

# VESPERS PROPERs FOR APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2020

## from the Menaion

### <sup>1</sup>Thursday of Thomas Week

**The holy martyr Sabbas the Goth** in Cappadocia. When Athanaricus the king of the Goths was pursuing the Christians, on the third day after the celebration of the Pasch, the general Sabbas spit out food sacrificed to idols and, after fierce tortures, was thrown into a river. (272)

#### Psalm 140 (*Tone 1*)



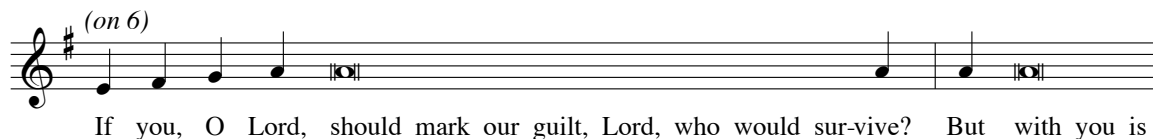
O Lord, I have cried to you, hear me. Hear me, O Lord! O  
Lord, I have cried to you, hear me; re - ceive the voice of my pray'r when I  
call up - on you. Hear me, O Lord! Let my pray'r  
as - cend to you like in - cense and the lift - ing up of my hands like an  
eve - ning sac - ri - fice. Hear me, O Lord!

*Continue with Psalm 140: "O Lord, set a guard before my mouth..." (p.9).*

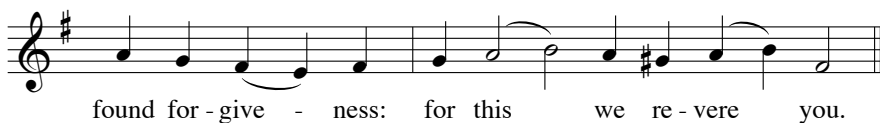
#### Stichera at the Lamplighting Psalms

*3 stichera from the Pentecostarion:*

**Cantor - (Tone 1):**



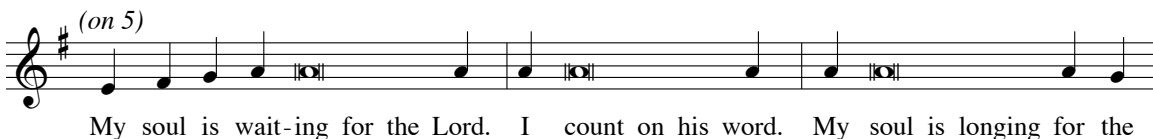
(on 6)  
If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would sur-vive? But with you is



#### (6) Sticheron

Clothed in robes of righteousness, whiter than snow \* let us rejoice in the present Paschal feast \* on which Christ, the Sun of Righteousness, shone from the dead, \*\* filling us with joy that knows no end.

**Cantor:**



#### (5) Sticheron

This feast is the queen and sovereign of feasts; \* this is truly the day which the Lord has made! \* Let us rejoice in its mystery, O People, \* as David sang of old, \* for behold, Christ has come through locked doors, \*\* granting peace to his disciples.

**Cantor:**

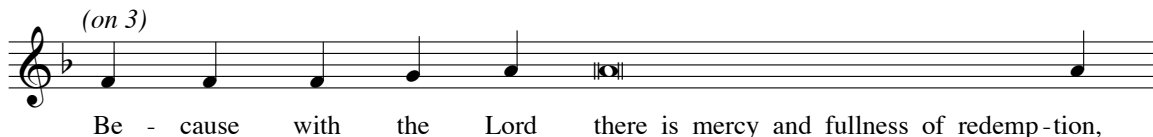


#### (4) Sticheron

The unbelief of Thomas \* strengthens our faith in the Resurrection of the Word; \* He is both God and Man. \* He rose from the black depths of Hades. \* Thomas probed the wounds on his hands and feet with eager hands, \*\* that all the world might believe.

*3 stichera for the holy martyr Sabbas from the Menaion:*

**Cantor – (Tone 4):**





Is - rael indeed he will re-deem from all its in - i - qui - ty.

### (3) Sticheron

You were an invincible commander, \* a valiant athlete, \* and a universal beacon, \* illumining the ends of the world with the dawning of your miracles \* and dispelling the heavy darkness of the demons, \* O great Sabbas, \* you adornment of martyrs, \* fellow citizen of the holy incorporeal ones, \*\* who prays for our souls.

**Cantor:**



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

### (2) Sticheron

Incarcerated in prisons, \* burned with fire, \* tortured with many torments, \* torn asunder upon a tree, \* afflicted with winter's cold, \* and unceasingly inflicted with frequent wounds, \* you remained unshaken, O athlete, \* receiving with fervor \*\* a blessed end in the waters.

**Cantor:**

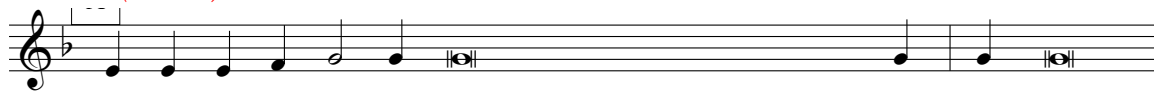


Strong is the love of the Lord for us; he is faith-ful for - ev - er.

### (1) Sticheron

A comely youth were you, O you who are most rich, \* ever marveled at by all; \* you fearlessly set yourself apart \* for the labors of suffering, \* and with your holy and great struggles \* raised up standards of victory against all enemies. \* Wherefore, O right wondrous one, \*\* we honor you in praise.

**Cantor - (Tone 2):**



Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spir-it, now and ever



and for - ev - er. A - men.

## Doxastikon

Al-though the doors were closed, Jesus ap-peared to his dis-ci - ples. He took a-way  
their fear and grant-ed them peace. Then he called Thom-as and said to him: Why did  
you doubt my Res - ur - rec - tion from the dead? Place your hand in my side;  
see my hands and my feet. Through your lack of faith everyone will come to know of  
my Passion and Res - ur - rec - tion, and they will cry out with you:  
My Lord and my God, glo - ry to you!

*Continue with "Wisdom..." and the Hymn of the Evening (p. 12)*

*The Prokeimenon is for the Day of the Week (pp. 13-15).*

## Aposticha

*The aposticha are from the Pentecostarion:*

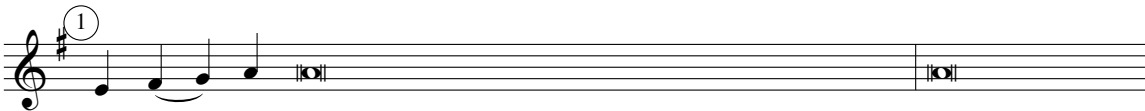
*(Tone 1)*

### Aposticheron:

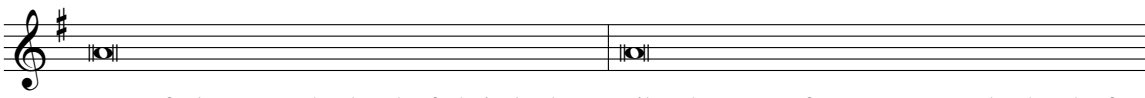
The pre-cious cross of the Sav - ior is our un-shak - a - ble wall;  
for all of us who have put our hope in it are saved.

**Cantor:**


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To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens; my eyes, like the




eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords. Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of




her mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he show us his mer - cy.

**Aposticheron:**




Ac - cept our eve-ning pray'rs, O ho - ly Lord and grant us for-give-ness of sins.




For you a - lone man - ifested res-ur - rec - tion to the world.

**Cantor:**

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Have mer-cy on us, Lord, have mercy. We are filled with contempt. Indeed all too




full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's dis - dain.

**Aposticheron:**



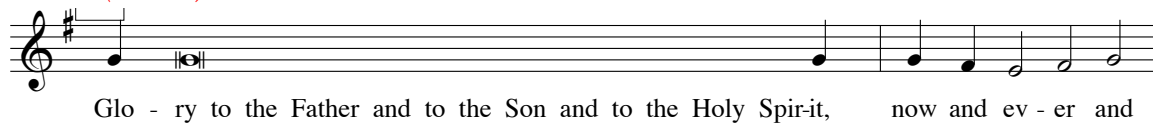
O Lord, through the interces sion of all your saints and of the Moth-er of God,



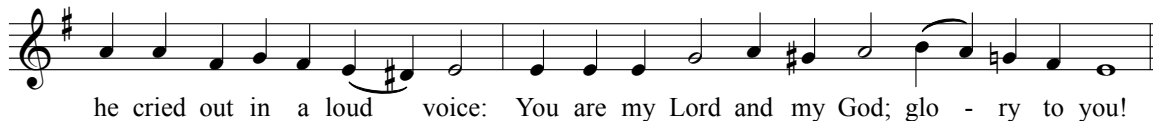
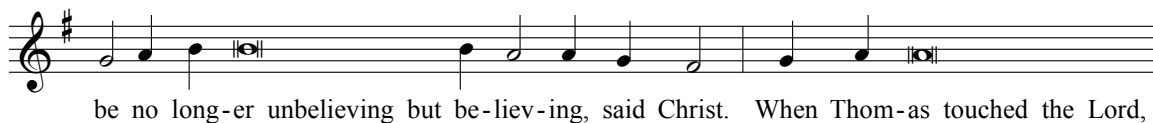
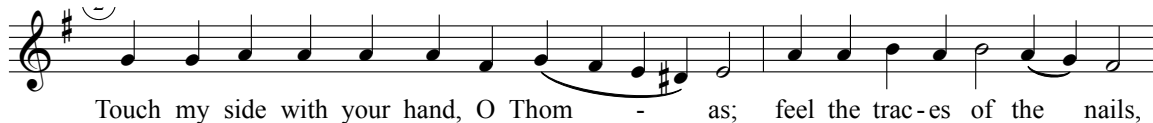
grant us your peace and have mer - cy on us; for you a - lone are



**Cantor (Tone 8):**



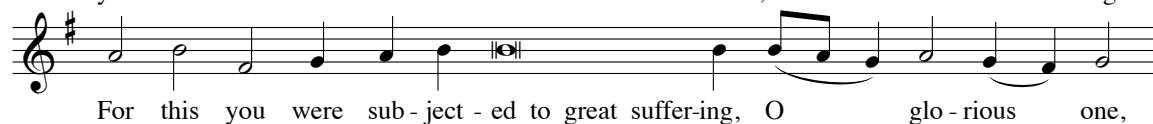
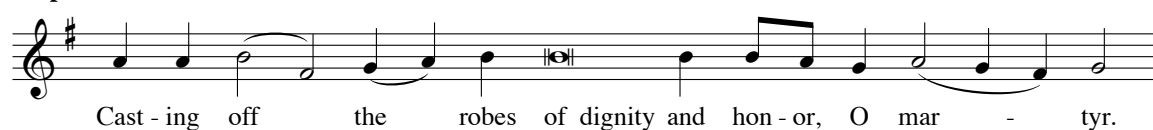
**Doxastikon**

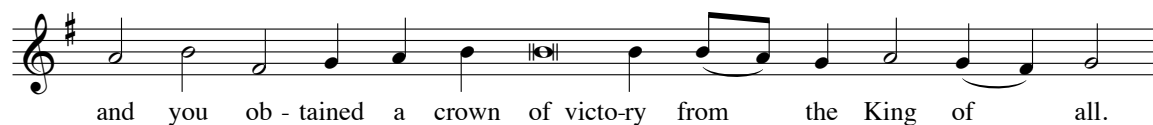


*Continue with the Prayer of the Holy Prophet Simeon (p. 21).*

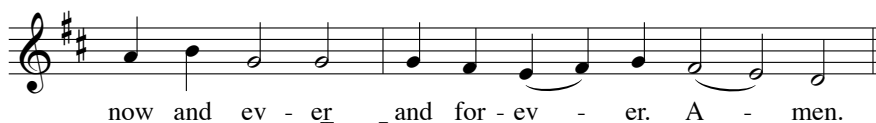
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**Troparion - Tone 5**

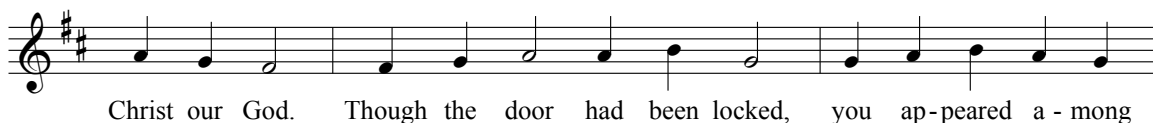
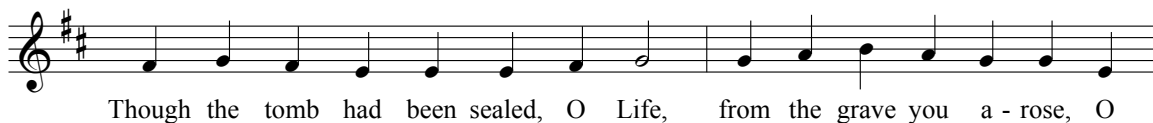




**Cantor (Tone 7):**



**Troparion of Thomas Sunday - Tone 7**



*Continue with the Litany of Daily Vespers (p.23) and then the Dismissal (p. 24).*

<sup>1</sup>Format 24: Weekdays during the Paschal Season