

**Vesper Propers, November 22, 2009**  
**Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Postfestive day of the Entrance**

**The holy Philemon and his companions** of Colossae, for whose love in Christ Jesus blessed Paul the Apostle rejoiced and who is venerated together with his wife St. Apphia.

*Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2005*

*Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 8, p. 102), stichera 10-7.*

**Cantor:** (Tone 8) 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 Postfeast - Tone 8 samohlasen**

O won-der most glo - ri - ous! The In - ef - fable One is now pre-fig - ured.  
She is known today in visi-ble im - ag - es be-cause the Divine Light shone  
forth for the world. The be-trothed is led into the ho - ly tem - ple.  
Let us ex - alt her as the splendid and ho - ly One, the light-radiating Tem-ple  
of Christ the Light - Giv - er.

**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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The wise Jo - a - chim and An - - - na of - fered up a truly accept - a - ble  
 first fruit, the heav - en - ly fruit that God clearly desired to give to them,  
 the hand - maiden of God, the Vir - gin Mar - - - y. Her trib - u - la - tions  
 took a - way the debt. Let us praise her and de - vout - ly re - joice  
 be - cause she is the me - di - a - trix of joy for the whole world.

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

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Come let us mystically gath - er to - geth - - - er. A - dorned with the  
 light of faith, let us walk be - fore the Vir - gin  
 who now glo - riously enters the tem - ple of God. She is be - trothed  
 to Christ, the King of all. We cel - ebrate the beautiful feast of her en - trance

## Troparia

*Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the Week (Tone 8, page 111).*

**Cantor:** (Tone 4) Glory... now and ever...

**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.

**Cantor:** (Tone 8) Now and ever...

*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week (Tone 8, page 107)*

### Aposticha

*Aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 8, page 108), concluding with:*

**Cantor:** (Tone 2) Glory... now and ever...

**Aposticha doxastikon of the post-feast - Tone 2 samohlasen**

To - day the all - im - mac - u - late Vir - gin is be - ing es - cort - ed in - to the  
 tem - ple to be - come the abode of God, the King of all. To - day,  
 as a three year old child, the most pure ho - ly One is being led into the  
 Ho - ly of Ho - lies. With the an - gel let us cry out to her:  
 Re - joice, for you alone are bless - ed a - mong wom - en.

which is a de - light to eve - ry - one.

**Cantor:** (Tone 2) 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 apostle Philemon - Tone 2 samohlasen**

O glo - ri - ous Phi - le - - - mon, as a branch of the Liv - ing Vine,  
 you have rained the joy of the knowl - edge of God up - on those who have an - guish  
 of soul. You made hap - py the hearts that were en - snared and pos - sessed by the  
 dark - ness of i - dol wor - ship. There - fore, we rejoice and cel - e - brate your  
 God - lov - ing mem - o - ry.

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

O bless - ed one, the city of Ga - za ven - er - ates you, since it  
 be - held the light of knowl - edge through you. The Co - los - sians

hold onto your holy body as a rich pos - ses - sion which o - ver - flows  
with the grace of heal - ing. There-fore, O glo - ri - ous Phi - le - mon, we ob - serve  
your mem - o - ry and are pro - tect - ed from dan - gers by your prayers.

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

In faith let us praise the wise ones, the hier - archs  
Arc - hip - pus and the pre - cious Ap - phi - as. Let us hon - or the priestly preachers  
and hon - or - a - ble teach - ers, Phi - le - mon and O - ne - si - - - mus.  
They root - ed out the cun - ning of idol worship by preach - ing  
and plant - ed the knowledge of truth for all who de - vout - ly hon - or them.

**Cantor:** *(Tone 1)* Glory...

**Doxastikon of the Post-feast - Tone 1 samohlasen**

To - day let the heav - ens a - bove great - ly re - joice and let the clouds pour down  
glad - ness at the might - y and mar - vel - ous acts of our God.  
For be - hold, the gate that looks towards the East, born from a fruit - less  
and barren womb according to the prom - ise, and con - secrated to God as his  
dwell - ing, is now be - ing brought into the temple as a spot - less of - fer - ing.  
Let Da - vid greatly rejoice and play on his harp, say - ing: Vir - gins shall be  
brought to the King af - ter her; her com - pan - ions shall be brought in - to the  
ark of the Lord to be nour - ished with the life of the In - cor - rupt - i - ble One  
who was be - got - ten from e - ter - ni - ty for the sal - va - tion of our souls.