

Vesper Propers, December 3, 2023
Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost

The holy prophet Zephaniah, who in the days of Josiah, king of Judah, announced the destruction of the ungodly on the day of the wrath of the Lord and strengthened the host of poor and needy people in the hope of salvation.

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

Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 2, p. 36), stichera 10-4. Then:

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 holy prophet Zephaniah - Tone 4 samohlasen

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In your pu - ri - fied soul, you received a ray from the eternal splen - dor of God,
mak - ing you his her - ald, O proph - et Zeph - a - ni - ah, a spokes - man for God,
a mouth moved by the Ho - ly Spir - it. You an - nounced what had been taught by him,
re - veal - ing the salva - tion and King - dom of Christ. O ven - 'ra - ble proph - et,
beg him to grant light and sal - va - - - tion to our souls.

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

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Il - lumined by the vi - sion of God and pro - phet - ic con - tem - pla - tion,
 you were graced with bless - ed - ness and in - spired by the Lord, O proph - et
 Zeph - a - ni - ah. Since you have boldness now with God, and com - pas - sion
 on us, pray for those who hon - or you with faith as a holy proph - et of God,
 Ask that we be delivered from all dangers and that we may be saved.

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

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Im - mortal One, you made your prophet Zeph - a - ni - ah a cloud,
 pour - ing out the water of e - ter - nal life. You filled him with the Spir - it
 e - qual to you, al - might - y Fa - ther and to your on - ly be - got - ten Son,

a light reflect - ing your bril - liance. Thus he fore - told the saving coming
 of Christ our God and re - vealed sal - va - tion to all of us.

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

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

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

Troparion and theotokion in the Tone of the Week (Tone 2, p. 47).