

**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**Vesper propers, July 9, 2006**

**The holy hieromartyr Pancratius, bishop of Taormina** in Sicily, who, it is believed, was a follower of St. Peter the Apostle and the first to lead this Church. His holy relics are preserved in Rome. (1st century)

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

*Tone of the Week: Tone 4 (begins on page 58) stichera 10-4*

**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 Pancratius - Tone 2 samohlasen**

When Pe - ter the Rock, the standard-bearer of the divine Apos-tles, trav - eled  
through-out the world, he made it firm on a sol - id foun-da - tion.  
In you, O Pancratius, he found a stone of great price, and he des - tined you to be  
the cornerstone of a church, O bless-ed one. You o - ver-threw the tem-ples  
and sacred stones of the i - dols by the di - vine pow - er of the Word  
who willed, in his good pleas-ure, to take flesh and make his dwell-ing

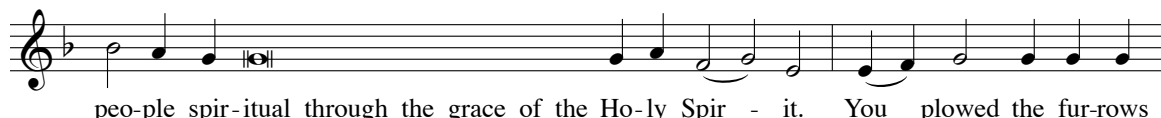


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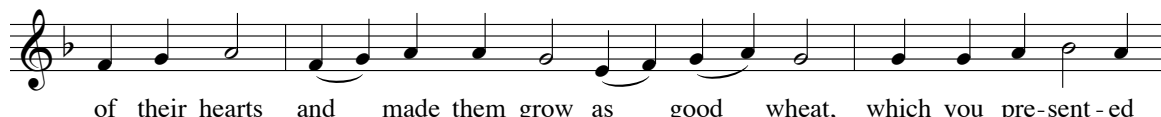
**Cantor:** Praise the Lord all you nations; **Psalm 116**  
(on 2) acclaim him all you peoples.



Driv-ing off the dark spirits of evil by your word, O Pan-cra - tius, you made your



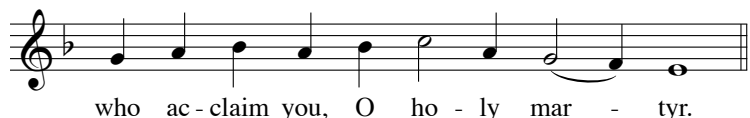
peo-ple spir-itual through the grace of the Ho-ly Spir - it. You plowed the fur-rows



of their hearts and made them grow as good wheat, which you pre-sent-ed



to the Master of the har - vest. You in - ter - cede for the faith - ful

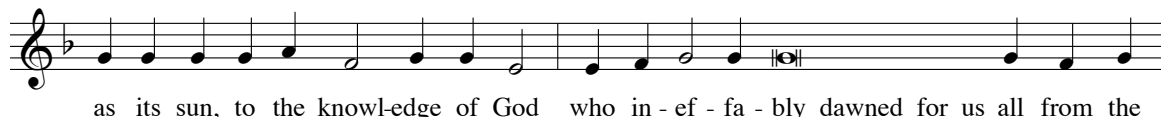


who ac-claim you, O ho - ly mar - tyr.

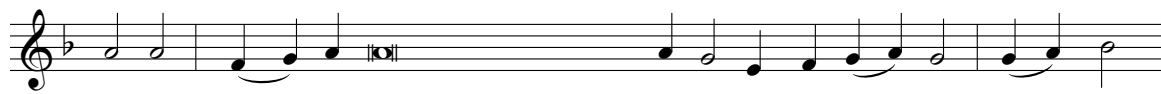
**Cantor:** Strong is the love of the Lord for us;  
(on 1) he is faithful forever.



You have changed the West into an East, filled with dawn-ing light, for you brought it,



as its sun, to the knowl-edge of God who in - ef - fa - bly dawned for us all from the



Vir-gin. Then, set - ing in martyrdom, O ho-ly fa-ther Pan-cra - tius, you dawned



a - gain in the nev - er - set - ting Light. Now that mir - rors have passed a - way,



you gaze directly upon the desired beau-ty of the judge of all com - bats.

**Cantor:** (Tone 4) Glory...now and ever...

*Dogmatikon, Tone 4, page 64*

*Aposticha, Tone 4, page 65*

*Troparion, Tone 4, page 68*