

Vesper Propers, January 11, 2009
SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY

Our venerable father Theodosius, founder of the common life, abbot, a friend of Saint Sabbas, who, after a long solitary life permitted many disciples to assemble as companions to himself. In monasteries that he built, he cultivated the common life, until, having suffered many things for the true faith, the centenarian finally rested in the peace of Christ. (529)

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

Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 2, p. 36), stichera 10-7.

Cantor: (Tone 5) 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 our venerable father Theodosius - Tone 5

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O ven-er - able Father, God-bearing The-o - do-sius, you strug-gled val-iant-ly in your
earth - ly life. With hymns, fast - ings, and vig - ils, you were a
model for your dis - ci - ples. Now you re-joyce with the an - gel - ic pow - ers.
With - out ceas - ing, you glorify Christ, who is God of God, and the Word,
the De - liv - er - er who bowed his head to the Fore - run - ner and who

sanc - tified the na - ture of wa - ter. Im - plore Him and pray to Him, O
 ven - er - a - ble one, that He grant to the Church one - ness of thought,
 peace, and his great mer - - - cy.

Cantor: My soul is longing for the Lord, I count on his word.
 (on 5) My soul is longing for the Lord, more than watchman for daybreak.
 All repeat: "O venerable Father..."

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

O ven - er - able Father, God-bearing The - o - do - sius, your de - sire was fulfilled when
 your soul was found to be pure. The grace of the all-holy Spirit dwelt in you
 like a most pure light. You were splen - didly adorned by its ac - tion.
 With - out ceas - ing, you glorify Christ, the one Son in two na - tures, who was
 bap - tized by the hand of the Fore-run-ner and who was attested to by the voice

a shin - ing torch o - ver the world. O ven - er - a - ble
 fa - ther The - o - do - si - us, pray to Christ our God that he may
 save our souls.

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

Troparion of the Theophany - Tone 1

At your bap - tism in the Jor - dan, O Lord, wor - ship of the
 Trin - i - ty was re - vealed; for the Fa - ther's voice bore wit - ness to you, calling
 you his be - lov - ed Son, and the Spir - it in the form of a dove
 con - firmed the truth of these words. O Christ God, you ap - peared and enlightened the
 world. Glo - ry to you!

Cantor: Now and ever...

Aposticha doxastikon of the post-feast - Tone 8 samohlasen

O Sav - ior, the heavenly hosts are fright-ened at what they see, for to-day
 You stand naked in the wa - ters; your head is bowed down in order to be
 bap - tized by John, for You will - ingly become poor in order to en - rich
 the world. O Lord, glo - ry to You!

Troparia

Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the Week (Tone 2), page 47.

Cantor: (Tone 8) Glory...

Troparion of the saint - Tone 8

Your a - bun - dant tears made the wil - der - ness bloom, and your
 suf-frings made your la - bors fruit - ful a hun - dred-fold; you be-came

of the Fa - ther. Im - plore Him and pray to Him, O ven - 'ra - ble one,
 that He grant to the whole world one - ness of thought, peace, and
 his great mer - - - cy.

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 "O venerable Father..."*

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

O ven - er - able Father, God-bearing The - o - do - sius, you made your - self
 wor - thy of a blessed life by chas - ti - ty and fast - ing. Pass - ing o - ver to
 the life a - bove, you asked all the brothers to re - joice with you.
 With the bod - less powers you now un - ceas - ing - ly glo - ri - fy Christ who in -
 - ef - fably received his flesh from the Vir - gin and who drowned

our sins by his baptism in the currents of the Jor - dan. Im - pore Him and
 pray to Him, O ho - ly one, that He grant to the whole world
 one - ness of thought, peace, and his great mer - - - cy.

Cantor: Strong is the love of the Lord for us;
 (on 1) he is faithful forever. *All repeat "O venerable Father..."*

Cantor: (Tone 2) Glory...

O ven - erable Father, like a cit - y of the liv - ing God,
 the move - ments of the riv - er brought joy to your soul
 when the Wa - ter of Forgiveness, Christ our God, en - tered the Jor - dan
 and made the word of faith gush forth for the whole world.
 Im - pore Him, O bless-ed The - o - do - sius, to save our souls.

Cantor: Now and ever...

Dogmatikon in the Tone of the week (Tone 2, page 42)

Readings:

Wisdom 3: 1-9

Wisdom 5:15 - 6:3

Wisdom 4:7-15

Aposticha

Aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 2, page 43), concluding with:

Cantor: (Tone 8) Glory...

Aposticha doxastikon of the saint - Tone 8 samohlasen

Mul-ti-tudes of monks venerate you as a guide, O Fa-ther The-o-do-si-us, be-cause we
 tru - ly learned how to walk correct-ly by means of your path. Bless-ed are you,
 for you served Christ. You have con-found-ed the power of the en - e - my,
 for you speak with the an - gels. You share the lot of the venerable and right-eous ones.
 To-geth-er with them, pray to the Lord that He show mer - cy to our souls.