


GREAT VESPERS PROPERs FOR APRIL 30TH, 2020

from the Menaion

1  **The holy apostle James, brother of John the Theologian.** He was the son of Zebedee and, with Peter and John, was a witness of the Transfiguration of the Lord and of his agony. Beheaded at the feast of the Passover by Herod Agrippa, he was the first of the Apostles to receive the crown of martyrdom.

Thursday of the Third Week of Pascha

The First Kathisma ("Blessed is the man..") is sung.

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.58).

Stichera at the Lamplighting Psalms

Bring my soul out of this prison
and then I shall praise *your* name.
Around me the just will assemble
because of your goodness *to* me.

3 stichera from the Pentecostarion:

Cantor - (Tone 2):



(8) Sticheron

When they heard the joyful words * of the angels sitting in the tomb of the Word, * the women who ran there with good intent * realized that their purpose would be changed. * No longer would they carry myrrh. * Instead, they evangelized the apostles: * He who was hidden in the earth is risen from Hades. * They initiated the apostles into the mystery ** of Him who became man for us.

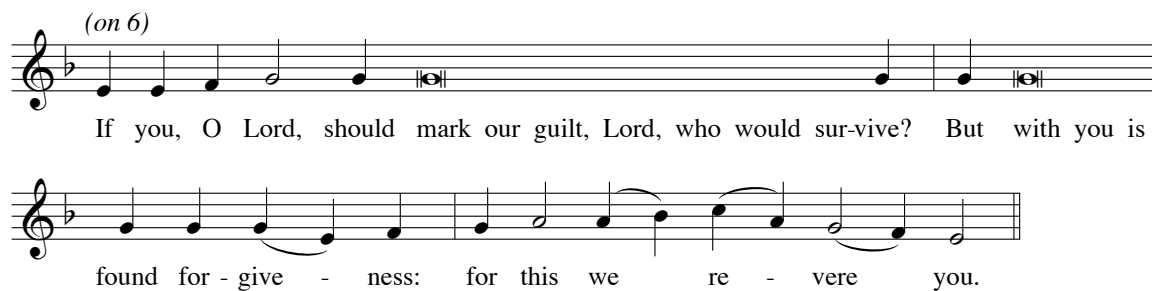
Cantor:



(7) Sticheron

Before the first light of dawn, * the myrrh-bearing women came to the tomb in fear, * bringing sweet spices for Christ, the Giver of life, * who killed Hades by being numbered among the dead. * An angel stood before them, crying: * Why do you seek the Life-giver, the Living One, among the daed? ** Go and proclaim his Resurrection.

Cantor:




(6) Sticheron

O blessed Joseph, * you carried in your arms the Word enthroned upon the Cherubim. * You bore on your shoulders the One who first clothed himself in our flesh, * and then died to give life to us who lay dead. * Once, you mourned his death; * but now, together with the honorable myrrh-bearers, ** you see his Resurrection and rejoice.


5 stichera from the Menaion of the holy apostle James

Cantor – (Tone 4):

(on 5)



My soul is wait-ing for the Lord. I count on his word. My soul is long-ing for the Lord




more than watch - man for day - break.

(5) (4) Sticheron

With the rod of grace * you drew men forth from the deep of vanity, * O right wondrous James, * obedient to the command of your Teacher, * Who illumined your whole mind * and showed you forth as an apostle and an honored and divine herald ** of His unapproachable divinity, O all-blessed one.

Cantor:

(on 4)



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

Repeat: "With the rod of grace..."

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.

(3) (2) Sticheron

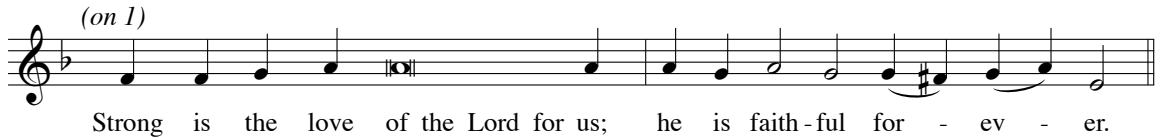
The effulgence of the Spirit * descended upon you in the guise of fire * and made of you, O blessed one, a habitation of God * who dispells the darkness of ungodliness with might and enlightens the world * with the radiance of your all-wise words, * O James, you initiate of the mysteries, ** leader of the apostles, who beheld Christ with your own eyes.

Cantor:



Repeat: *"The effulgence of the Spirit..."*

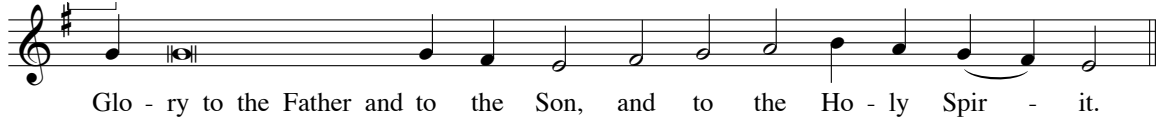
Cantor:



(1) Sticheron

Illumining those who sleep in the darkness of ignorance * with the splendors of your preaching, O glorious James, * you showed them forth as children, by faith, of our Master and God, * Whose suffering and death you emulated; * and, as you are an all-wise herald of God and His true disciple, ** you have a share in His glory.

Cantor - (Tone 8):



Doxastikon

Come, let us all praise James with hymns of psalms: * the preacher of the mysteries of heaven * and recounter of the Gospel; * for he has been shown to be a river of the mystical paradise, * watering the furrows of men's souls with heavenly showers * and showing them to be fertile for Christ God * Who granted cleansing, enlightenment ** and great mercy to all through his supplications.

Cantor - (Tone 1)



Doxastikon

Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to the tomb seeking the Lord * and saw an angel as radiant as light sitting upon the stone. * He said to them: Why do you seek the Living One among the dead? * He is risen as He said, * and you shall find Him in Galilee. * To Him let us bow down and sing: ** O Lord, risen from the dead, glory to You!

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

The Prokeimenon is for the Day of the Week (pp. 114-115).

Readings:

- 1) James 1:1-12
- 2) James 1:13-27
- 3) James 2:1-13

Aposticha

The aposticha are from the Menaion:

(Tone 8)

Aposticheron:

O blessed James who beheld God, * when you heard the voice of the Word * you immediately abandoned your love for your father, * and your desire to please him; * wherefore, forsaking the tumult of life, * and traversing the mystical sea, * you troubled it with your teachings of piety * and with your heavenly radiance, ** O you who are blessed of God.

Cantor:

Their sound has gone forth into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world.

Aposticheron:

O blessed James, who with your own eyes beheld the Word, the Author of life, * pleasing the Father to things of come by your actions, * you have deprived of his primacy the most abominable Ishmael * who worships his belly as god, * and you have tripped him * and shown him to be devoid of the Father's protection, ** having no share in His blessing and inheritance.

Cantor:

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims the work of His hands.

Aposticheron:

You have now been appointed prince over all the earth, O glorious one, * as was written of you before, * for you were a disciple of Him Who created all things; * and by your steadfast zeal and invincible boldness * you endured to be put to death, O blessed one, * the first slain among the honored company ** of the twelve disciple.

Cantor (Tone 1):



Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - - - it.

Doxastikon

You followed after Christ, O godly James, * despised the world, hiding His teachings in your treasury, * and were shown to be His apostle. * Wherefore, going to the nations, with the commandments of the Savior * you enlightened souls unenlightened by deception and the passions, ** that they might believe in the consubstantial Trinity.

Cantor (Tone 2):



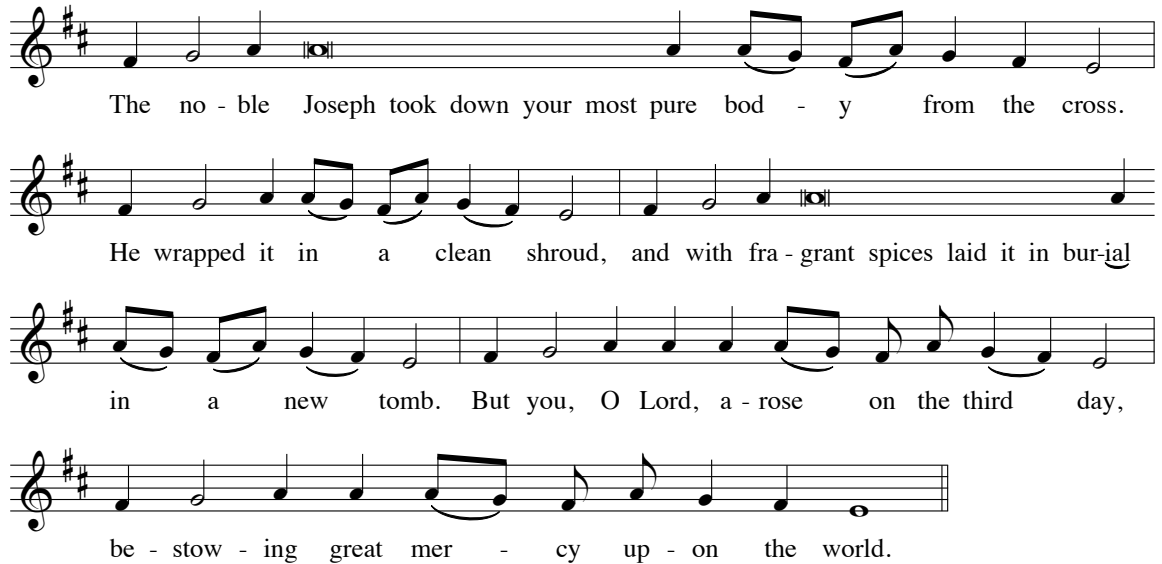
Doxastikon

The women brought spices mixed with tears to your tomb, * but their words became full of joy ** when they said: The Lord is risen!

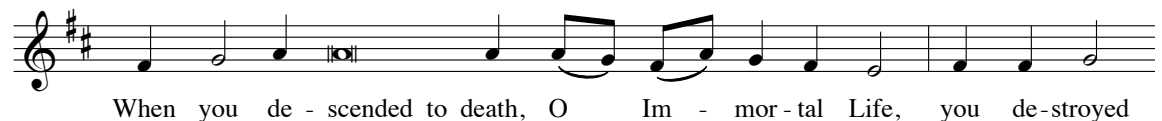
Continue with the Prayer of the Holy Prophet Simeon (p. 19).

Troparia

Troparion of the Myrrh-bearers - Tone 2



Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 2





Ha-des by the brilliance of your di - vin - i - ty; and when you raised the dead



from the depths of the earth, all the heav-en - ly pow - ers cried out:



O Giv - er of Life, Christ our God, glo - - - ry to you.

Cantor (Tone 3):



Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,



and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.

Troparion - Tone 3



You were an a pos tle of Christ and the be lov ed broth er of John.



O praise wor thy James, ob tain ab so lu tion for those who sing



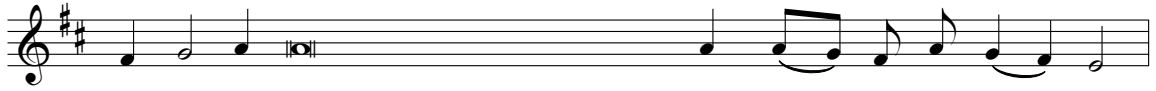
the prais es of your mem o ry and find mer cy for our souls.

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 Dismissal (p. 21).

¹Format 26: Polyeleos Saint on a Weekday during the Paschal Season