

## Vesper propers, October 7, 2007

**The holy martyrs Sergius and Bacchus** at Rosapha in the province of Augusta Euphratesia in Syria. They were nobles at the court of the emperor Maximian, who valued them for their courage, wisdom, and zeal. They refused to offer sacrifice to the pagan gods, and the emperor turned against them, dressing them in women's clothing and paraded them through the city of Rome. They were then sent to Asia to be tortured. Bacchus died first, and came back from the dead to urge Sergius to fidelity. He was then martyred. (303)

*Supplement for **The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2006***

*Tone of the Week: Tone 2 (begins on page 36), stichera 10 - 7.*

**Cantor:** (Tone 6) Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.  
(on 4)

*Tone 6 podoben: Vsju otloživše*

Hav-ing re-ject - ed all earth - ly might and come to hate the flesh  
you came to love our ho - ly God, and hav-ing worn ves-ture of dis-hon - - - or,  
placed up - on you in mock - er - y, you have re-ceived gar-ments of life  
from heav'n and robes which can not be torn a-part. Danc-ing there, O most rich  
and crowned ones, be a veil of protection and raiment for all of us  
who have been stripped bare in life through the de-cep - tion of the



cun - ning ser - - pent.

**Cantor:** Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,  
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.  
*All repeat "Having rejected..."*

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



All - glo - rious Ser - gius and all - praised Bac - chus, you ves - sels of the



Spir - - - it, twin tor - rents pour - ing forth heal - ing on us all



our pro - tec - tors and mighty cham - pions of the Church, two vol - untary sacrifices



and hon - ored vic - tims, bea - cons il - lu - mining the ends of the earth with the



light of pi - - e - ty: Dis - pel the darkness which lies up - on our souls



and drive a - way all the gloom of e - - - vil.

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

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O glo-ri-ous ath - letes, hav - ing left behind your corrup - ti - ble bod - ies,  
 you have re - ceived a habitation which nev - er pass - es a - way, end - less glad - ness  
 and nev - er - wan - ing light, and in - corrupti - ble life with - out care.  
 Now pray that we may also re - ceive these things, hav - ing been slain by the passions  
 and turned a - side in - - to sin, O Ser - gius and Bac - - - chus,  
 in - ter - ces - sors and havens for the faith - ful, who pray with bold - ness  
 in be - half of our souls.

**Cantor:** (Tone 4) Glory...

**Doxastikon - Tone 4**



Ra-diant and two - - - fold is the light shin-ing forth from the martyrs Ser - gius  
 and Bac - chus, for they cast down the savagery of the tyr - ants, a - bol -



ished the falsehood of i - dol - at - ry, and, preaching with ra - diant voic - es,



pro - claimed the perfect mystery of di - vine knowl - edge. Through their sup - plications,



O Christ the Giv - er of the Law, Judge of the contest and Bestow - er of



crowns, grant that we may also re - ceive crowns of might a - gainst the



in - vis - i - ble pow'rs of e - - - - - vil.

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

*Dogmatikon, Tone 2, p. 42*

*Aposticha, Tone 2, p. 43*

**Cantor:** (Tone 4) Glory...

**Doxastikon of the Martyrs - Tone 4**



The reg - i - ment of the mar - tyrs of Christ has been strength - ened a - gainst the



en - e - my; and a - mong them the right glorious and most excel - lent ath - letes,



Ser - gius and Bac - chus shine like lu - min - a - - ries. By them was the evil host

of demons forced to turn in flight; by them were the tyrants amazed and the  
 an-gels as-ton - ished, be - hold - ing the incorporeal foe trampled underfoot by  
 cor-por - e - al men! And the Church of the faith - - - ful, cel - e - brat-ing  
 their most festive day and univer-sal joy, cries out: You bound the mighty one by  
 the weak ness of your flesh: save our souls through the pray'rs of your saints!

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

*Aposticha Theotokion, Tone 4, p. 66*

*Troparia, Tone 2, p. 47*

