

**Vesper Propers for the
Third Sunday of the Great Fast
Veneration of the Holy Cross**

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

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

Cantor (on 4)

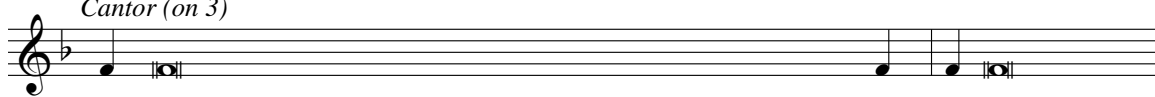
Let the watchman count on day - break and Is - rael on the Lord.

Stichera of the Veneration of the Cross - Tone 5 podoben: Radujsja, živosnyj Kreste

(4)

Shine bright - ly, O life-giving Cross of the Lord! The rays of your grace
en - light - en the hearts of those who ven - erate and pious - ly em - brace you.
Through you, the tears of our eyes have been dried up, we have been delivered
from the snares of Ha - des, and we have a share in e - ter - nal joy.
Show us the splen - dor of your beau - ty; grant your gifts and blessings to the
faith - ful who pray with faith for your pro - tec - tion and great mer - cy.

Cantor (on 3)



Be - cause with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemp-tion. Is - rael indeed he



will re - deem from all its in - i - qui - ty.



Re - joice, O life-giving Cross of the Lord! Par - a - dise of the Church



and new Tree of Life! who bring us the joy of un-end-ing glo - ry.



Through you, the hosts of de-mons are driv-en back; in you, the an-gels



in heav-en re-joice; and for you, the assemblies of believers are now keep-ing



the feast. O in - vin - ci - ble weap - on and impene-tra - ble strong - hold,




pride of bish-ops and scep-ter of kings, grant that we may now contem-plate




the Pas - sion of Christ, and his ho - ly Res - ur - rec - tion.

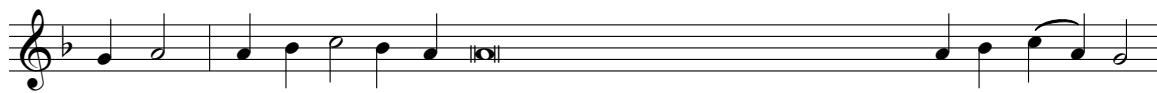
Cantor (on 2)




Praise the Lord, all you na-tions, ac - claim him, all you peo - ples!



Re - joice, O life-giving Cross of the Lord! in - vin - ci - ble em - blem



of faith, gate of Par - a - dise, rampart of the Church and consolation of be - liev - ers.



Through you, the pow - er of death was a - bol - - ished, the an - cient



curse dis - ap - peared, and we are lifted up from earth to heav - en.



O in - vin - ci - ble weap - on that dis - pels de - mons, har - bor of salvation and

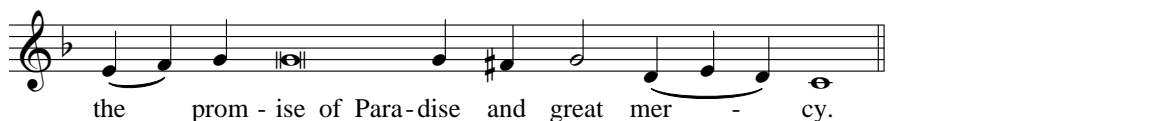
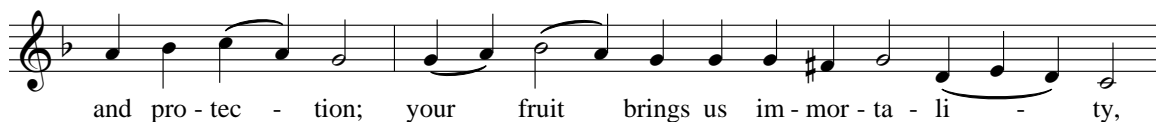
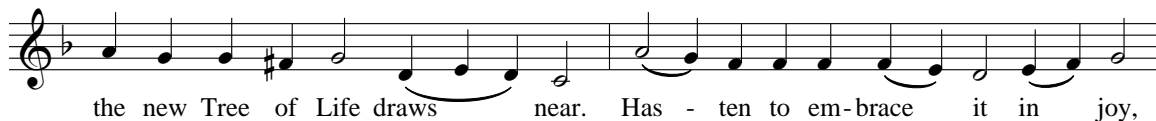
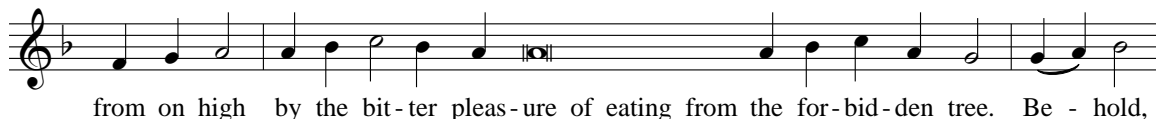
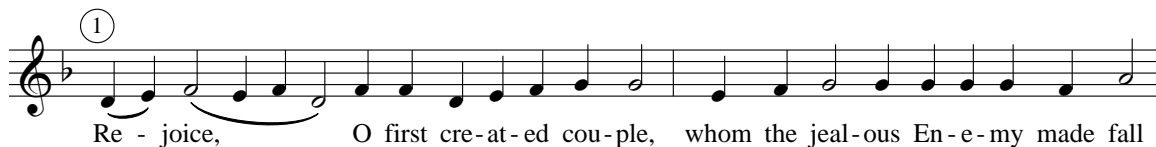


glo - ry of mar - tyrs, pre - cious a - dorn - ment of the just and ho - ly ones,



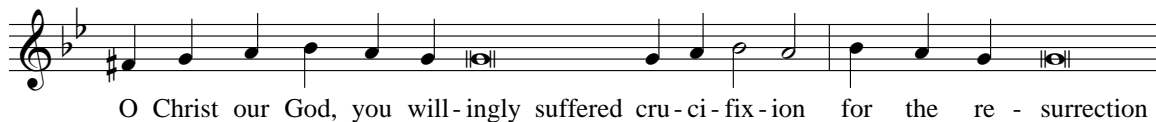
you bring to the world great mer - - cy.

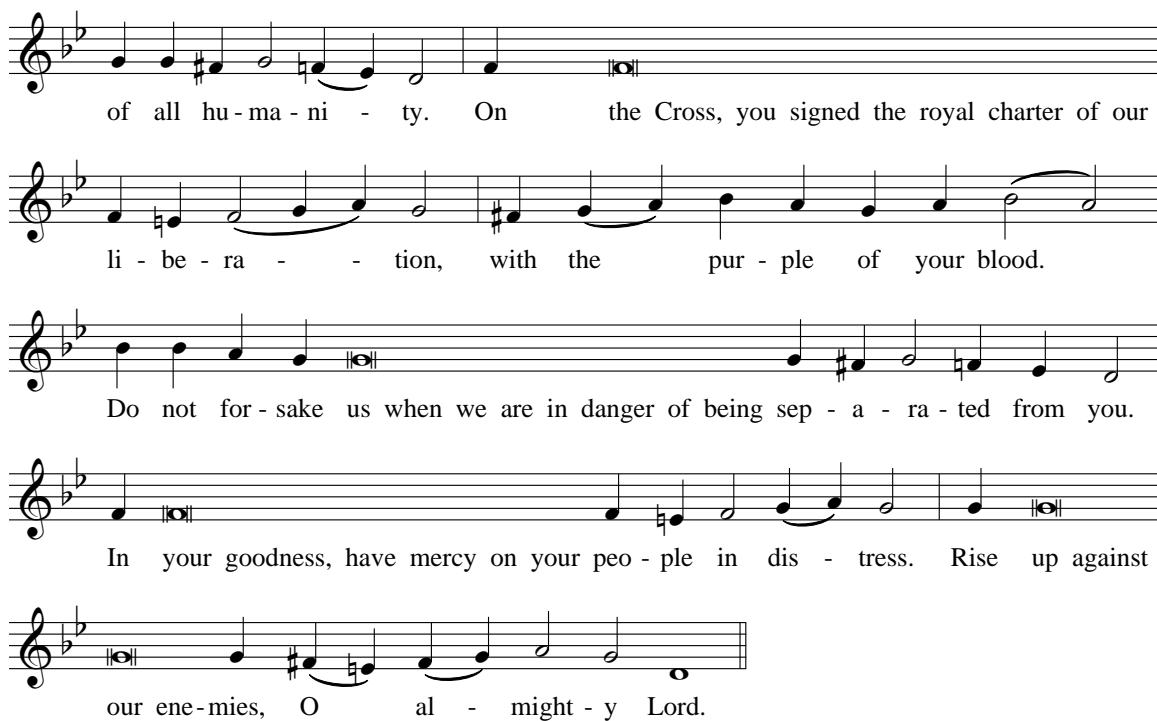
Cantor (on 1)



Cantor: (Tone 3) Glory...

Doxastikon - Tone 3 samohlasen





of all hu - ma - ni - ty. On the Cross, you signed the royal charter of our
 li - be - ra - - tion, with the pur - ple of your blood.
 Do not for - sake us when we are in danger of being sep - a - ra - ted from you.
 In your goodness, have mercy on your peo - ple in dis - tress. Rise up against
 our ene - mies, O al - might - y Lord.

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

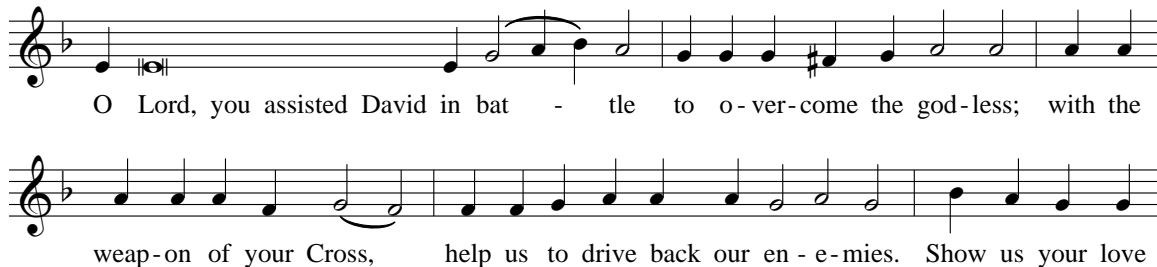
Dogmatikon in the tone of the week

Aposticha

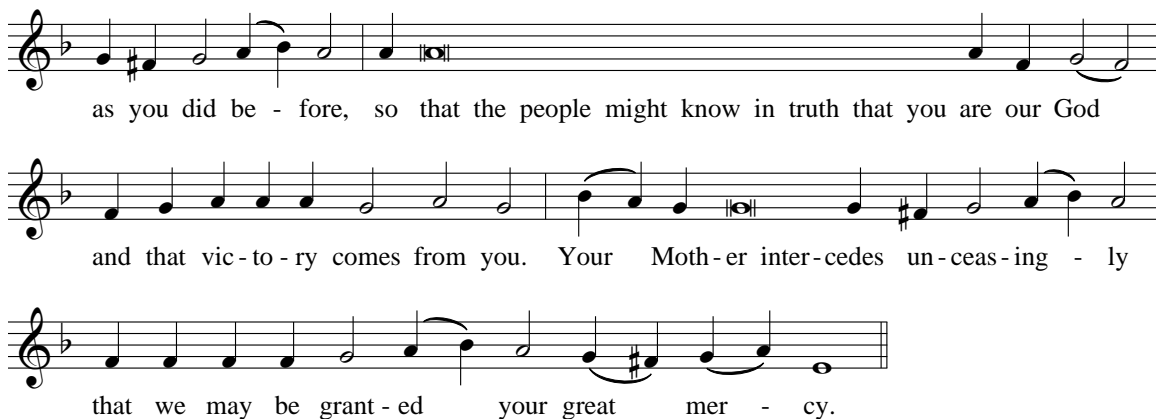
Aposticha in the tone of the week, concluding with:

Cantor: *(Tone 4)* Glory...

Aposticha doxastikon - Tone 4



O Lord, you assisted David in bat - tle to o-ver-come the god-less; with the
 weap-on of your Cross, help us to drive back our en - e-mies. Show us your love



as you did be - fore, so that the people might know in truth that you are our God
and that vic - to - ry comes from you. Your Moth - er inter - cedes un - ceas - ing - ly
that we may be grant - ed your great mer - cy.

Cantor: Now and ever...

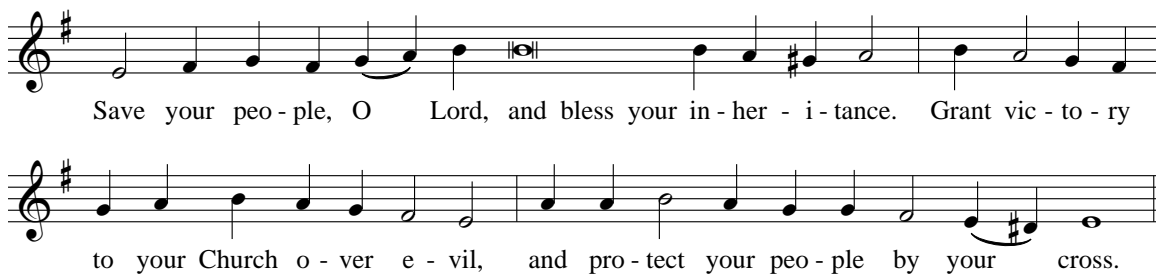
Aposticha theotokion in the same tone (Tone 4, p. 67)

Troparia

Troparion of the Resurrection in the tone of the week

Cantor: (Tone 1) Glory...

Troparion of the Holy Cross - Tone 1



Save your peo - ple, O Lord, and bless your in - her - i - tance. Grant vic - to - ry
to your Church o - ver e - vil, and pro - tect your peo - ple by your cross.

Cantor: Now and ever...

Festal theotokion in the same tone (Tone 1, p. 32)