

Vesper propers, September 30, 2007

so ac-cept - a - ble to Christ. And with the bold-ness you have be-fore him,  
 pray for the sal-va-tion of our souls, O ho - ly hie-ro-mar - - - tyr.

**Cantor:** (Tone 1) Now and ever...

*Dogmatikon, Tone 1, p. 30*

*Aposticha, Tone 1, p. 31*

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

**Doxastikon of Gregory - Tone 6 samohlasen**

The mar-tyr and ho-ly hier-arch, hav-ing spirit-u-al-ly en-tered  
 in-to the in-ac-ces-si-ble cloud of Light, was in-i-tiated  
 into the in-expressi-ble se-crets of the di-vine mys-ter-ies, af-ter  
 hav-ing been first en-light-ened as a mar-tyr, and then initiated as a pas-tor.  
 Thus he also received a double crown of glo-ry from on high, and cease-less-ly  
 prays to Christ for the sal-va-tion of our souls.

*Aposticha Theotokion, Tone 6, p. 90*

**The holy martyr Gregory, bishop of Armenia**, who after many labors withdrew to a cave near the confluence of tributaries of the Euphrates and there rested in peace. He is called “the Illuminator” and is considered the apostle of the Armenians. (332)

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

*Tone of the Week: Tone 1 (begins on page 24), stichera 10 - 4.*

**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 Gregory - Tone 6 samohlasen**

Dye - - - ing your vest ments in the purple blood of mar-tyr - dom,  
 you en-tered into the Ho-ly of Ho-lies, where the in-ef-fable Light  
 shines in the radiant glo-ry of God and where there is always the sound of fes-tive  
 re-joic-ing. There, O ad-mir-a-ble mar-tyr, you re-ceived the imper-  
 ish-a-ble crown as your reward for your la-bors, with e-ter-nal renown and a  
 dwell-ing in Par-a-dise. O ho-ly Gregory, standing be-fore the Lord,  
 in-ter-cede with bold-ness for our souls.

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

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Your soul was not bro - ken by the storms of tor - ments, nor by your  
long im - pris - on - ment in the dark pit in - to which you had been thrown;  
you shone as a light up on all of those who were threat - ened by the shadows  
of vain i - dols. You con - vert - ed them into the sons of the day through  
il - lu - min - a - tion, that bath of rebirth which brings about sal - va - tion,  
and through the di - vine life in truth, O Greg - o - ry, illustrious mar tyr  
and in - spired hier - arch.

**Cantor:** Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,  
(on 1) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

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Mas - ter of the u - ni - verse, cher - ish - ing you as her im mor - tal Bride - groom,

Rhip - sime endured the flaying of her skin from her bod - y af - ter hav - ing  
al - read - y stripped her - self of the dark tunic of the passions through her tem - per - ance.  
With her al - so suffered the il - lus - trious Ga - ya - na, and fol - lowed by a whole  
company of vir - gins who fought the good fight val - iant - ly, o - ver com ing  
the an - cient se - duc - er of Eve, the moth - er of all the liv - ing.  
O Christ, we glo - ri - fy you as we cel - e - brate their mer - - - its.

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

**Doxastikon of Gregory - Tone 6 samohlasen**

Who could wor - thily describe the victory of your vir - tues? What mouth could speak  
of the pa - tience with which you en - dured mar - tyr - dom?  
You ex - celled in all things, O Greg - o - ry! Nev - er cease to in - ter - cede by your pray'rs,