

**Vesper Propers, June 2, 2013**  
**Second Sunday after Pentecost**

**Our venerable father Nicephorus the confessor**, at the Bosphorus in Propontis. He was bishop of Constantinople and a most fierce champion of the tradition of the Fathers. For the cult of holy icons, he steadfastly opposed himself to the iconoclastic emperor Leo the Armenian. Leo then forced him from his see and sent him for a long time to a monastery, from which he departed to God with a calm spirit. (771)

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

*Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 1, p. 24), stichera 10-4.*

**Cantor:** (Tone 4) 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 Nicephorus - Tone 4 samohlasen**

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O Nicepho-rus, hier-arch of God, in you we recognize a true pil-lar of the Faith,  
a rampart of doctrine, a defen-der of pi - e - ty, a dwel-ling of pu - rity,  
a precious flask filled with the myrrh of the Spi - rit, a re-pos - i - to - ry  
of tea - chings. up - on whom rests the Church of Christ!

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

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In you we celebrate a suc - ces - sor of the Apostles, a compan-ion of the  
 mar - tyrs a faithful imitator of the a - sce - tics, an im - age of the great  
 ecumenical teachers bearing their like - ness, a bles - sed hier - arch  
 initiated in-to the mys - te - ry of Christ, a di - vine ri - ver of heal - ing  
 who drowns the malevolence of the im - pi - ous in your streams.

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

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Hav - ing multiplied the ta - lent of wisdom entrusted to you, O bles - sed one,  
 you fittingly entered into the joy of your Lord, crowned by the grace of the  
 light of God, re - flect - ting the mys - tic radiance of the Ho - ly Spi - rit.



For ever, O glorious hier-arch, you stand at the right hand of the life-giv-ing



Mas - ter, in the inexhausti-ble glo - ry of His heav - en - ly lights.

**Cantor:** (Tone 1) Glory...now and ever...

*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week (Tone 1, p. 30)*

*Aposticha in the Tone of the week (Tone 1, p. 31).*

*Troparia in the Tone of the week (Tone 1, p. 34).*