

Vesper propers, November 18, 2007

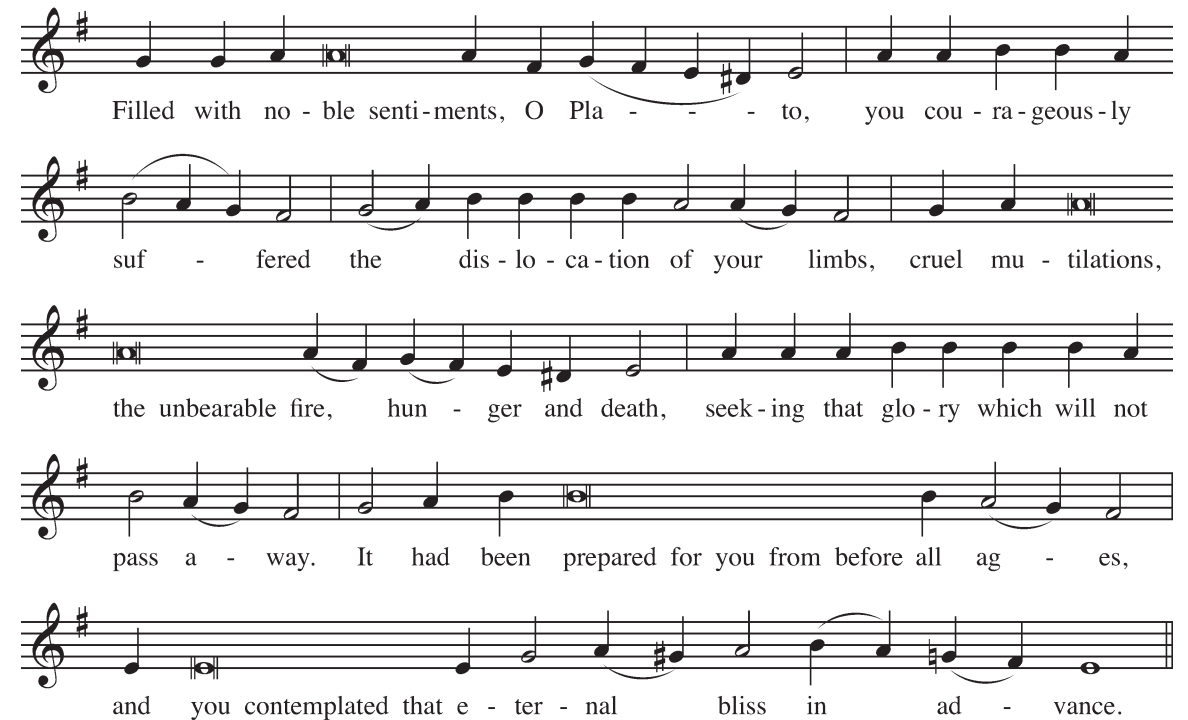
The holy martyrs Plato and Roman. Born in the town of Ancyra in Galatia, Plato showed early and great perfection in virtue. Because he did not hide his faith, he was called before the governor for trial. After having been cruelly tortured, he was beheaded and died in 266. Roman was a deacon of the Church in Caesarea. Boldly accusing the governor of idolatry, he was tortured and killed. (303)

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

Tone of the Week: Tone 8 (begins on page 102), stichera 10 - 7.

Cantor: (Tone 8) 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 Plato - Tone 8 samohlasen



Filled with no - ble senti - ments, O Pla - - - to, you cou - ra - geous - ly
suf - fered the dis - lo - ca - tion of your limbs, cruel mu - tilations,
the unbearable fire, hun - ger and death, seek - ing that glo - ry which will not
pass a - way. It had been prepared for you from before all ag - es,
and you contemplated that e - ter - nal bliss in ad - vance.

Cantor: My soul is longing 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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Trans-cend-ing the sens - es and lift-ing up your spirit to the life on high

with a gen-erous heart and god-ly thoughts, you re-nounced the baseness and little

val-ue of vis - i - ble things. Thus you en-dured cut-ting and the sear-ing flame

with cour-age for the sake of Christ.

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

4

Hav - ing blocked by grace ev'ry uprising of the en - e - my and the

per-se-cu-tors sur-round-ing you, O Pla-to, you were crowned as a vic - tor,


gain-ing un-end-ing hap - pi - ness and the in - ef - fa - ble splen-dor of God:

en - treat him to grant re-mis-sion of sins to those who sing to you.

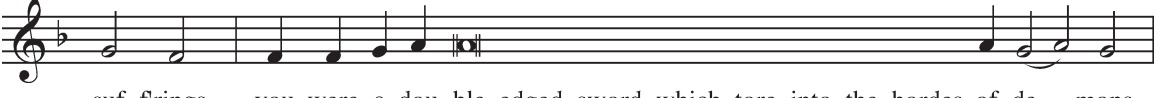
Cantor: *(Tone 4)* Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

Stichera of Roman - Tone 4 samohlasen


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Tem-pered by as-cet - i - cism, sharp-ened by strug-gles, pol-ished by man-y



suf-frings, you were a dou-ble-edged sword which tore into the hordes of de - mons,




O di-vine glo-ry of the ho-ly Church, il - lustrious Roman, won-drous




a - dorn - ment of the ath - - letes who poured out their blood.

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


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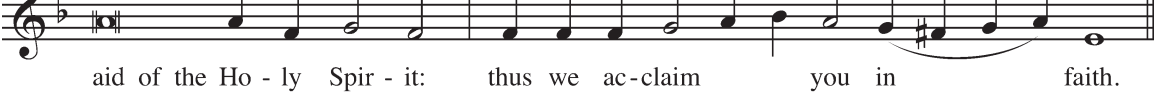
Bound and lac-er - a - ted by blows, thrown in - to pris-on, your tongue cut out



and your jaw brok-en, O vic - to - rious martyr, you attained your bless - ed end



by viol - ent strangula-tion, O Ro - man. But you remained firm with the



aid of the Ho - ly Spir - it: thus we ac-claim you in faith.

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

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One young man be-gan to speak and filled the fool-ish with a-maze-ment.
 Re-splendent for his sacred per-se-ver-ance and ra-diant in his death,
 he ac-quired the glory of the ho-ly mar-tyrs, since he was filled with
 zeal for God. In com-pany with him, entreat the remission of sins for us,
 O holy Ro-man, won-drous and sto-ic mar-tyr.

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...

Doxastikon - Tone 6 samohlasen

O Lord, won-drous and glo-rious is the victory of your mar-tyr.
 Im-i-tat-ing the boldness of the Gal-i-le-an fish-er-men,
 and weav-ing nets with his the-ol-o-gy, by his words and deeds
 he has burst asunder the myths of Pla-to and the bab-bling of the

sto-ics. Flayed a-live and be-head-ed. he drowned the en-e-my in the
 streams of his blood. O glo-ry of mar-tyrs who courageously preached the
 sub-lime name of Christ, won-der-work-ing and bless-ed Pla-to,
 en-treat him to grant great mer-cy to our souls.

Cantor: (Tone 8) Now and ever...

Dogmatikon, Tone 8, p. 107

Aposticha, Tone 8, p. 108

Troparion and Theotokion, Tone 8, p. 111