

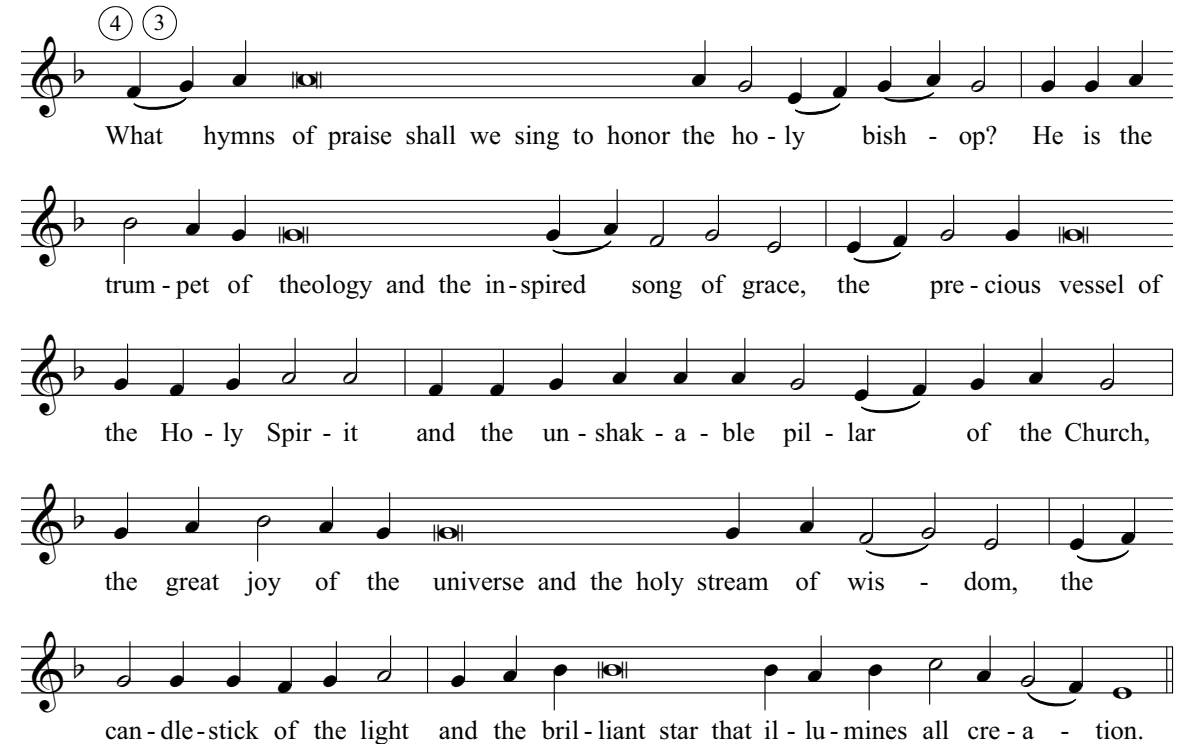
**Vesper Propers for the  
Second Sunday of the Great Fast:  
Memory of our Holy Father Gregory, Archbishop of Thessalonica**

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

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

**Cantor:** (Tone 2) Let the watchman count on daybreak  
(on 4) and Israel on the Lord.

**Stichera of our holy father Gregory - Tone 2**



What hymns of praise shall we sing to honor the ho - ly bish - op? He is the  
trum - pet of theology and the in - spired song of grace, the pre - cious vessel of  
the Ho - ly Spir - it and the un - shak - a - ble pil - lar of the Church,  
the great joy of the universe and the holy stream of wis - dom, the  
can - dle - stick of the light and the bril - liant star that il - lu - mines all cre - a - tion.

**Cantor:** Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,  
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. *Repeat "What hymns of praise..."*

**Cantor:** Praise the Lord, all you nations; **Psalm 116**  
(on 3) acclaim him, all you peoples!

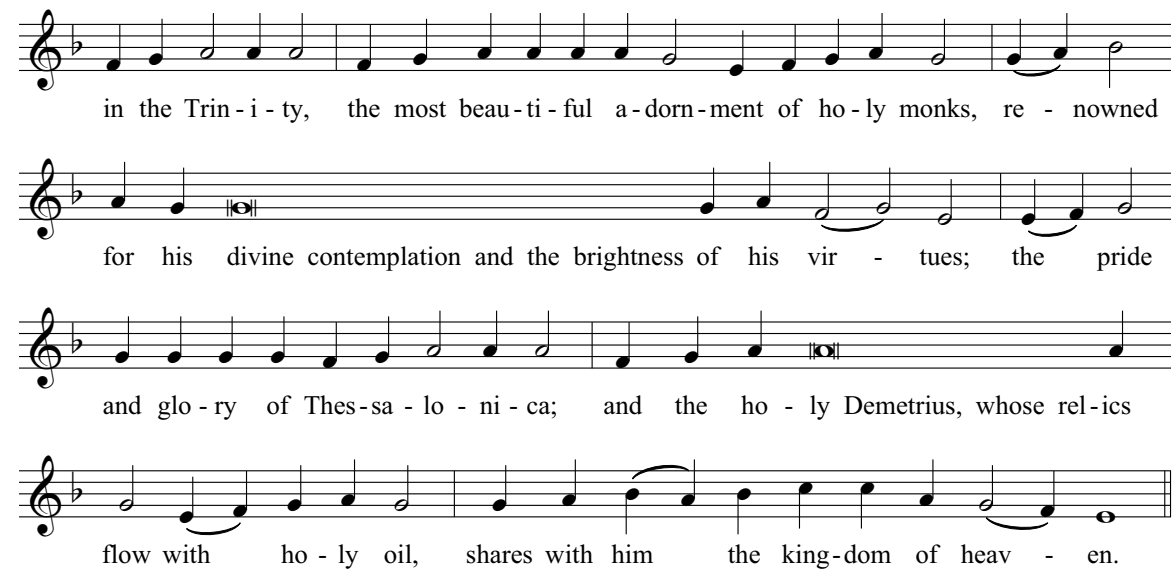
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With what wreaths of hymns shall we crown this ho - ly bish - op? He is the  
in - vincible support of de - vo - tion and the a - vowed en - e - my of god - less - ness,  
the zeal - ous de - fend - er of the faith and the teach - er and mas - ter  
of ho - ly monks, the har - mon - i - ous lyre of the Spirit and the gold - en tongue,  
the foun - tain from which the faithful draw heal - ing wa - ters, ho - ly  
Gre - gory, who is wor - thy of all ad - mir - a - tion.

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

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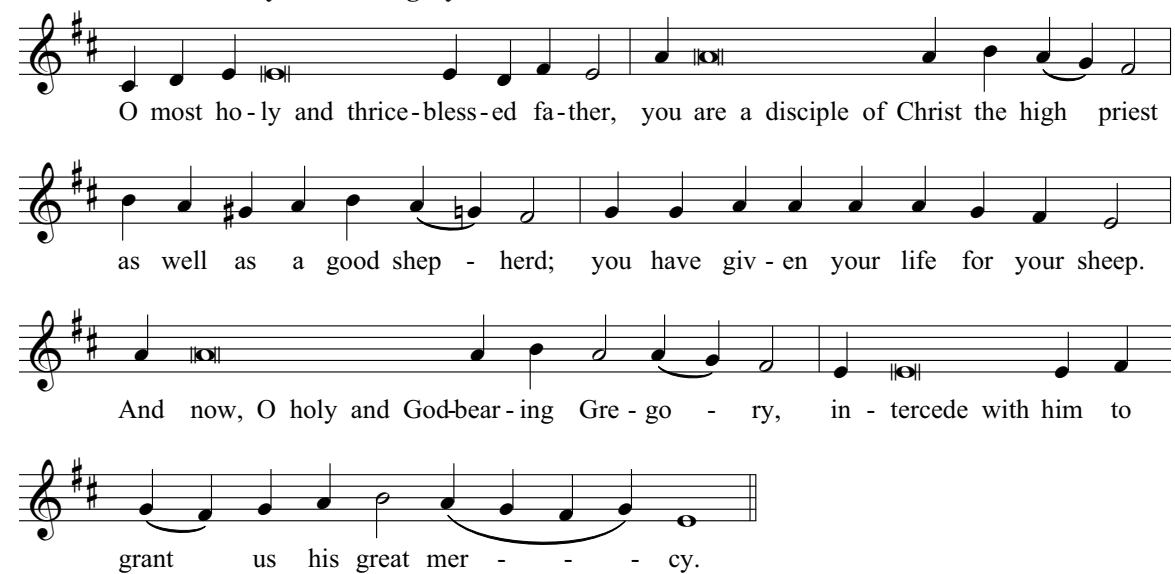
With what lips shall we mortals praise this ho - ly bish - op? He is the teach - er  
of the Church and the herald of the di - vine light, the one who is im - mersed



in the Trin-i - ty, the most beau-ti - ful a-dorn-ment of ho - ly monks, re - nowned  
 for his divine contemplation and the brightness of his vir - tues; the pride  
 and glo - ry of Thes-sa - lo - ni - ca; and the ho - ly Demetrius, whose rel - ics  
 flow with ho - ly oil, shares with him the king-dom of heav - en.

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

**Doxastikon of our holy father Gregory - Tone 6**



O most ho - ly and thrice-bless-ed fa-ther, you are a disciple of Christ the high priest  
 as well as a good shep - herd; you have giv - en your life for your sheep.  
 And now, O holy and Godbear-ing Gre - go - ry, in - tercede with him to  
 grant us his great mer - - - cy.

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

*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week*

## Aposticha

*Aposticha in the tone of the week, concluding with:*

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

**Aposticha Doxastikon of our holy father Gregory - Tone 8**

Your voice, which is al-ways read - y to teach, re-sounds in the ears of our hearts;  
it a-wak-ens even the most sloth-ful souls. And by your in-spired words,  
you show us the steps of the ladder which leads us from earth to God. O  
ho - ly Gregory. wonder of Thes-sa - lo - ni - ca, in - ter - cede with Christ, that with  
his di - vine bright - ness, he may enlighten those who hon - or your  
mem - o - ry.

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

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

## Troparia

*Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the Week*

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

**Troparion of our Holy Father Gregory - Tone 8**

O Light of the true faith, teach-er and sup-port of the Church, a - dorn-ment  
of monks and in - vin - ci - ble ram-part of the - o - lo - gians,  
O ho - ly Greg - o - ry the Won - der - work - er, the glo - ry of  
Thes - sa - lo - ni - ca and the her - ald of grace, in - ter - cede  
with God for the sal - va - tion of our souls.

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

*Festal theotokion in the same tone (Tone 8, p. 111)*