lies. You rejoice now and forever in the pres - ence of God,

ra - diant with beau - ty in your mar - tyr - dom, thus shar - ing the life of the angels
in all pu - ri - ty. Thus we venerate you and cel - e - brate your ho - ly
so - lem - ni - ty with love, O bless - ed hier - arch.

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.

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Bound by i - ron chains, you unswervingly followed the path leading to the hea - ven - ly
cit - y, O ven - erable hier - arch Bab - y - las, a - dorned with your wounds
as with pre - cious jewels. There, as as true conqueror, an invin - ci - ble mar - tyr,
as a ho - ly priest you sing with the angels the pure and ho - ly hymn:
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, O con - sub - stan - tial Trin - i - ty.

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

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Head-ing your spir - it - ual flock, O venerable hier - arch Bab - y - las,
 you led them to safe pas - tures of the faith in the depths of your
 wis - dom. You pro - tect - ed them from the beasts, de - light - ing
 in the Most High God, your shep - herd, whom you preached before the
 impious, O bless - ed one, re - joicing to be immolated as a spot - less lamb
 in the com - pany of in - no - cent chil - dren. With them, you were offered as a victim
 of pleas - ing fra - grance in a whole burnt - of - fer - ing.

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 Prophet Moses - Tone 4 samohlasen

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Hav - ing studied the mys - t'ries of God and the wonders of his ineffable beau - ty



and glo - ry, O most laud - ed God - seer Mo - ses, you pro - claimed



them in images, through shadows and in in - dis - tinct forms. Through im - ma - te - rial



things and shad - ow - y im - ag - es, you bring us to the con - cept



of the or - igin of the di - vine Ra - di - ance. Hav - ing ac - quired



de - i - fi - ca - tion through grace, O blessed one, you triumphed o ver Phar - aoh.

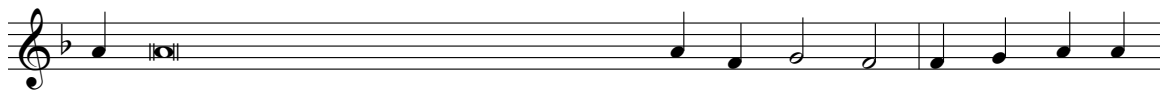


Pray in be - half of all who hon - or you.

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



Hav - ing excelled in the vir - tues, in a vision you found your - self close to God.



And having been in the midst of the whirlwind and the dark - ness, you were whol - ly



glo - ri - fied. Hence, you re - received the tablets of the writ - ing of God,



and like an angel you clearly shine forth with grace through the eyes



of your spirit and your body, and you cover the blindness of false faith;



and, revealing God's revelation to the faithful, you transmitted it by your words.



Pray to God that our souls may be saved.

Cantor: Strong is the love of the Lord for us; he is faithful forever.

(on 1)

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You have spoken with the Lord, and seen his fiery love shown forth,



O thrice-blessed Moses; you beheld him face to face! And while gazing



upon your Creator, you saw his hind quarters in his splendor,



learning (through the crevice in the rock) of the future divine manifestation of



the Word in the flesh. There - fore, like the wondrous pillar which led the



chil-dren of Is - ra - el, you go before and save all those who, in faith,



praise your name.

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...

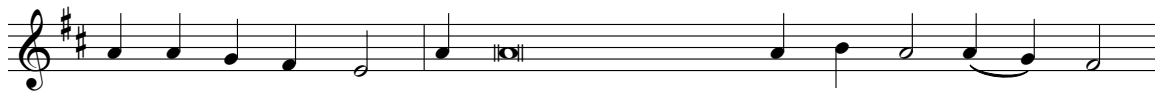
Doxastikon of the holy martyr Babylas - Tone 6 samohlasen



The Church holds your holy struggles to be a support and a foun - da - tion. O bishop -



mar-tyr Ba - by - las; you keep it pro - tec - ted, a re - fuge from



the rav - en - ous wolves, as it proclaims your sub-lime ac - com - plish - ments,



and mag - nifies together with you the in - fants im - mo - la - ted for Christ in your



com-pan - y, O bles - sed one.

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, p. 54).

Troparia in the Tone of the week (Tone 3, p. 57).