Vespers Propers
All Saints Sunday

All page numbers refer to *The Order of Vespers for Sundays After Pentecost*, 2006.

Lamplighing Psalms in Tone 8, stichera 10-5, p. 102.

Cantor: (Tone 6) Let the watchman count on daybreak
(on 4) and Israel on the Lord.

Stichera of the Sunday of All Saints - Tone 6 samohlasen

Through their faithfulness the disciples of the Lord became instruments of the Spirit and were scattered to the ends of the earth to proclaim his sacred word and the doctrine of truth. From these roots, an army of martyrs blossomed forth by the grace of the Divine Gard'n. By their numberless torments and by fire, they imitated the holy passion of Christ and now they intercede for our souls.
In flamed by the love of the Lord, the venerable martyrs of Christ despised the fire; and being consumed as living coals, they burned the dried grass of the arrogance of error; they bridled the mouths of the beasts by their pray'rs; and by their beheading, they severed the hosts of the enemy. Having courageously shed their blood, they watered the Church with the seed of their faith.

Truly the martyrs have heroically wrestled with beasts and were torn apart by their claws; they fell under the edge of the sword and were

Cantor: Praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples!

Psalm 116

Cantor: Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.
mutated and tortured; they were thrown into the fire and were burned alive,
dismembered and pierced with swords. All this they bore courageously,
seeing in advance what was to come: the unfading crowns and the
glory of Christ. And now they intercede for our souls.

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

Let us celebrate with songs of praise the deeds of the holy people
over all the earth, giving honor to them, as it is fitting:
the Apostles and martyrs, the Bishops and Holy Women.

While living on earth, they joined with the heavenly spirits,
and by the grace of Christ, they received immortality through their sufferings.
They shine as bright stars for us, and now they intercede for our souls.

Cantor: Glory...

Doxastikon - Tone 6 samohlasen

You are pillars of the Church and the Gospel's fulfillment, O divine ranks of martyrs. By your deeds you have fulfilled the words of the Savior;

for through you Hades' gates, once opened against the Church, have now been closed; and through the shedding of your blood, you dried up the sacrifices poured out for the idols, and having built up the faith of believers through your martyrdom, you filled the heavenly spirits with admiration.

You stand before Christ, wearing your crowns; intercede with him for our souls.
With unity of faith, let us celebrate a solemn feast of all those who from the ages have found grace before God.

Let us remember all the Saints: the Patriarchs, Prophets, and Apostles of Christ, the Martyrs, and the Ascetics of all ages; they intercede unceasingly for the peace of the world and for the salvation of our souls.

Come, O faithful, let us celebrate with psalms and
hymns and spiritual songs, the glorious memory of all the saints:

the Baptist of the Lord, the Apostles and Prophets, the Martyrs,

the Bishops, and the Doctors of the Church, the Blessed, the Ascetics

and all of the Just, together with all the Holy Women.

Let us venerate their blessed memory and together let us sing:

O Christ our God and Supreme Goodness, through their prayers

grant peace to your Church, victory over the Enemy, and

salvation for our souls.

The Litany of the Litiya is found on page 116 in the Appendix.
Aposticha

Aposticha in Tone 8, p. 108, concluding with:

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory…

Aposticha Doxastikon - Tone 6 samohlasen

Come, O faithful, let us exalt with joy; let us celebrate in faith on this day the feast of all the Saints; and let us venerate their glorious memory, saying: Rejoice, Apostles, Prophets and Martyrs, O Bishops, O Just and Blessed Ones, together with the ranks of the Holy Women.

Intercede with Christ for us, that he may grant peace to the world and great mercy to our souls.

Cantor: Now and ever…

Aposticha theotokion, Tone 6, p. 90.

The service continues on page 19 of the Vesper book.
Troparia

_Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 8, p. 111._

**Cantor:** *(Tone 4) Glory…*

**Troparion of All Saints - Tone 4**

Your Church throughout the world, O Lord, clothed with the blood of your martyrs as with royal purple and linen, cries out to you through them,

O Christ our God: Send down your mercies upon your people,

grant peace to your world, and great mercy to our souls.

**Cantor:** Now and ever…

_Festal Theotokion, Tone 4, p. 68._

_The service continues with the Blessing of Bread, found on page 119 in the Appendix._