

**Vesper propers, November 24, 2013**  
**Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**The holy great martyr Catherine**, about whom it is told that she was an Alexandrian and a martyr, filled with sharpness of mind and wisdom no less than with strength of soul. Her body is honored in pious veneration in a famous coenobium on Mt. Sinai. (310)

**The holy great martyr Mercury** was an Armenian soldier in the army of the emperor Decius. In a battle, an angel of the Lord appeared to Mercury and steeled him for combat. After this victory, he was made a commander by the emperor, but was denounced to him as a Christian by jealous soldiers. He was beheaded in Cappadocia, sometime between 251-259.

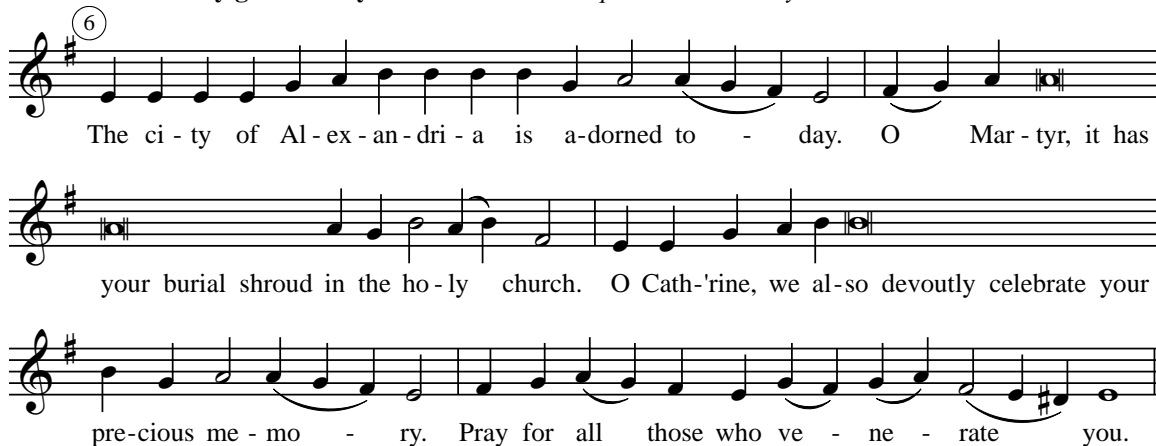
*Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2006*

*Lamplighting Psalms in the tone of the Week (Tone 2, p.36), 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 the holy great martyr Catherine - Tone 1 podoben: Nebesnych činov**

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The ci - ty of Al - ex - an - dri - a is a - dorned to - day. O Mar - tyr, it has  
your burial shroud in the ho - ly church. O Cath - 'rine, we al - so devoutly celebrate your  
pre - cious me - mo - ry. Pray for all those who ve - ne - rate you.

**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.

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Let us now cel - ebrate the memo - ry of Ca - the - rine, for by word and deed she

mighti-ly de - feat - ed the op - pos - ing or - ator and the powers of the  
e - ne - my. De - liv - er us, O God, from god - less e - ne - mies.

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

Re-joyce, O pre - cious and all-glorious mar - tyr Ca - the - rine. Mount Si - nai has  
seen the unburnable bush of Mo - ses. Christ now pre-serves your body which is  
plea - sing to God un - til he comes a - gain in glo - ry.

**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 holy great martyr Mercury - Tone 4 podoben: Jako dobl'a**

O suf-frer of the pas - sion, Mer-cu-ry, by a fight-ing spi-rit you con-quired  
the foe. Like an in-vin-ci - ble soldier by the ar-mor of faith you cut down thou-sands

of learn - ed Moors. Be-cause you fin-ished your bat - tle you have been crowned  
with all the mar - tyrs, O most bles - sed mar - - - tyr.

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

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At the com-mand of the Di-vine Spi-rit, an an-gel was sent from hea-ven  
to heal your wounds. O wor-thy one, they were caused by the piercing of bur-ning  
i - rons. You al - so un - der-went a lash-ing and hang - ing.  
O Martyr, your suffering bo-dy was co - vered with blood.

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

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O Mer-cu-ry, while wag-ing war for your earth-ly king, you were or - dered to eat the  
sacri-fi-cial of - fer - ings. O bles-sed and God-wise one, you suf-fered

tor - tures, bur-ning by fire, and a wretch - ed death. You were car - ried as a  
crown-bear - er to Christ. Now joined to the ranks of mar - tyrs, you  
pray for us.

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

**Doxastikon of the postfeast - Tone 8 samohlasen**

O La - dy and Bride of God, you en - tered the temple of God in your  
in - fan - cy to be brought up in the Holy of Ho - lies, for you are  
ho - ly. The arch-an - gel Gabriel was sent to serve you and bring you food.  
All the heav - enly pow-ers were a - mazed at the sight of the Holy Spir - it  
dwel - ling in you. There - fore, O most pure and immaculate The-o - to - kos,

since you are glorified in heav-en and on earth, through your pray'rs, save  
our hu - man race.

**Cantor:** (Tone 2) Now and ever...

*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week (Tone 2, p. 42).*

### Aposticha

*Sunday aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 2, p. 43), concluding with:*

**Cantor:** (Tone 2) Glory...

**Doxastikon of the holy great martyr Catherine - Tone 2 samohlasen**

O pure con-quer-or Ca-the-rine, be-cause you lived a spi-ri-tual life,  
you were brought to the god-less judg-ment. A - dorned with the flow-ers of God's  
splen - dor and clothed with the strength of the di - vine might, you mocked  
the will of the tor - tur - ers and ig - nored the coax - ings of the or - a - tors,



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

**Doxastikon of the postfeast - Tone 8 samohlasen**

Musical notation for the Doxastikon of the postfeast. It consists of seven staves in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The lyrics are: Da-vid spoke out beforehand of you, O most pure One. He fore-saw the sacredness of your entry in-to the tem - ple. To - day, O most glo-ri - fied One, we cel-e-brate and hon - or you be-cause you, the Mother of the Word of Life, were a vir-gin before and af - ter his birth. To-day Zechariah happily receives you in the tem-ple, O La - dy. The Ho - ly of Ho-lies re - joi - ces since it has enfolded you, the well-spring of life. Be-cause of your honor we praise you with psalms and hymns. Im-plore your Son and our God in our be - half to grant great mer-cy to us.

## Troparia

*Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the Week (Tone 2, page 47).*

**Cantor:** (Tone 4) Glory... now and ever...

### **Troparion of the Entrance - Tone 4**



To - day is the pre-l-ude of God's be - nev - o - lence and the her - ald of our



sal - va - tion; for the Vir - gin openly appears in the tem - ple of God



and fore - tells Christ to all. Let us al - so with full voice ex - claim to her:



Re - jice, fulfillment of the Cre - a - tor's plan.