

Vesper Propers, September 17, 2006
Sunday After the Exaltation of the Cross

The holy martyr Sophia (Wisdom) and her three children, Faith, Hope, and Charity. They lived and suffered in Rome in the time of the emperor Hadrian. For refusing to sacrifice to the goddess Artemis, he had them put to death. (c.137)

Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays After Pentecost, 2005

Lamplighting Psalms: Tone 6, stichera 10-7, beginning on page 82.

Cantor: (Tone 1) 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 1 samohlasen

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The Cross is raised and the de-mons are scat - tered. The thief of Paradise o-pens up
the gates. Now Death is put to death and deprived of its e - vil.
Christ is glo - ri - fied, all creation re - joic - es, and the curse is de-stroyed.

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.

5

Come, all you lov - ers of good! See the pre-cious Cross be-ing raised up.
To - geth - er let us exalt and give glo - ry to the one Deliverer and God by

call - ing out: Hav - ing been cru - ci - fied on the Tree of the Cross,

do not de - spise us who pray to you.

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

Of old, Mo - ses made the bit - ter wa - ter sweet. He de - liv - ered Israel by assuming the

like - ness of the Cross. Let all of us faith - ful di - vine - ly and mystically form

a likeness of it in our hearts, for we are be - ing saved by your might.

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 martyrs - Tone 4

The virgin maidens were bound by the laws of na - ture, yet they were clearly

strengthened by the love of the Cre - a - tor. Through faith they loosened the bonds of

e - vil. They act - ed cou - ra - geously when they destroyed the en - e - my.

For this rea - son they were splendidly adorned with a vic - to - rious crown.

Now they live and rejoice with the heav - en - ly Bride - - - groom.

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

2
The praiseworthy Faith, the glo - rious Char - i - ty, and the God - wise Hope,

who were named af - ter the vir - tues, showed them - selves to be among the most

ra - diant. They suf - fered the passion and defeated the E - vil One

who had craftily deceived our first moth - er. Hav - ing be - come like God, they en - tered

Par - a - dise and now pray for ev - 'ry - one.

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

1
The noble ones were not concerned about fire, tor - ture, and death, be - cause through faith

they sought the beauty of the ra-diant Bride-groom. So - phia's daughters, Faith, Hope,
 and Char-i - ty, a - dorned with numerous wounds, were spiritually u - nit-ed with him.
 For their sake, O Lord, de - liv - er us from e - - - - vil.

Cantor: (Tone 1) Glory...

Doxastikon - Tone 1

The Tree of life which was planted in the place of the Skull,
 the Tree upon which the King of the Ages brought about our sal - va - tion,
 is raised up in the middle of the earth to-day. It sanc-ti-fies the ends of the earth,
 and the Church of the Resurrection celebrates its re-ded - i - ca - tion now.
 The an-gels re-joice in heav - en, and those up - on the earth exult with joy and

say with Da - vid: Ex - alt the Lord our God and bow be - fore his throne
 and be - fore his footstool, for he is ho - ly; it is he who grants great
 mer - cy to the world.

Cantor: (Tone 6) Now and ever...

Dogmatikon, Tone 6, page 87

Aposticha, Tone 6, page 88

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

Doxastikon - Tone 1

Ja - cob, the Pa - tri - arch, prefig-ured your Cross, O Christ, when he blessed his
 de-scen - dants by lay - ing his hands on their heads in the form of a cross.
 To-day we exalt it and cry out, O Sav - ior: Grant vic - to - ry to your Church
 o - ver her en - e - mies, as you once did to your peo - ple.

Troparion, Tone 6, page 91

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

Troparion 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.