

**Vesper propers, September 30, 2012**  
**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**The holy martyr Gregory, bishop of Armenia**, who after many labors withdrew to a cave near the confluence of tributaries of the Euphrates and there rested in peace. He is called “the Illuminator” and is considered the apostle of the Armenians. (332)

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

*Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 1, p. 24), stichera 10-4.*

**Cantor:** 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 holy martyr Gregory - Tone 6 podoben: Vsju otloživše**

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Dye-ing your vest - ments in the pur-ple blood of mar-tyr-dom, you en-tered  
in - to the Holy of Ho - lies, where the in - ef - fable Light shines in the ra-diant  
glo-ry of God and where there is always the sound of festive re-joic - - ing.  
There, O ad-mir-a-ble mar - tyr, you re-ceived the im-per-ish-a - ble crown  
as your re-ward for your la - - bors, with e - ter - nal renown and a dwelling  
in Par - a - dise. O ho - ly Gregory, stand - ing be - fore the Lord,

in - ter - cede with bold - ness for our souls.

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

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Your soul was not bro - ken by the storms of tor - ments, nor by your  
long im - pris - on - ment in the dark pit in - to which you had been thrown;  
you shone as a light up - on all of those who were threat - ened by the shadows  
of vain i - dols. You con - vert - ed them into the sons of the day through  
il - lu - min - a - tion, that bath of rebirth which brings about sal - va - tion,  
and through the di - vine life in truth, O Greg - o - ry, illustrious mar - tyr  
and in - spired hier - arch.

**Cantor:** Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,  
(on 1) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

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Mas-ter of the u - ni-verse, cher-ish-ing you as her im-mor-tal Bride - groom,  
 Rhip - sime endured the flaying of her skin from her bod - y af - ter hav-ing  
 al - read - y stripped her-self of the dark tunic of the passions through her  
 tem-per - ance. With her al - so suffered the illustrious Ga-ya - na, fol-lowed by  
 a whole com-pa-ny of vir - gins who fought the good fight val - iant - ly,  
 o - ver-com-ing the ancient se-duc-er of Eve, the moth-er of all the liv - ing.  
 O Christ, we glo - ri - fy you as we cel - e-brate their mer - its.

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

**Doxastikon of the holy martyr Gregory - Tone 6 samohlasen**

Who could wor-thily describe the victory of your vir-tues? What mouth could speak  
 of the pa - tience with which you en - dured mar - tyr - dom?



You ex-celled in all things, O Greg-o-ry! Nev-er cease to in-ter-cede by your pray'rs,  
 so ac-cept - a - ble to Christ. And with the bold-ness you have be-fore him,  
 pray for the sal-va-tion of our souls, O ho - ly hie-ro-mar - - - tyr.

**Cantor:** (Tone 1) Now and ever...

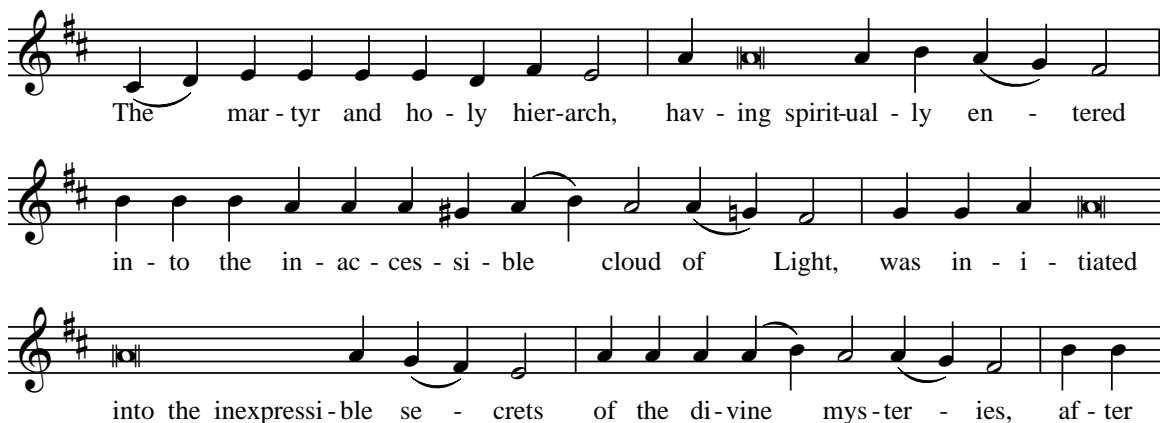
*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the week (Tone 1, page 30).*

## Aposticha

*Sunday aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 1, p. 31), concluding with:*

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

**Aposticha doxastikon of the holy martyr Gregory - Tone 6 samohlasen**



The mar-tyr and ho-ly hier-arch, hav-ing spirit-u-al-ly en-tered  
 in-to the in-ac-ces-si-ble cloud of Light, was in-i-tiated  
 into the in-expressi-ble se-crets of the di-vine mys-ter-ies, af-ter



hav - ing been first en-light-ened as a mar - tyr, and then initiated as a pas - tor.



Thus he also received a double crown of glo-ry from on high, and cease - less-ly



prays to Christ for the sal - va - tion of our souls.

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

*Aposticha theotokion in the same tone (Tone 6, p. 90).*

*Troparion and Theotokion in the Tone of the Week (Tone 1, page 34).*