

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)

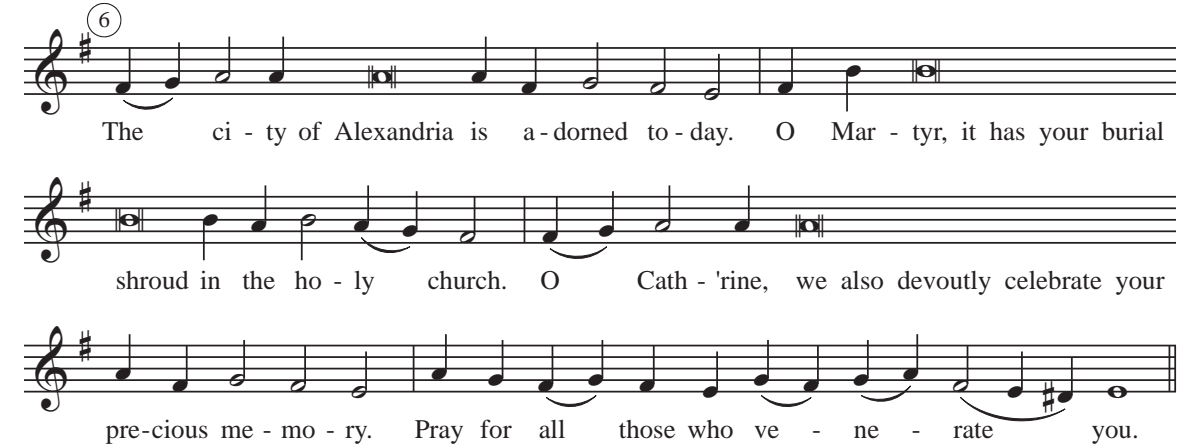
The holy great martyr Mercury was an Armenian soldier in the army of the emperor Decius. In a battle, an angel of the Lord appeared to Mercury and steeled him for combat. After this victory, he was made a commander by the emperor, but was denounced to him as a Christian by jealous soldiers. He was beheaded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



The ci - ty of Alexandria is a - dorned to - day. O Mar - tyr, it has your burial
shroud in the ho - ly church. O Cath - 'rine, we also 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.



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

mighti-ly de - feat - ed the op - pos - ing orator 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 - joice, O precious 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 samohlasen

O sufferer of the pas-sion, Mer-cu - ry, by a fighting spirit you con-querred the foe.
Like an invincible soldier by the ar-mor of faith you cut down thou-sands

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 prel-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 - joice, fulfillment of the Cre - a - tor's plan.

O long - suf-fring Mar - tyr.

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

Doxastikon of the postfeast - Tone 8 samohlasen

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.

of learn - ed Moors. Be-cause you fin-ished your bat - tle you have been

crowned with all the mar - tyr, O most bles - sed Mar - - tyr.

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

At the command of the Di-vine Spi - rit, an angel was sent from heaven to heal

your wounds. O worthy one, they were caused by the piercing of bur - ning i - rons.

You al - so un - derwent a lashing and hang - ing. O Martyr,

your suffering body was co - - vered with blood.

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

O Mercury, while waging war for your earth - ly king, you were ordered to eat the

sac - ri - fi - cial of - fer-ings. O bles - sed and God-wise one, you suf-fered

tor - tures, burning 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,