

**Vesper Propers for the
First Sunday of the Great Fast: Sunday of Orthodoxy
Memory of the Holy Prophets**

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

Lamplighting Psalms in the tone of the week, stichera 10-5.

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

Stichera of the Sunday of Orthodoxy - Tone 6 podoben: Vsju otloživše

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O Lord, whom the u - ni - verse can - not con - tain, be - fore the dawn of time
you were born of the immaterial and in - cor - po - re - al Fa - ther; through the
Ho - ly Spir - it, the prophets have announced your coming as an in - fant who took
flesh of the most pure Vir - gin so that you might converse with mortals and be
seen by them. Count us wor - thy of your light, O com - pas - sion - ate Lord,
for we praise your ineffable and ho - ly Res - ur - rec - tion.

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

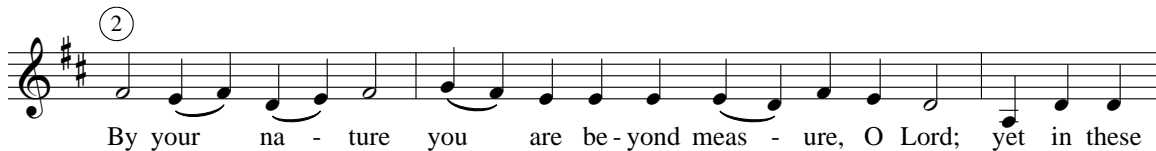
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The ho-ly pro-phets have mer-it-ed e-ter-nal life, for they an-nounced you
by their word and served you by their works. They did not wish to serve
cre-ation instead of you, the Cre-a-tor, O God; they de-spised the world to
an-nounce you. They were con-formed to your Pas-sion, which they have
seen in a pro-phet-ic vi-sion. By their prayers, grant that we may
complete the course of this Fast in all pu-ri-ty, O Lord most
mer-ci-ful.

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

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By your na-ture you are be-yond meas-ure, O Lord; yet in these

last times, you deigned to accept the lim - i - ta - tions of the flesh. By your

In - car - na - tion, you assumed all aspects of our hu - man na - ture. We now

in - scribe the image of your like - ness so that we may wor - thi - ly

ve - ne - rate it, and that we might be raised up to your love,

from which we draw your great mer - cy, ac - cord - ing to the tradition of

your ho - ly A - pos - - - tles.

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

① It is an a - dorn - ment, a pearl of great price, that the Church of

Christ has received in the ho - ly i - cons of the Sav - ior, the The - o - to - kos

and all the saints. Rais - ing them on high, she shines with splendor and bright - ness

and puts down all he - re - sies. In joy, she glorifies God, who by his love for us,
has deigned to free - ly suf - fer his Pas - sion.

Cantor: (Tone 2) Glory...

Doxastikon of the Sunday of Orthodoxy - Tone 2 samohlasen

The grace of truth has shown forth; that which was for - mer - ly pre - fig - ured
ob - scure - ly is now o - pen - ly ful - filled. Be - hold the Church is clothed
as with a heav'n - ly gar - ment by the i - con of the Bod - y of Christ,
which was pre - fig - ured by the Ark of the Cov - e - nant. She pre - serves
the true faith, so that we might keep with - out blem - ish the im - age
of the One whom we wor - ship. May those who do not believe this be cov - ered
with shame! For we glo - ry in the image of the in - car - nate Word, which we

ven - e - rate but do not wor-ship as an i - dol. O faith - ful, let us hold it in
 rev'-rence and sing: Save your peo-ple, O God, and bless your in - he - ri - tance.

Cantor: (Tone of the week) Now and ever...

Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week

Litija

Of the Prophets - Tone 2 Bolhar

Re-joyce, O ven-'ra-ble proph - ets, who have pre-pared so well
 for the law of God and were the un - shak - a - ble col-umns of the faith.
 You are al - so the mediators of the new cov - e - nant of Christ. Now that
 you are in the heav - ens, pray that he may send peace to the world and great
 mer - cy to our souls.

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

Theotokion



O The - o - to - kos, I place all my hope in you; guard me with
your pro - tec - tion.

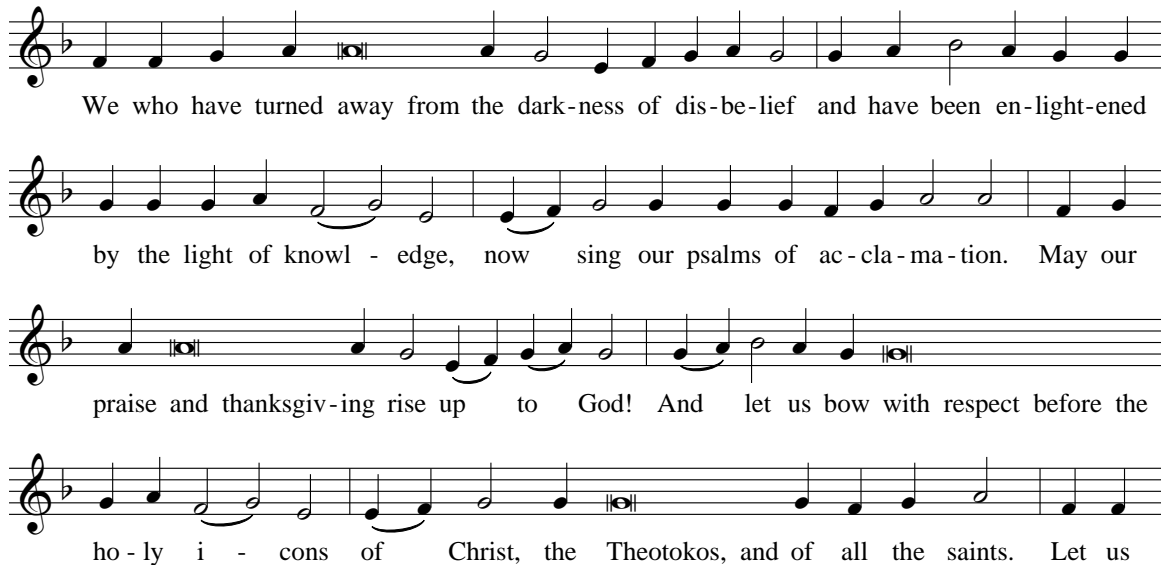
Litany of the Litija, p.116

Aposticha

Aposticha in the tone of the week, concluding with:

Cantor: (Tone 2) Glory...

Aposticha Doxastikon - Tone 2



We who have turned away from the dark-ness of dis-be-lief and have been en-light-ened
by the light of knowl - edge, now sing our psalms of ac-cla-ma-tion. May our
praise and thanksgiv-ing rise up to God! And let us bow with respect before the
ho - ly i - cons of Christ, the Theotokos, and of all the saints. Let us

re - ject the godlessness of those who do not fol - low the true faith. For
 Saint Ba - sil has said: The ve - ne - ra - tion of the icon passes over to the one who
 is re - pre - sent - ed. Through the prayers of your most pure Moth - er and all the saints,
 we im - plore you, O Christ, to grant us your great mer - cy.

Cantor: Now and ever...

Aposticha theotokion in the same tone (Tone 2, p. 45)

Troparia

Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the Week

Cantor: (Tone 2) Glory...

Troparion of the Sunday of Orthodoxy - Tone 2

We bow be - fore your sa - cred im - age, O gra - cious Lord, and beg for - giveness for
 our of - fens - es, O Christ our God; for you, of your own good will, ascended

the cross in your hu - man na - ture to de - liv - er from the enemy's
bondage those whom you cre - a - ted. There-fore, we grate-ful - ly cry
out to you: By your com - ing to save the world, O Sav - ior,
you have filled all with joy.

Cantor: *Now and ever...*

Festal theotokion in the same tone (Tone 2, p. 47)