

# VESPERS PROPER FOR APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2020

## from the Menaion

### <sup>1</sup>Wednesday of the Third Week of Pascha

**The nine holy martyrs of Cyzice.** Burning with love for Christ, these martyrs refused to offer sacrifice to idols or to deny Christ as their Lord. They were cruelly tortured and finally beheaded. (3rd century)

**Our venerable father Memnon the Wonder-worker** was from early days devoted to fasting and prayer, and became a great wonder-worker for his people. He was a Roman centurion, converted to the faith by St. Severus, and was martyred in the days of the emperors Diocletian and Maximian. (c. 3rd century)

### Psalm 140 (*Tone 8*)

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 ascend to you like in - - - cense and the lift - ing up of my hands

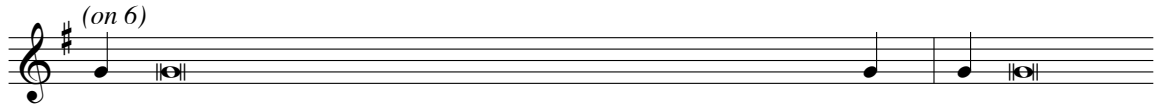
like an eve - ning sac - ri - fice. Hear me, O Lord!

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

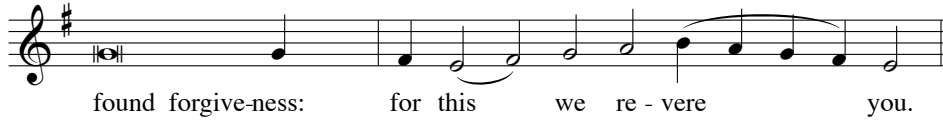
### Stichera at the Lamplighting Psalms

*3 stichera for the holy martyrs from the Menaion:*

**Cantor - (Tone 8):**



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

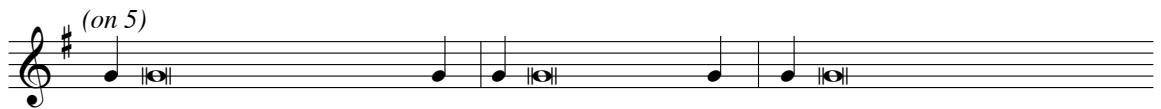


found forgive-ness: for this we re - vere you.

**(6) Sticheron**

O all-praised martyrs of Christ, \* when once the mindlessness of the Greeks \* held sway and drew all \* into the pit of iniquity, \* you did not leave the straight path \* and did not join yourselves to ungodliness, \* but suffered With valor of character \*\* and, slain by the sword, have inherited life.

**Cantor:**



My soul is waiting for the Lord. I count on his word. My soul is longing for the Lord



more than watch-man for day - - - break.

**(5) Sticheron**

Celebrating with gladness their sacred memory, \* with faith let us honor and with hymns let us bless \* Theognes, Rufus and Antipater, \* Theostichus and Artemas, \* Magnus and Theodotus, \* the glorious Thaumasius and the godly Philemon, \* who shone forth splendidly in their sufferings \*\* and have enlightened those in darkness.

**Cantor:**




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

**(4) Sticheron**

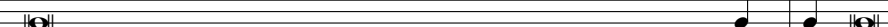
O beautiful flowers of the martyrs, \* you sacred legion, \* company assembled by God, \* excellent congregation, \* divinely chosen assembly, \* holy choir, blessed council, \* who

*3 stichera for our venerable father Memnon from the Menaion:*

(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.

O blessed and venerable Memnon, \* having first purified your soul \* by ascetic labor, \* you became the pure and beautiful abode of the Spirit; \* wherefore, you expel evil spirits \* and heal the infirmities \* of those who have recourse to you. \*\* Pray to Christ in behalf of us who praise you.

(on 2)

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

O glorious and venerable Memnon, \* having gained control over the passions of your soul, \* you trained a legion of monks, \* zealously anointing them for labors of asceticism, \* and you presented them before the Word Who sees all things; \* and having lived a blessed life \* and been unsullied by defilements, \*\* with them be ever mindful of us who praise you.

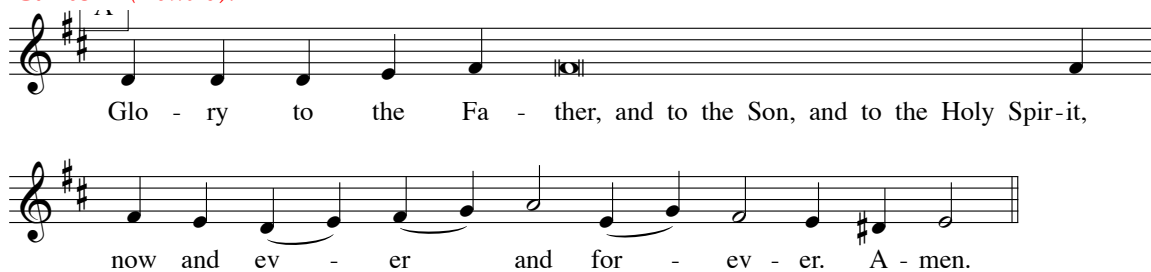
(on I)

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

O venerable Memnon who are most rich, \* of old you caused a spring of water to pour forth, \* to the praise of the Lord and for the preservation of souls. \* You have saved ships from the depths of the sea, \* by your supplications you have preserved men from a

plague of locusts, \* and ever work countless miracles. \*\* Pray to Christ in behalf of us who praise you.

**Cantor - (Tone 6):**



**Doxastikon**



*Continue with "Wisdom..." and the Hymn of the Evening (p. 12)  
The Prokeimenon is for the Day of the Week (pp. 13-15).*

## **Aposticha**

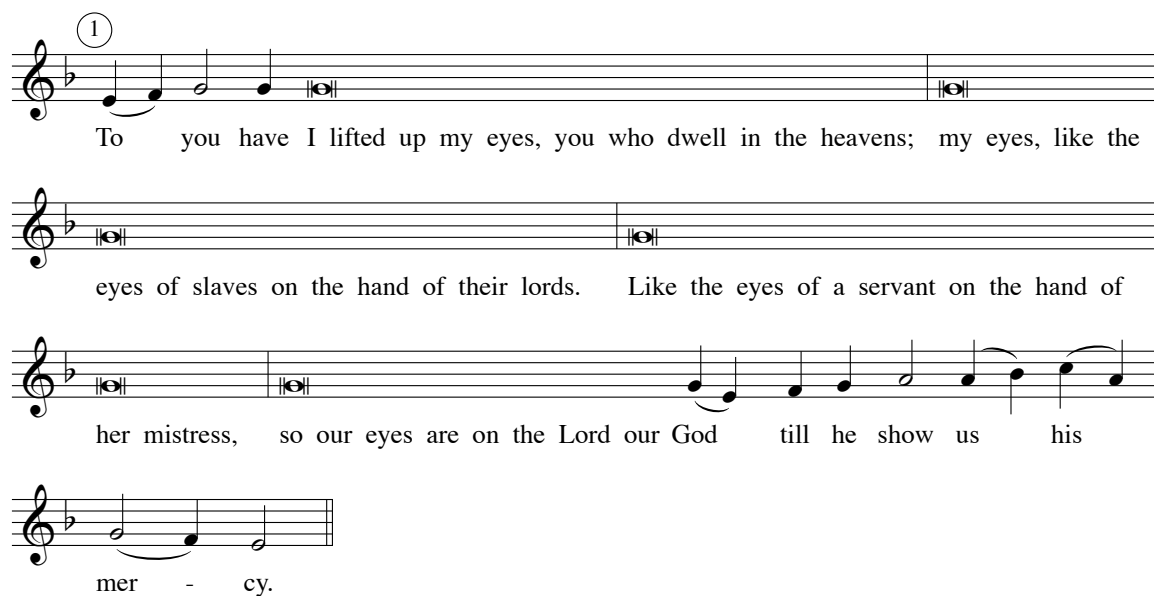
*The aposticha are from the Pentecostarion:  
(Tone 2)*

### **Aposticheron:**



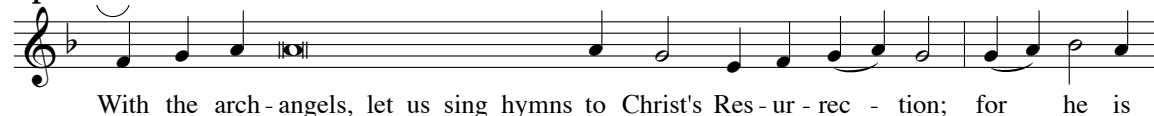
O Christ the Sav - ior, save me by the pow - er of the cross.  
And have mer - cy on me, O God, who saved Pe - ter in the sea.

### **Cantor:**

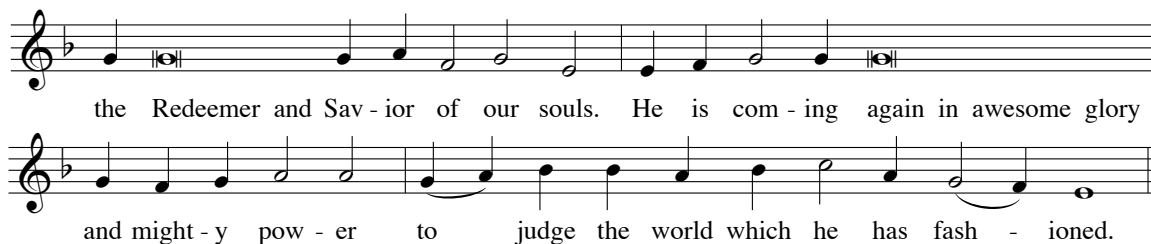


To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens; my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords. Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of her mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he show us his mer - cy.

### **Aposticheron:**

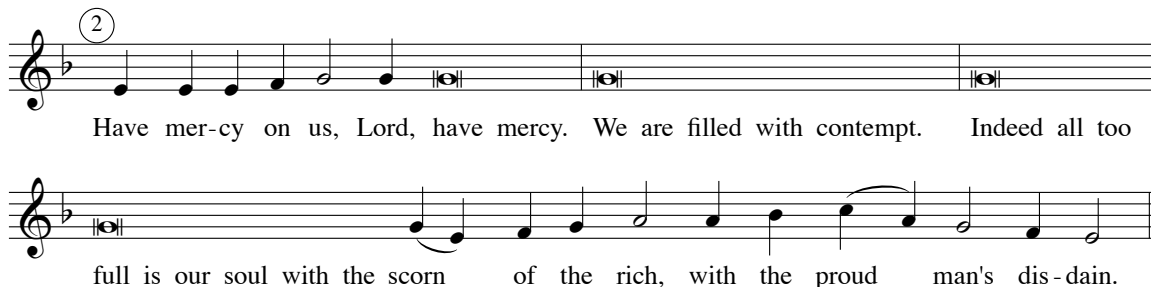


With the arch - angels, let us sing hymns to Christ's Res - ur - rec - tion; for he is



the Redeemer and Sav - ior of our souls. He is com - ing again in awesome glory  
and might - y pow - er to judge the world which he has fash - ioned.

**Cantor:**



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:**

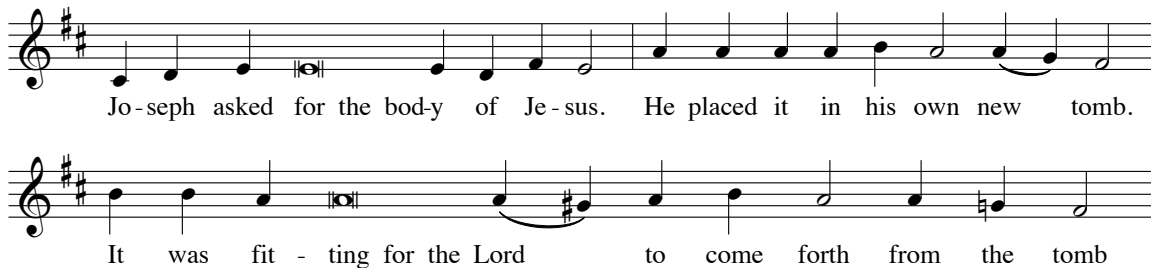
As they withstood the torturers, the company of martyrs said: \* We serve in the forces of the King. \* Though you deliver us to fire and torment \*\* we shall not deny the power of the Trinity.

**Cantor (Tone 6):**

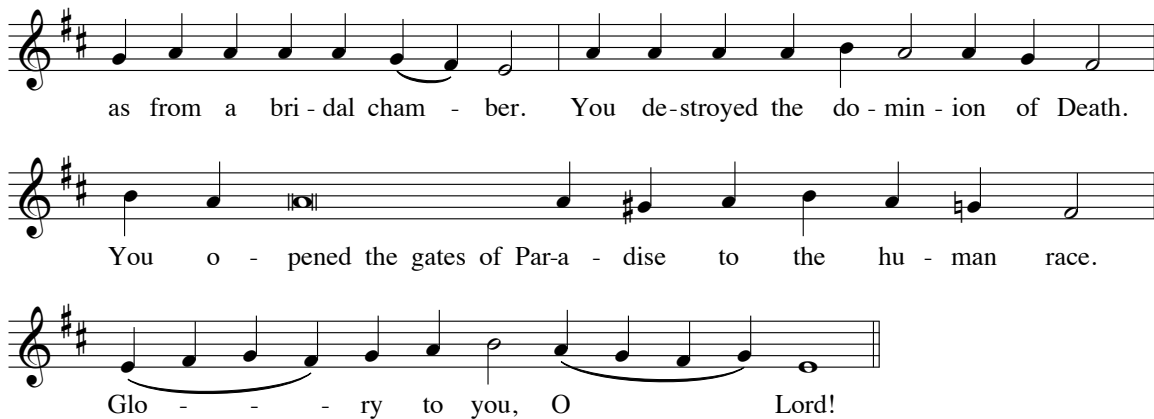


Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spir-it,  
now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men.

**Doxastikon**



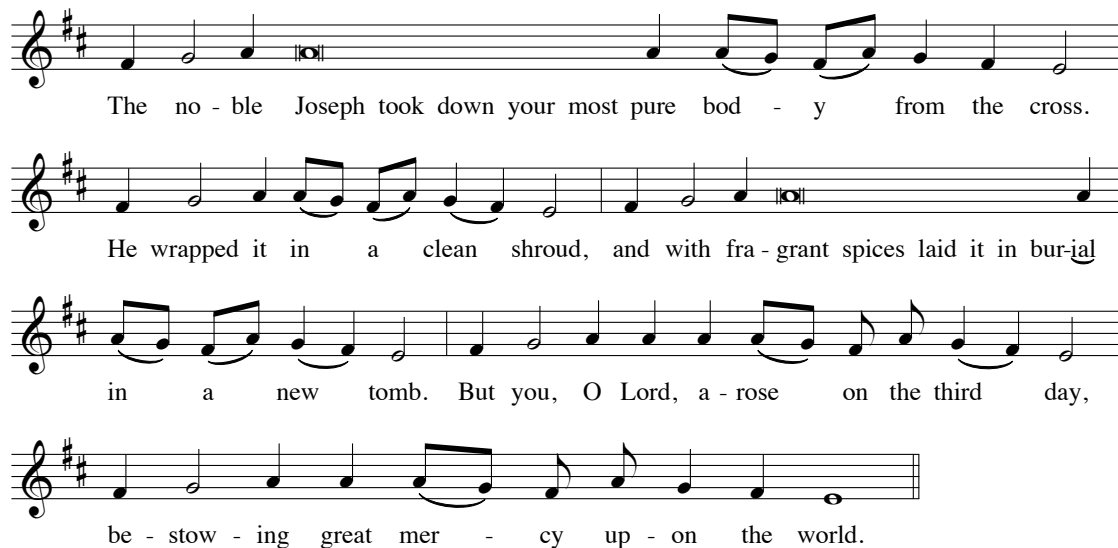
Jo-seph asked for the bod-y of Je-sus. He placed it in his own new tomb.  
It was fit - ting for the Lord to come forth from the tomb



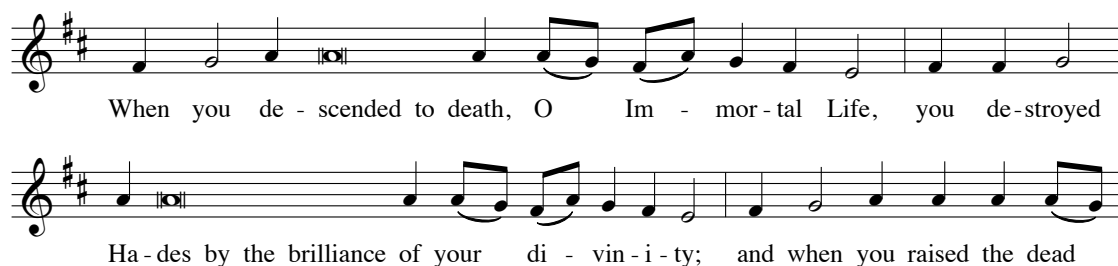
*Continue with the Prayer of the Holy Prophet Simeon (p. 21).*

### Troparia

#### Troparion of the Myrrh-bearers - Tone 2

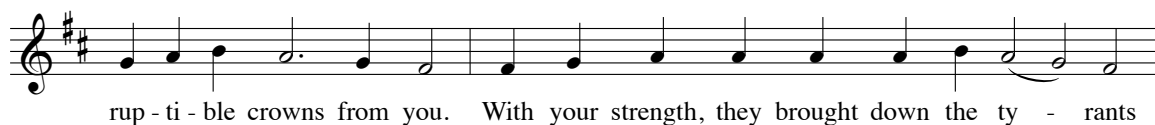


#### Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 2

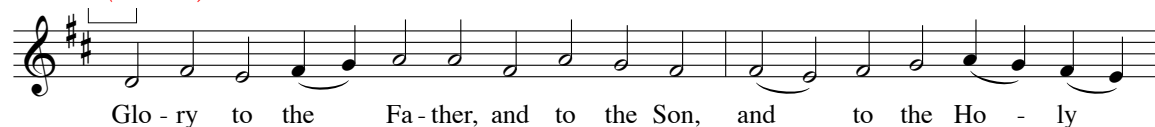




#### **Troparion of the Martyrs - Tone 4**



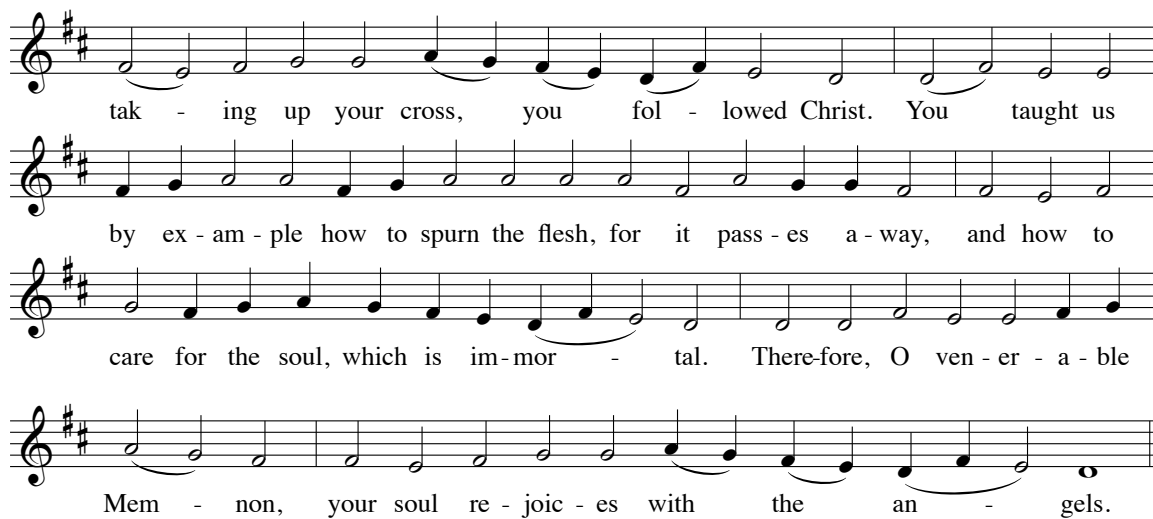
#### **Cantor (Tone 8):**



#### **Troparion of Memnon - Tone 8**







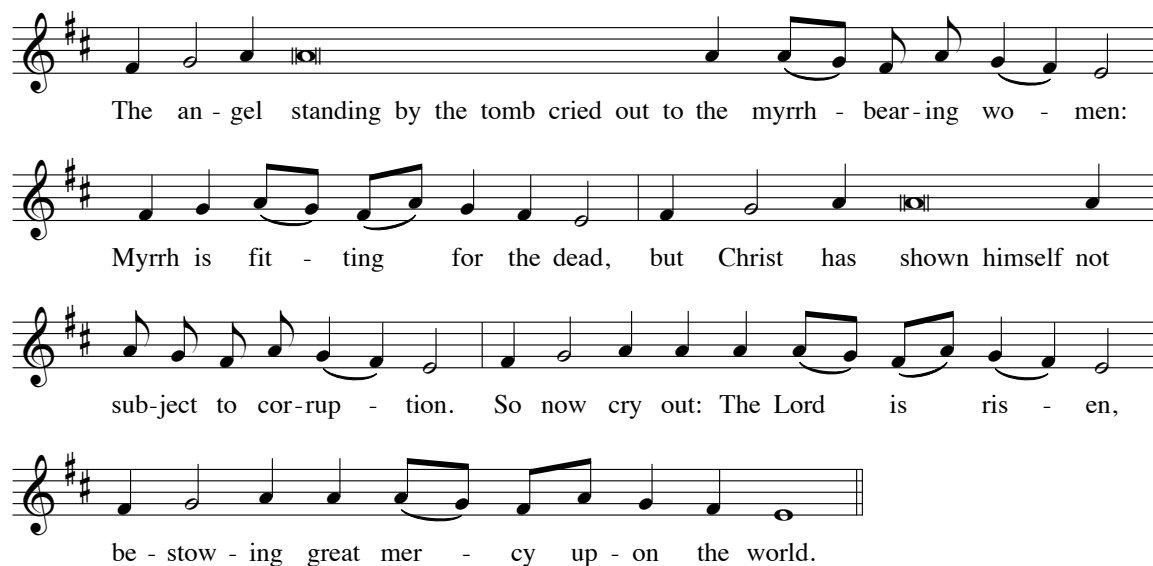
tak - ing up your cross, you fol - lowed Christ. You taught us  
by ex - am - ple how to spurn the flesh, for it pass - es a - way, and how to  
care for the soul, which is im - mor - tal. There - fore, O ven - er - a - ble  
Mem - non, your soul re - joic - es with the an - gels.

**Cantor (Tone 2):**



Now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men.

**Second Troparion of the Myrrh-bearers - Tone 2**



The an - gel standing by the tomb cried out to the myrrh - bear - ing wo - men:  
Myrrh is fit - ting for the dead, but Christ has shown himself not  
sub - ject to cor - rup - tion. So now cry out: The Lord is ris - en,  
be - stow - ing great mer - cy up - on the world.

*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