

**Vesper Propers, January 18, 2026**  
**Thirty-second Sunday after Pentecost**

**Our holy fathers Athanasius and Cyril of Alexandria**, archbishops of that city. Athanasius is called the “Father of Orthodoxy” because of his defense of the faith against Arius at the First Ecumenical Council of Nicea (325); he was greatly persecuted for this. This date celebrates his return from exile in 345. (373) Cyril worked against the Nestorian heresy, and was champion of the use of the term *Theotokos* (i.e. the one who gave birth to God). He was one of the major figures of the Third Ecumenical Council of Ephesus that was held in 431. (444)

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

*Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 7, p. 92), 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 our holy father Athanasius - Tone 4 podoben: Jako doblja**

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You en-dured per-se-cu-tions and with-stood per-ils, O ven-erable Athanasius,  
di-vine preach-er, so stren-u-ously that you drove out the impious  
err-or of A-ri-us. You saved the Church from her-e-sy,  
as you pro-claimed in true faith that the Son and Spir-it  
have the same es-sence as the Fa-ther.

**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.

(5)

With the brill-iance of your teach-ings, you brought light to those who lay in  
dark - ness. You drove off all er - ror, ex - pos - ing your-self to dan-ger,  
O A - tha - na - - sius, with the cour-age of a true Pas - - - tor,  
as asn un-shake-a-ble pil-lar of the Church of Christ. Thus, as we ga-ther to - geth - er,  
we ven - er - ate you with joy in our hymns.

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

(4)

Di-vine - ly in-spired, you prac - ticed all the vir - tues with per-se - ver - ance.  
Con - se - cra - ted by the anointing of the Spirit in the sight of all, you be-came a  
most ho - ly Hier - - arch, a de - fend - er of the Faith, and a true



Shep - herd. Thus, the whole Church glo - rifies your sa-cred mem - o - ry.



ren - dering glory to the Sav - - ior on this feast.

**Cantor:** 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 Cyril of Alexandria - Tone 4 podoben: Jako doblja**



O learn - ed Cy - ril, by your teach-ings of fire, you burned the weeds and



thorns of her - e - sy. The depth of your thoughts swallowed up the stubborn ar-my



of e - vil - think - ers. Your wise teach - ing remains the daily beauty of the



Church of be - liev - ers who ven - er - ate you with a loud voice.

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



Il - lu-min-ing your mind with the splen - dor of the Spir - it, you be-came a



ra - diant sun, shin - ing your pre - cepts up-on the ends of the earth like rays.



You en - light - ened the multitude of the faith - ful, O bles - sed Fa - ther, and you

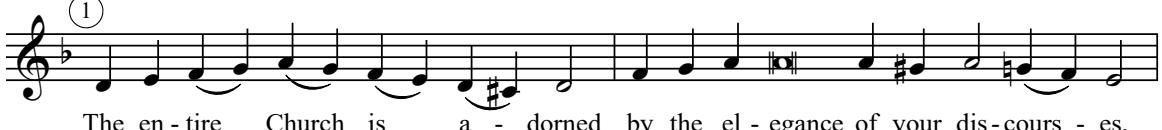


dis-pelled the dark-ness of her - e - sies with the power of him who shone forth from



the Vir - - - gin, O God - - bear - ing one.

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



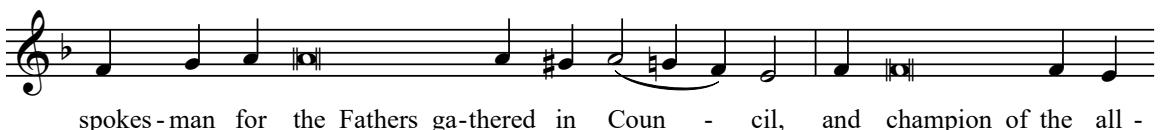
The en - tire Church is a - dorned by the el - egance of your dis-cours - es,



O Cy-ril, thrice-bless-ed Hier-arch. She is ra-diant in the splen-dor of the Faith



as she rev - erently ve-ne - rates your me - mo - ry, O glo - ry of the Or-tho - dox,



spokes - man for the Fathers ga - thered in Coun - cil, and champion of the all -



ho - - - ly The - o - to - - kos.

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

**Doxastikon of our holy father Athanasius - Tone 6 samohlasen**

In our hymns, let us all venerate Athanasius, the Bish-op of Christ, who overcame the  
teach-ing of A - ri - us, preach - ing clear - ly to the whole world the power of the  
Ho - ly Trin - i - ty, the One God in Three Persons without di - vi - sion.  
He intercedes be-fore God for us who cel - e - brate his  
mem - o - ry in faith.

**Cantor:** (Tone 7) Now and ever...

*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the week (Tone 7, page 98).*

## Aposticha

*Aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 7, page 99), concluding with:*

**Cantor:** (Tone 3) Glory...

**Aposticha doxastikon of our holy father Athanasius - Tone 3 samohlasen**

Once again, on his annual feast, we are visited by the one named for immortality, that Nile River with golden streams. By his spiritual elevation, he made immortality overflow in a river of gold. Giving forth ambrosia as the fruit of his profound theology, he taught us to worship the undivided power of the Holy Trinity. By the flood of his divine teachings, he waters the spirits of believers and intercedes before God for us.

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

*Aposticha theotokion in the same tone (Tone 3, page 55).*

*Troparia in the Tone of the week (Tone 7, page 101).*