

Vesper Propers, December 17, 2023

Sunday of the Forefathers

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

Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 4, p. 58), stichera 10-5.

Cantor: (Tone 8) Let the watchman count on daybreak
(on 4) and Israel on the Lord.

Stichera of the Forefathers - Tone 8 samohlasen



To - day we commemo-rate the an - ces - tors of Christ. Sing with fer - vor
a hymn of praise to Christ the Sav - ior who ex - alt - ed them among all
na - tions. He is the Lord who does won - drous deeds, be-cause he is
pow-er - ful and might - y. From them he brought forth a roy-al scep - ter,
the im-mac - ugate maiden of God and vir-gin Ma - ry. From her, Christ our God
came forth to give life and e - ter - nal sal - va - tion to all.

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



O Lord and Mas - ter, you res - cued the three ho - ly youths from the fire.



You saved Dan-iel from the li - ons' mouths; you blessed A - braham, Isaac your



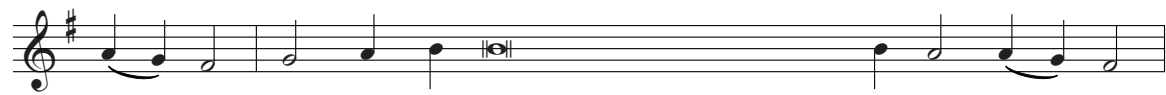
serv-ant, and Ja - cob his son. You willed to be like one of us by



choos-ing to be born from them in or - der that you might save our Fore-fa - thers



who had fall - en. By your cross and resurrection you tore a-part the bonds



of death. You raised up all those who for ages had been a-mong the dead,



and who bow to you, O Christ, the e - ter - nal King.

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



The three holy youths were refreshed by the Ho - ly Spir - it when they



walked in the fire as though in a place of cool. In them the Trinity and the



In - car - na - tion of Christ were pre - fig - ured in a mys - ti - cal man - - - ner.

oth - ers; al - so Ze - cha - ri - ah and the Bap - tist, and all those
 who preached Christ, the life and the Re-sur - rec - tion of our race.

Cantor: Now and ever...

Aposticha Theotokion in the same Tone (Tone 3, p. 55).

Troparia

Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the week (Tone 4, p. 68).

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

Troparion of the Forefathers - Tone 2

By faith, you, O Christ, jus - ti - fied the fore - fa - thers. Through them
 you betrothed yourself to a Church from all na - tions. The saints re-joice
 in glo - ry be-cause a glorious offspring has blos - somed from their seed:
 the Moth-er who bore you with-out seed. Through their pray'rs, O Christ our
 God, have mer - cy on us.

By their wis - dom and strength they o - ver-came the pow - er of fire. As for
 the just Daniel, he stopped the mouths of li - ons. Through their intercession, we
 be - seech you: O Sav ior and Lov - er of us all, pro - tect us
 from e - ter - nal fire and make us worthy of your heav - en - ly
 King - - - dom.

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

When the three holy youths stood in the flam-ng fur - nace as if cov-ered in dew,
 they mys-tic'lly foreshadowed your coming from the Vir - gin, giv-ing light to us
 with-out be - ing con-sumed. And Dan-iel, the just and won-drous proph - et
 clear-ly saw in a vision your divine sec-ond com - ing. He said: I saw thrones set up

and the Judge seat - ed, and the riv - er of fire flowing in his pre - sence.
Through their in - ter - ces - sion, de - liv - er us from this fire, O Lord.

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...

Doxastikon of the Forefathers - Tone 6 samohlasen

O be - liev - ers, let us give praise to - day to all the Fathers who lived be - fore
the Law: A - bra - ham who was be - loved by God; I - saac,
who was born according to the Prom - ise; Ja - cob and the Twelve Pa - tri - archs;
the ver - y meek David and the fa - vored proph - et Dan - iel. Let us al - so
glo - rify with them the three youths who changed the fiery furnace into a place
of re - fresh - ing dew. Let us beg forgiveness of our sins from Christ our God,
who is glo - ri - fied in his saints.

Cantor: (Tone 4) Now and ever...

Dogmatikon in the Tone of the week (Tone 4, page 64).

Aposticha

Aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 4, p. 65), concluding with

Cantor: (Tone 3) Glory...

Aposticha doxastikon of the Forefathers - Tone 3 samohlasen

Come, O lov - ers of the feast, let us sing a hymn of praise to the
assembly of the Fore - fa - thers: Ad - am, the father of the hu - man race,
E - noch, No - ah, Mel - chisedek, Abraham, Isaac, and Ja - cob. Let us
al - so honor those who came af - ter the Law: Mo - ses, Aaron, Joshua, Sam - uel and
Da - vid; to - geth - er with I - sa - iah, Ezekiel, and Je - re - mi - ah,
Dan - iel and the twelve mi - nor proph - ets; like - wise Elijah, Elisha, and all the