

Vesper Propers, November 23, 2008

**23 Postfestive day of the Entrance.**

**Our holy fathers Amphilocius, bishop of Iconium,** in Lycaonia, who, a companion of Saints Basil and Gregory of Nazianzus in the desert and a colleague in the episcopate, famous for his holiness and teaching, underwent many trials for the Catholic faith (395) **and Gregory, bishop of Agrigento,** a great wonderworker and bishop who took part in the Fifth Ecumenical Council at Constantinople in 553. (7th century)

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

*Tone of the Week: Tone 3 (begins on page 48), stichera 10 - 7.*

**Cantor:** (Tone 3) 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 Bishop Amphilochius - Tone 4 podobn: Dal jesi znamenije**

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O all-bless-ed one, you disciplined your mind and con-trolled your  
pas-sions, there-by choos-ing good ra-ther than e-vil.  
You used a just measure to make the compari-son, O Fa-ther. Be-cause  
of that you were able to see and know God, O in-spired Hier-arch.

**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.

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O ven-'ra-ble one, you tore the nets and destroyed the catch-es of

her - e - sy. With true dog - mas and the - ol - o - gy you es - caped  
 from disunity and evil confu - sion, O Fa - ther. You preached the Trinity in the  
 oneness of the Di - vin - i - ty and re - mained in the bounds of our true faith.

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

Hav - ing given wisdom to the Emperor The - o - do - si - us who was reign - ing on earth,  
 you re - buked his ob - tin - ate son. O ven - er - able one, you taught him  
 that the Lord of the u - ni - verse ab - hors those who are ungrate - ful  
 towards his Son, their Sav - ior and Ben - e - fac - tor.

*Cantor (on 3)*

Be - cause with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemp - tion,

cel - e - brate with them, for the Queen of all has opened the kingdom of heaven for us.  
 Let all peo - ple be glad and re - joice.

*Troparion, Tone 3, p. 57*

*Glory...now and ever...Tone 4*

**Troparion of the Entrance - Tone 4**

To - day is the pre - lude of God's be - nev - o - lence and the her - ald of our  
 sal - va - tion; for the Vir - gin openly appears in the tem - ple of God  
 and fore - tells Christ to all. Let us al - so with full voice ex - claim to her:  
 Re - joice, fulfillment of the Cre - a - tor's plan.

**Aposticha Doxastikon of the Postfeast - Tone 5 samohlasen**

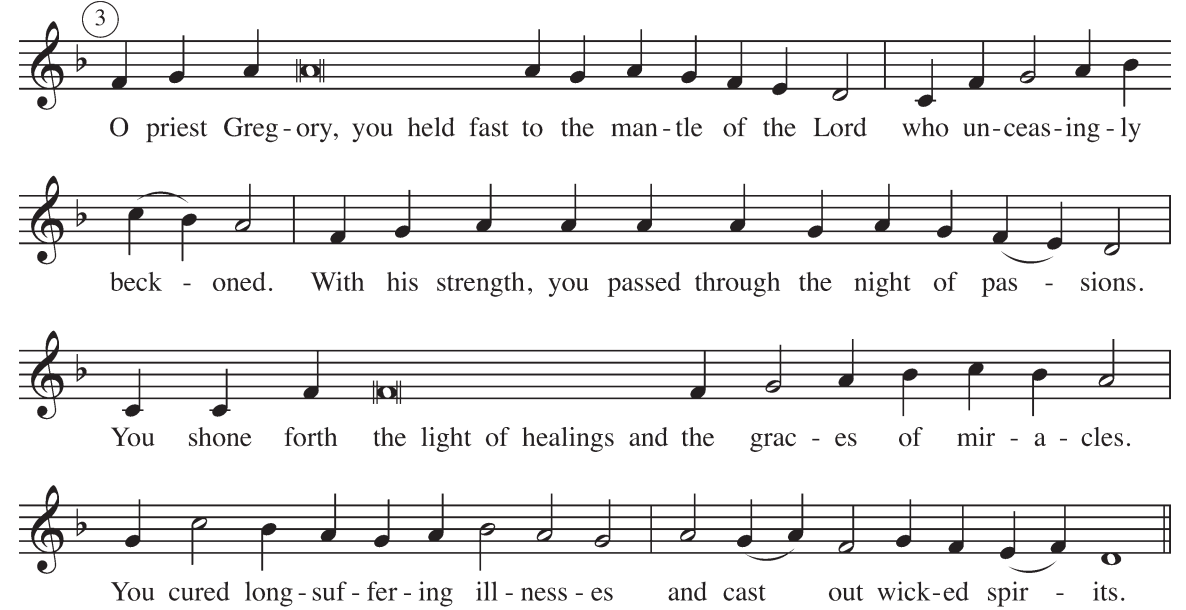


A day of joy has tru - ly dawned. It is a most pre-cious feast for us,  
be - cause she who was virgin before and af - ter child - birth, to-day is  
of-fered in the tem-ple. The ag - ed Zechariah, father of the Forerunner, cries  
a - loud, re - joic - ing: The in - tercessor of those in af - flic - tion  
comes in - to the holy temple, since she her-self is ho - ly. She will be  
san-ctified in the a-bode of the King of all. Let her fa-ther, Jo - a-chim, be glad  
and let An-na re-joice ex-ceed-ing-ly, be - cause they have of-fered to God  
the im - mac - u late Queen as a three year old child. Re - joice with them,  
all you wom - en; all you vir - gins and bar - ren ones, dance for joy and



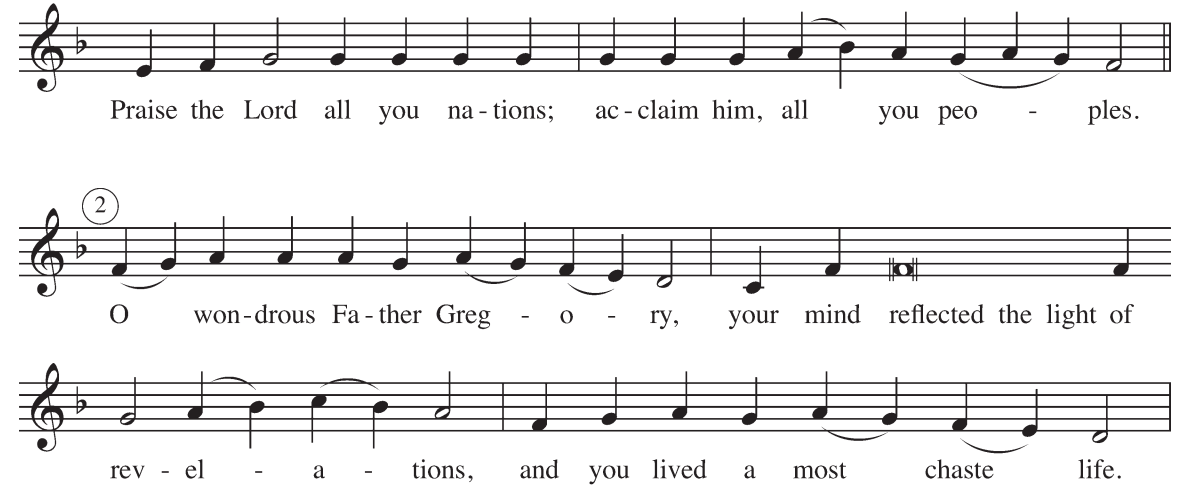
Is - rael indeed he will redeem from all its in - i - qui - ty.

**Stichera of Gregory - Tone 8 podobn: O preslavnoho čudese**



O priest Greg - ory, you held fast to the man - tle of the Lord who un - ceas - ing - ly  
beck - oned. With his strength, you passed through the night of pas - sions.  
You shone forth the light of healings and the grac - es of mir - a - cles.  
You cured long - suf - fer - ing ill - ness - es and cast out wick - ed spir - its.

*Cantor (on 2)*



Praise the Lord all you na - tions; ac - claim him, all you peo - ples.  
O won - drous Fa - ther Greg - o - ry, your mind reflected the light of  
rev - el - a - tions, and you lived a most chaste life.

Se - rene - ly you passed to the place of in - ef - fa - ble beau - ty. Al - ways

pray for us who hon - or you.

*Cantor (on 1)*

Strong is the love of the Lord for us; he is faith - ful for - ev - er.

O Fa - ther of fa - thers, Greg - o - ry, you are the mod - el of the

priest - hood and self - con - trol. You are the strength of those who

lead mon - as - tic lives, a fir - mament of the Church, a coun - sel - or of love,

a throne of af - fection, and a well - spring of mir - a - cles. With your fer - vent tongue

you spoke sweet - ly. You were an in - strument of the Di - vine

Spir - it and a spir - it - ual par - a - dise, O bless - ed one of God.

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

**Doxastikon of the Postfeast - Tone 4 samohlasen**

Come all you peo - ple, and let us praise the only - Im - mac - u - late One

who was foretold by the proph - ets and is be - ing led into the tem - ple.

She was cho - sen from eternity to be the Moth - - - er;

and in time she was revealed as the The - o - to - kos. O Lord, by her pray'rs

grant us your peace and great mer - - - cy.

**Cantor:** *(Tone 3) Now and ever...*

*Dogmatikon, Tone 3, p. 53*

*Aposticha, Tone 3, p. 54*

**Cantor:** *(Tone 5) Glory...now and ever...*