

Vesper Propers, January 15, 2017
Thirty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

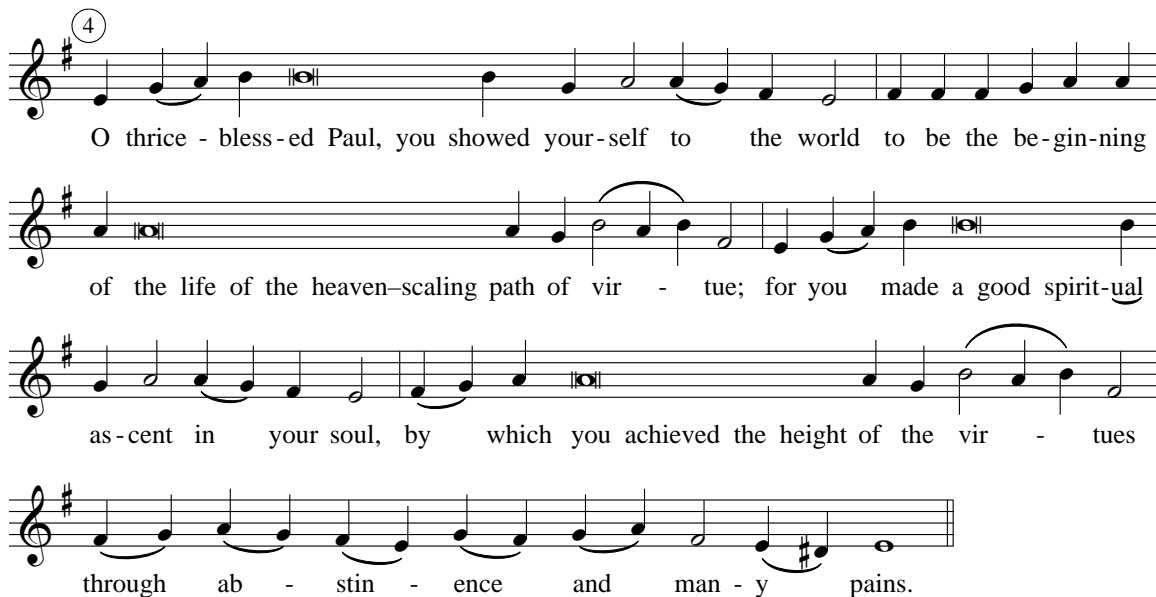
Our venerable fathers Paul of Thebes and John the Hut-dweller (Calibytes). Paul was a disciple of St. Anthony the Great and one of the earliest of the “desert fathers,” living as a hermit in the Thebaid in Egypt. (c.345). John of Constantinople, who, as it is said, briefly lived in a retreat in the home of his father. He left home for six years and came back and lived in a “kalyba” (i.e., a hut) as a beggar in rags, subsisting on the charity of his unwitting parents; wholly surrendered to contemplation. His parents recognized him, after his death, from a gold codex of the Gospels that they had given him. (5th century)

Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays After Pentecost, 2006

Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 2, p. 36), stichera 10-5.

Cantor: (Tone 1) Let the watchman count on daybreak
(on 4) and Israel on the Lord.

Stichera of our venerable father Paul - Tone 1 podoben: Nebesnych činov



O thrice - bless - ed Paul, you showed your - self to the world to be the be - gin - ning
of the life of the heaven - scaling path of vir - tue; for you made a good spirit - ual
as - cent in your soul, by which you achieved the height of the vir - tues
through ab - stin - ence and man - y pains.

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

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Fur-nish-ing your mind with wings to fly to divine de-sire, O bless-ed Paul,
 you as-cend-ed to the upper desert and drew near un-to the dark - ness, where you
 were ra - diantly illumined by the un-der-stand-ing of God and were a-noint-ed on
 the tablets of your heart with the splen - dor of the vir - tues.

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

Stichera of our venerable father John - Tone 2 podoben: Jehda ot dreva

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O bless-ed fa - ther John, when by di - vine inspiration you joyfully fled from the
 pleas - ures of this world, you re - nounced the broad way and chose the
 nar - row, straight and rug - ged road. You went in - to a spir - it - ual ref - uge
 where you put on the di - vine hab - it, de - ny - ing your - self

and strip-ping your - self of all pas - sions.

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

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You con - ceived the a - maz - ing plan of your life, your won - drous

be - hav - ior, in your love for Christ, whose ineffable pov - er - ty you cher - ished.

With - out a home, living be - fore the thresh - old of your par - ents,

you endured need and trib - u - la - tions. But you were filled with di - vine

gra - ces and you in - her - it - ed heav - en and the treas - ure which

no one can ev - er take a - way.

Cantor: (Tone 2) Glory...

Doxastikon of our venerable father John - Tone 2 samohlasen

Re - nounc - ing the world and all it con - tains, O ven - er - a - ble fa - ther,

you took up the Gospel of Christ and lived it com - plete - ly. In the hut
 where you dwelt as though in a mys - tic par - a - dise, treat - ing your bod - y with
 the ut - most se - ver - i - ty, you put to death the mur - der - ous drag - on.
 Now you dwell in heav - en, O ho - ly John: ask great mer - cy for us.

Cantor: (Tone 2) Now and ever...

Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week (Tone 2, p. 42).

Aposticha

Aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 2, p. 43), concluding with:

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...now and ever...

Aposticha doxastikon - 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. 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, p. 90)

Troparia in the Tone of the week (Tone 2, page 47)