

Vespers Propers, October 30

The holy martyr Zenobius and his sister Zenobia at Sidon in Phoenicia, priest, who, in the severity of the persecution of Diocletian the emperor, urged others to martyrdom and himself was crowned with martyrdom. His sister voluntarily joined him in his martyrdom. (285)

The holy apostle Cleopas and companions Tertius, Mark, Justus and Artemas were members of the Seventy. The risen Lord appeared to Cleopas on the road to Emmaus (Lk. 24: 13-33). Tertius wrote down Paul's Epistle to the Romans for him (Rm. 16:22) and died a martyr as Bishop of Iconium, after the Apostle Sosipater. John Mark was the son of the devout Mary in whose house the apostles and early Christians found shelter; he was the nephew of St. Barnabas. He was bishop in the town of Apollonia. Justus was the one cast lots for, with Matthias (Acts 1: 23-26); he became bishop of Eleutheropolis.

Supplement for **The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2005**

Tone of the Week: Tone 7 (begins on page 92), 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 Zenobius and Zenobia - Tone 4 podoben: Jako doblja

Hav - ing col - ored your vest - ment with the blood of martyrdom,
O illustri-ous Ze - no - bi - us, you made it e - ven more sa - cred in grace.
You ent - ered the Ho - ly of Ho - lies as a hier - - arch,
to of - fer yourself as a pure vic - tim, a per - fect o - bla - tion,

to him who was im - mo - lat - ed for you.

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

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When your bod - y was torn, the in - ner beau - ty of your soul shone forth
e - ven more clear - ly, O di - vine - ly mind - ed Ze - no - bi - us, hie - ro - mar - tyr
who stirs up our ad - mi - ra - tion. You are the splendor of hierarchs, the
glo - ry of con - quer - ing ath - letes, the nev - er exhausted fountain pouring
forth heal - ing, O you who drive away im - pure spir - its and pro - tect
our souls.

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

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Shar - ing your wise con - vic - tions, your own sis - ter, Zenobia, chose to

strug - gle with you. She val - iant - ly endured the burn - ing caul - dons,
the threat-en - ing fire and vi - o - lent death. Thus, O Bish-op
Ze - no - bi - us, with you, she has found the crown of vic - t'ry in the
King - dom on high.

Cantor: Glory...

Doxastikon - Tone 6

To - day, O friends of the mar - tyrs, let us form a choir and sing
to the mem - ory of the vic - to - rious ath - letes, Ze - no - bius and Ze - no - bi - a;
for they were champions of the Trin - i - ty. In the a - re - na, they valiantly drowned
the invisible en - e - my in their blood. Then they re - ceived the glorious crown
as con - quer - ors, Thus we sing to them: O ho - ly pair, blest by the Lord,



O ra - diant martyrs, inter-cede, both of you for our souls be-fore the Lord.

Cantor: Now and ever...

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