Vesper Propers for the  
Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast:  
Our Holy Mother Mary of Egypt

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 our venerable mother Mary of Egypt - Tone 6 samohlasen

Alienated at first from the divine contemplation because of the weight of the passions, you turned then your thoughts and deeds to the higher goods; meditating on the icon of the most pure Virgin and henceforth turning your-self-a-way from all sin, in faith you ven-er-at-ed the pre-cious Cross.

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

Cantor: Praise the Lord, all you nations,  
(on 2) acclaim him all you peoples!

You then vis-ited the holy plac-es with joy, hav-ing built up a reserve of virtue
on the way of salvation; you made haste on the road to holiness.

You crossed the streams of the Jordan, and you dwelt in the desert of the Baptist; controlling the power of the passions of the flesh,

you made the savage powers of the passions disappear by your holy life

O venerable Mother.

Cantor: Strong is the love of the Lord for us; he is faithful forever.
(on 1) Dwell-ing in the des-ert, you put the images of the pas-sions far from your soul,

and with the light of the virtues, you inscribed the image of God.

You were resplendent with such a brightness that you walked upon the surface of the waters; and on earth you were caught up in pray'r to God.
Because you have great sway with Christ, pray to him for the salvation of our souls,

O venerable Mother.

Cantor: (Tone 2) Glory...

Doxastikon - Tone 2 samohlasen

The power of the Cross has worked wonders, O Lord; she who formerly

was a harlot has given herself completely to the struggle of an

ascetical life. Despite her weakness, she has courageously contended

with the devil; and having received the prize for her victory,

she now intercedes with you for our souls.

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 2) Glory…

Aposticha doxastikon - Tone 2

With the sword of temperance you have cut down the passions of the soul and flesh; you choked evil thoughts with the silence of an ascetic life.

Wat’ring the desert with the streams of your tears, you bore the fruits of repentance. We now celebrate the memory of your holiness, O venerable Mother.

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 8) Glory…*

**Troparion of our venerable mother Mary of Egypt - Tone 8**

*In you, O mother, the divine image was strictly preserved;*  
*taking up your cross, you followed Christ. You taught us*  
*by example how to spurn the flesh, for it passes away, and how to*  
care for the soul, which is immortal. Therefore, O venerable

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

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