

## Vesper Propers, January 17

**Our venerable father Anthony the Great**, who, bereaved by his parents' death, accepted the evangelical commands, distributed all his goods to the poor and retired in solitude to the Thebaid in Egypt. He began to lead an ascetic life and diligently worked to strengthen the Church, sustaining confessors of the faith during the persecution of the Emperor Diocletian. He supported St. Athanasius against the Arians. He had many disciples, and is thus considered the father of monks. (356)

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

*Lamplighting Psalms in Tone 4, p. 58.*

Bring my soul out of this prison  
and then I shall praise **your** name.  
Around me the just will assemble  
because of your goodness **to** me.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;  
Lord, hear **my** voice!  
Let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of **my** pleading.

**Cantor:** 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 for our venerable father Anthony the Great - Tone 4 samohlasen**

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You were enlightened by the rays of the Spir - it, when the love of God inflamed  
you and made your soul soar to desire the truly in-fin-ite Love. Then you turned  
a - side from flesh and blood and left the world, while re - main - ing united with it



through great abstin-ence and si - lence. There-fore, as you de-sired, you have been



filled with blessings and ra-di - at - ed them, en - lightening our souls as a star, O



An - thon - y.

**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.  
*All repeat "You were enlightened..."*

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



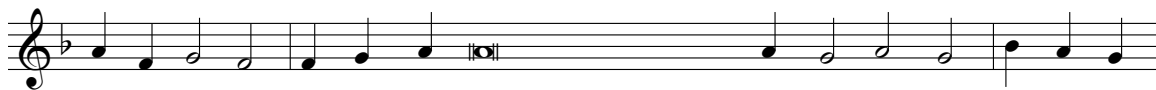
By the grace of the di-vine Spir - it, you became radiant with di - vine light



and broke the bows and arrows of the dev - ils. By di - vine teachings, you exposed all



their e - vil snares. You are a ra - diant light for monks, the first glory



of the des-ert, a most pre - cious and skilled physi-cian for the sick, and the first



liv - ing example of the life of vir - tue, O Fa - ther An - thon - y.

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

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

An - thony, pure in heart and soul, earth - ly angel, heav - en - ly man,  
teach - er of chastity, precise rule of ab - stin - ence: liv - ing with your Mas - ter  
and of - fering him never-silent praise with the an - gels and all the holy  
monks and mar - tyrs, O bless - ed saint, set free from griev - ous dan - ger and sin  
all those who hon - or your ho - ly mem - o - ry.

**Cantor:** Strong is the love of the Lord for us;  
(on 1) he is faithful forever. *All repeat "Anthony, pure in heart..."*

**Cantor:** (Tone 6) Glory...

**Doxastikon of our venerable father Anthony the Great - Tone 6 samohlasen**

You pre-served the image of God with-in you, set - ting the mind as master over the



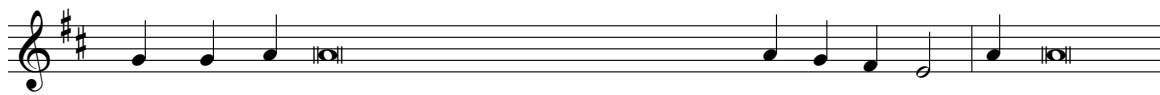
restless passions by your as - cet - ic life. As far as possible, you have grown in



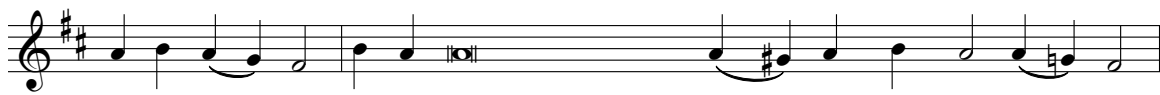
the di - vine like - ness. Brave - ly con - trol - ling na - ture, you have subjected



the lower to the high - er and made the body the serv - ant of the spir - it.



There - fore you became the head of those living the mon - as - tic life as a dweller



in the des - ert, a spir - itual father teaching those who drew near to you,



and an ex - am - ple of vir - tue. Now in heav - en, O An - thon - y,



the look - ing - glass has been brok - en and you di - rect - ly gaze upon



the Trin - i - ty: pray for those who hon - or you with faith and love.

**Cantor:** Now and ever...

*Dogmatikon in the same tone (Tone 6, p. 87).*

**Readings:** Wisdom 3: 1 - 9  
Wisdom 5: 15 - 6: 3  
Wisdom 4: 7 - 15

## Aposticha

*Tone 5 samohlasen*

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Re-joyce, An-thon-y, liv-ing with the an-gel-ic choirs in the heights! Learn-ing their  
vir - tues, you lived their life on earth as a spot - less mir - ror, re - flect-ing  
the flashing rays of the Holy Spirit, O bless - ed saint. Thus en-light-ened, you saw the  
fu - ture, fore - tell - ing all things taught to you by the radiance of the light  
of Christ. Pray to him that great mer - cy be grant-ed to our souls.

*Cantor*

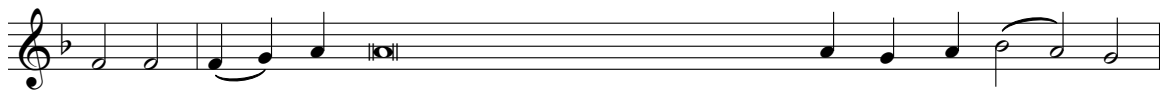
Pre - cious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faith - ful.

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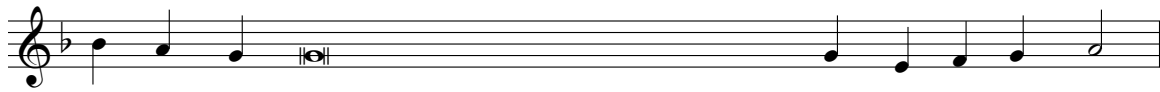
Re-joyce, An-thon-y, lead-er of ascetics and their in-vin-ci-ble cham - pion!



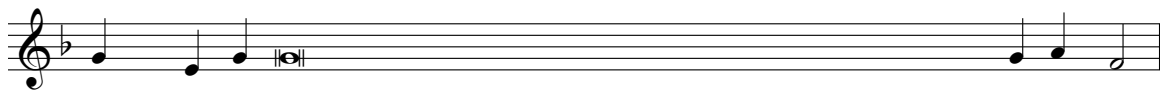
By cut - ting down the pas - sions at the root and op - pos - ing the efforts of the



dev-ils, you brave - ly exposed their weaknesses and soul - de - stroy - ing er - rors.



You re - vealed the power of the Savior's Cross and its un - con - quer - a - ble might.



Armed with it, you defeated all who rejected the divine appearance of Christ in the flesh.



Pray to him that great mer - cy be grant - ed to our souls.

*Cantor*



Hap - py the man who fears the Lord, and great - ly de - lights in his com - mands.



A ra - diant and firm pillar of the vir - tues, a pro - tect - ing cloud were you,



as you saw the face of God and led from earth to heav - en



those who fol - lowed you in - to the des - ert. You de - stroyed the sea of passions

with the staff of the Cross. Hav - ing de - feat - ed the raging Amalek, you were  
 blessed by God, find - ing the way to heaven with - out ob - sta - cles. Re - joic - ing  
 in your incor - rup - ti - ble in - her - i - tance, you stand with the angels before the  
 throne of God. Pray to him that great mer - cy be grant - ed to our souls.

**Cantor:** (Tone 8) Glory...

**Aposticha doxastikon of our venerable father Anthony the Great - Tone 8 samohlasen**

All the monks honor you, O holy Father, as a spir - it - u - al guide.  
 Through you, we have set out on the nar - row path; blest are you for hav - ing  
 served Christ and for hav - ing broken the power of the en - e - my,  
 O com - pan - ion of the an - gels, the just and the saints. With them, ask the Lord  
 to have mer - cy on our souls.

**Cantor:** Now and ever...

*Aposticha theotokion in the same tone (Tone 8, p. 110).*

## Troparia

**Troparion of our venerable father Anthony the Great - Tone 4**

Fa - ther An - thony, you imitated E - li - jah in his zeal, and you fol - lowed  
John the Baptist in his ho - ly way of life. You took up your abode in the  
des - ert and strength-ened the world by your pray'rs. In - tercede with Christ our  
God that he may save our souls.

**Cantor:** Glory...now and ever...

*Festal Theotokion in the same tone (Tone 4, p. 68)*