

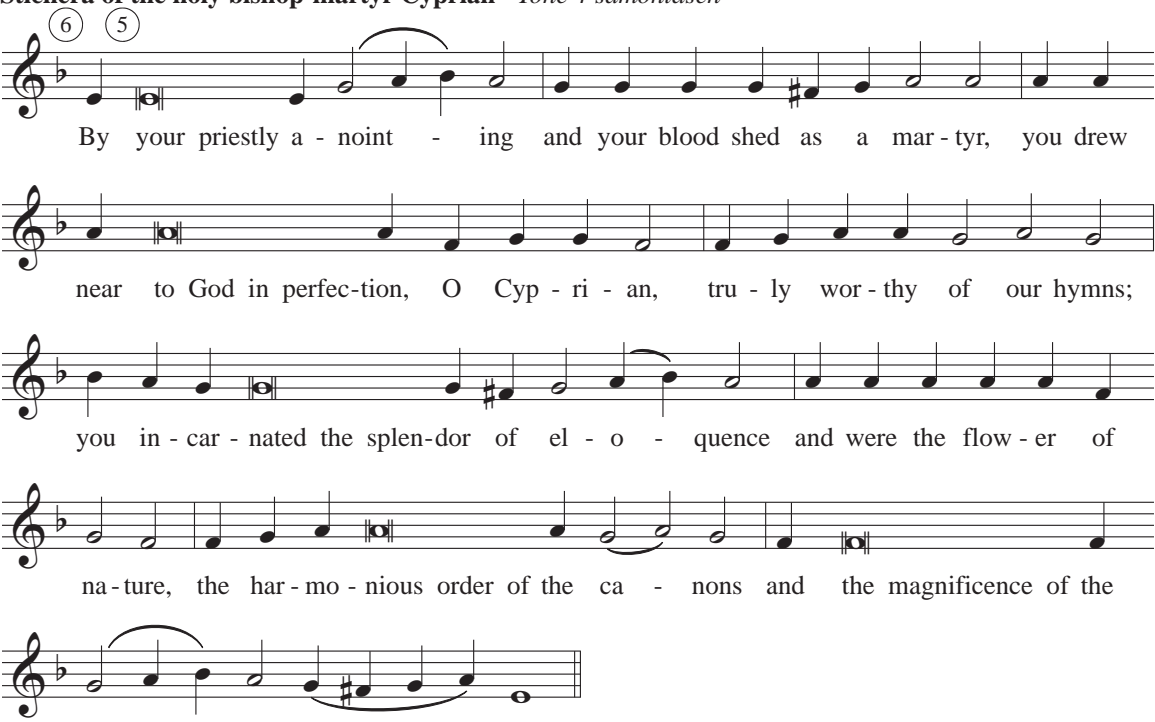
Vesper propers, evening of October 1, 2017

The holy bishop martyr Cyprian. He was originally a pagan magician, in league with evil spirits. He was converted by the words and example of St. Justina and became a bishop of the church. He was beheaded with Justina in Nicomedia. (258)

"O Lord, I have cried" is sung in Tone 4.

Cantor: (Tone 1) 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 bishop-martyr Cyprian - Tone 4 samohlasen



By your priestly a - noint - ing and your blood shed as a mar - tyr, you drew
near to God in perfec-tion, O Cyp - ri - an, tru - ly wor - thy of our hymns;
you in - car - nated the splen-dor of el - o - quence and were the flow - er of
na - ture, the har - mo - nious order of the ca - nons and the magnificence of the
Church - es of God.

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: "By your priestly anointing..."

Cantor: Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
(on 4) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

Point - ing out the crown reserved for mar - tyrs and the glory of those who
strug- gle, you granted to the faithful courage to no- bly en - dure mul - ti - ple
pun - ishments, chains, pris- on, strip - ping, tor - tures, pierc - ing cold,
the blows of scourging, and fi- nal - ly death, O vena- ble mar - tyr
Cyp - ri - an.

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: "Pointing out the crown reserved for martyrs..."

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

Hav - ing opposed the seductions of the dev - il with the canti- cles of the
Spir - it and the victorious sign of the Cross, O Jus - ti - na, you pre- served

and strug - gled for the faith to the shed - ding of your blood. O priest- mar - tyr
Cy - pri - an, pray to Christ our God to save our souls.

Cantor: Glory...now and ever...

Theotokion - *in the same tone*

To the One who was reared in the Tem - ple, close to the Ho - ly of Ho - lies,
and who was full of faith, wisdom, and per- fect vir - gin - i - ty, Ga - bri - el,
the cap- tain and lead - er, of - fered es - teem and greetings from heav - en when he said:
Re - joice, O Blessed One! Re - joice, O Glo - ri - fied One! The Lord is
with you!

hav - ing re - ceived the crown of immortali-ty from the one true God;
 now he in - tercedes before him forever for the sal - va - tion of our souls

Cantor: Glory...now and ever...

Theotokion - in the same tone

Re - joice, O Mar-y, Moth-er of God, O In - de-struc-ti - ble Tem - ple
 which is ho - ly be - yond com - pre - hen - sion. With the Proph - et we proclaim:
 your tem - ple is ho - ly; it is tru - ly won - drous!

Troparia

Troparion of the holy bishop-martyr Cyprian - Tone 4

You shared in the a - pos-tles' way of life and suc-ceed-ed to their throne,
 di - vine-ly in - spired bish - op. You found ac - cess to contempla-tion
 in the act - ive life. There-fore, you right - ly taught the word of truth

your vir - gin - al pu - ri - ty, of - f'ring your - self as a sa - cred
 vic - tim to Christ, O invin-ci - ble mar - tyr. Thus you ob - tained
 the crown of con - quer - ors in the splendor of the vir - gins and
 mar - - tyrs.

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

All repeat: "Having opposed the seductions of the devil..."

Cantor: (Tone 2) Glory... now and ever...

Doxastikon of the holy bishop-martyr Cyprian - Tone 2 samohlasen

Bless-ed Cyp-ri - an, you tru - ly re - nounced the teach - ings of error and the
 knowl-edge of false gods in or - der to take up the cross of Christ, that ar-mor
 of sal - va - tion. You re - ject - ed the books of magic, stripped your - self of the old man,

and be-came a dwell-ing place for the consubstantial Trinity by your knowl-edge of God.

to - geth-er with the an-gels, en - treat him for our sal-va-tion, O ho - ly hier - arch.

Prokeimenon of Sunday evening - Tone 8 (Psalm 133: 1,2)

Come, bless the Lord, all you who serve the Lord; come, bless the Lord,

all you who serve the Lord.

Deacon: Who stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God.

Aposticha

Tone 8 samohlasen

Un - ceas - ingly the angels sing to you, O King and Mas - ter. I fall before you

like the Publi-can and cry out: O God, cleanse me and have mer-cy on me!

Cantor: To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens;
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords.
Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he show us his mercy.

You are im - mor - tal, O my soul! Do not be overcome by the waves of life,

but rise up and, to your Benefac-tor, cry out: O God cleanse me and have

mer - cy on me!

Cantor: Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. We are filled with contempt.
Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's disdain.

O mar-tyrs of the Lord, you sanc - tify every place and cure ev - 'ry ill.

We be - seech you to pray that our souls be saved from the snares of

the en - e - my.

Cantor: *(Tone 2) Glory...*

Aposticha doxastikon of the holy bishop-martyr Cyprian - Tone 2 samohlasen

Let us ac-claim Cyprian, that di-vine-ly en-kin-dled torch, who be-came a sec-ond

Paul by his deeds and words; he ex - ults in joy with the an - gels,