

Vesper propers, September 30, 2012
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 1, p. 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.

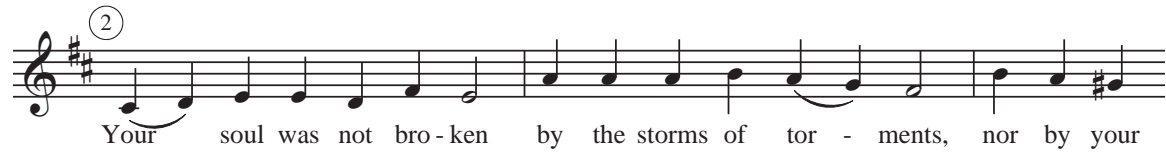
Stichera of the holy martyr Gregory - Tone 6 samohlasen

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.

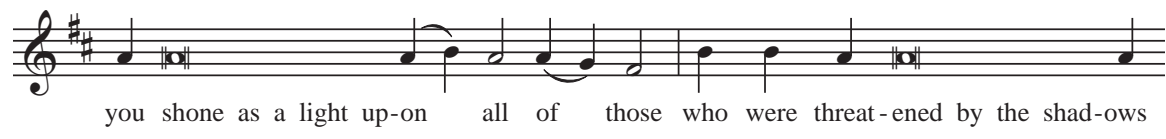
Cantor: Praise the Lord, all you nations, **Psalm 116**
(on 2) acclaim him all you peoples!



Your soul was not bro - ken by the storms of tor - ments, nor by your



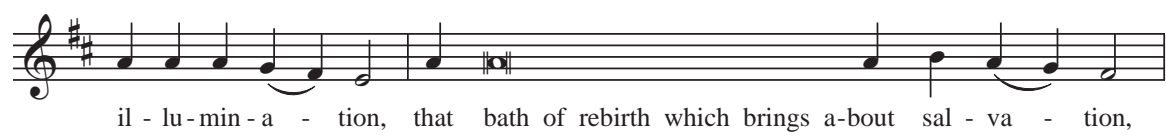
long im - pris - on - ment in the dark pit into which you had been thrown;



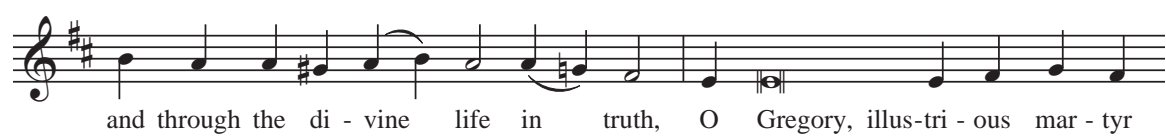
you shone as a light up-on all of those who were threat-ened by the shad-ows



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 a-bout sal - va - tion,



and through the di - vine life in truth, O Gregory, illus-tri - ous 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.

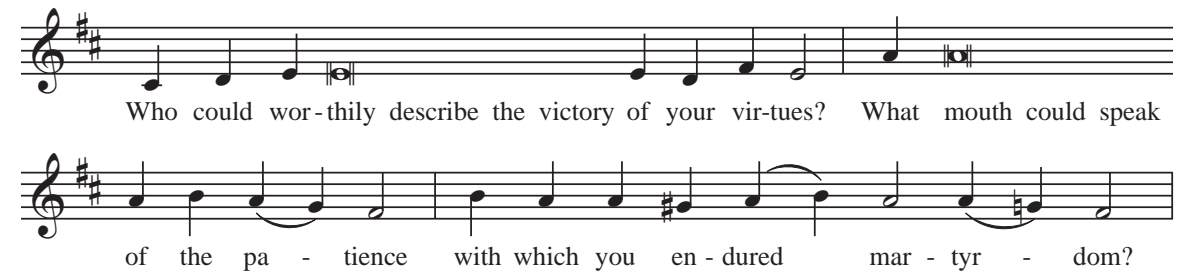
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Mas-ter of the u - ni-verse, cher - ishing you as her im-mor - tal Bride - groom,
 Rhip - sime endured the flaying of her skin from her bod - y af - ter hav-ing
 al-read-y stripped her-self of the dark tunic of the passions through her tem-per - ance.
 With her al - so suffered the il-lus-tri-ous 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 the holy martyr 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,
 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 in the Tone of the week (Tone 1, page 30).

Aposticha

Sunday aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 1, p. 31), concluding with:

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...

Aposticha doxastikon of the holy martyr Gregory - Tone 6 samohlasen

The mar-tyr and ho - ly hier-arch, hav - ing spirit-ual - ly en - tered
 in - to the in - ac - ces - si - ble cloud of Light, was in - i - tiated
 into the inexpressi-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.

Cantor: Now and ever...

Aposticha theotokion in the same tone (Tone 6, p. 90).

Troparion and Theotokion in the Tone of the Week (Tone 1, page 34).