

Vesper Propers. September 15, 2024
Sunday After the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

The holy great martyr Nicetas the Goth on the banks of the Danube. He was ordered to be burned to death by Athanaricus the Arian king because of his Catholic faith. (372)

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

Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 8, p. 102), stichera 10-7.

Cantor: (Tone 5) 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 5 samopodoben: Radujsja živosnyj Kreste

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Joy to you, life-bear-ing Cross of the Lord, in - vin - ci - ble triumph
of the true faith. You are the gate to Pa - ra - dise, the strength
of the faith - ful and the strong - hold of the Church. Be - cause of you,
cor - rup - tion no long - er has mean - ing or pow'r. By you, we have been lifted
up from earth to heav - - en. You are an invincible weapon a - gainst
e - - - - vil, a glo - ry in - deed for saints and mar - tyrs,

and a ha-ven for sal - va - tion. You are the source of mer-cy to the world.

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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Joy to you, most honorable Cross of the Lord. Through you, the human race

has been de-liv-ered from the curse. In your exaltation, you are a sign of true joy.

O Cross all - ven - erable, you scat - ter all our en - e - mies. You are the

help of Chris-tians, the glo - ry of kings, the strength of the just and the

splen-dor of priests. All who sign themselves with you are freed from per - - - il.

You are the strength un - der which we are tend - ed like sheep.

The an - gels gath - er around you in awe as the source of peace.

You are the glo - ry of Christ, who grants great mer - cy to the world.

Cantor: Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.

(on 4)

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Joy to you, pre-cious Cross of the Lord, guide to the blind and phy - si - cian
to the sick, and re - sur - rec - tion to the dead. You raised us out
of corruption and re - moved the curse. Through you we have been
made di - vine, and the pow - er of Hades has been de - stroyed in full.
There - fore, seeing you lifted-up to - day by our priests, we ex - alt Christ
who was sus-pend - ed on you, and we bow deep - ly be - fore you,
seek - ing for - give - ness and great mer - - - - cy.

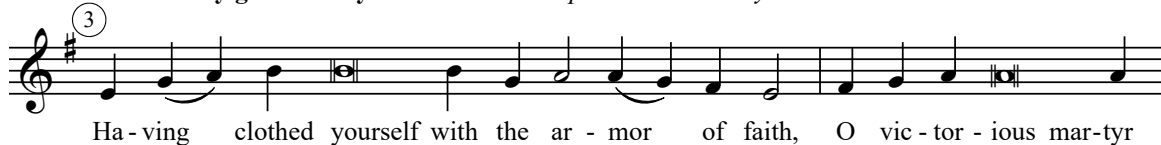
Cantor: (Tone 1) Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,

(on 3)

Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

Stichera of the holy great martyr Nicetas - Tone 1 podoben: Nebesnych činov

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Ha - ving clothed yourself with the ar - mor of faith, O vic - tor - ious mar - tyr

Ni-ce - tas, you were re-vealed as a defen-der of Christ the King just as the
 might-y Gid-eon of old. You de-feat-ed the en-em - y by your cour - age.

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

O Mar-tyr, you defeat-ed the en - em - - y by your all - pow - erful faith
 in the Sav - ior. O God-wise one, you suff-ered the pas - - - sion.
 Be-cause of this, O wise Ni - ce - - tas, you con - vert - ed the barbarians to the
 Crea-tor and Mas - ter of all. And they de-vout-ly glo - ri - fy Him.

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

O ho - ly Mar-tyr, you offered to the glo - ry of Christ the first fruits of the
 en - em - y. You were re-vealed as a sufferer of the pas - - - sion. You

preached about God and died as a witness to the Tri - ni - ty. For this,
 you received a crown of mar - tyr - - - dom; and like a bril - liant light
 you shed ra - di - ance through the world, O glo - ri - ous one.

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...

Doxastikon of the holy great martyr Nicetas - Tone 6 samohlasen

We rec - ognize you as a torchbearer of the martyrs, O Ni - ce - tas, for you suf - fered
 the pas - sion of Christ. You put aside the glo - ry of earth - ly trea - sures
 and des - pised the paganism of your an - ces - tors. You destroyed their gods and victoriously
 put the en - em - y to shame. You were mar - tyred for pro - fes - sing Christ
 and be - came a soldier of the king of hea - ven. Pray for us to the Be - ne - fac - tor



Cantor: (Tone 8) Now and ever...

Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week (Tone 8, page 107).

Aposticha

Sunday aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 8, p. 108), concluding with:

Cantor: (Tone 8) Glory...

Aposticha doxastikon of the holy great martyr Nicetas - Tone 8 samohlasen

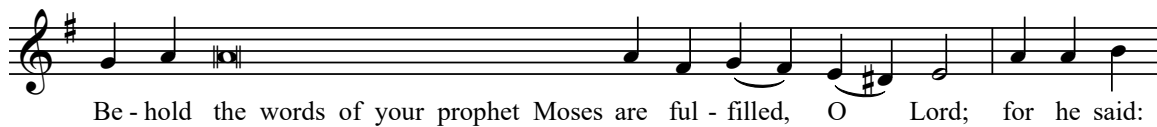
Musical notation for the Aposticha doxastikon of the holy great martyr Nicetas. The melody is written on five staves in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are: O hon - orable mar - tyr Ni - ce - - - tas, your name reveals you as a sign of vic - to ry as you preached Christ our God in bat - tle. You con - fessed Him before the king and the tor - tur - ers. Do not cease to pray to the Lov - er of Man - kind for the preace of the world and for Christ - lov - ing rul - ers. Re - mem - ber all who faithful - ly com - mem - o - rate you, and pray that we may be



de - liv - ered from dan - - - ger.

Cantor: (Tone 8) Now and ever...

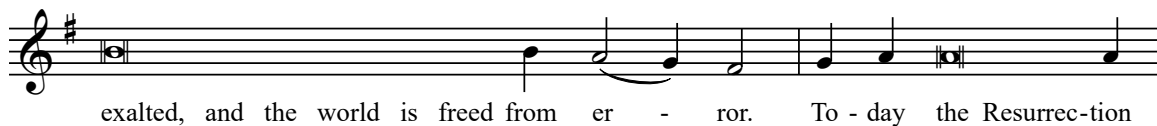
Aposticha doxastikon of the postfeast - Tone 8 samohlasen



Be - hold the words of your prophet Moses are ful - filled, O Lord; for he said:



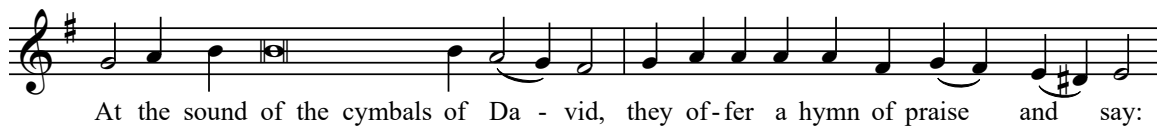
You shall see your life suspend - ed be - fore your eyes. To - day the Cross is



exalted, and the world is freed from er - ror. To - day the Resurrec - tion



of Christ is re - newed; the ends of the earth ex - ult with joy.



At the sound of the cymbals of Da - vid, they of - fer a hymn of praise and say:



In your good - ness and love for all, you have brought about your



salvation in the middle of the earth, O our God. Through your Cross and Resurrec - tion

you save us. O Lord all-pow-er-ful, glo-ry to you!

Troparia

Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the Week (Tone 8, p. 111), then:

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

Troparion of the Exaltation 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.