

**Vesper Propers, December 7, 2008**  
**Thirtieth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Our holy father Ambrose, Bishop of Milan**, who on April 4th, on the holy night of Pascha, fell asleep in the Lord. His memory is celebrated today, on which (while still a catechumen) he undertook ruling the famous See of Milan in 373, while he was exercising the office of prefect of the city. A true pastor and teacher of the faithful, he exercised great charity toward all, defended strenuously the freedom of the Church and the doctrine of orthodox faith against the Arians. By his commentaries and his musical hymns, he piously catechized the people. (397)

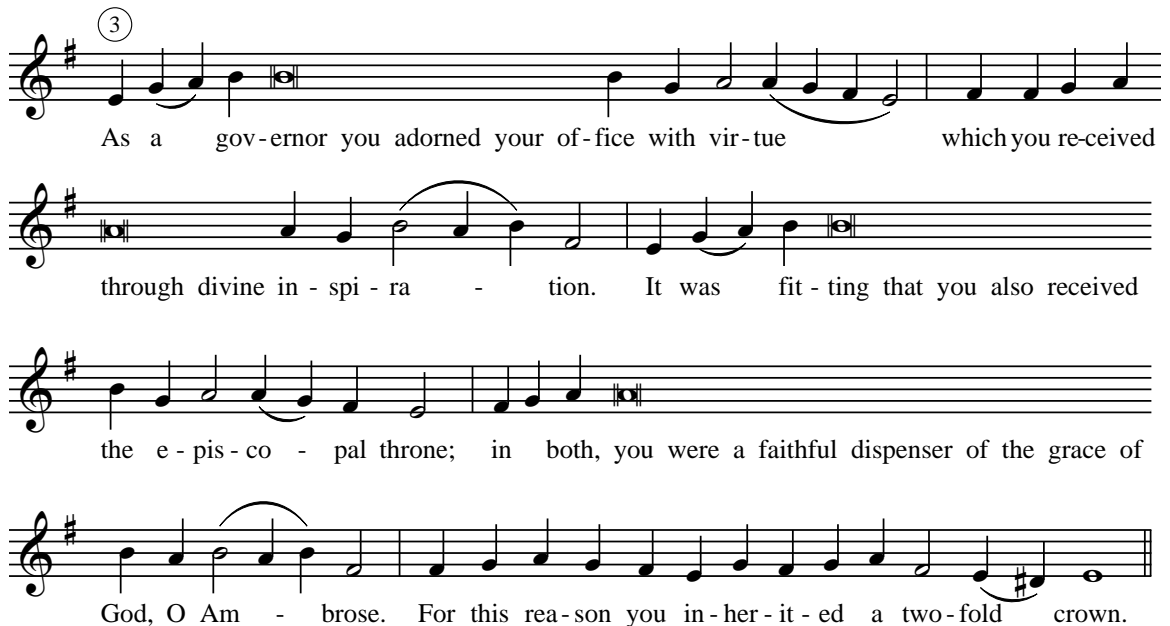
*Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2006*

*Tone of the Week: Tone 5 (begins on page 69), stichera 10-4*

**Cantor:** (Tone 1) Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,  
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

**Stichera of our holy father Ambrose - Tone 1 podoben: Nebesnych činov**


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As a gov-ernor you adorned your of-fice with vir-tue which you re-ceived  
through divine in - spi - ra - tion. It was fit - ting that you also received  
the e - pis - co - pal throne; in both, you were a faithful dispenser of the grace of  
God, O Am - brose. For this rea-son you in - her - it - ed a two-fold crown.

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


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Through self - dis - cipline, sufferings, vig - ils, and fer - vent prayers, you cleansed



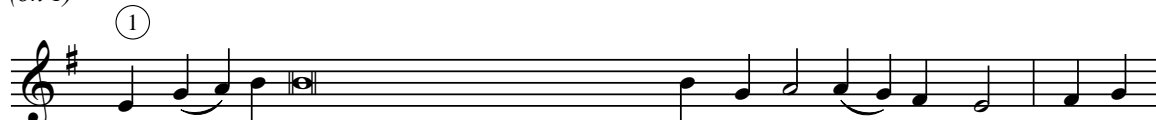
your soul and bod - y, O wise in God. Hav - ing be - come a chosen ves - sel




for Christ our God, you re - ceived di - vine gifts as did the a - pos - tles.

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


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You cou - ra - geously rebuked the pious king who had for - mer - ly sinned, just as



Na - than had rebuked David, O all - bless - ed Am - brose. You pub - lic - ly ex - clu - ded him



from com - mun - ion. Af - ter sub - mit - ting himself to penance and cor - rec - tion,



he was num - bered a - gain in your fold.

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

*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the week (Tone 5, page 76).*

*Aposticha and troparia in the Tone of the week (Tone 5, page 77).*