

## Vesper Propers, January 15

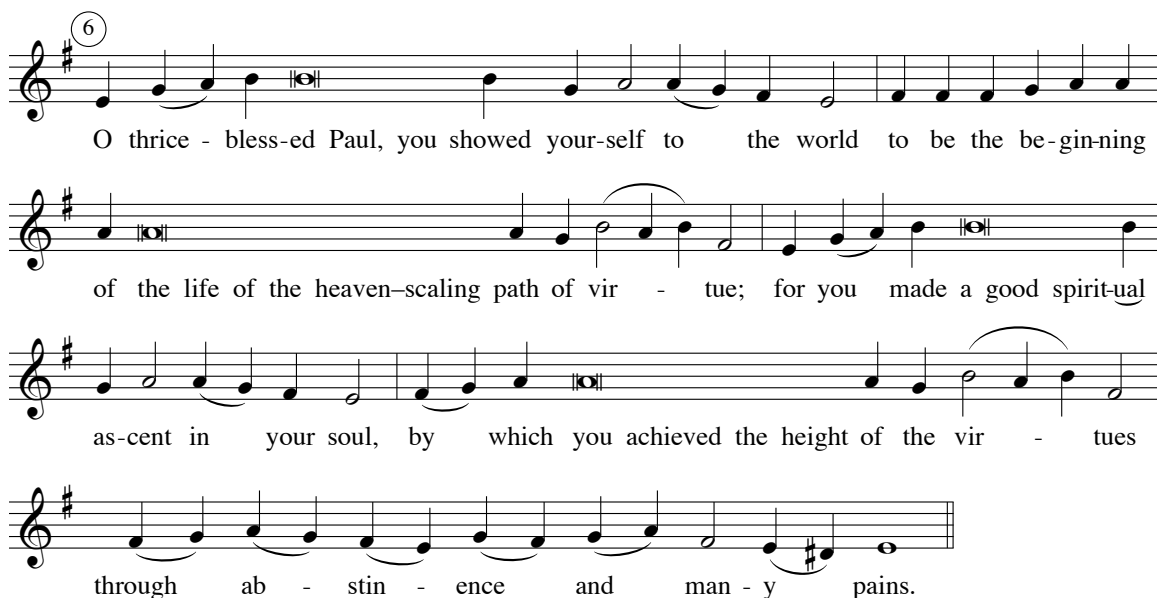
**15 Our venerable fathers Paul of Thebes and John the Hut-dweller (Calibytes).** Paul was a disciple of St. Anthony the Great and one of the earliest of the “desert fathers,” living as a hermit in the Thebaid in Egypt. (c.345). John of Constantinople, who, as it is said, briefly lived in a retreat in the home of his father. He left home for six years and came back and lived in a "kalyba" (i.e., a hut) as a beggar in rags, subsisting on the charity of his unwitting parents; wholly surrendered to contemplation. His parents recognized him, after his death, from a gold codex of the Gospels that they had given him. (5th century)

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

*Lamplighting Psalms Tone 2, p 36, stichera 10-7*

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(on 6) But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.

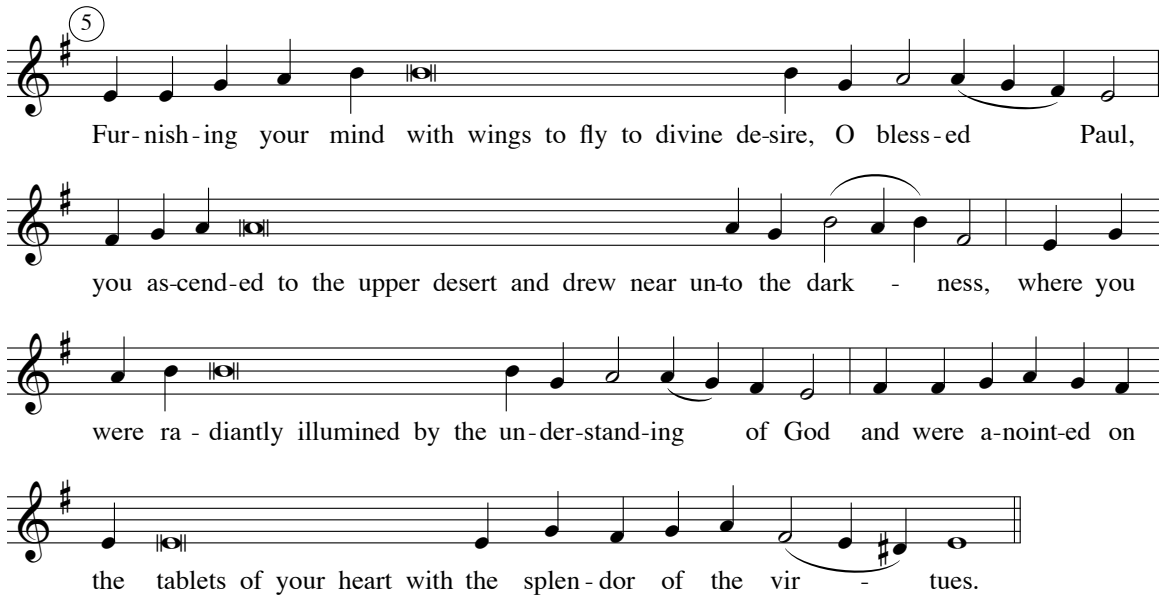
**Stichera of the Venerable Paul - Tone 1 podoben: Nebesnych cinov**  
(See page 6 for samohlasen settings)



O thrice - bless-ed Paul, you showed your-self to the world to be the be-gin-ning  
of the life of the heaven-scaling path of vir - tue; for you made a good spiri-tual  
as-cent in your soul, by which you achieved the height of the vir - tues  
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(on 5) My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.

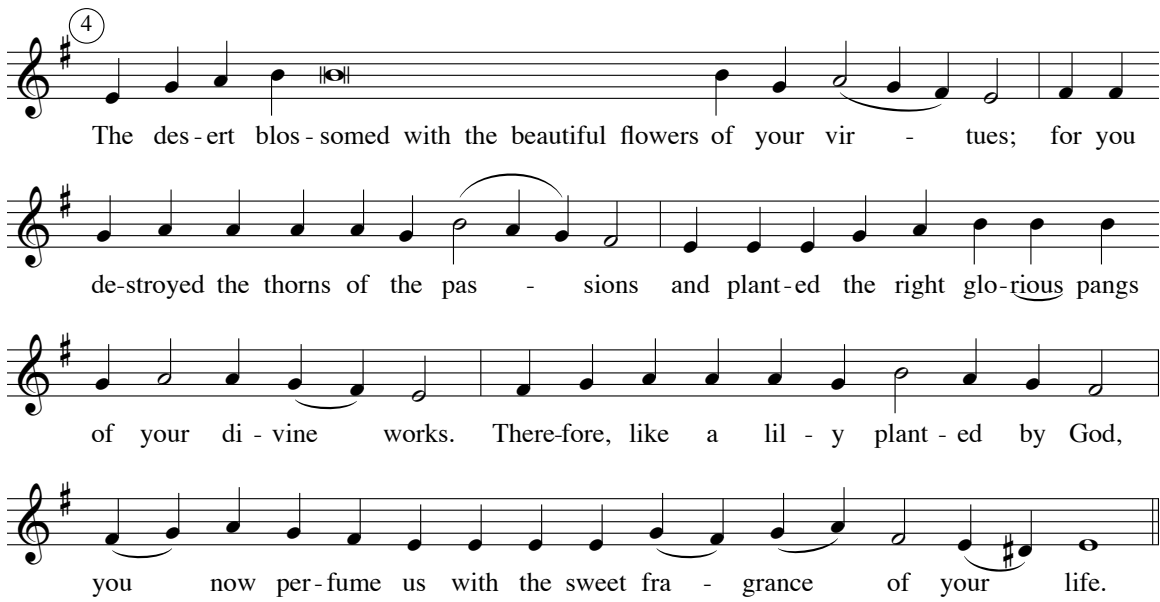
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Fur-nish-ing your mind with wings to fly to divine de-sire, O bless-ed Paul,  
 you as-cend-ed to the upper desert and drew near un-to the dark - ness, where you  
 were ra - diantly illumined by the un-der-stand-ing of God and were a-noint-ed on  
 the tablets of your heart with the splen-dor of the vir - tues.

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

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The des-ert blos-somed with the beautiful flowers of your vir - tues; for you  
 de-stroyed the thorns of the pas - sions and plant-ed the right glo-ri-ous pangs  
 of your di - vine works. There-fore, like a lil - y plant - ed by God,  
 you now per-fume us with the sweet fra - grance of your life.


**Cantor:** (Tone 2) 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 Venerable John - Tone 2 podoben: Jehda ot dreva**

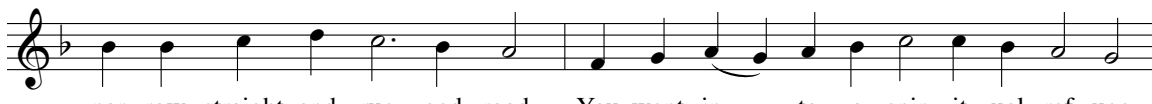
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O bless-ed fa-ther John, when by di-vine inspiration you joyfully fled from the




pleas-ures of this world, you re-nounced the broad way and chose the



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where you put on the di-vine hab-it, de-ny-ing your-self



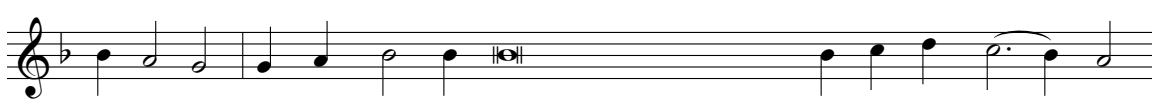
and strip-ping your-self of all pas-sions.

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


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You con-ceived the a-maz-ing plan of your life, your won-drous



be-hav-ior, in your love for Christ, whose ineffable pov-er-ty you cher-ished.



With-out a home, living be-fore the thresh-old of your par-ents,

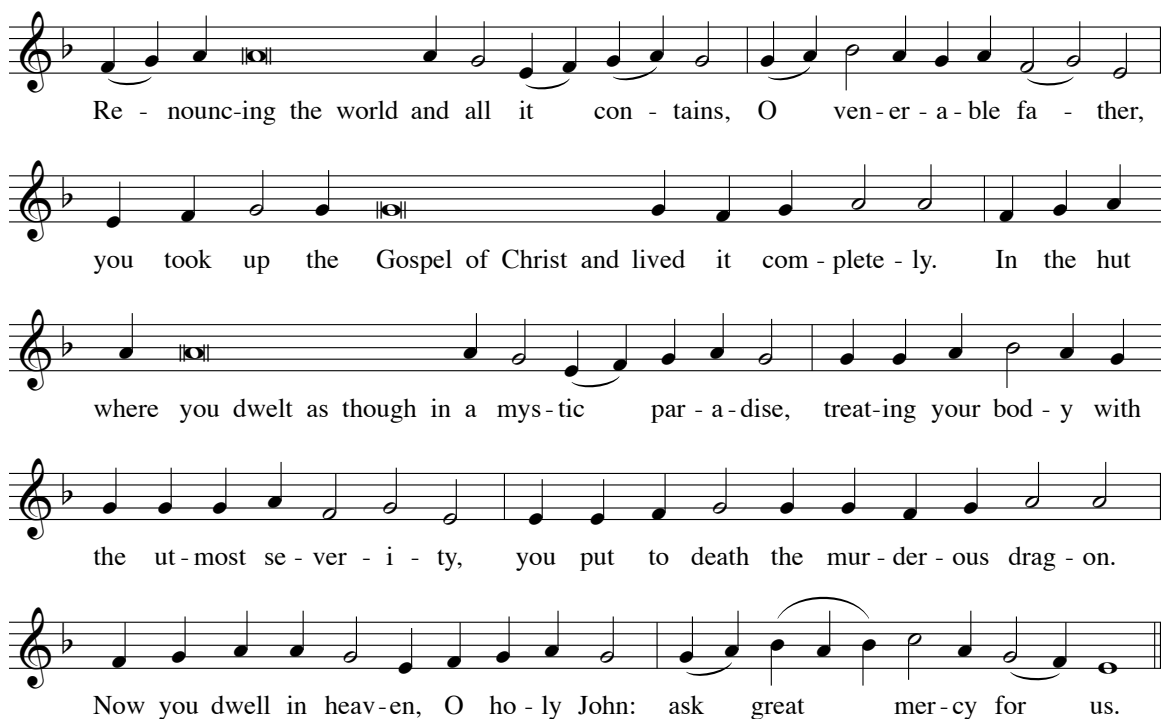
you endured need and trib - u - la - tions. But you were filled with di - vine  
 gra - ces and you in - her - it - ed heav - en and the treas - ure which  
 no one can ev - er take a - way.

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

Hav - ing the Ho - ly Gos - pel be - fore you, O fa - ther John,  
 you ful - filled it when you renounced your fam - i - ly in - her - i - tance  
 and spent your whole life in hard - ship and re - pent - ance. Thus you now  
 re - joice, O ven - erable father, since God has glo - ri - fied you  
 with di - vine consola - tion and end - less hap - pi - ness.

**Cantor:** *(Tone 2)* Glory...

**Doxastikon - Tone 2 samohlasen**



Re - nounc-ing the world and all it con - tains, O ven-er - a - ble fa - ther,  
you took up the Gospel of Christ and lived it com - plete - ly. In the hut  
where you dwelt as though in a mys-tic par - a - dise, treat-ing your bod - y with  
the ut - most se - ver - i - ty, you put to death the mur - der - ous drag - on.  
Now you dwell in heav-en, O ho - ly John: ask great mer-cy for us.

**Cantor:** (Tone 2) Now and ever...

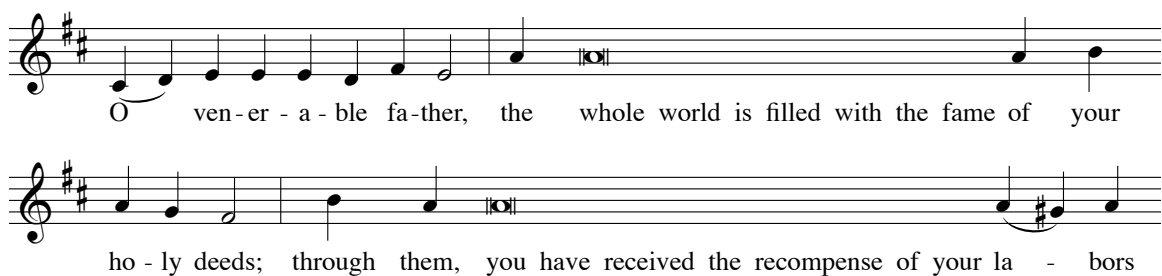
*Dogmatikon, Tone 2, p. 42*

*The service continues with the Hymn of the Evening, p. 12*

*Aposticha, Tone 2, p. 43*

**Cantor:** (Tone 6) Glory...now and ever...

**Doxastikon - Tone 6**



O ven-er - a - ble fa-ther, the whole world is filled with the fame of your  
ho - ly deeds; through them, you have received the recompense of your la - bors

in heav - en. You de-stroyed hordes of de - mons and have been united to the  
 choirs of an - gels, whose pure lives you im - i - tat - ed. By your bold-ness with  
 Christ our God, ask peace for our souls!

**Cantor:** Now and ever...

*Aposticha Theotokion, Tone 6, p. 90*

*Troparia, Tone 2, p. 47*

**Stichera for the Lamplighting Psalms, samohlasen settings:**

**Cantor:** (Tone 1) If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord who would survive?  
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**Stichera of the Venerable John - Tone 2**

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 Thus you now re-joice, O ven - 'ra - ble fa - ther, since God has



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*Please turn to page 5 of this insert for the Doxastikon.*