

Vesper Propers. September 16, 2012
Sunday After the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

The holy great martyr Euphemia at Chalcedon in Bithynia. It is related that she was handed over to the beasts after various tortures under Diocletian the emperor and Priscus the proconsul. She is also commemorated on July 11. (303)

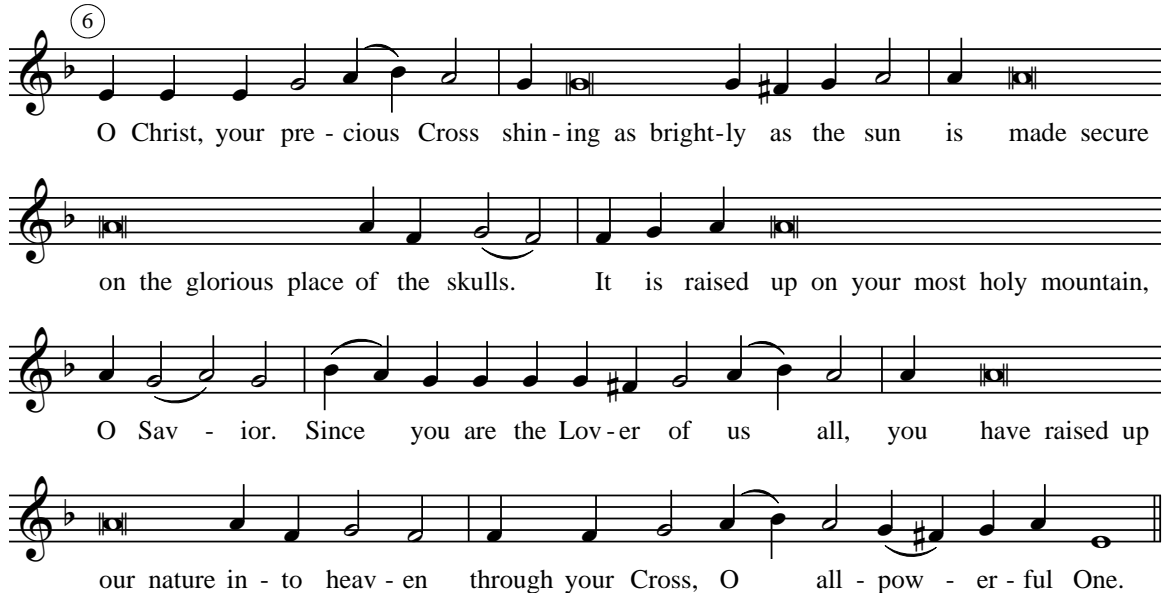
Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2006

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 the postfeast - Tone 4 samohlasen

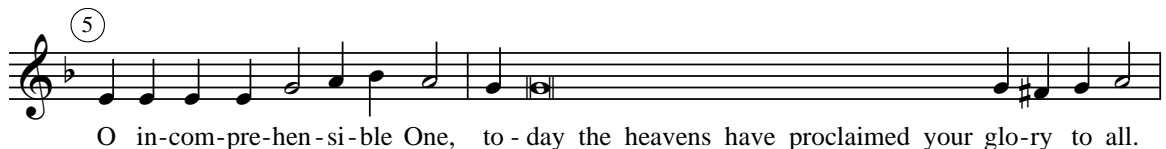
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O Christ, your pre - cious Cross shin - ing as bright - ly as the sun is made secure
on the glorious place of the skulls. It is raised up on your most holy mountain,
O Sav - ior. Since you are the Lov - er of us all, you have raised up
our nature in - to heav - en through your Cross, O all - pow - er - ful One.

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.

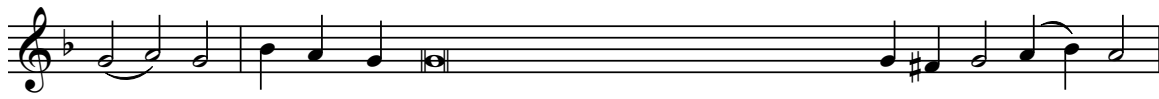
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O in - com - pre - hen - si - ble One, to - day the heavens have proclaimed your glo - ry to all.



Hav - ing brightly illumined the image of the Cross by your un - approacha-ble



splen - dor, you ex-posed the insanity and cruel standards of the en - e - m - i - e - s of God.



For this reason, we glo - ri - fy you, O all - power - ful Je - - - sus,



Sav - ior of our souls.

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



By the spread - ing out of his hands, Mo - ses con - quered Am - al - ek.



In this he prefig - ured the Cross. We, who now bow down to the Cross,



crush the at - tacks and craftiness of the en - e - my. We are strengthened by



Christ the Con - quer - or who is raised up - on it in the flesh.

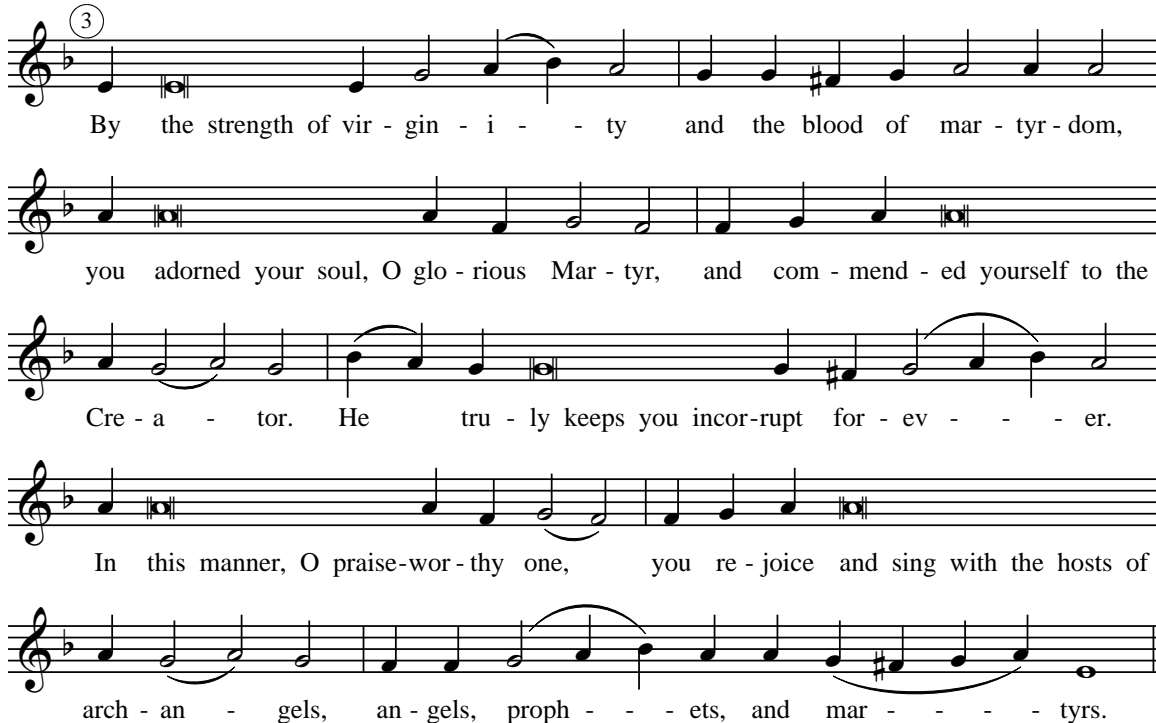


He has put the ser - pent to death and has saved all peo - - - ple.

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 the holy great martyr Euphemia - Tone 4 samohlasen

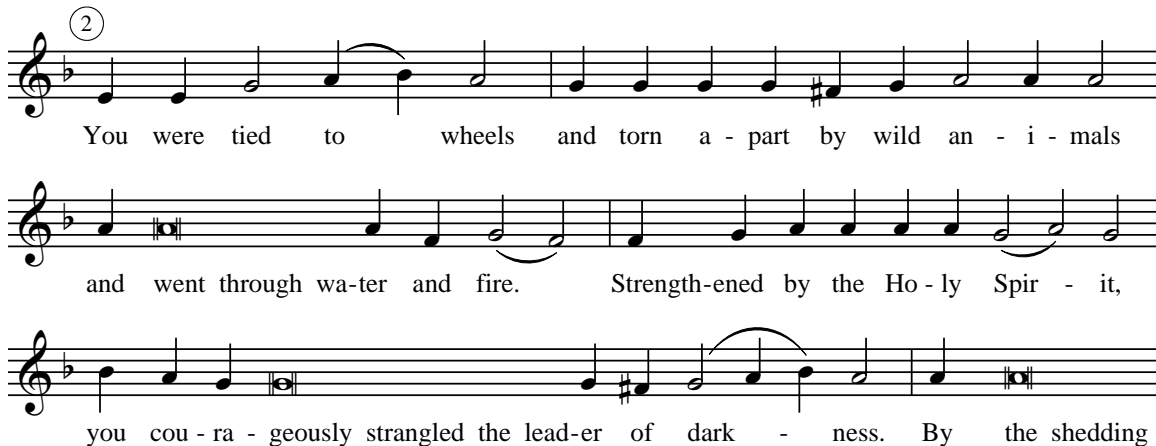
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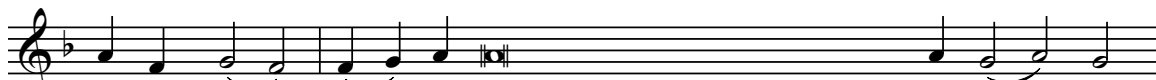
By the strength of vir - gin - i - - ty and the blood of mar - tyr - dom,
you adorned your soul, O glo - rious Mar - tyr, and com - mend - ed yourself to the
Cre - a - - tor. He tru - ly keeps you incor - rupt for - ev - - - er.
In this manner, O praise - wor - thy one, you re - joice and sing with the hosts of
arch - an - gels, an - gels, proph - - - ets, and mar - - - - tyr - s.

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

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You were tied to wheels and torn a - part by wild an - i - mals
and went through wa - ter and fire. Strength - ened by the Ho - ly Spir - it,
you cou - ra - geously strangled the lead - er of dark - ness. By the shedding




of your blood, you en - tered the spiritual bridal chamber of your Bride - groom.




O virgin, you offered up your suf - fer - ings as a dow - ry.


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




O Martyr, you died by shed - ding your blood; now you are alive to praise the Lord.



You feed and enlighten the faith - ful with knowl - edge, thus drown - ing the unbeliev - ing



en - e - mies. There - fore, the di - vine book of Church dogmas is en - trust - ed to you



to keep and guard for - ev - - - er.

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...

Doxastikon of the postfeast - Tone 6 samohlasen



The four cor - ners of the earth are sanctified to - day, O Christ our God,



by the four ends of your ex - alt - ed Cross. With it, exalt your faith - ful

Chris - tians who destroy the power of the En - e - my through your Cross.
 You are great, O Lord, and won - drous in your works; glo - - - ry
 to you!

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

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

Aposticha

Sunday aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 7, p. 99), concluding with:

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...

Aposticha doxastikon of the holy great martyr Euphemia - Tone 6 samohlasen

Let ev - 'ry tongue sing the prais - es of the all - worthy Eu - phe - mi - a.
 Let the vir - gins of ev - 'ry race and age hon - or Christ's vir - gin -
 mar - tyr. O - vercoming weakness, she act - ed cou - ra - geous - ly

ac-cord - ing to the Law. Through her suf - ferings she laid low the
 en - e-my. She has been adorned with a heav'n-ly crown and now prays
 to the Bride-groom and God to grant us great mer - - - cy.

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

Aposticha doxastikon of the postfeast - Tone 8 samohlasen

Of old, Mo-ses pre-fig - ured your Cross while van - quishing Amalek and obtaining
 vic - to - ry o - ver him. The psalm - ist David called it your foot - stool
 and di-rect-ed us to a-dore it. We sin - ners indeed venerate your Cross
 to - day, O Christ our God. With our un - worthy lips we ex - tol you,
 for you deigned to be cru - ci - fied on it; and we en - treat you, O Lord:

To - gether with the thief, make us wor - thy of your king - - - - dom.

Troparia

Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the Week (Tone 7, p. 101), then:

Cantor: (Tone 1) Glory...now and ever...

Troparion of the Exaltation of the Cross - Tone 1

Save your peo-ple, O Lord, and bless your in - her - i - tance. Grant vic - to - ry

to your Church o - ver e - vil, and pro - tect your peo - ple by your cross.