

Vigil Divine Liturgy, June 29*

THE HOLY PRE-EMINENT APOSTLES PETER AND PAUL


Simon, son of Jonah and brother of Andrew, was first among the disciples to confess that Jesus was the Christ, the son of the living God. It was by Jesus that he was called Peter. Paul, Apostle of the gentiles, preached Christ crucified to the Jews and the Greeks. Both announced the Gospel of Jesus Christ in faith and love in the city of Rome and died martyrs under the emperor Nero. The first, as the tradition goes, was nailed to a cross with his head downward and was buried in the Vatican next to the Triumphal Way. The other received his punishment from the sword and was interred at the Ostian Way. Their triumph, equal in honor and veneration, is celebrated by the whole world on this day.

Supplement for The Divine Liturgies of our holy fathers John Chrysostom and Basil the Great, 2006

The Vigil Divine Liturgy begins on page 104 in the Divine Liturgies book. The beginning verses of the Lamp-lighting Psalms ("O Lord, I have cried") are sung in Tone 2 (page 128). At the Psalm verse "on 3" toward the bottom of page 116, continue as follows:

(on 3)

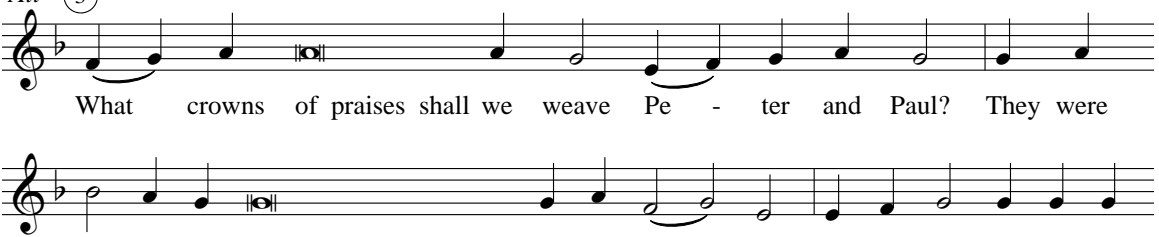
Cantor



Be - cause with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemp-tion,
Is - ra - el in - deed he will re - deem from all its in - i - qui - ty.

Stichera of the holy apostles Peter and Paul - Tone 2 samohlasen

All (3)



What crowns of praises shall we weave Pe - ter and Paul? They were
sep - a - rat - ed in the body but unit-ed in spir - it, and out-stand-ing as the

* to be sung on the evening of June 28

preach-ers of God. The one in-deed led the a - pos - tles, while the oth - er
 la - bored more than all the rest. Christ our God, show - ing great mer - cy,
 fit - ting - ly crowns them with im - mor - tal glo - ry.

(on 2)
 Cantor
 Praise the Lord, all you na - tions; ac-claim him all you peo - ples!

All
 With what beau - tiful hymns shall we praise Pe - ter and Paul? They are wings
 of div - ine knowl - edge, spread - ing out to the far ends of the earth
 and soar - ing a - loft to heav - en. They are two heads of the
 Gos - pel of grace, two feet of the preach - ing of the truth, two
 riv - ers of wisdom and two arms of the Cross, through which

the mer - ci - ful Christ casts down the pride of de - mons.

Cantor (on 1)

Strong is the love of the Lord for us; he is faith-ful for - ev - er.

All ①

With what spir - itual songs shall we praise Pe - ter and Paul? They slew

the god-less tongues of i - dol - a - ters. They are fear - ful swords of the Spirit and

notable a-dorn - ments of Rome, both nour-ish - ers of the whole world

and the God-in - spired tablets of the New Cov - e - nant. Christ, in his great mer - cy,

has pro - claimed their hon - or in Zi - on.

Cantor

Glo - ry to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir-it, now and

ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men.

Doxastikon of the holy apostles Peter and Paul - Tone 4 samohlasen



Christ asked three times: Pe - ter, do you love me? There - by he satisfied the three-
fold de - ni - al; and Si - mon, understanding the myster-y, cried to the Lord:
You know all things, you know that I love you. Af - ter this Christ said to him:
Feed my sheep, feed my lambs; feed those sheep which I have fashioned with my
own blood. There - fore, O blessed apos-tle of God, be - seech him to
grant us great mer - cy.

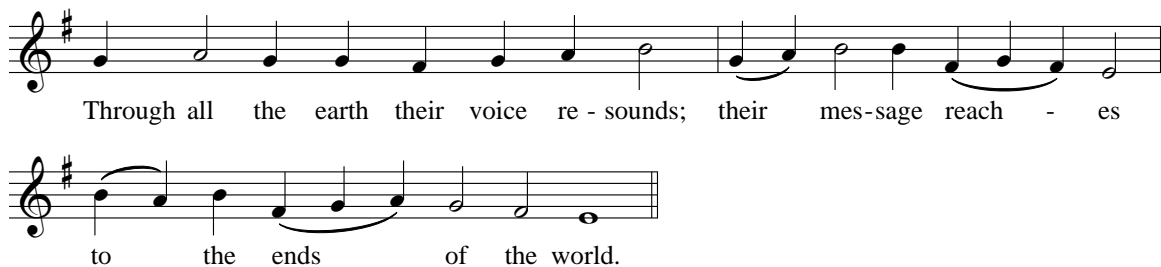
As the doxastikon is sung, the clergy enter the Holy Place with the gospel book and censer.

The service continues on page 117 with the singing of the Hymn of the Evening, "O Joyful Light". The prokeimenon of the day of the week is sung (pages 120-121), and the following readings may be chanted:

Readings: I Peter 1: 3 - 9 (EOT 320-321)
I Peter 1: 13 - 19
I Peter 2: 11 - 24

*After the Small Litany (page 122), the Divine Liturgy continues with the Thrice-Holy Hymn ("Holy God") on page 27 of the **Divine Liturgies** book.*

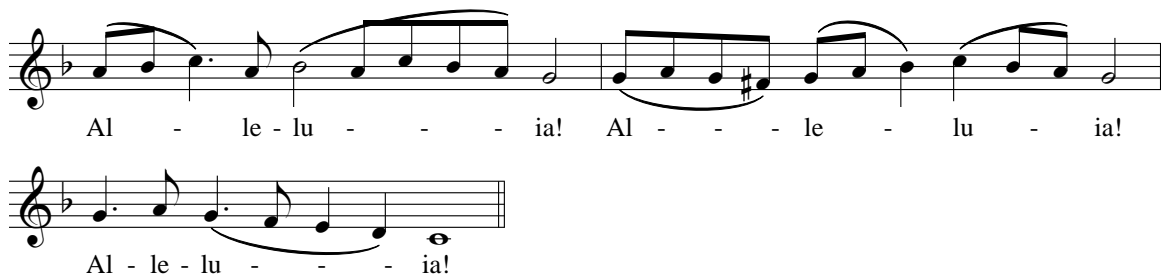
Prokeimenon of the holy apostles Peter and Paul - Tone 8 (Psalm 18:5,2):



Through all the earth their voice re - sounds; their mes - sage reach - es
to the ends of the world.

Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Alleluia of the holy apostles Peter and Paul - Tone 1 (Psalm 88:6,8):



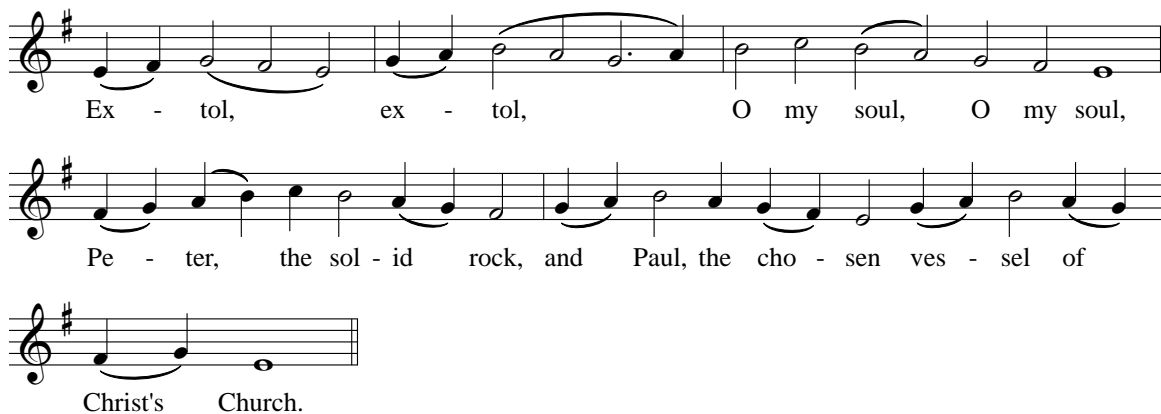
Al - le - lu - - - ia! Al - - - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - - - ia!

Verse: The heavens declare your wonders, O Lord, and your truth in the assembly of the holy.

Verse: God is glorified in the council of the holy,
great and awesome above all who surround him.

Instead of "It is truly proper . . .":

Magnification:



Ex - tol, ex - tol, O my soul, O my soul,
Pe - ter, the sol - id rock, and Paul, the cho - sen ves - sel of
Christ's Church.

Irmos:

Tone 6 Irmos, simple setting

We ex - tol you with hymns, O most glo - ri - ous bride and all - ho - ly The - o - - to - kos,
for you have giv - en birth to the Cre - a - tor of all things vis - i - ble and
in - vis - i - ble.

OR:

Tone 4 samopodoben

We ex - tol you with hymns, O most glo - ri - ous bride and all - ho - ly
The - o - - to - - kos, for you have giv - en birth to
the Cre - a - tor of all things vis - i - ble and in - vis - i - ble.

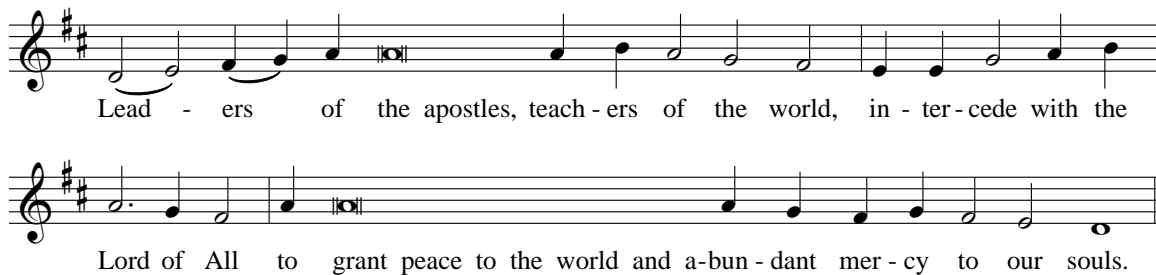
Communion Hymn (Psalm 18:5):

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Through all the earth their voice re - sounds; their mes - sage reach - es
to the ends of the world. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The following hymn may be sung at the end of the Divine Liturgy if desired, either after the Ambon Prayer (if bread is blessed) or after the dismissal.

Troparion of the holy apostles Peter and Paul - Tone 4



Lead - ers of the apostles, teach - ers of the world, in - ter - cede with the
Lord of All to grant peace to the world and a - bun - dant mer - cy to our souls.