Vesper Propers for the
First Sunday of the Great Fast: Sunday of Orthodoxy
Memory of the Holy Prophets

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

Lamplighting Psalms in the tone of the week, stichera 10-5.

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

Stichera of the Sunday of Orthodoxy - Tone 6 podoben: Vsju otloživše

O Lord, whom the universe cannot contain, before the dawn of time

you were born of the immaterial and incorporeal Father; through the

Holy Spirit, the prophets have announced your coming as an infant who took

flesh of the most pure Virgin so that you might converse with mortals and be

seen by them. Count us worthy of your light, O compassionate Lord,

for we praise your ineffable and holy Resurrection.

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The holy prophets have merited eternal life, for they announced you by their word and served you by their works. They did not wish to serve creation instead of you, the Creator, O God; they despised the world to announce you. They were conformed to your Passion, which they have seen in a prophetic vision. By their prayers, grant that we may complete the course of this Fast in all purity, O Lord most merciful.

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

Psalm 116

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

By your nature you are beyond measure, O Lord; yet in these
last times, you deigned to accept the limitations of the flesh. By your
In-car-nation, you assumed all aspects of our hu-man na-ture. We now
in-scribe the image of your like-ness so that we may wor-thi-ly
ve-ner-ate it, and that we might be raised up to your love,
from which we draw your great mer-cy, ac-cord-ing to the tra-dition of
your ho-ly A-pos-tles.

Cantor: Strong is the love of the Lord for us;
he is faithful forever.

It is an a-dorn-ment, a pearl of great price, that the Church of
Christ has received in the ho-ly i-cons of the Sav-ior, the The-o-to-kos
and all the saints. Rais-ing them on high, she shines with splendor and bright-ness
and puts down all heresies. In joy, she glorifies God, who by his love for us, has deigned to freely suffer his Passion.

Cantor: (Tone 2) Glory...

Doxastikon of the Sunday of Orthodoxy - Tone 2 samohlasen

The grace of truth has shown forth; that which was formerly prefigured obscurely is now openly fulfilled. Behold the Church is clothed as with a heav'nly garment by the icon of the Body of Christ, which was prefigured by the Ark of the Covenant. She preserves the true faith, so that we might keep without blemish the image of the One whom we worship. May those who do not believe this be covered with shame! For we glory in the image of the incarnate Word, which we
ven-e-rate but do not wor-ship as an i-dol. O faith-ful, let us hold it in

re-v’rence and sing: Save your peo-ple, O God, and bless your in-he-ri-tance.

Cantor: (Tone of the week) Now and ever...

Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week

Litija

Of the Prophets - Tone 2 Bolhar

Re-joice, O ven’ra-ble proph - ets, who have pre-pared so well

for the law of God and were the un-shak-a-ble col-umns of the faith.

You are al-so the mediators of the new cov-e-nant of Christ. Now that

you are in the heav-ens, pray that he may send peace to the world and great

mer-cy to our souls.
Cantor:  Glory…now and ever…

Theotokion

We who have turned away from the darkness of disbelief and have been enlightened by the light of knowledge, now sing our psalms of acclamation. May our praise and thanksgiving rise up to God! And let us bow with respect before the holy icons of Christ, the Theotokos, and of all the saints. Let us
reject the godlessness of those who do not follow the true faith. For Saint Basil has said: The veneration of the icon passes over to the one who is represented. Through the prayers of your most pure Mother and all the saints, we implore you, O Christ, to grant us your great mercy.

Cantor: Now and ever…

Aposticha theotokion in the same tone (Tone 2, p. 45)

Troparia

Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the Week

Cantor: (Tone 2) Glory…

Troparion of the Sunday of Orthodoxy - Tone 2

We bow before your sacred image, O gracious Lord, and beg forgiveness for our offenses, O Christ our God; for you, of your own good will, ascended
the cross in your human nature to deliver from the enemy's bondage those whom you created. Therefore, we gratefully cry out to you: By your coming to save the world, O Savior, you have filled all with joy.

Cantor: Now and ever...

Festal theotokion in the same tone (Tone 2, p. 47)