

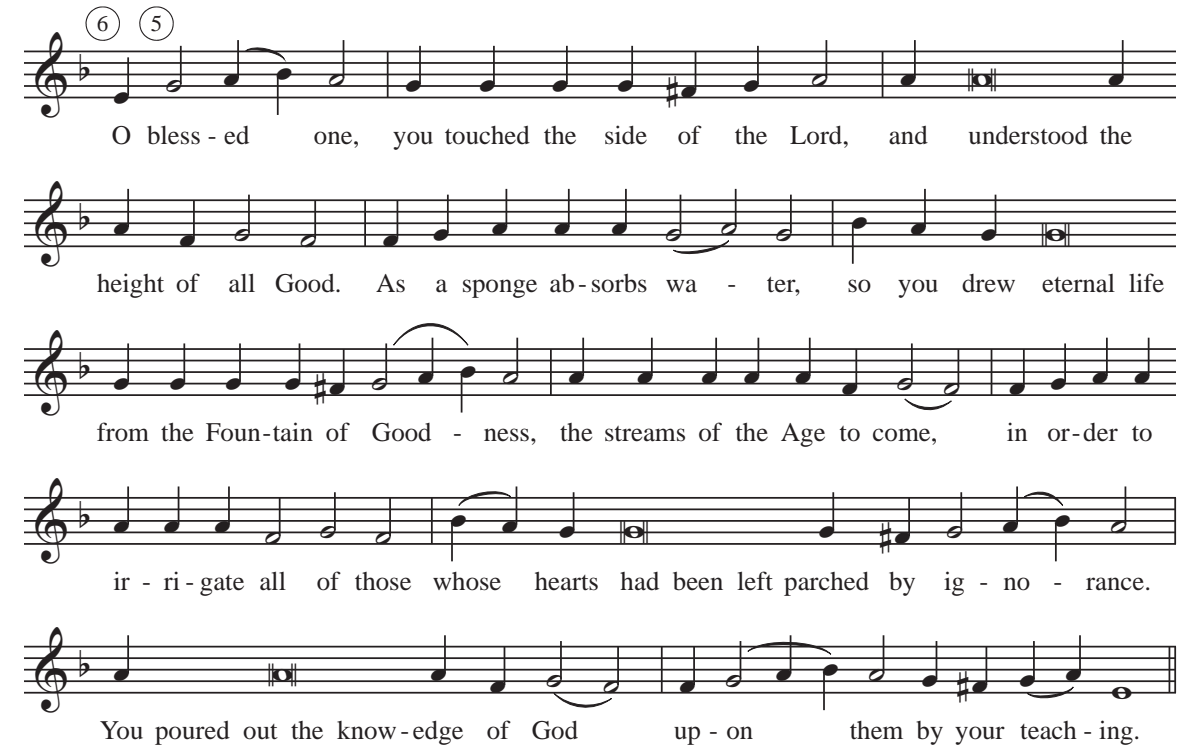
## Vesper Propers, October 6, 2015

**The holy and glorious apostle Thomas**, who did not believe the other disciples when they announced that Jesus had risen. When Jesus himself showed his pierced side, he exclaimed, "My Lord and my God." After this demonstration of faith, it is related that he evangelized India.

*"O Lord, I have cried is sung in Tone 4.*

**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 the holy apostle Thomas - Tone 4 samohlasen



O bless - ed one, you touched the side of the Lord, and understood the  
height of all Good. As a sponge ab-sorbs wa - ter, so you drew eternal life  
from the Foun-tain of Good - ness, the streams of the Age to come, in or-der to  
ir - ri - gate all of those whose hearts had been left parched by ig - no - rance.  
You poured out the know - edge of God up - on them by your teach - ing.

**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 "O blessed one, you touched the side of the Lord..."*

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

Through a cer - tain lack of faith, you strengthened the faith of be - liev - ers  
on that day when you confessed as God and Lord him who for us was in - car - nate  
and suf - fered and died on the Cross, fas - tened by nails, and pierced by a  
lance in his side, from which Life poured forth for all of us.

**Cantor:** Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,  
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.  
(Repeat "Through a certain lack of faith...")

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

O Lord, the won - drous Thom - as o - pened a fountain of teach - ings for your  
faith - ful, when, in touch - ing your side, he was in - i - tiated by your two  
natures in your two en - er - gies, and cried out, "You are my God and my Mas - ter,

## Troparia

**Troparion of the holy apostle Thomas - Tone 2**

You were both a disciple of Christ and a member of the ap - os - tol - ic col - lege.  
Your lack of faith proved the Resurrection and your touch un - leashed rev - er - ence.  
O Thom - as, ever - worthy of praise, ob - tain peace and mer - cy for us.

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

**Festal theotokion - in the same tone**

O The - o - tokos, the mysteries surrounding you are ex - ceed - ing - ly glo - rious,  
and be - yond the pow - er of un - der - stand - ing. For you re - tained  
the seal of pur - i - ty, and your vir - ginity re - mained in - vi - o - late;  
yet you are ac - knowledged, with - out doubt, to be the Mother who gave birth  
to the true God. We beg you, therefore, to en - treat him to save our souls.

**Cantor:** Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. We are filled with contempt.  
Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's disdain.

Through the pray'rs of the ho - ly mar - tyrs and their songs of  
praise to Christ, all er - ror has come to an end, and we all  
are saved by faith.

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

**Theotokion - in the same tone**

In you, O Theotokos, I place all my trust. Shel - ter me  
be - neath your man - tle.

O Lord of Glo - ry, in - car - nate for me!"

**Cantor:** Strong is the love of the Lord for us;  
(on I) he is faithful forever. *All repeat "O Lord, the wondrous Thomas..."*

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

**Doxastikon of the holy apostle Thomas - Tone 6 samohlasen**

As a serv - ant of the Word and his divine In - car - na - tion, you drank from  
wis - dom's sea, O bless - ed a - pos - tle Thom - as. You be - came a  
fish - er of men, pull - ing them from er - ror's depths by the rod of the  
pre - cious Cross. Through the net of your teachings a - bout the Lord,  
you have brought light to the world. In the midst of shad - ows,  
you made the people of India shine with the light of knowl - edge. You rejoiced in  
the glory of Christ in the full - ness of light. En - treat him to take pit - y



on our souls.

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

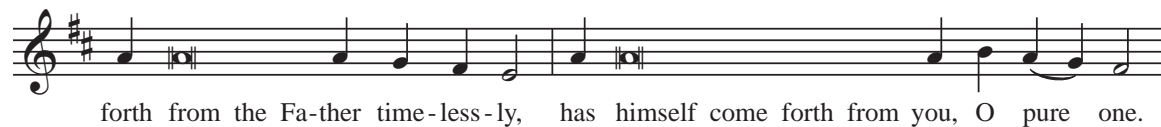
**Dogmatikon - in the same tone (Tone 6)**



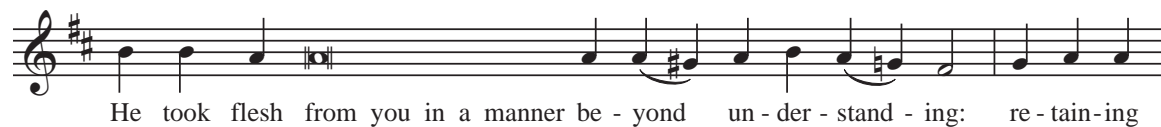
Who would not extol you, most ho-ly Vir-gin? Who would not praise your giv-ing



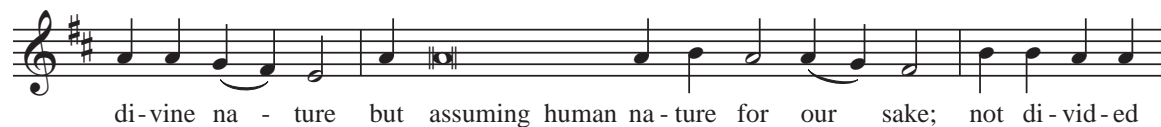
birth with-out pain? For the on-ly-be-got-ten Son, who shines



forth from the Fa-ther time-less-ly, has himself come forth from you, O pure one.



He took flesh from you in a manner be-yond un-der-stand-ing: re-tain-ing



di-vine na-ture but assuming human na-ture for our sake; not di-vid-ed



in-to two per-sons but ex-ist-ing in two natures, distinct and un-con-fused.



O honored and most blessed one, be-seech him to have mer-cy on our souls.

**Prokeimenon of Monday evening - Tone 4 (Psalm 4:3, 1):**



The Lord hears me when-ev-er I call him, when-ev-er I



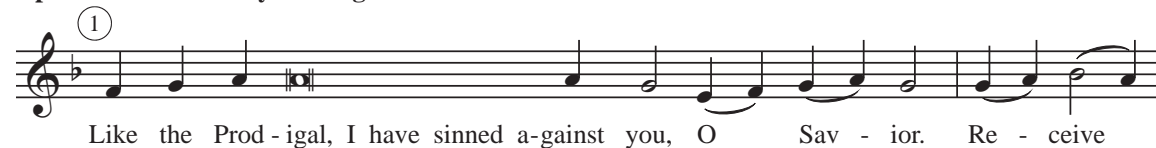
call him.

**Deacon:** When I call, answer me, O God of justice.

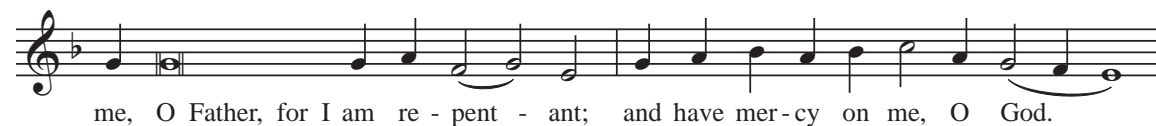
**Readings:** 1 John 1: 1-7  
James 1: 1-12  
Jude 1-7, 17-25

### Aposticha

**Aposticha for Monday evening - Tone 2 samohlasen**



Like the Prod-igal, I have sinned a-against you, O Sav-ior. Re-ceive

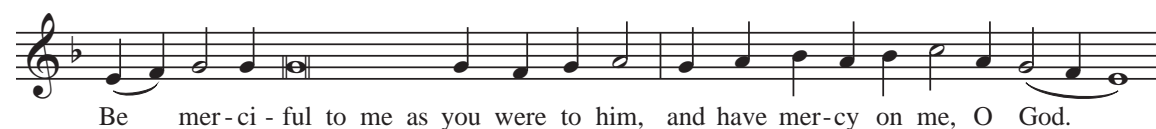


me, O Father, for I am re-pent-ant; and have mer-cy on me, O God.

**Cantor:** To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens;  
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords.  
Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of her mistress,  
so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he show us his mercy.



I cry out to you, O Christ my Sav-ior, with the voice of the Pub-li-can.



Be mer-ci-ful to me as you were to him, and have mer-cy on me, O God.