

## Vesper propers, October 7, 2015

**The holy martyrs Sergius and Bacchus** at Rosapha in the province of Augusta Euphratesia in Syria. They were nobles at the court of the emperor Maximian, who valued them for their courage, wisdom, and zeal. They refused to offer sacrifice to the pagan gods, and the emperor turned against them, dressing them in women's clothing and paraded them through the city of Rome. They were then sent to Asia to be tortured. Bacchus died first, and came back from the dead to urge Sergius to fidelity. He was then martyred. (303)

*"O Lord, I have cried" is sung in Tone 6.*

**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 martyrs Sergius and Bacchus - Tone 6 samohlasen**

Hav-ing re-ject-ed all earth-ly might and come to hate the flesh you came  
to love our ho-ly God, and hav-ing worn vesture of dis-hon-or, placed up-on  
you in mock-er-y, you have re-ceived garments of life from heav-en  
and robes which cannot be torn a-part. Danc-ing there, O most rich and  
crowned ones, be a veil of protection and rai-ment for all of us who have  
been stripped bare in life through the de-cep-tion of the cun-ning ser-pent.

**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: "Having rejected all earthly might..."*

**Cantor:** Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,  
(on 4) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

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All - glo - rious Sergius and all-praised Bac - chus, you ves - sels of the Spir - it,  
twin tor - rents pouring forth heal - ing on us all, our pro - tec - tors  
and mighty cham - pions of the Church, two voluntary sacrifices and hon - ored  
vic - tims, bea - cons il - lu - mining the ends of the earth with the light of  
pi - e - ty: Dis - pel the darkness which lies up - on our souls  
and drive a - way all the gloom of e - - - vil.

**Cantor:** Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,  
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.  
*All repeat: "All-glorious Sergius and all-praised Bacchus..."*

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

O glo-ri-ous ath-letes, hav - ing left behind your corrup-ti - ble bod - ies,  
 you have re - ceived a habitation which nev - er pass - es a - way,  
 end-less glad-ness and nev-er-wan-ing light, and incorrup-ti - ble life with-out care.  
 Now pray that we may al - so re - ceive these things, hav - ing been  
 slain by the passions and turned a-side in - to sin, O Ser-gius and Bac - chus,  
 in - ter - ces - sors and ha - vens for the faith - ful, who pray with bold - ness  
 in be - half of our souls.

**Cantor:** Strong is the love of the Lord for us;  
 (on 1) he is faithful forever.  
 All repeat: "O glorious athletes..."

**Cantor:** (Tone 4) Glory...

**Doxastikon of the holy martyrs Sergius and Bacchus - Tone 4 samohlasen**

Ra-diant and two - fold is the light shin-ing forth from the martyrs Ser-gius

and Bac-chus, for they cast down the savagery of the tyr - ants, a - bol -  
 ished the falsehood of i - dol - at - ry, and, preaching with ra - diant voic - es,  
 pro - claimed the perfect mystery of di-vine knowl-edge. Through their sup - plications,  
 O Christ the Giv - er of the Law, Judge of the contest and Bestow-er of  
 crowns, grant that we may also re-ceive crowns of might a - gainst the  
 in - vis - i - ble pow'rs of e - - - vil.

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

**Stavrotheotokion - in the same tone**

See - ing the Lover of us all cru - ci - fied and his side pierced with a lance,  
 the most pure Vir-gin cried out: What is this, my Son? How have  
 these peo-ple re - paid you for all the good you have be-stowed on them?

Now pray to the Lord that we might es - cape the dark - ness of sin,  
 and that we come to see the Un - set - ting Sun by your pray'rs.

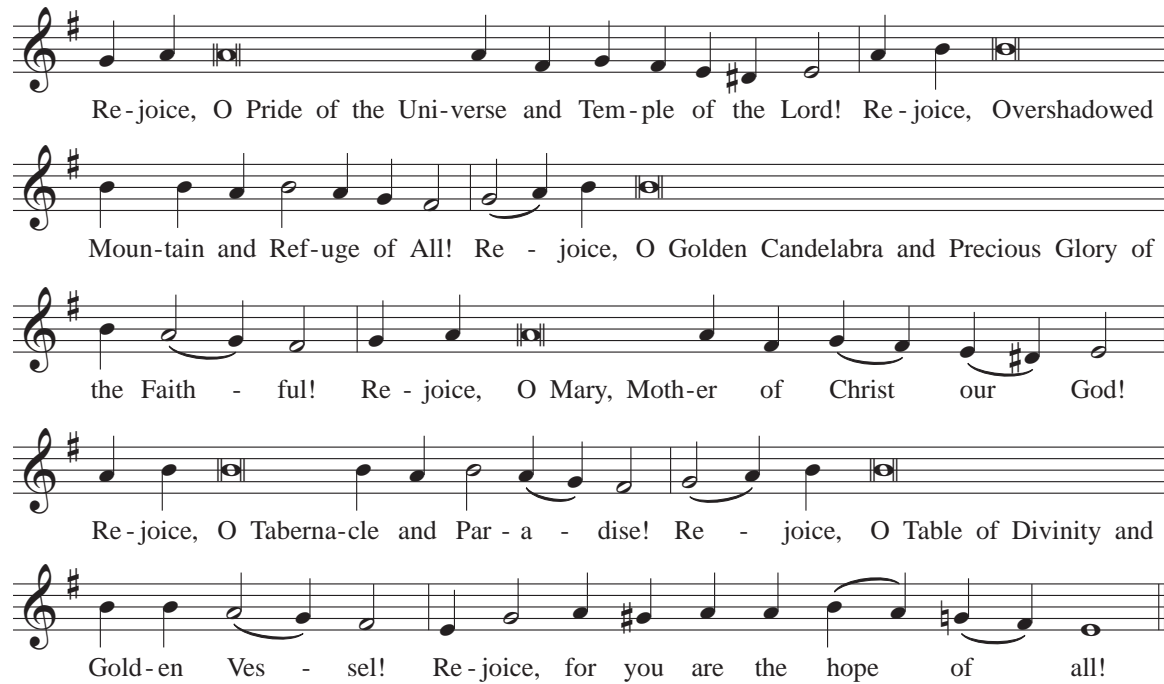
**Cantor:** Glory...now and ever...

**Theotokion - in the same tone**

O The - o - to - kos, show forth to your ser - vants your read - y  
 pro - tec - tion, your help, and your mer - cy; in your pu - ri - ty,  
 calm the storms of my vain thoughts and lift up my  
 poor soul; for I know, O Vir-gin, that you can do what-ev - er you will.

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

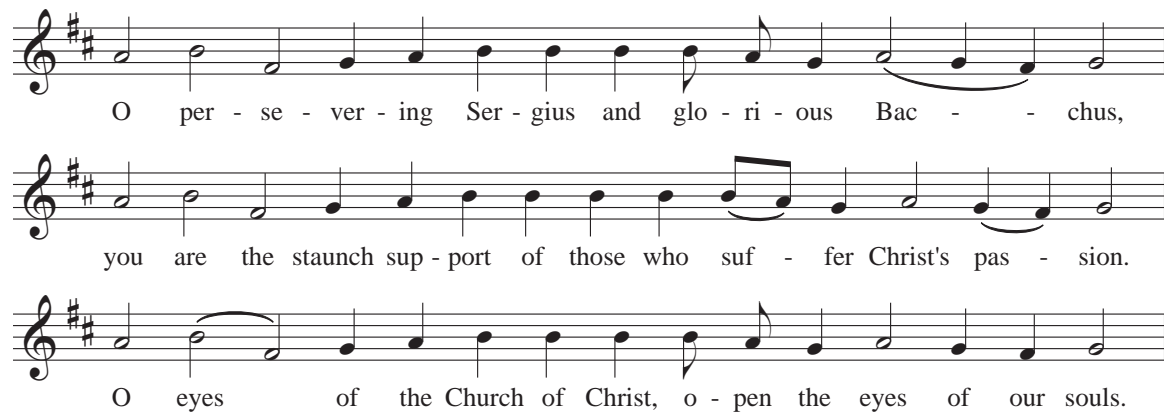
**Theotokion** - *in the same tone*



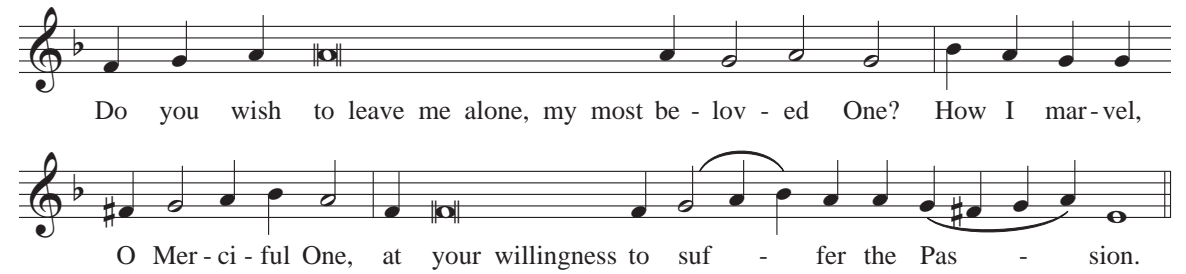
Re-joyce, O Pride of the Uni-verse and Tem-ple of the Lord! Re-joyce, Overshadowed  
Moun-tain and Ref-uge of All! Re - joyce, O Golden Candelabra and Precious Glory of  
the Faith - ful! Re - joyce, O Mary, Moth-er of Christ our God!  
Re-joyce, O Taberna-cle and Par - a - dise! Re - joyce, O Table of Divinity and  
Gold-en Ves - sel! Re-joyce, for you are the hope of all!

### Troparia

**Troparion of the holy martyrs Sergius and Bacchus** - *Tone 5*

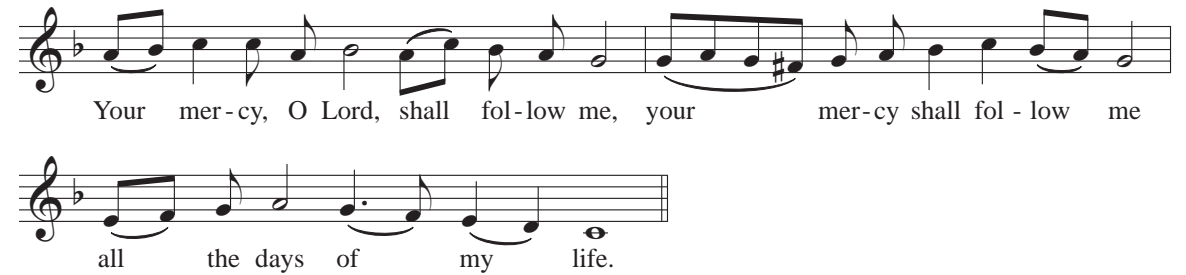


O per - se - ver - ing Ser - gius and glo - ri - ous Bac - - chus,  
you are the staunch sup - port of those who suf - fer Christ's pas - sion.  
O eyes of the Church of Christ, o - pen the eyes of our souls.



Do you wish to leave me alone, my most be - lov - ed One? How I mar-vel,  
O Mer - ci - ful One, at your willingness to suf - fer the Pas - sion.

**Prokeimenon of Tuesday evening** - *Tone 1* (Psalm 22:6,1)

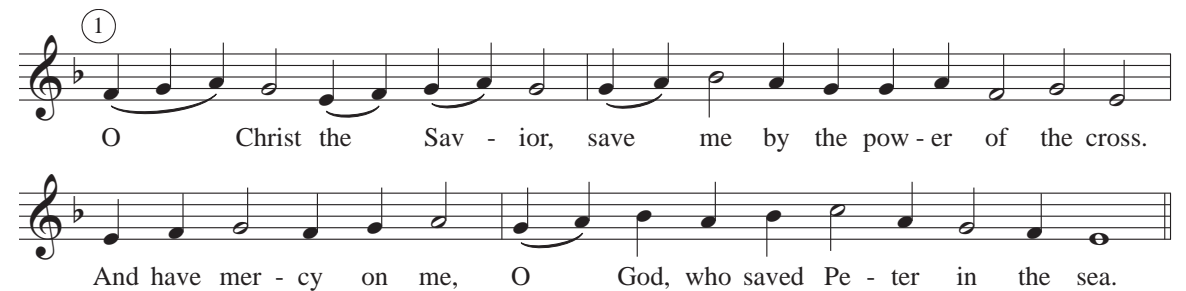


Your mer - cy, O Lord, shall fol - low me, your mer - cy shall fol - low me  
all the days of my life.

**Deacon:** The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want;  
fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.

### Aposticha

**Aposticha of Tuesday evening** - *Tone 2 samohlasen*



O Christ the Sav - ior, save me by the pow - er of the cross.  
And have mer - cy on me, O God, who saved Pe - ter in the sea.

**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.

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The slay - ers of the Just, who had al - ways de - light - ed in your gifts,  
 cried out: Let him be cru - ci - fied! In - stead of their Ben - e - fac - tor,  
 they asked to re - ceive a trans - gress - or of the law. But keep - ing  
 si - lent, O Christ, you en - dured their hard - ness; for you desired to suf - fer  
 and to save us be - cause you are the Lov - er of us all.

**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.

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O vic - to - rious martyrs, you did not long for earth - ly pleas - ure; you were made  
 wor - thy of the good things of heav - en. You came to share in the citizen - ship  
 of the an - gels. O Lord, through their inter - ces - sion have mer - cy and save us.

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

**Aposticha doxastikon of the holy martyrs Sergius and Bacchus - Tone 8 samohlasen**

The reg - i - ment of the mar - tyrs of Christ has been strength - ened a - gainst the  
 en - e - my; and a - mong them the right glorious and most excel - lent ath - letes,  
 Ser - gius and Bac - chus shine like lu - min - a - ries. By them was the evil host  
 of demons forced to turn in flight; by them were the tyrants amazed and the  
 an - gels as - ton - ished, be - hold - ing the incorporeal foe trampled underfoot by  
 cor - por - e - al men! And the Church of the faith - ful, cel - e - brat - ing  
 their most festive day and univer - sal joy, cries out: You bound the mighty one by  
 the weak - ness of your flesh: save our souls through the pray'rs of your saints!