

Vesper Propers, January 4, 2026
SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY

The Synaxis of the holy seventy Apostles, whose names were recorded by Saint Dorotheus. In addition to the Twelve Apostles, our Lord chose seventy other apostles and sent them out to preach. (cf. Luke 10:1-5)

Our venerable father Theoctist, hegumen of Cuomo in Sicily founded a monastery in the city of Kucuma on the island of Sicily, where he became hegumen. At his monastery lived Greek monks, who had fled persecution by the iconoclasts. (800)

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

Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 5, p. 69), stichera 10-7.

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 Seventy Apostles - Tone 4 samohlasen

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O faithful, let us bless with sa - cred hymns: Cle - ophas, Andronicus, Sil - va - nus,
and Ag - a - bus; An - ani - as and Phil - ip; Pro - chor - us, Ni - chanor, Rufus, and
Sos - te - nes; Li - nus, and then Sta - chius, Ste - phen, and Ti - mon,
Her - mas, Phlegon - tus, and Mark, to - geth - er with Luke, Sosipater, Jason, and
Gai - us; and Ty - chi - cus and Phi - le - - - mon.

Cantor: My soul is waiting 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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May Narcissus and Trophimus be worthi-ly ven-er-at - ed, to-gether with Caesar, Zenus,
and Ar - is - tar-chus; Mark, Si-lus, and Gai - us; Her-mas and A - syn - critus; Apollo
and Ce - phas; Clem-ent and Jus - tus; Quar-tus, Er - as - tus, and Luke;
O - nesiphorus, Carpus, and E - vo - di - us; Mat - thi - as and James; Urban and
Ar - is - to - bu - lus; Ty - chi - cus and Ar - is - tar - chus.

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

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Let us venerate the honora-ble prea - chers of God: Pu - dens, Herodo-ni - as
and Ar - te-mis; Phi - logus, Olym-pus, and Rho - di - on; A - pel - lus and Am - plius,
Pa - tro - bus and Mark; Ter - ti - us and Thad - de - us the wonderful

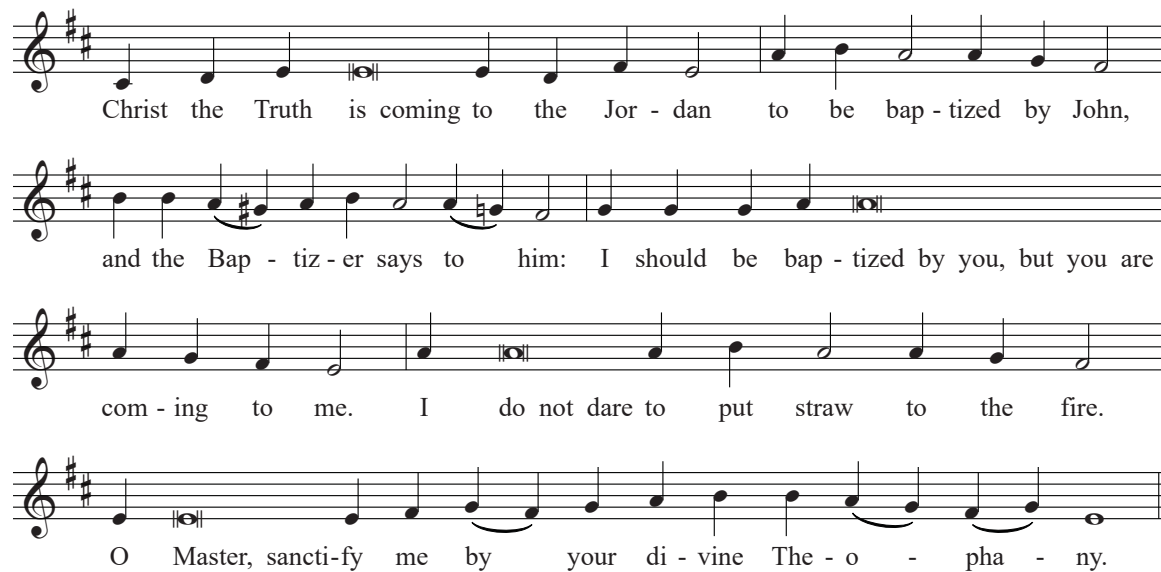
O Ad - am, rejoice with the first moth - er, Eve, and do not hide yourselves as
once you did in Par - a - dise. For, see - ing you naked, Christ has appeared to
put on the first robe. He has appeared to re-new all cre - a - tion.

Aposticha

Aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 5, page 77), concluding with:

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory... Now and ever...

Aposticha Doxastikon of the Prefeast - Tone 6



Christ the Truth is coming to the Jor - dan to be bap - tized by John,
and the Bap - tiz - er says to him: I should be bap - tized by you, but you are
com - ing to me. I do not dare to put straw to the fire.
O Master, sancti - fy me by your di - vine The - o - pha - ny.

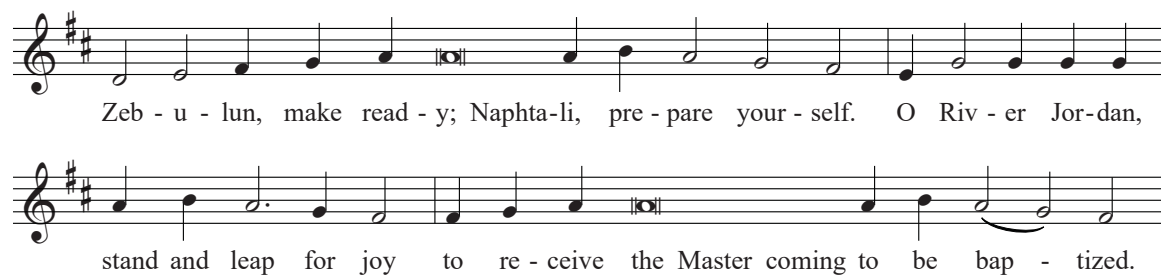
The service continues with the Prayer of the Holy Prophet Simeon on p. 19.

Troparia

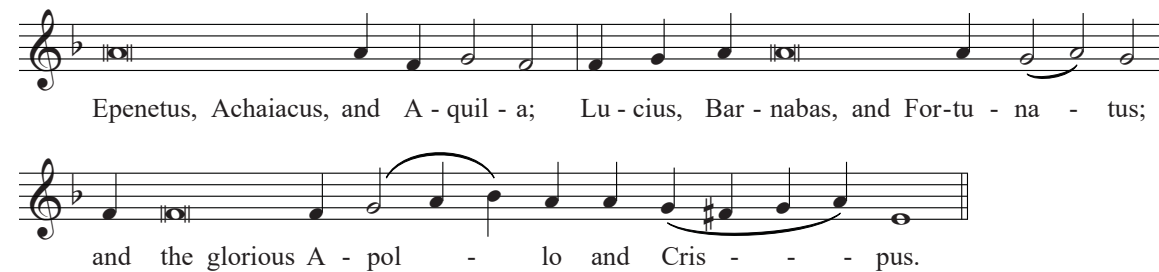
Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the Week (Tone 5, page 80).

Cantor: (Tone 4) Glory.... Now and ever...

Troparion of the Prefeast - Tone 4



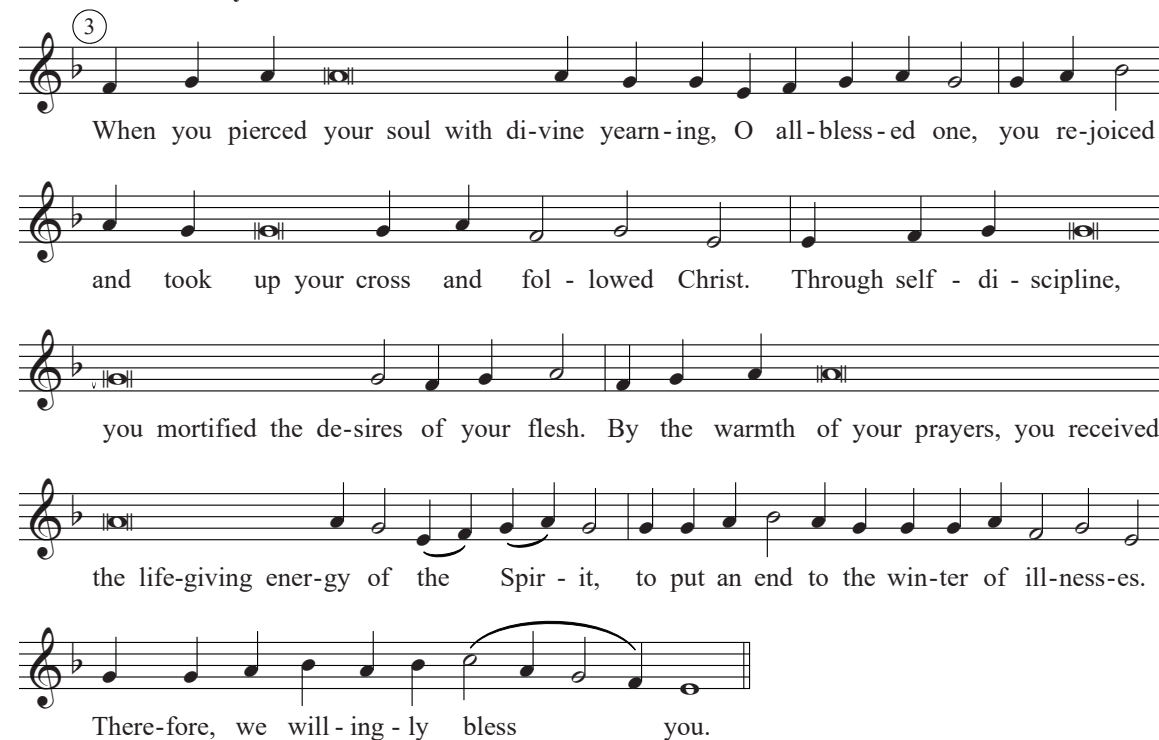
Zeb - u - lun, make read - y; Naphta - li, pre - pare your - self. O Riv - er Jor - dan,
stand and leap for joy to re - ceive the Master coming to be bap - tized.



Epenetus, Achaiacus, and A - quil - a; Lu - cius, Bar - nabas, and For - tu - na - tus;
and the glorious A - pol - lo and Cris - - - pus.

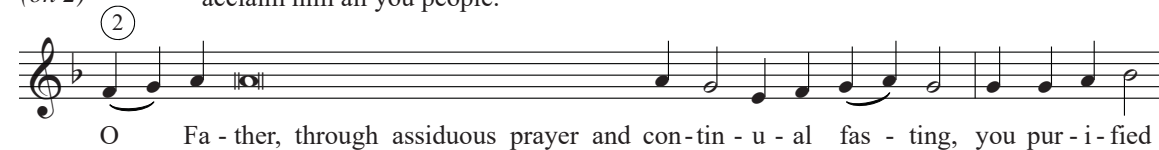
Cantor: (Tone 2) Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

Stichera of our holy father Theoctist - Tone 2 samohlasen



When you pierced your soul with di - vine yearn - ing, O all - bless - ed one, you re - joiced
and took up your cross and fol - lowed Christ. Through self - di - sci - pline,
you mortified the de - sires of your flesh. By the warmth of your prayers, you received
the life - giving ener - gy of the Spir - it, to put an end to the win - ter of ill - ness - es.
There - fore, we will - ing - ly bless you.

Cantor: Praise the Lord all the nations; **Psalm 116**
(on 2) acclaim him all you people.



O Fa - ther, through assiduous prayer and con - tin - u - al fas - ting, you pur - i - fied

the cra-vings of the soul. You were the temple of the Di - vi - ni - ty,
 and you re-ceived the holy, divine a-noin-ting of the priest-hood. You en-tered in - to the
 sanctuary to offer as a sac - ri - fice the One who was sacrificed out of his great
 love for us.

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

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 You re-vealed yourself to be meek and in - no - cent in liv - ing the rule, O Fa - ther
 The - oc - tist. You tru - ly fol - lowed the way of the meek. Hav - ing be - come
 deified through com - mun - ion with God, you sa - vored the
 joy and happiness of the true One. Do not cease to remember those who sincerely

ve - ne - rate you and who ob - serve your di - vine fal - ling
 a - sleep.

Cantor: (Tone 3) Glory...

Doxastikon of the Prefeast - Tone 3 samohlasen

Re - splend - ent is the feast which has passed; but more glo - rious is the
 pre - sent day. On that day the Magi a - dored the Sav - ior; on this, the glo - ri - ous
 ser - vant baptizes the Mas - ter. There, the shep - herds sang in a - maze - ment;
 here, the voice of the Father proclaims Him to be the On - ly - be - got - ten Son.

Cantor: (Tone 5) Now and ever...

Dogmatikon in the Tone of the week (Tone 5, page 76).