

Troparia

The following troparion is sung twice:

Troparion of the Holy Great-Martyr George - Tone 4

You fought the good fight with faith, O George, martyr of Christ, you con-vict-ed
the ty-rants of their wick-ed-ness. You off-ered yourself as an accept-a-ble
sac-ri-fice to God. There-fore, you received a crown of vic-to-ry,
and through your prayers, O ho-ly one, you obtain for-give-ness of sins for all.

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

Troparion to the Theotokos - Tone 4

Re-joice, O Vir-gin The-o-to-kos! Mar-y full of grace, the Lord is
with you! Bless-ed are you a-mong wo-men, and bless-ed is the
fruit of your womb. For you gave birth to Christ, the Sav-ior and Re-deem-er

of our souls.

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Vesper Propers, April 23, 2013 The Holy and Victorious Great-Martyr George

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Psalm 140 - Tone 1 samohlasi

O Lord, I have cried to you, hear me; hear me, O Lord! O
Lord, I have cried to you, hear me; re-ceive the voice of my pray'r when I
call up-on you. Hear me O Lord.
Let my pray'r as-cend to you like in-cense and the lift-ing up of my hands
like an eve-ning sac-ri-fice. Hear me O Lord!

O Lord, set a guard before my mouth
and set a seal on the door of *my* lips.

Let not my heart be inclined to evil,
nor make excuse for the sins I *commit*.

Let me never share in sinners' feasting.

If a just man strikes or reproves me it *is* kindness

but let the oil of the wicked not anoint my head.

Let my prayer be ever against *their* malice.

The princes were thrown down by the side of the rock;
then they understood that my words *were* kind.

As a millstone is shattered to pieces on the ground,
so their bones were strewn at the mouth of *the* grave.

To you, Lord God, my eyes are turned;
in you I take refuge; spare *my* soul!

From the trap they have laid for me keep me safe;
keep me from the snares of those who *do* evil.

Let the wicked fall into the traps they have set
while I pursue my way *unharm*ed.

Psalms 141
With all my voice I cry to the Lord,
with all my voice I entreat *the* Lord.

I pour out my trouble before him;
I tell him all my distress while my spirit faints *with*in me.

But you, O Lord, know my path.

On the way where I shall walk they have hidden a snare to *ent*rap me.

Look on my right and see:
there is no one who takes *my* part.

I have no means of escape,
not one who cares for *my* soul.

I cry to you, O Lord.
I have said: "You are my refuge, all I have in the land of *the* living."

Listen, then, to my cry
for I am in the depths of *dist*ress.

Rescue me from those who pursue me
for they are stronger *than* I.

Bring my soul out of this prison
and then I shall praise *your* name.

Around me the just will assemble
because of your goodness *to* me.

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

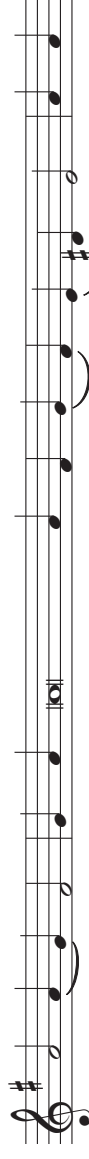
Doxastikon of Monday evening in the Week of the Paralytic - Tone 8 samohlason



On So - lo - mon's porch there lay man - y sick, and in the midst of the feast,



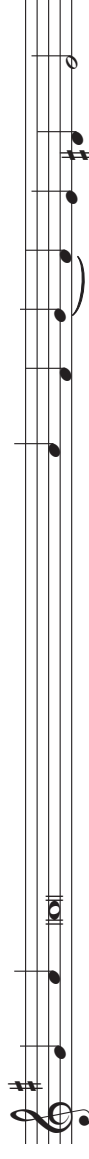
Christ found a - mong them a man who for thirty-eight years had been



par - a - lyzed To him he called out with a Mas - ter's voice: Do you



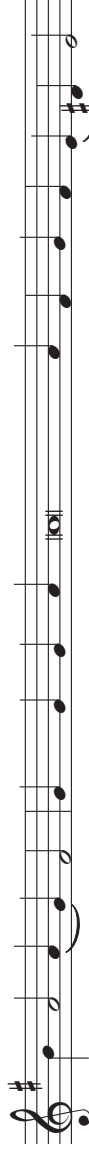
wish to be made well? And the par - a - lyt - ic man re - plied:



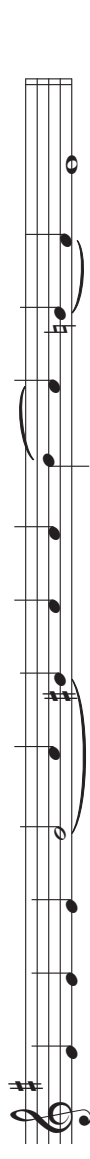
Lord, I have no one to put me into the pool when the wa - ter is stirred.



The Lord said to him: Take up your bed! Be - hold, you have become whole; do



not sin a - gain. There - fore, O Lord, by the prayers of the The - o - to - kos,



send down up - on us your great mer - cy.

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hymns, and we kiss your pre-cious rel-ics with faith. Since you stand be-fore
 the throne of the Mas-ter, pray unceasingly that he save and en-light-en
 our souls.

Cantor: (Tone 4) Glory...

Aposticha doxastikon of the Great-Martyr - Tone 4 samohlazen

Let us spiritually praise the great-mar-tyr George, the liv-ing steel of en-dur-ance.
 He was tried by fire and brand-ing irons and sharp in-struments of torture for the
 sake of Christ. These var-ious tortures ravaged the body which is perishable by
 na-ture; but love con-quired na-ture, per-suad-ing the beloved to make his
 way through death to Christ our God, the Sav-ior of our souls.

Cantor: (Tone 1) Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;
 (on 8) Lord, hear my voice!

Psalms 129

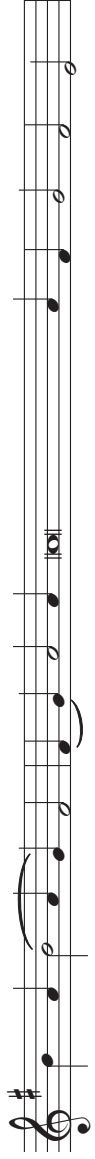
Stichera for Monday evening in the week of the Paralytic - Tone 1 samohlazen

O in-ef-fa-ble goodness who creat-ed the hu-man form, you came to
 heal those who are ill. O Christ, by your word you raised the Paralytic at the
 Sheep Pool; you healed the suffering of the woman with the flow of blood;
 you showed mer-cy to the tormented daughter of the Ca-naan-ite wom-an;
 and you did not disdain the prayer of the cen-tu-ri-on. Be-cause of this,
 we cry out in praise: O Lord Al-might-y, glo-ri-ous to you!

Cantor: Let your ears be attentive
 (on 7) to the voice of my pleading. *All repeat: "O ineffable goodness..."*

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.

The Par-a-lyt-ic was like an un-bur-ied dead man, and when he saw you, O



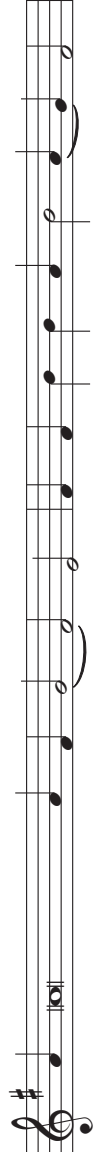
Lord, he cried out: Have mer-cy on me, for my bed has be-come my grave.



Of what use is my life? I have no need of the Sheep Pool,



for there is none to put me in-to the wa - - ter. There-fore I come



to you, O Fountain of all heal - ing, that with all I may cry to you:



O Lord Al - might - y, glo - - - ry to you!

Cantor:

(Tone 4) My soul is waiting for the Lord. I count on his word.

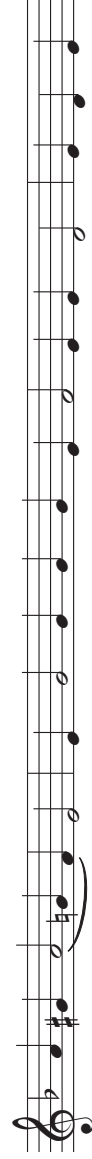
(on 5) My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.

Súchera of the Great-Martyr and Wonderworker George - Tone 4 podobn: Jako dobl'a

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Hav-ing gath - ered to geth - er to - day, we - praise you, O George, as a



val-iant mar - tyr. You kept the faith and com-plet-ed the course and re-ceived

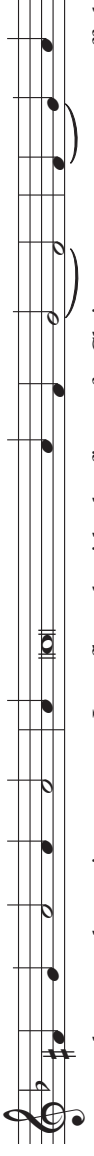


from God the crown of vic - to-ry. En - treat him to deliver from trib - ul - la-tions

(2)



You have put on the shield of Christ, O George, and you were not found by those



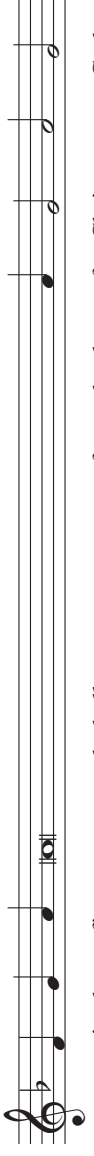
who were hunt - ing you. In - flamed with the fire of Christ, you scoffed



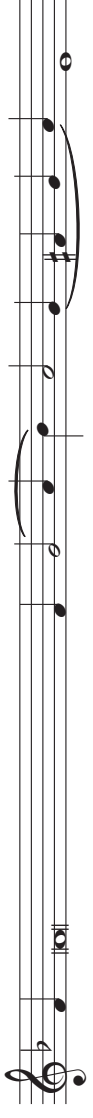
at the barbarity of the meaning-less i - - dols. You ex - claimed to Christ, to the



warrior king, and to the trans-gres - sors: Nei-ther wild beasts nor wheels of torture,



nei - ther fire nor sword shall ever separate me from the love of Christ my God.



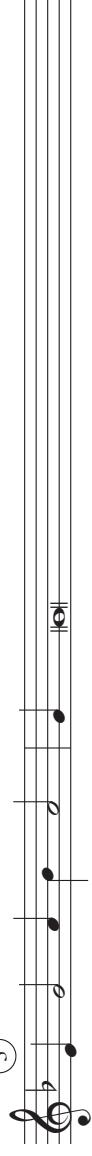
Im - plore him now to save and en - light - - en our souls.

Cantor

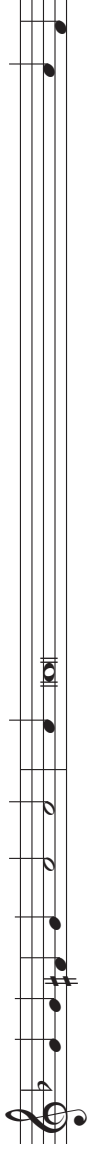


Planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the court-yard of our God.

(3)



O crown-bear-er George, you scomed the various instruments of torture and the



ter - ri - fy - ing weap-ons. There-fore we crown your resplendent memory with flow-ers of

spare his earth-en ves-sel, but ex-posed it naked, allowing it to suf-fer tor-tures.

Let us cry out to him: O Mar-tyr, pray that our souls may be saved.

The Litany of the Liitja is found in the Appendix on page 26.

Aposticha

Tone 4 samohlasen

① With psalms and hymns the people are praising your glorious mem-o-ry, O George;

for you shone forth as a beautiful bearer of the light, and you are ra-diant with

grace. There-fore, the angelic ranks now dance with joy. The martyrs and

apostles are prais-ing the strug-gles of the suf-fering ones, O Mar-tyr.

They are ex-alt-ing the Savior, Christ our God, who glo-ri-ri-fied you.

Im-plore him to save and il-lu-mine our souls.

Cantor
The just will flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a ce-dar of Le-ba-non.

and cor-rup-tion those who faith-ful-ly ob-serve your pre-cious mem-o-ry.

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

④ Draw-ing hope from your firm-ness of mind, O glo-rious one, you will-ing-ly

persevered to martyrdom like a li-on. Scorn-ing the body as something

that would with-er, you were wise-ly concerned with your in-corrupt-i-ble soul.

Cov-ered with wounds by various forms of tor-ture, O George,

like gold you were pu-ri-fied sev-en-fold.

Cantor: Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

③ You suf-fered mar-tyr-dom in behalf of the Sav-ior, O glo-rious one,

by a death similar to his vol-un-tar-y death. You reign glo-ri-ous-ly with him,

clothed with the re-splen-dent pur-ple robes of your blood, and you are adorned with
 the scep-ter of your suf-frings. O great mar-tyr George,
 you are re-splen-dent in your crown of vic-to-ry through-out all
 gen-er-a-tions.

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

With faith as your ar-mor and grace as your shield, with the cross as your
 spear, you waged war. You were in-vin-ci-ble in fac-ing the foes, O George.
 Like a might-y war-rior, you destroyed the camps of the de-mons. Now
 you are dancing joyfully with the an-gels. In-deed you defend, sanctify, and
 save the faith-ful who in-voke you.

O most bless-ed one, on our behalf, im-plore Christ our God the Mas-ter of all,
 that we may be pre-served from the tempta-tions of the E-vil One
 and that our souls may be saved.

Cantor: (Tone 5) Glory...now and ever...

Litija doxastikon of the Martyr - Tone 5 samohlasen

Come, let us be filled with de-light. Spring has come and brought forth the
 Re-sur-rec-tion of Christ. Come, let us be joy-ful.
 The com-mem-oration of the martyr has arrived and illu-mined the faith-ful.
 There-fore, come, O lov-ers of the feasts; let us cel-e-brate that mys-ter-y.
 For, as a good soldier, he courageously overcame and confounded the tor-tur-ers.
 He was an im-ita-tor of the passion of Christ the Sav-ior. He did not

Tone 4 Bolhar

He has in-spired the faith-ful on earth to ob-serve the fast and to cel-e-brate with them. Be-cause of that he was considered a serv-ant of Christ. Let us there-fore, worth-i-ly ven-er-ate him who prays unceasingly to the God of all to grant us great mer-cy. Come, O as-sembly of the faith-ful. Come, let us cel-e-brate the feast. To-day is man-i-fested the glorious memory of George the mar-tyr. Spark-ling with vi-r-tues, he is in vis-i-bly il-lu-min-a-ting our hearts. There-fore, let us cry out with one mind: Re-joice, O war-rior of Christ the great king! Re-joice, O most splen-did and rich one!

Cantor: Strong is the love of the Lord for us; he is faithful forever.

①

We re-cog-nize you as a ver-y bright star, a sun shining in the firmament of the hea-vens, a ver-y pre-cious pearl, spark-ling more than a gem. O George, the con-quer-or, we glo-ri-fy you as a son of the day and cour-a-geous mar-tyr. We commemorate you as a defender of the faith-ful in trib-u-la-tions.

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

Doxastikon of the Great-Martyr George - Tone 6 samohlasen

You were true to your name, O war-rior George, for you took the cross of Christ up-on your shoul-ders. You ploughed well the land made barren by the de-ceits of the dev-il; you root-ed out the weeds of i-dol wor-ship and plant-ed

the vine of the true faith. There - fore your healing overflows to the faithful through-

-out the whole world, and you have shown yourself to be the righteous

gardener of the Trin - i - ty. Pray for peace in the world and sal - va - tion

for our souls.

Cantor: (Tone 5) Now and ever...

Doxastikon of Monday evening in the Week of the Paralytic - Tone 5 samohlasen

Je - sus went up to Jerusalem to the Sheep Pool, which in He - brew was called

Beth - és - da. And there lay a great multitude of sick people in its five

por - ti - coes; for the an - gel of the Lord went down at certain times and stirred the

wa - ter, grant - ing heal - ing to those who ap - proached in faith. the Lord

saw there a man with a chron - ic ill - ness, and he asked him: Do you want to

be healed? The sick man re - plied to the Sav - ior: I have no one to put

me into the pool when the wa - ter is stirred. I have spent my money on phy - si - cians

and re - ceived no help from an - y - one. The Phy - si - cian of soul and bod - y

said to him: Take up your pal - let and walk; pro - claim to the whole world

the greatness of my mer - cy and my might - y deeds.

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- Readings:**
- 1) Isaiah 43: 9-14 EOT 303
 - 2) Wisdom 3:1-9 EOT 315
 - 3) Wisdom 4: 7-15 EOT 308

Litija

Be - cause of his glo - rious suf - fer - ing, the bril - liant warrior George rejoices

with the pow - ers a - bove. At this time we al - so re - joice with them.

Tone 1 samohlasen