

**Vesper propers, November 7, 2010**  
**Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

**The holy thirty-three martyrs at Melitene.** Hieron was a devout Christian who cared diligently for his blind mother, Stratonica. He was forcibly impressed into the army, where he refused to worship idols. He was brought before the local governor with thirty-two other local Christians. They went to their death singing the psalm, “Blessed are those undefiled in their way, who walk in the Law of the Lord.” (298)

**Our venerable father Lazarus the Wonderworker,** who fasted in the hills of Galilee. He left for the Holy Land on pilgrimage and became a monk of the monastery of St. Sabbas the Sanctified. After ten years, he settled in Galilee and lived as a stylite. (11th century)

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

*Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 7, p. 92), stichera 10-7.*

**Cantor:** 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 holy martyrs at Melitene - Tone 4 podobn: Jako dobl'a**

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O flock brought to - geth - er by God to form a sa - cred troop, di - vine  
as - sembly, ho - ly peo - ple, in - spired hosts of mar - tyrs,  
un break - able line of shields, all - come - ly ar - my: thus have you ap - peared.  
O won - drous sol - diers! Be - cause of your mer - its as citizens of the ci - ty on high,

we have the du - ty to call you bless - ed.

**Cantor:** Let the watchman count on daybreak,  
(on 5) and Israel on the Lord.

U - ni - ted on the day of their mem - o - ri - al, let us all ven - er - ate Ni - can - der,

A - tha - ná - sius, Hesýchius, Mámmas, and the di - vine Ba - rá - chi - as, Cal - lí - ni - cus,

The - á - ge - nes, and Lón - gi - nus, The - o - dó - cius, Valérius, Ostrýchius, Callí - ma - cus,

Thé - o - dore and Ní - kon, Eu - géne, The - ó - du - lus and Xán - thi - as.

**Cantor:** My soul is waiting for the Lord. I count on his word.  
(on 4) My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.

With har - mo - ni - ous voic - es, let us sing in faith of the true wit - ness - es:

the no - ble Hiéron, the wondrous E - pi - phá - ni - us, Max - í - mi - an, The - ó - philus,

Dúlci - tus and A - ni - cé - tus, The - o - dó - tus, Gigán - tus the di - vine,

By your bold - ness with Christ our God, ask peace for our souls.

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

*Aposticha theotokion in the same tone (Tone 6, page 90).*

*Troparia in the Tone of the week (Tone 7, page 101)*

the servant of the con-sub-stan-tial Trin-i-ty, which you preached with a loud voice,

O Laz-a-rus, you now in-ter-cede be-fore God for us.

**Cantor:** (Tone 7) Now and ever...

*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the week (Tone 7, page 98).*

### Aposticha

*Sunday aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 7, p. 99), concluding with:*

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

**Aposticha doxastikon of our venerable father Lazarus the Wonder-worker - Tone 6 samohlasen**

O ven-er-a-ble fa-ther, the whole world is filled with the fame of your

ho-ly deeds; through them, you have received the recompense of your la-bors

in heav-en. You de-stroyed hordes of de-mons and have been united

to the choirs of an-gels, whose pure lives you im-i-tat-ed.

Eu-týchius, Dorotheús, Cástri-cus, The-mé-li-us and Cláu-di-an.

**Cantor:** (Tone 6) 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 venerable father Lazarus the Wonderworker - Tone 6 podoben: Vsju otloživše**

Hav-ing com-plete-ly re-nounced the irra-tion-al pas-sions and sub-mit-ted

the flesh to the spir-it. you be-came a mod-el of vir-tue,

the joy of as-cet-ics, a sup-port for monks, the a-dorn-ment of the ho-ly

fa-thers. Now that you reflect the ineffable splen-dor of the Cre-a-tor,

you taste the beau-ties of hea-ven in your spir-it. Thus in our hymns and chants,

we all cel-e-brate your ho-ly and sa-cred mem-o-ry.

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

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Hav-ing cast off all ma-te-ri-al bur-dens to-geth-er with the pleas-ures of the flesh  
and all de-sire for earth-ly pos-ses-sions, you set out on the road to the  
ci-t-y on high. You rose ef-fortlessly in your ascent to the heights of vir-tue,  
where you won the battle in a material body o-ver the bod-i-less en-e-my.  
Thus, O fa-ther La-za-rus, you have joined the choirs of bodi-less an-gels  
where you in-ter-cede for our souls.

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

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Lov-ing the light, like John the luminary and E-li-jah, you ob-served still-ness  
in the mountains and ar-id des-erts, ev-er learn-ing divine ascent and excelling in the

way of the vir-tues. There-fore, you at-tained your ul-timate desire, O all-  
wise one, and, re-joi-cing, stand before the thrice-radiant light of the Trin-i-ty;  
and di-rect-ly receiv-ing di-vine splen-dor, you pray with bold-ness  
on be-half of our souls.

**Cantor:** (Tone 5) Glory...

**Doxastikon of our venerable father Lazarus the Wonder-worker - Tone 5 samohlasen**

O ven-er-a-ble fa-ther, you gave no sleep to your eyes nor any re-pose to your  
eye-lids un-til you had freed your soul and bod-y of all pas-sions,  
to the point that you were prepared as a tabernacle for the Ho-ly Spir-it.  
For Christ came to dwell in you togeth-er with the Fa-ther. Hav-ing be-come