

**Vesper propers, October 7, 2018**  
**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

**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)

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

*Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 3, p. 48), stichera 10-5.*

**Cantor:** (Tone 6) Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.  
(on 4)

**Stichera of the holy martyrs Sergius and Bacchus** – *Tone 6 podoben: Vsju otloživše*

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 ves-ture of dis-hon - - - or,  
placed up - on you in mock - er - - y, you have re-ceived gar-ments of life  
from heav'n and robes which can-not be torn a-part. Danc-ing there, O most rich  
and crowned ones, be a veil of protection and raiment for all of us

who have been stripped bare in life through the de-cep - tion of the  
cun - ning ser - - pent.

**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 "Having rejected..."*

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

② All-glo-ri-ous Ser - gius and all-praised Bac - chus, you ves-sels of the  
Spir - - - it, twin tor - rents pour - ing forth heal - ing on us all  
our pro-tec - tors and mighty cham-pions of the Church, two vol - untary 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:** Strong is the love of the Lord for us;  
(on 1) he is faithful forever.

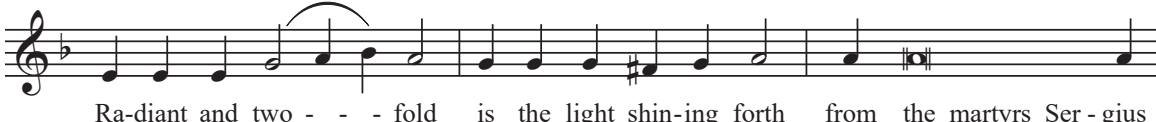
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O glo-rious ath - letes, hav - ing left behind your corrup-ti - ble bod - ies,  
you have re - ceived a habitation which nev - er pass - es a - way, end - less glad - ness  
and nev - er - wan - ing light, and in - corrupti - ble life with - out care.  
Now pray that we may also 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 havens for the faith - ful, who pray with bold - ness  
in be - half of our souls.

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

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



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:** (Tone 3) Now and ever...

*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the week (Tone 3, page 53).*

### Aposticha

*Sunday aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 3, p. 54), concluding with:*

**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!

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

*Aposticha theotokion in the same tone (Tone 8, p. 110).*

*Troparion and Theotokion in the Tone of the Week (Tone 3, page 57).*