

**Vesper Propers, June 30, 2019**  
**Third Sunday after Pentecost**

**The Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles.** Although each of the Twelve Apostles has his own feast day during the year, the Church has set aside this day for a general feast of all of them together.

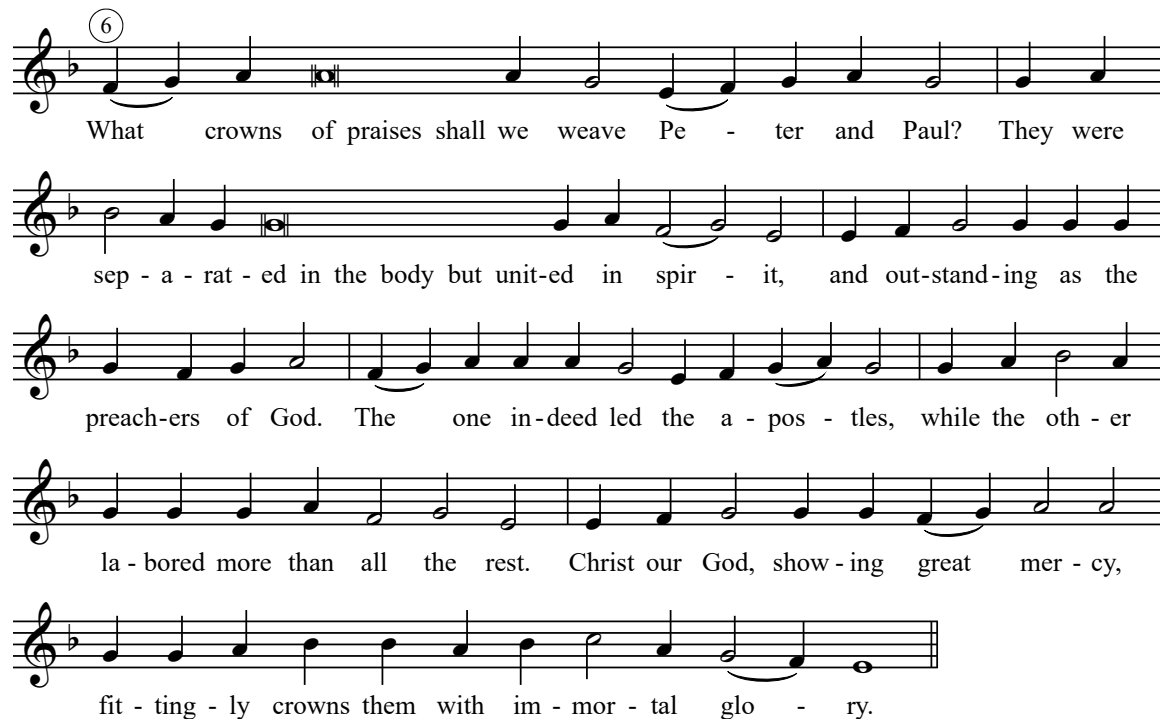
*Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2006*

*Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 2, p. 36), stichera 10-7.*

**Cantor:** (Tone 2) 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 apostles Peter and Paul - Tone 2 samohlasen**

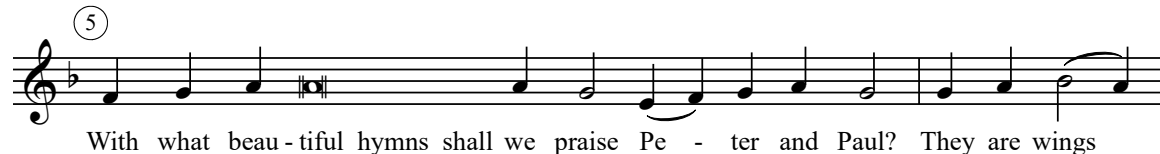
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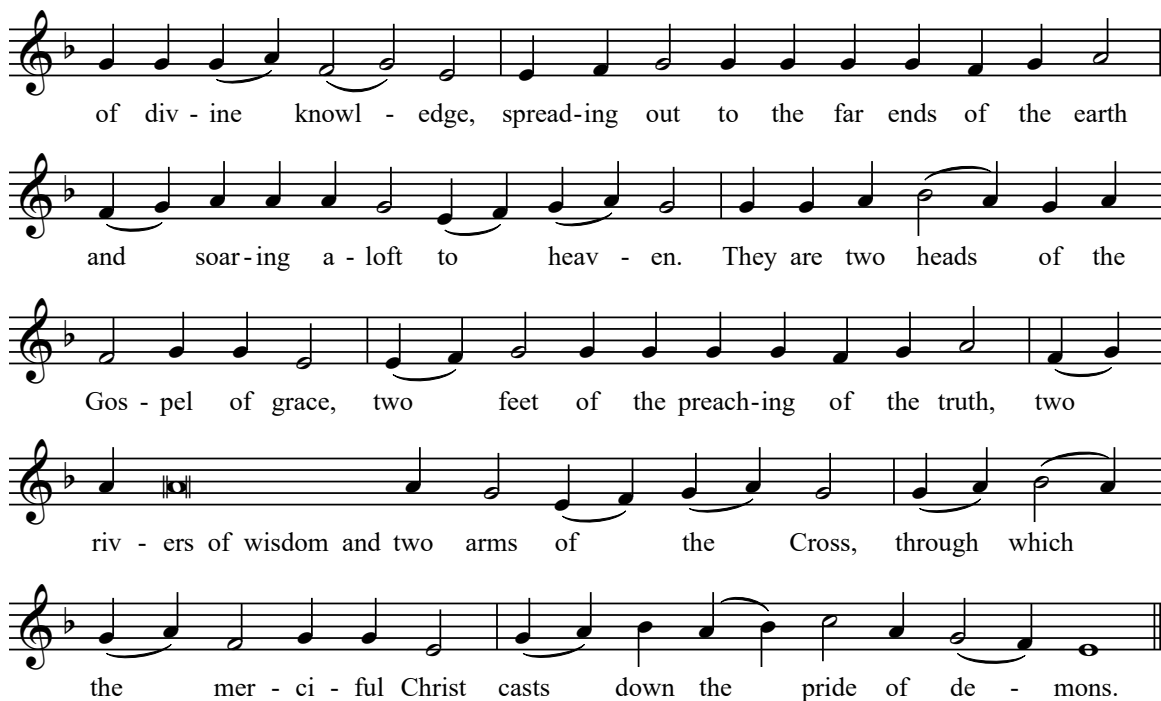
What crowns of praises shall we weave Pe - ter and Paul? They were  
sep - a - rat - ed in the body but unit-ed in spir - it, and out-stand-ing as the  
preach-ers of God. The one in-deed led the a - pos - tles, while the oth - er  
la - bored more than all the rest. Christ our God, show - ing great mer - cy,  
fit - ting - ly crowns them with im - mor - tal glo - ry.

**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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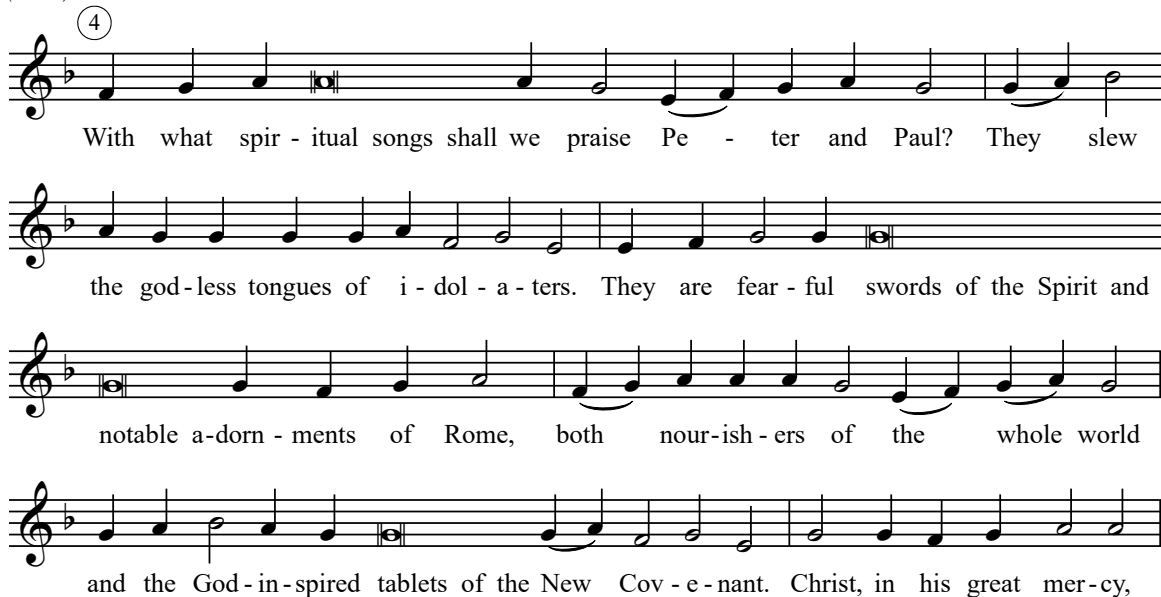


With what beau - tiful hymns shall we praise Pe - ter and Paul? They are wings



of div - ine knowl - edge, spread - ing out to the far ends of the earth  
 and soar - ing a - loft to heav - en. They are two heads of the  
 Gos - pel of grace, two feet of the preach - ing of the truth, two  
 riv - ers of wisdom and two arms of the Cross, through which  
 the mer - ci - ful Christ casts down the pride of de - mons.

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



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 With what spir - itual songs shall we praise Pe - ter and Paul? They slew  
 the god - less tongues of i - dol - a - ters. They are fear - ful swords of the Spirit and  
 notable a - dorn - ments of Rome, both nour - ish - ers of the whole world  
 and the God - in - spired tablets of the New Cov - e - nant. Christ, in his great mer - cy,

has pro-claimed their hon - or in Zi - on.

**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 Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles - Tone 4 samohlasen**

O most honorable dis-ci - ples, you are sanctified as ones who are witnesses to the

in-car-nate Word. You manifested yourselves to the world as flash-es of light - ning.

You ov - er - flow with delight like the si - lent hills. You sep - a - rat - ed yourselves

like the wa-ters of par - a - dise. You nourish the church of the Gen - tiles

with di - vine wa - ters.

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

Like glisten-ing beams of light, you were sent as rays of the spirit into the whole world.



You abundantly grant-ed mi - ra - cles and were min - isters of the mys - te - ries of Christ.



You were the tab - lets of the Sac - red Scrip - tures. You were the inscriptions



of God's grace. and of the law taught by God, O precious ministers of the



priest - ly my - ste - ries.

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



You are the spears of fish - er - men and the elo - quence of phi - lo - so - phers.



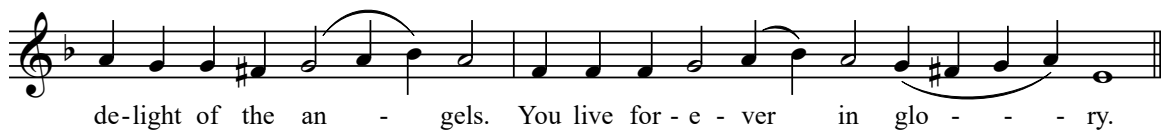
You are the lofty words of de - ba - ters. You are the teach - ings of those who are wise



in God, the mod - els for all doc - trine, and you clearly explained the mysteries



of the Gos - pel. You are the par - tak - ers of the everlast - ing nour - ish - ment and the



de-light of the an - gels. You live for - e - ver in glo - - - ry.

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

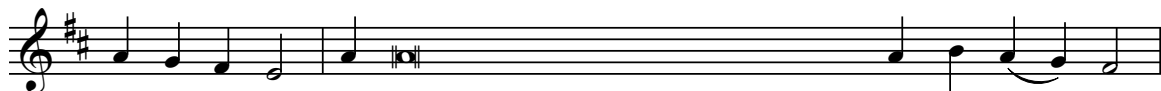
**Doxastikon of the holy apostles Peter and Paul - Tone 6**



The most hon - orable feast has ar - rived, the feast of the Church of Christ,



the feast of the interces-sors of our sal - va - tion. There-fore, let us mystic'ly rejoice



and say to them: Re - joice, for you have become the light of those in dark - ness,



shin-ing splen-dors of the Spir - it - ual Sun. Re - joice, O Peter and Paul, unshakable



foundations of di-vine teach-ings, friends of Christ and cho-sen ves - sels. Be pres-ent



a - mong us in an in-vis - i - ble man - ner and grant spir - it - ual gifts



to those who praise your feast with hymns.

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

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

## Aposticha

*Aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 2, p. 43), concluding with*

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

**Aposticha doxastikon of the Council Fathers - Tone 6 samohlasen**

To - day a delightful feast has shone forth to the ends of the earth,  
the all-solemn memorial of the most wise and first a-pos - tles, Pe - ter and Paul.  
Let Rome, therefore, receive the glad tid - ings, re - joic - ing; and let us  
feast on this solemn day, cry-ing out to them: Re - joice, O Peter, apostle and special  
friend of the Teach-er, Christ our God. Re-joice, O tru - ly be-lov - ed Paul,  
the preach-er of the faith and teacher of the u - ni-verse. Be - cause of your privi-lege,  
O ho - ly ones, be-seech Christ our God to save our souls.

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

*Aposticha theotokion in the same tone (Tone 6, p. 90).*

## Troparia

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

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

**Troparion of the Twelve Apostles - Tone 8**

Your preach-ing has spread o - ver the whole earth, be - cause you have  
re - ceived the Spir - it in flam - ing tongues. You burned down the lies  
of i - dol - a - try, and you have caught the stray - ing peo - ple with the  
net of faith. The heav - ens de - clare your glo - ry for this,  
and the fir - ma - ment pro - claims your works. We join them in a song to your  
mem - o - ry: Through the pray'rs of your twelve a - pos - tles, save us, O God.

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

*Festal theotokion in the same tone (Tone 8, p. 111).*