

**Vesper Propers, January 5, 2020**  
**SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY**

**The holy martyrs Theopempt and Theona**, of Nicomedia in Bithynia, who met martyrdom in the persecution of the Emperor Diocletian. (c. 350)

**Our venerable mother Syncletica** of Alexandria in Egypt, virgin, who is said to have led a solitary life that influenced many women of her day. (4th cent.)

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

*Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 5, p. 69), stichera 10-7.*

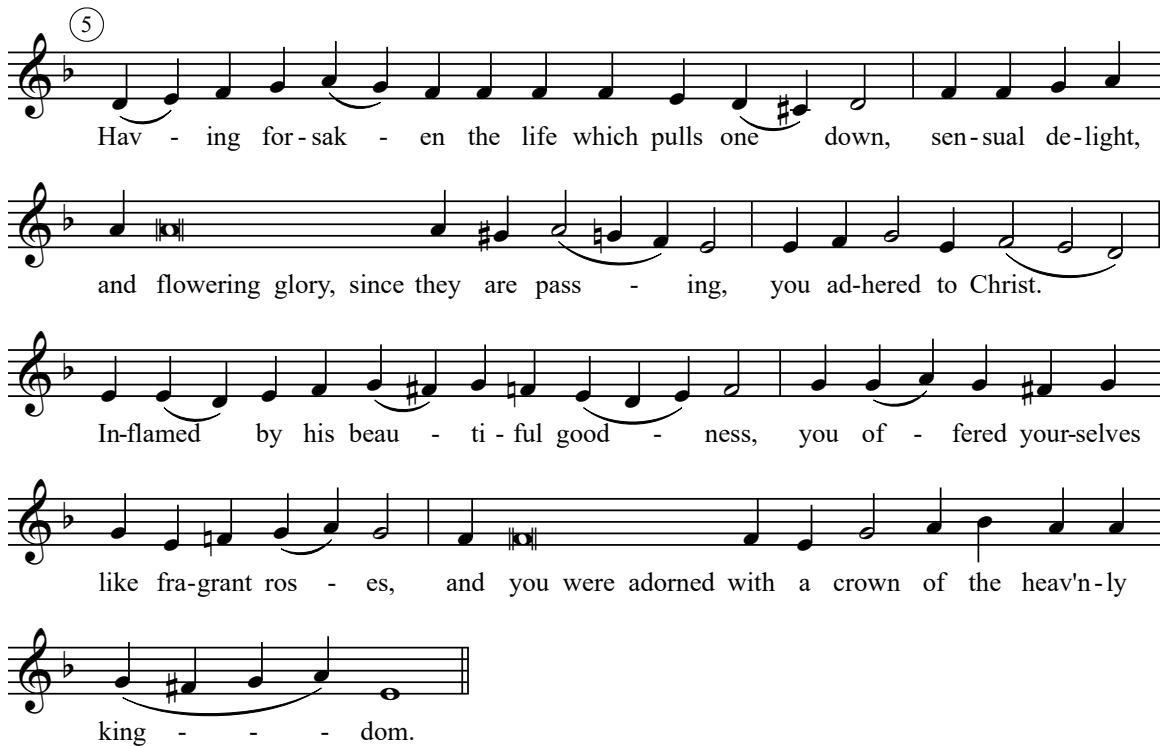
**Cantor:** (Tone 4) If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?  
(on 6) But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.

**Stichera of the holy martyrs Theopempt and Theona - Tone 4 podoben: Jako doblja**

6  
Let us ex-alt the wise Theona and The-o - pempt; for they o-beyed the  
teach-ings of Christ, they splen-did - ly rejected every shame-ful wor - ship.  
With bright - ness and hon - or they joyfully served the One God and Lord.  
They cou - ra - geously professed him in the pres-ence of the tor - tur - ers,  
and for this they have re-ceived crowns from on high.

**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.


5



Hav - ing for-sak - en the life which pulls one down, sen-sual de-light,  
and flowering glory, since they are pass - ing, you ad-hered to Christ.  
In-flamed by his beau - ti - ful good - ness, you of - fered your-selves  
like fra-grant ros - es, and you were adorned with a crown of the heav'n-ly  
king - - - dom.

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

4



Hav - ing re-ject - ed the world, you man - ifested yourselves to  
be a-bove the world. You have come to - gether in the Church of the first - born,  
and with the an - gels you sing an e - ter - nal hymn. Hav - ing

re - ject - ed the de-filed guile of i - dol - at - ry, you stand  
to-geth-er in the pres-ence of God. O Martyrs, you put to shame the fol - ly  
of the tor - tur - ers.

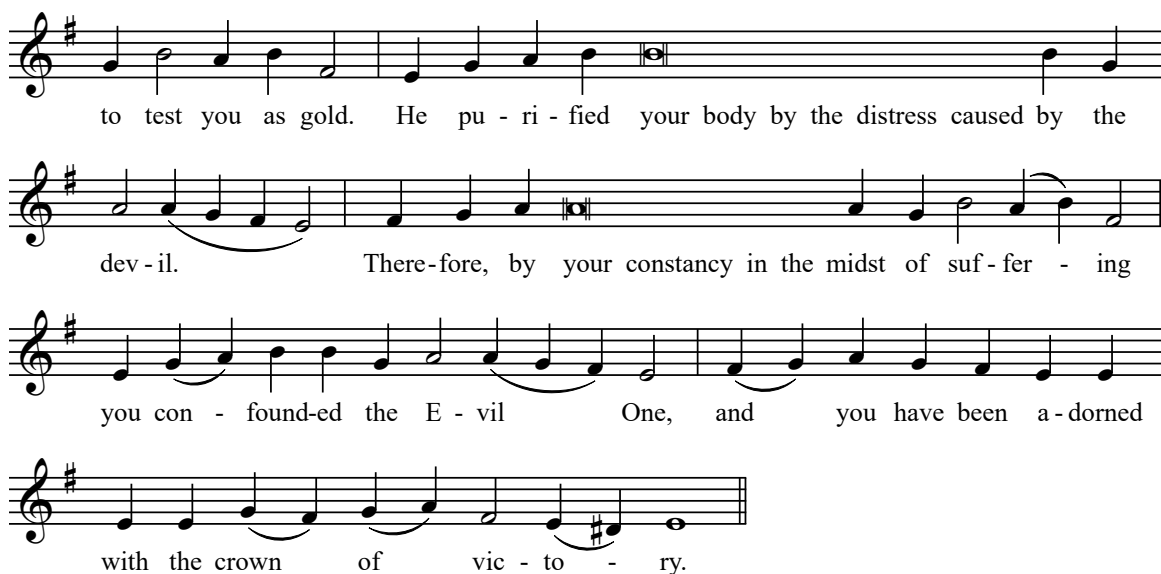
**Cantor:** (Tone 1) Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,  
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

**Stichera of our venerable mother Syncretica - Tone 1 podoben: Nebesnych činov**

Hav-ing yearned for the glo-ry of the fa - thers, you tru - ly loved the  
incorrupt-i - ble glo - ry. There-fore, set-ting a-side the things that de - light,  
you hand-ed over your bod-y to suf - fer - ing. You have now re-ceived  
the re-ward for your pains, for you are reign - ing with Christ.

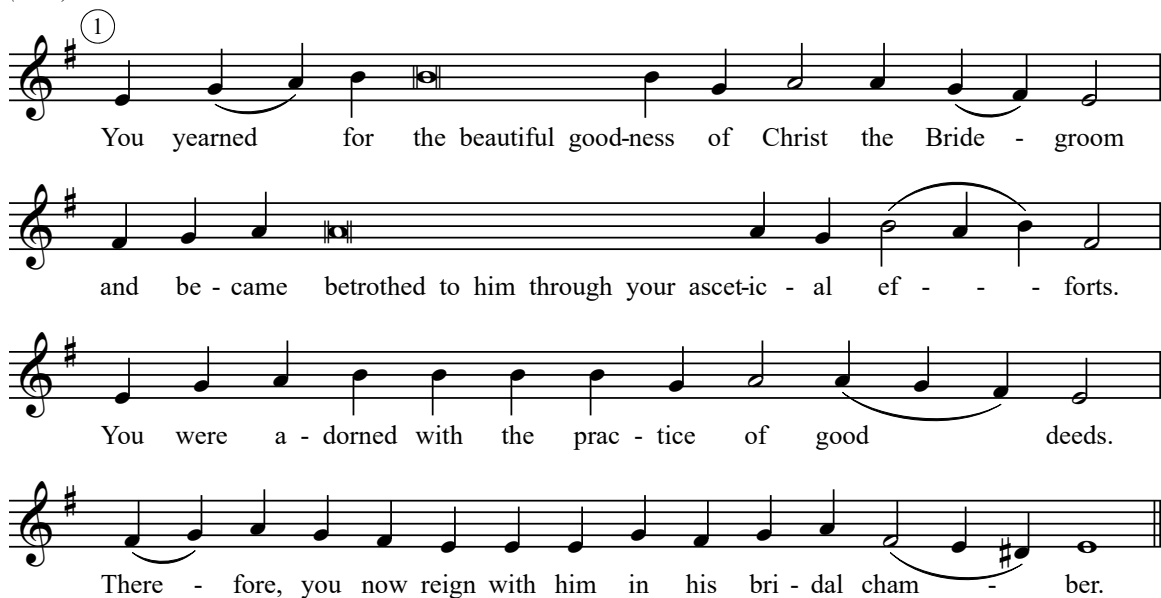
**Cantor:** Praise the Lord, all you nations, **Psalm 116**  
(on 2) acclaim him all you peoples!

The One who hand-ed over Job at the re-quest of Sa - tan al - so want-ed



to test you as gold. He pu - ri - fied your body by the distress caused by the  
 dev - il. There - fore, by your constancy in the midst of suf - fer - ing  
 you con - found-ed the E - vil One, and you have been a - dorned  
 with the crown of vic - to - ry.

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



<sup>①</sup>  
 You yearned for the beautiful good-ness of Christ the Bride - groom  
 and be - came betrothed to him through your ascet-ic - al ef - - - forts.  
 You were a - dorned with the prac - tice of good deeds.  
 There - fore, you now reign with him in his bri - dal cham - ber.

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

**Doxastikon of the pre-feast - Tone 6 samohlasen**

O Riv-er Jordan, pre-pare your-self, and see Christ our God approaching to be  
bap-tized by John in or - der to shatter the heads of the mon - sters in the sea,  
through the pow'r of his di - vin - i - ty. Re - joice, O wilder-ness of Jor - dan,  
and all you moun-tains, dance with de-light. For the Giv-er of Life has come to call  
back Ad - am. O voice that cries out in the wil - der - ness,  
O John the Fore - run-ner, cry out: Make read - y the way of the Lord,  
and clear him a straight path.

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

*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the week (Tone 5, page 76).*

## Aposticha

*Aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 5, page 77), concluding with:*

**Cantor:** (Tone 6) Glory... Now and ever...

**Aposticha doxastikon of the pre-feast - Tone 6 samohlasen**

Sing with joy, O desert of the Jord-an, and blos-som as the li - ly;  
for with - in you has been heard the voice of one who cries:  
Pre-pare the way of the Lord. For the One who set the moun-tain heights in place,  
as well as the trees in the val - leys, and who fills all crea-tion with his pow'r,  
is bap-tized by a ser - vant. The Giv - er of Gifts now be-comes poor.  
In the past it was told to Eve: You shall bear chil-dren in much grief.  
But now the Vir - gin hears the words: Re - joice, O Full of Grace, the Lord



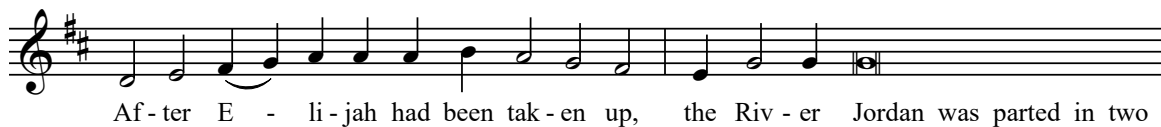
is with you; for he is the all-mer - ci - ful One.

## Troparia

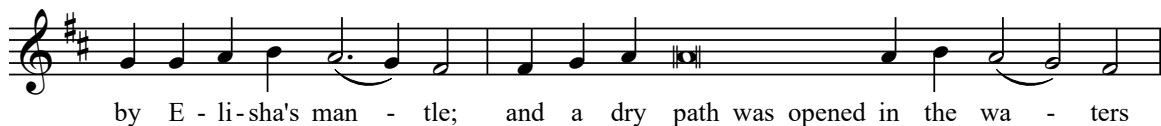
*Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the Week (Tone 5, page 80).*

**Cantor:** (Tone 4) Glory... now and ever...

### Troparion of the Pre-feast - Tone 4



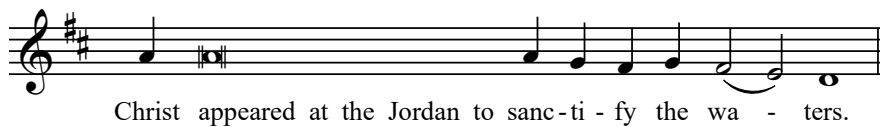
Af - ter E - li - jah had been tak - en up, the Riv - er Jordan was parted in two



by E - li - sha's man - tle; and a dry path was opened in the wa - ters



as an im-age of true bap - tism by which we pass beyond this fleet-ing life.



Christ appeared at the Jordan to sanc-ti - fy the wa - ters.