

**Vesper Propers, September 17, 2023**  
**Sunday After the Exaltation of the Cross**

**The holy martyr Sophia (Wisdom) and her three children, Faith, Hope, and Charity.** They lived and suffered in Rome in the time of the emperor Hadrian. For refusing to sacrifice to the goddess Artemis, he had them put to death. (c.137)

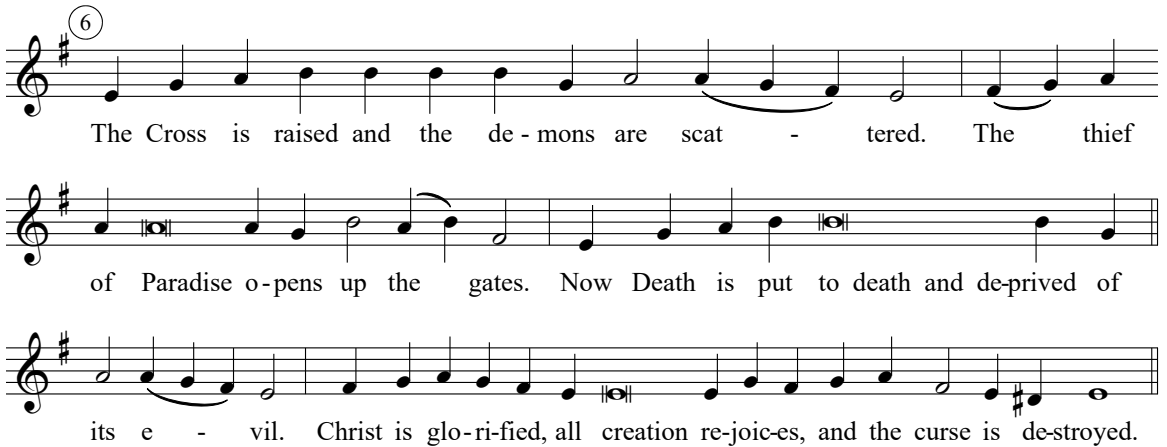
*Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays After Pentecost, 2006*

*Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 7, p. 92), stichera 10-7.*

**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 postfeast - Tone 1 podoben: Nebesnych činov**

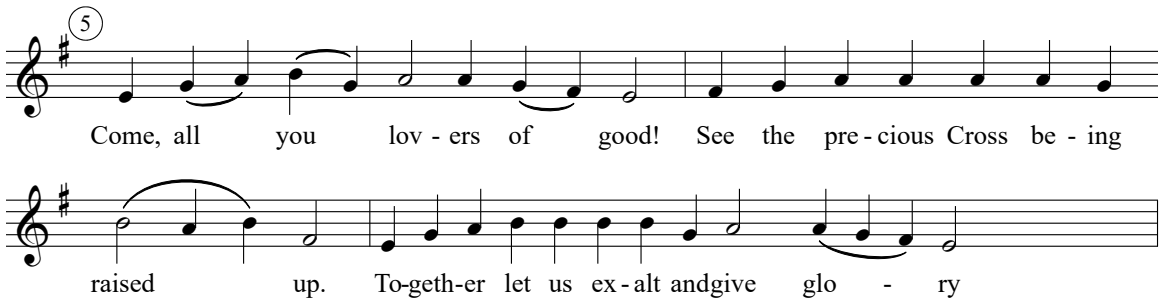
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The Cross is raised and the de-mons are scat-tered. The thief  
of Paradise o-pens up the gates. Now Death is put to death and deprived of  
its e-vil. Christ is glo-ri-fied, all creation re-joic-es, and the curse is de-destroyed.

**Cantor:** 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.

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Come, all you lov-ers of good! See the pre-cious Cross be-ing  
raised up. To-geth-er let us ex-alt and give glo-ry

to the one Deliverer and God by call - ing out: Hav - ing been cru - ci - fied  
 on the Tree of the Cross, do not de - spise us who pray to you.

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

Of old, Mo - ses made the bit - ter wa - ter sweet. He de - liv - ered Israel by  
 as - sum - ing the like - ness of the Cross. Let all of us faith - ful  
 di - vine - ly and mystically form a likeness of it in our hearts, for we are  
 be - ing saved by your might.

**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 the martyrs - Tone 4 podoben: Dal jesi znamenije**

The virgin maidens were bound by the laws of na - ture, yet they were clearly  
 strengthened by the love of the Cre - a - tor. Through faith they loos-ened the

bonds of e - vil. They act - ed courageously when they de - stroyed the en - e - my.

For this rea - son they were splendidly adorned with a vic - to - rious crown. Now they live

and rejoice with the heavenly Bride - - - groom.

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

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The praiseworthy Faith, the glo - rious Char - i - ty, and the God - wise Hope,

who were named af - ter the vir - tues, showed them - selves to be among

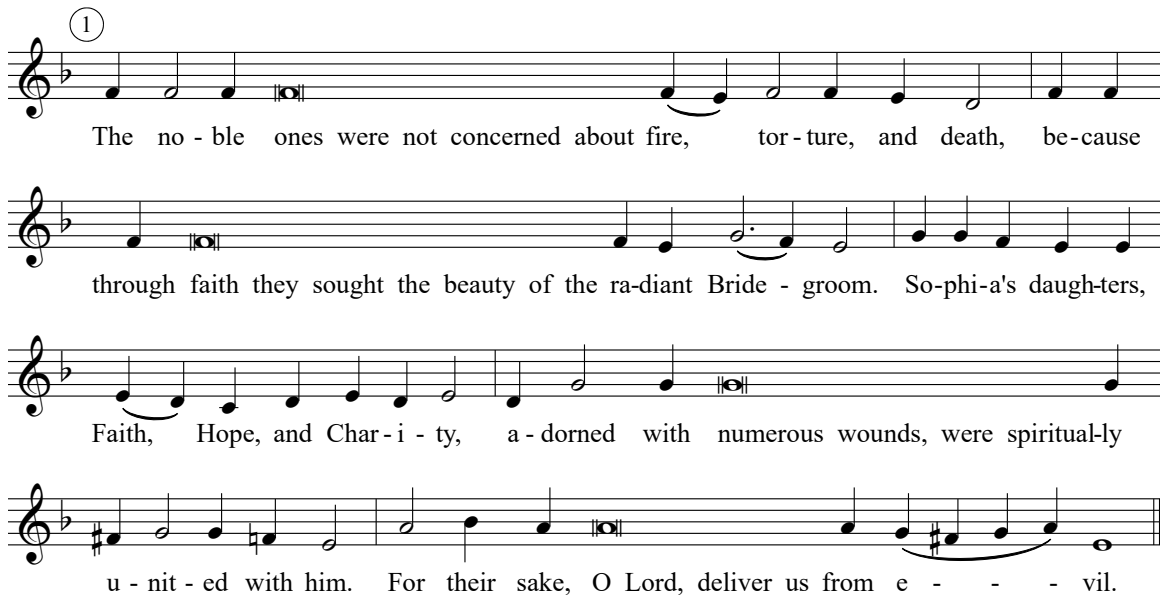
the most ra - diant. They suf - ered the passion and defeated the E - vil One

who had craft - ily deceived our first moth - er. Hav - ing be - come like God, they

en - tered Par - a - dise and now pray for ev - 'ry - one.

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

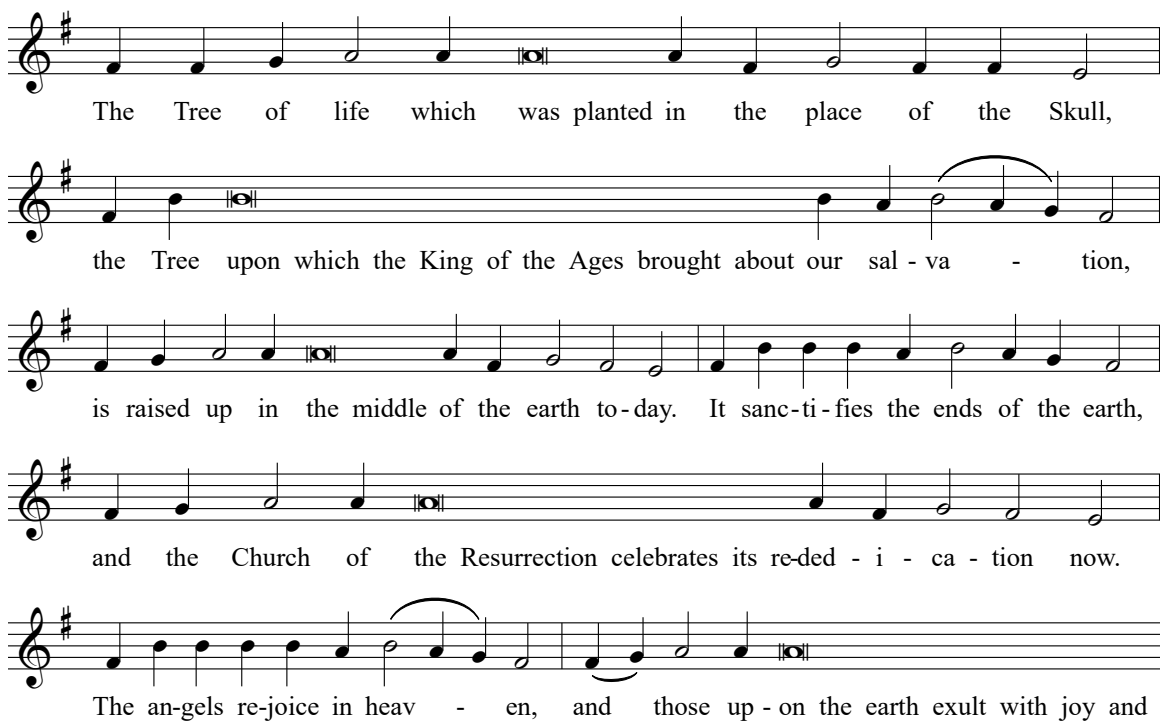
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The no - ble ones were not concerned about fire, tor - ture, and death, be - cause  
 through faith they sought the beauty of the ra - diant Bride - groom. So - phi - a's daugh - ters,  
 Faith, Hope, and Char - i - ty, a - dorned with numerous wounds, were spiritual - ly  
 u - nit - ed with him. For their sake, O Lord, deliver us from e - - - vil.

**Cantor:** (Tone 1) Glory...

**Doxastikon - Tone 1 samohlasen**



The Tree of life which was planted in the place of the Skull,  
 the Tree upon which the King of the Ages brought about our sal - va - tion,  
 is raised up in the middle of the earth to - day. It sanc - ti - fies the ends of the earth,  
 and the Church of the Resurrection celebrates its re - ded - i - ca - tion now.  
 The an - gels re - joice in heav - en, and those up - on the earth exult with joy and

say with Da - vid: Ex - alt the Lord our God and bow be - fore his throne  
 and be - fore his footstool, for he is ho - ly; it is he who grants great  
 mer - cy to the world.

**Cantor:** (Tone 7) Now and ever...

*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the week (Tone 7, page 98).*

### Aposticha

*Sunday aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 7, p. 99), concluding with:*

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

#### Aposticha doxastikon of the post-feast - Tone 1

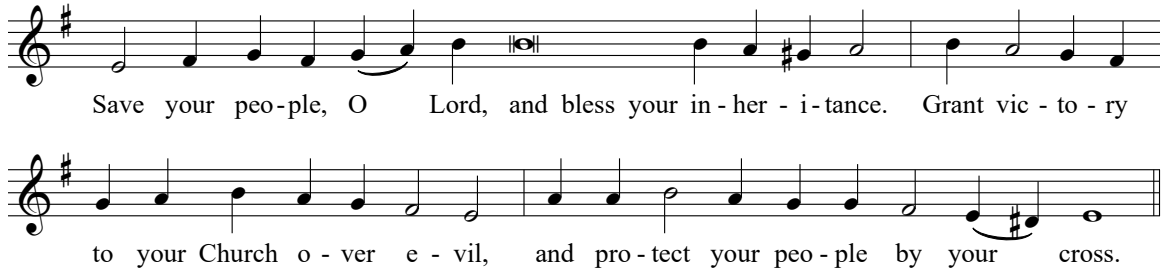
Ja - cob, the Pa - tri - arch, prefigured your Cross, O Christ, when he blessed his  
 de - scen - dants by lay - ing his hands on their heads in the form of a cross.  
 To - day we exalt it and cry out, O Sav - ior: Grant vic - to - ry to your Church  
 o - ver her en - e - mies, as you once did to your peo - ple.

## Troparia

*Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the Week (Tone 7, p. 101), then:*

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

### **Troparion of the Cross - Tone 1**



Save your peo-ple, O Lord, and bless your in-her-i-tance. Grant vic-to-ry  
to your Church o-ver e-vil, and pro-tect your peo-ple by your cross.