Vesper Propers, November 11, 2007

The holy martyrs Menas, Victor, and Vincent. Menas was a soldier from Egypt, who could not bear to look upon the food offering made in sacrifice to idols. Because of this, he left the army and went into the desert to live with wild beasts. Menas was arrested by a pagan governor and tortured and martyred with his companions Victor and Vincent. (304) The holy martyr Stephanis volunteered to die with Vincent. (304)

Our venerable father and confessor Theodore the Studite was hegumen of that monastery in Constantinople who suffered greatly for his defense of the cult of the holy icons. He was a wise organizer of monastic life, an inspired teacher of the Orthodox faith, and a great ascetic. He died in Constantinople at the age of 68. (826)

The holy priest-martyr Vincent Eugene Bossilkov. A member of the Passionist community, he admirably shepherded the flock of the Bulgarian Greek Catholic Church, and, when the Communists took control of the country, he refused to renounce the Union with Rome and was put to death in a most cruel manner. (1952)

(Tone 4) If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord who would survive?

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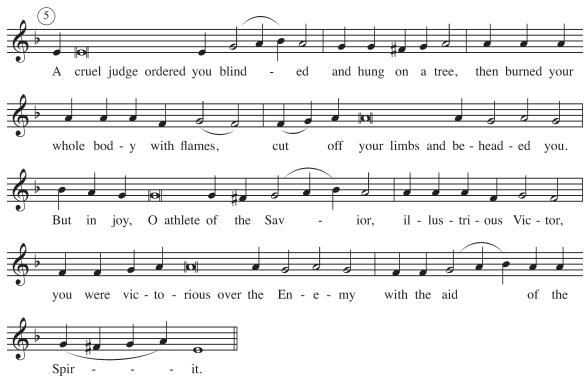
Cantor:

But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. (on 6) Tone 4 samohlasn Pierced by count-less struck with a lash burned by fire over your cuts, and you did not deny the sav-ing name of Christ, whole bod - y, yield to the blan-dish - ments, nor sacrifice to the i-dols. But, be-com-ing a pure and per-fect sac - ri - fice by your mar-tyr-dom, O Me you of-fered nas,



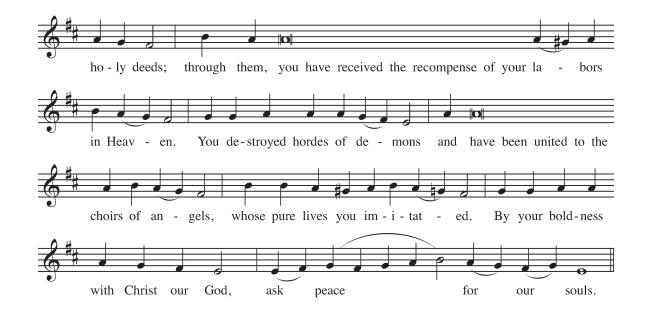
Cantor: My soul is waiting for the Lord. I count on his word.

(on 5) My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.



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





Cantor: Now and ever...

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Cantor: (Tone 8) Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, (on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

Stichera of Theodore the Studite - *Tone 8 samohlasen*





