

Vesper Propers, November 20, 2011
Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost
Prefestive Day of the Entrance of the Theotokos

Our venerable father Gregory the Decapolite at Constantinople, monk. He first professed the monastic life and then the life of an anchorite. Then he made a journey and settled for a long while in Thessalonica. Finally he returned his soul to God at Constantinople where he fought vigorously in defense of the holy Images. (9th century)

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

Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 6, p. 82), stichera 10-7.

Cantor: *(Tone 1)* If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?
(on 6) But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.

Stichera of the pre-feast - Tone 1 podoben: Nebesnych činov

6



The can-dle-bear-ing virgins brightly es-cort the ev - er Vir - gin. They are in spir-it



tru - ly prophesy-ing the fu - ture be-cause the The - otokos is the tem - ple



of God; and with a vir-gin's glo - ry, she is be-ing led as a young



child in - to the Tem - ple.

Cantor: My soul is longing for the Lord. I count on his word.
(on 5) My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.

5

The The-o - to - kos, glorious fruit of the ho - ly prom - ise, is tru - ly revealed
to the world as higher than all cre - a - tion. She is pi - ously escorted in-to
the Tem - ple of God and ful - fills the promise of her par - ents.
She is pro - tect - ed by the Ho - ly Spir - it.

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

4

O Vir-gin, you were faithfully nour-ished by heav-en - ly bread in the Tem-ple
of the Lord. You gave birth to the Word, who is the Bread of Life
for the whole world. You are a cho-sen and all-immac-u-late tem-ple to him.
You were be-trothed mystically through the Spir - it to be the bride of



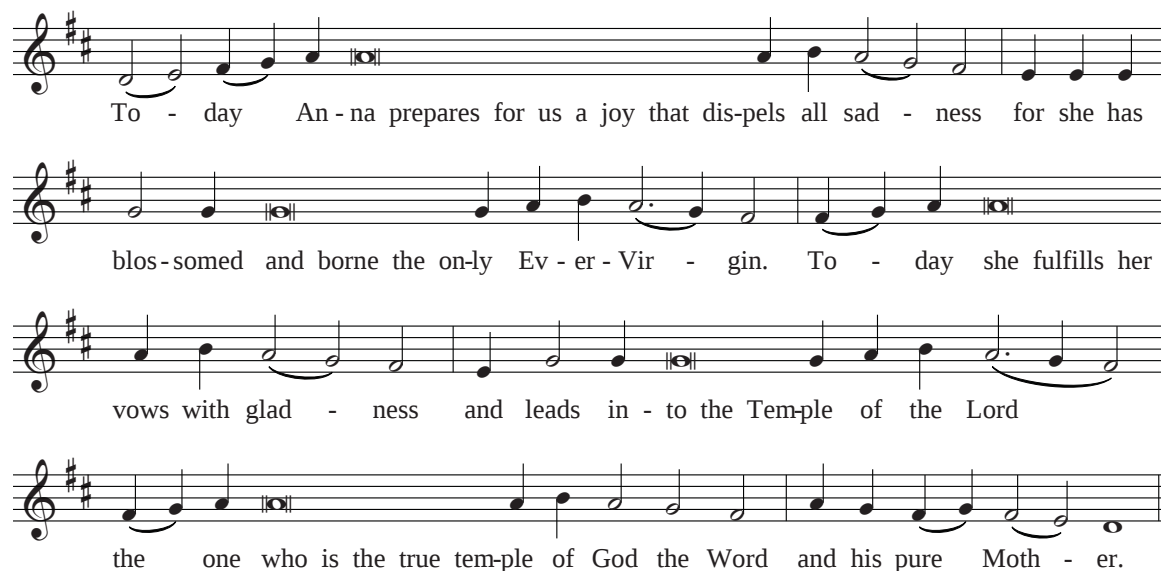
The service continues with the Prayer of the Holy Prophet Simeon on p. 19.

Troparia

Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the Week (Tone 6, p. 91), then:

Cantor: (Tone 4) Glory...now and ever...

Troparion of the pre-feast - Tone 4



The service continues with the dismissal on p. 21.

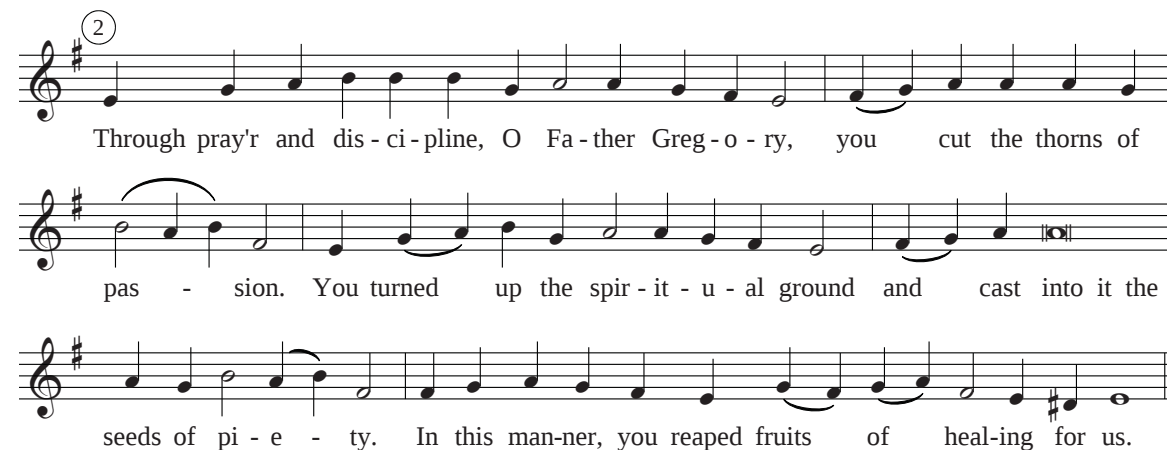


Cantor: Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

Stichera of our venerable father Gregory the Decapolite - Tone 1 podoben: Nebesnych činov



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



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

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O ven - erable one, all those who hon - or you call you a har - bor of

vir - tues. O Greg - ory, you were a friend of silence and a keep - er of vig - ils.

You are a mod - el of continence, a safe a - bode of pray'r, a treas - ur - y

of miracles, and a me - di - a - tor be - fore God.

Cantor: (Tone 4) Glory...

Doxastikon of the pre-feast - Tone 4

To - day the The - o - to - kos, the Temple that is to con - tain God,

is being escorted into the Temple of the Lord, and Zech - a - ri - ah re - ceives her.

To - day the Holy of Holies great - ly re - joic - es, and the choir of angels

mystically cele - brates this feast. Let us al - so celebrate with them to - day

and cry out with Ga - bri - el: Re - joice, O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you,

and he grants us great mer - cy.

Cantor: (Tone 6) Now and ever...

Dogmatikon in the Tone of the week (Tone 6, page 87).

Aposticha

Sunday aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 6, p. 88), concluding with:

Cantor: (Tone 4) Glory... now and ever...

Aposticha doxastikon of the pre-feast - Tone 4 samohlasen

Come all you peo - ple, and let us praise the only - im - mac - u - late One

who was foretold by the proph - ets and is be - ing led into the Tem - ple.

She was cho - sen from eternity to be the Moth - er; and in time she was

revealed as the The - o - to - kos. O Lord, by her pray'rs, grant us peace and