

Vesper Propers, January 4, 2009
SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY

The Synaxis of the holy seventy Apostles, whose names were recorded by Saint Dorotheus. In addition to the Twelve Apostles, our Lord chose seventy other apostles and sent them out to preach. (cf. Luke 10:1-5)

Our venerable father Theoctist, hegumen of Cuomo in Sicily founded a monastery in the city of Kucuma on the island of Sicily, where he became hegumen. At his monastery lived Greek monks, who had fled persecution by the iconoclasts. (800)


Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays After Pentecost, 2006

Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 1, p. 24), stichera 10-7.

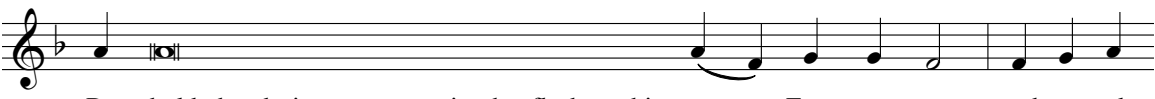
Cantor: (Tone 4) If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?
(on 6) But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.

Stichera of the Prefeast - Tone 4


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Let us piously sing the pre-fes-tive hymns of the honorable baptism of our God.



Be - hold, he desires to come in the flesh to his own Fore - run - ner, and to ask




for the baptism of sal - va - tion for the re - creation of those who are en-light-ened



through the faith and who are par - tak - ers of the Spir - - - it.

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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Christ is revealed and God appears, as it is writ - ten; he comes to his serv-ant

to be bap-tized. O River Jordan, O land and sea, O hills and moun - tains,
 be filled with hap - pi - ness; O hearts of the faith - - ful,
 joy - fully cele-brate and re - ceive the great Light.

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

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 O all-pow - er - ful Lord, how will the streams of the riv - er re - ceive you?
 As it is writ-ten, you are the riv - er and the stream of peace; how will you
 en - ter the stream with-out a gar - ment? For you are the one who covers the
 hea-vens with clouds; you are the One who stripped away the evil of the e - ne - my
 and who clothed the hu-man race with im - mor - tal - i - ty.

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 holy Seventy Apostles - Tone 4

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O faithful, let us bless with sa - cred hymns: Cle - ophas, Andronicus, Sil - va - nus,
and Ag - a - bus; An - ani - as and Phil - ip; Pro - chor - us, Ni - chanor, Rufus, and
Sos - te - nes; Li - nus, and then Sta - chius, Ste - phen, and Ti - mon,
Her - mas, Phlegon - tus, and Mark, to - geth - er with Luke, Sosipater, Jason, and
Gai - us; and Ty - chi - cus and Phi - le - - - mon.

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

May Narcissus and Trophimus be worthily ven - er - at - ed, to - geth - er with Caesar, Zenus,
and Ar - is - tar - chus; Mark, Si - lus, and Gai - us; Her - mas and A - syn - critus; Apollo
and Ce - phas; Clem - ent and Jus - tus; Quar - tus, Er - as - tus, and Luke;



O - nesiphorus, Carpus, and E - vo - di - us; Mat - thi - as and James; Urban and



Ar - is - to - bu - lus; Ty - chi - cus and Ar - is - tar - chus.

Cantor: (Tone 2) Strong is the love of the Lord for us;
(on 1) he is faithful forever.

Stichera of our holy father Theoctist - Tone 2

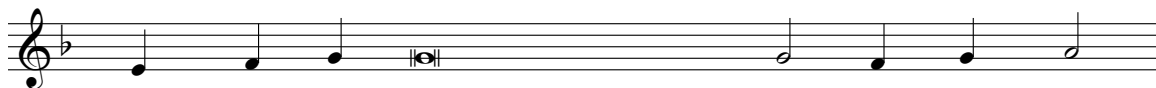
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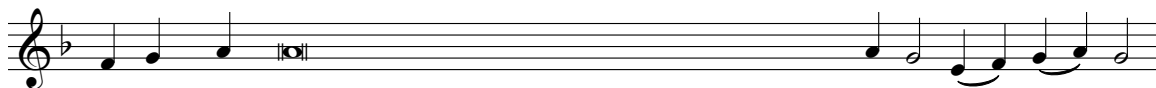
When you pierced your soul with di-vine yearn - ing, O all - bless - ed one,



you re - joiced and took up your cross and fol - lowed Christ.



Through self - di - scipline, you mortified the de-sires of your flesh.



By the warmth of your prayers, you received the life-giving ener-gy of the Spir - it,



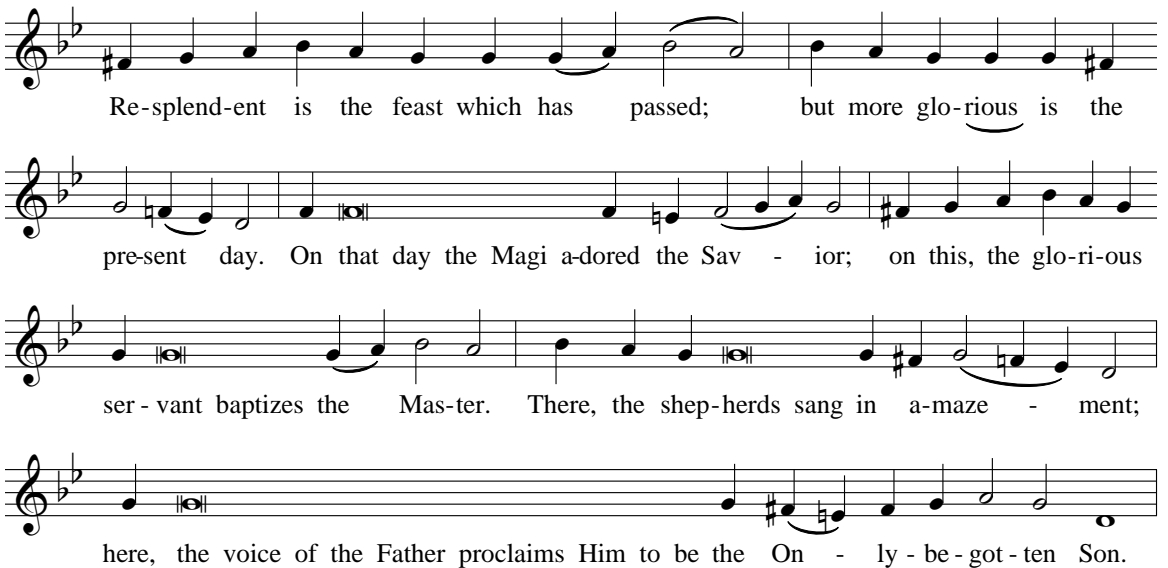
to put an end to the win - ter of ill - ness - es.



There-fore, we will - ing - ly bless you.

Cantor: (Tone 3) Glory...

Doxastikon of the Prefeast - Tone 3



Re-splend-ent is the feast which has passed; but more glo-ri-ous is the
pre-sent day. On that day the Magi a-dored the Sav - ior; on this, the glo-ri-ous
ser - vant baptizes the Mas-ter. There, the shep-herds sang in a-maze - ment;
here, the voice of the Father proclaims Him to be the On - ly - be - got - ten Son.

Cantor: (Tone 1) Now and ever...

Dogmatikon in the Tone of the week (Tone 1, page 30).

Aposticha

Aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 1, page 31), concluding with:

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

Aposticha Doxastikon of the Prefeast - Tone 6



Christ the Truth is coming to the Jor - dan to be bap - tized by John,

and the Bap - tiz - er says to him: I should be bap - tized by you, but you are
 com - ing to me. I do not dare to put straw to the fire.
 O Master, sancti-fy me by your di - vine The - o - pha - ny.

Troparia

Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the Week (Tone 1), page 91.

Cantor: (Tone 4) Glory.... Now and ever...

Troparion of the Prefeast - Tone 4

Zeb - u - lun, make read - y; Naphta-li, pre - pare your - self. O Riv - er Jor-dan,
 stand and leap for joy to re - ceive the Master coming to be bap - tized.
 O Ad - am, rejoice with the first moth - er, Eve, and do not hide yourselves as
 once you did in Par - a - dise. For, see - ing you naked, Christ has appeared to
 put on the first robe. He has appeared to re - new all cre - a - tion.