

**Vesper Propers, January 17, 2010**  
**Thirty-third Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday of Zacchaeus**

**Our venerable father Anthony the Great**, who, bereaved by his parents' death, accepted the evangelical commands, distributed all his goods to the poor and retired in solitude to the Thebaid in Egypt. He began to lead an ascetic life and diligently worked to strengthen the Church, sustaining confessors of the faith during the persecution of the Emperor Diocletian. He supported St. Athanasius against the Arians. He had many disciples, and is thus considered the father of monks. (356)

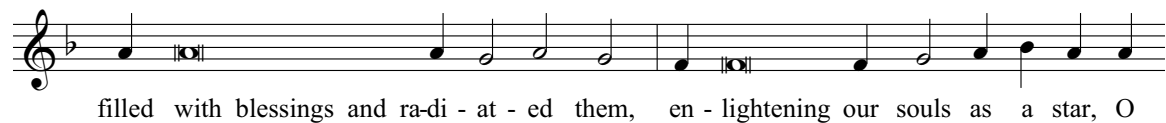
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*Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 8, p. 102), stichera 10-7.*

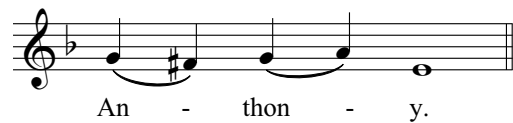
**Cantor:** (Tone 4) If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord who would survive?  
(on 6) But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.

**Stichera of our venerable father Anthony the Great - Tone 4 samohlasen**

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You were enlightened by the rays of the Spirit, when the love of God inflamed  
you and made your soul soar to desire the truly infinite Love. Then you turned  
a side from flesh and blood and left the world, while remaining united with it  
through great abstinence and silence. Therefore, as you desired, you have been



filled with blessings and ra-di - at - ed them, en - lightening our souls as a star, O



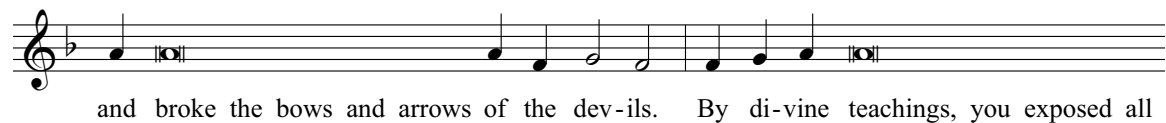
An - thon - y.

**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 "You were enlightened..."*

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



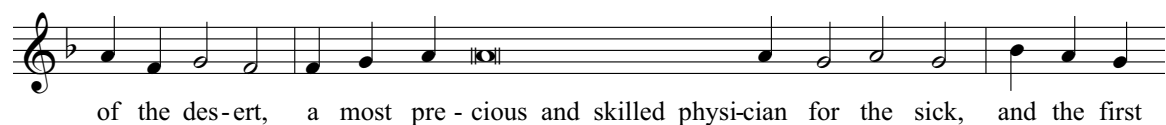
By the grace of the di-vine Spir - it, you became radiant with di-vine light



and broke the bows and arrows of the dev-ils. By di-vine teachings, you exposed all



their e - vil snares. You are a ra-diant light for monks, the first glory



of the des-ert, a most pre - cious and skilled physi-cian for the sick, and the first



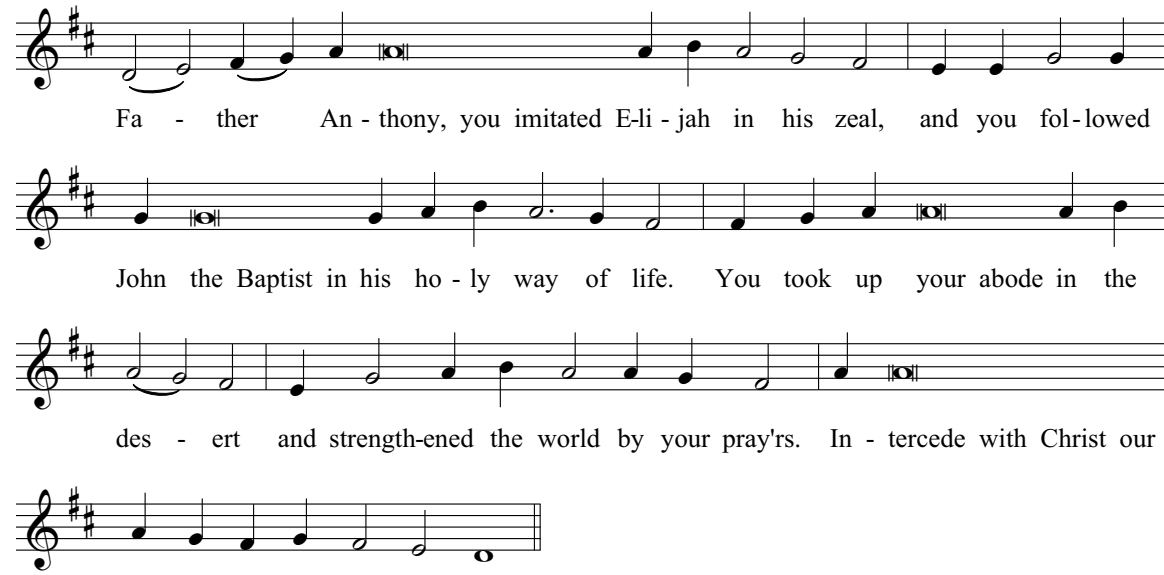
liv - ing example of the life of vir - tue, O Fa - ther An - thon - y.

## Troparia

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

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

**Troparion of our venerable father Anthony the Great - Resurrection Tone 4**



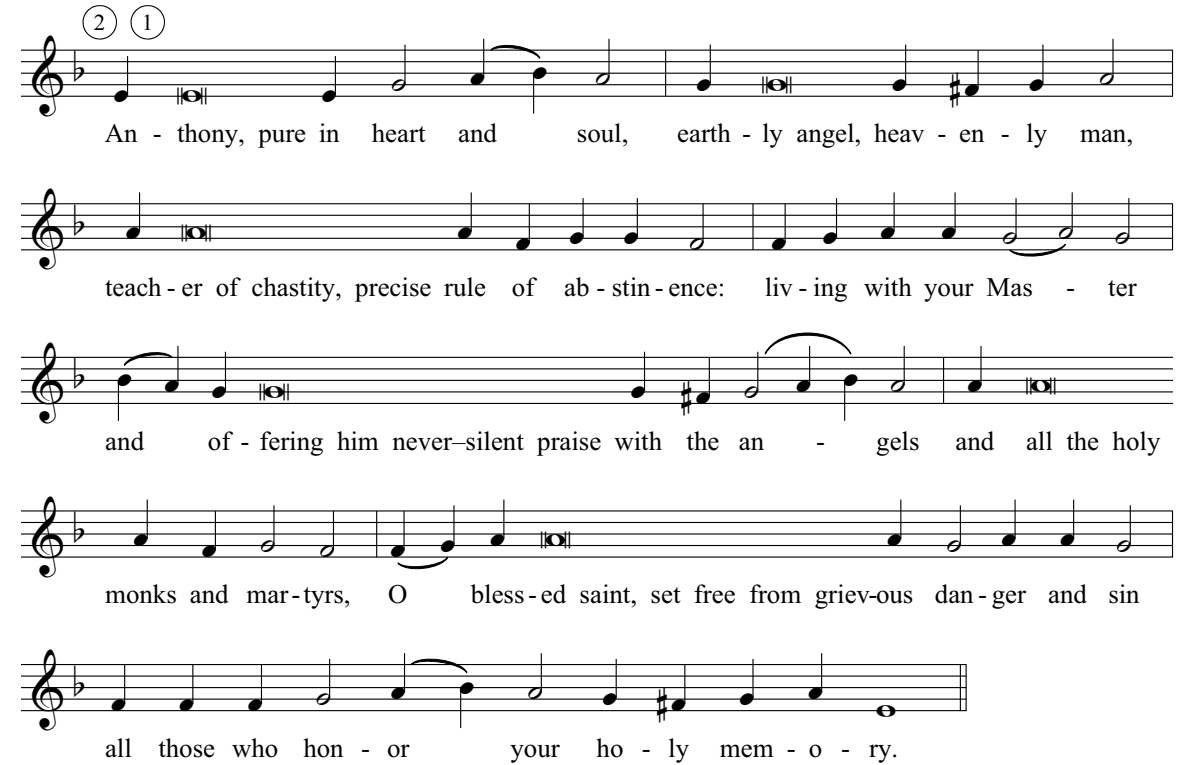
Fa - ther An - thony, you imitated E-li - jah in his zeal, and you fol - lowed  
John the Baptist in his ho - ly way of life. You took up your abode in the  
des - ert and strength-ened the world by your pray'rs. In - tercede with Christ our  
God that he may save our souls.

**Cantor:** Now and ever...

*Festal theotokion in the same tone (Tone 4, p. 68).*

**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 "By the grace..."*

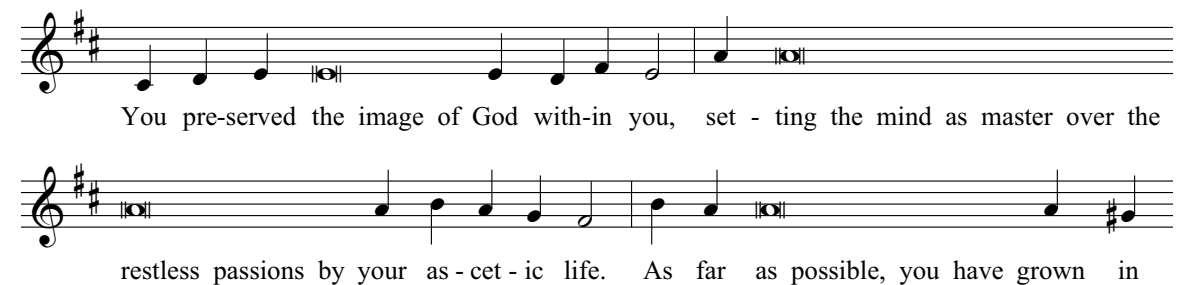
**Cantor:** Praise the Lord, all you nations, **Psalm 116**  
(on 2) acclaim him all you peoples!



An - thony, pure in heart and soul, earth - ly angel, heav - en - ly man,  
teach - er of chastity, precise rule of ab - stin - ence: liv - ing with your Mas - ter  
and of - fering him never-silent praise with the an - gels and all the holy  
monks and mar - tyrs, O bless - ed saint, set free from griev - ous dan - ger and sin  
all those who hon - or your ho - ly mem - o - ry.

**Cantor:** Strong is the love of the Lord for us;  
(on 1) he is faithful forever. *All repeat "Anthony, pure in heart..."*

**Cantor:** (Tone 6) Glory...



You pre-served the image of God with-in you, set - ting the mind as master over the  
restless passions by your as - cet - ic life. As far as possible, you have grown in

the di-vine like - ness. Brave-ly con-trol-ling na - ture, you have subjected  
 the lower to the high - er and made the body the serv-ant of the spir - it.  
 There-fore you became the head of those living the mon-as - tic life as a dweller  
 in the des - ert, a spir-itual father teaching those who drew near to you,  
 and an ex - am - ple of vir - tue. Now in heav - en, O An - thon - y,  
 the look - ing-glass has been brok - en and you di - rect - ly gaze upon  
 the Trin - i - ty: pray for those who hon - or you with faith and love.

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

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

**Readings:** Wisdom 3: 1 - 9  
 Wisdom 5: 15 - 6: 3  
 Wisdom 4: 7 - 15

## Aposticha

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

**Cantor:** (Tone 8) Glory...

**Aposticha doxastikon of our venerable father Anthony the Great - Tone 8 samohlasen**

All the monks honor you, O holy Father, as a spir - it - u - al guide. Through you,  
 we have set out on the nar-row path; blest are you for hav-ing served Christ  
 and for hav - ing broken the power of the en - e - my, O com-pan-ion  
 of the an-gels, the just and the saints. With them, ask the Lord to have  
 mer - cy on our souls.

**Cantor:** Now and ever...

*Aposticha theotokion in the same tone (Tone 8, p. 110).*