

# VESPERS PROPERs FOR MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2020

## from the Menaion

**1** **Our holy father Athanasius the Great, archbishop of Alexandria**, most outstanding in his holiness and teaching, who vigorously fought for the orthodox faith in Alexandria in Egypt from the time of Constantine to that of the emperor Valens. He suffered patiently very many intrigues from the Arians and was frequently been forced into exile. When he had finally returned to the Church entrusted to him, after many trials and crowns of patience, he rested in the peace of Christ in the forty-sixth year of his priesthood. (373)

**Saturday of the Third Week of Pascha**

### Psalm 140 (Tone 4)

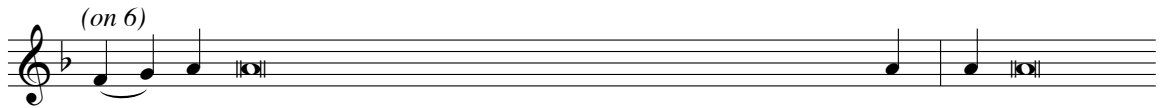
O Lord, I have cried to you, hear me. Hear me, O Lord! O Lord, I have cried to you, hear me; re - ceive the voice of my pray'r when I call up - on you. Hear me, O Lord! Let my pray'r ascend to you like in - cense and the lifting up of my hands like an eve-ning sac - ri - fice. Hear me, O Lord!

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

### Stichera at the Lamplighting Psalms

*6 stichera for our holy father Athanasius from the Menaion:*

**Cantor - (Tone 4):**



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 you who were made worthy of life immortal \* when you preached Christ the Life-giver, the Son and Word \* Who is consubstantial and equally everlasting \* with the unoriginate Father Who begat Him, \* then you burned up the tinder of heresies \* with your fiery tongue, O glorious one, \* expelling Arius from the Church of Christ; \* and with your divine discourses \* you enlightened the hearts or the pious, O wise one, \*\* that they might worship the Trinity in one essence.

**Cantor:**



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



more than watch - man for day - break.

**(5) Sticheron**

Like a divine river \* aflood with the waters of the Spirit \* you were shown to be, O all-wondrous one, \* overflowing with divine doctrines, \* setting all the fullness of the Church afire, \* and overwhelming the assembly of the heretics \* in the depths of your divine words \* and the abyss of your understandings, O father. \* For you, O all- wise one, \* divine Athanasius who are most rich, \* preached Christ the Master \*\* Who is consubstantial with the Father Who begat Him.

**Cantor:**



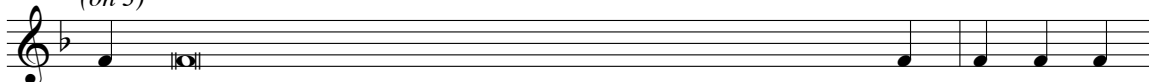
Let the watch - man count on day-break and Is - ra - el on the Lord.

#### (4) Sticheron

As a recounter of the mysteries of God \* and a divine hierarch, \* you patiently endured tribulations and persecutions, \* attacks and lengthy exiles, O blessed one, \* for the sake of the faith of Christ, \* clearly proclaiming Christ to be consubstantial, equally everlasting, \* equal in His activity and equally everlasting \* with the primal and equally unoriginate Father. \* Wherefore, He Himself has manifestly adorned you with all-radiant teachings \*\* and shown you to the whole world as all-splendid.

**Cantor - (Tone 5):**

(on 3)



with Him, O holy one. \*\* Entreat Him, that He grant all oneness of mind, peace and great mercy.

**Cantor:**



### (1) Sticheron

O venerable father Athanasius, preacher of God, \* having endured tribulations and frequent perils, \* you have now been made worthy of the food of paradise. \* Residing now within the divine mansions, \* you have drawn near, as a victor, to the tree of life incorruptible, \* adorned with a crown of righteousness \* and invested with the diadem of the kingdom of the Most High, O blessed one; \* and, resplendent with beauty, pray to Christ, \* O divinely wise one, \* ask of Christ, that He grant to the Church \*\* oneness of mind, peace and great mercy.

**Cantor - (Tone 6):**



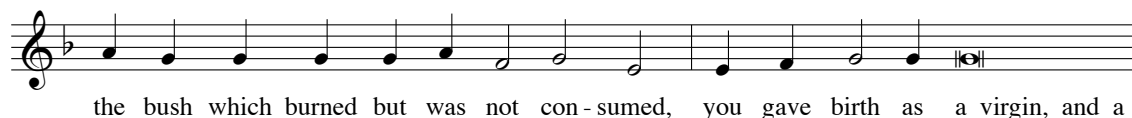
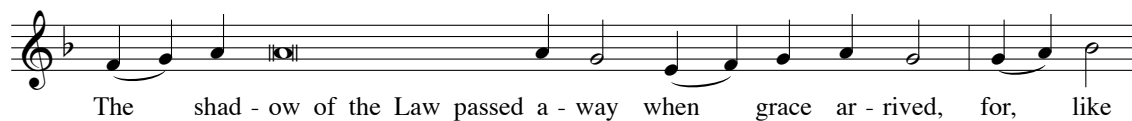
### Doxastikon

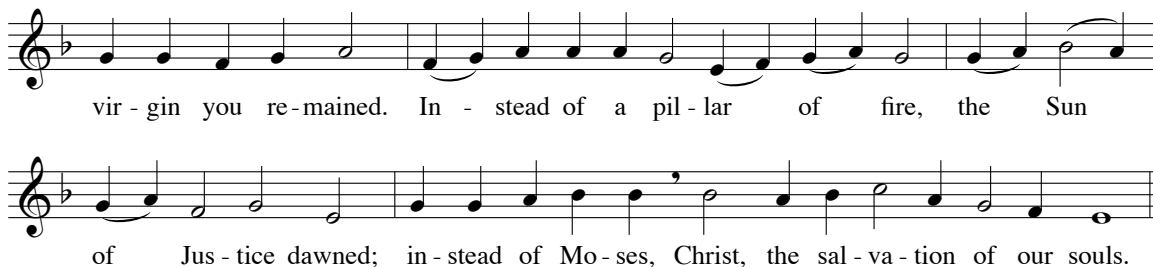
Let us all hymn Athanasius, \* the holy hierarch of Christ; \* for, having destroyed all the teachings of Arius, \* he manifestly proclaims throughout all the world \* the might of the Holy Trinity, \* the one indivisible God in three Persons, \*\* Whom he entreats in behalf of us who celebrate his memory with faith.

**Cantor - (Tone 2):**



### Doxastikon





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

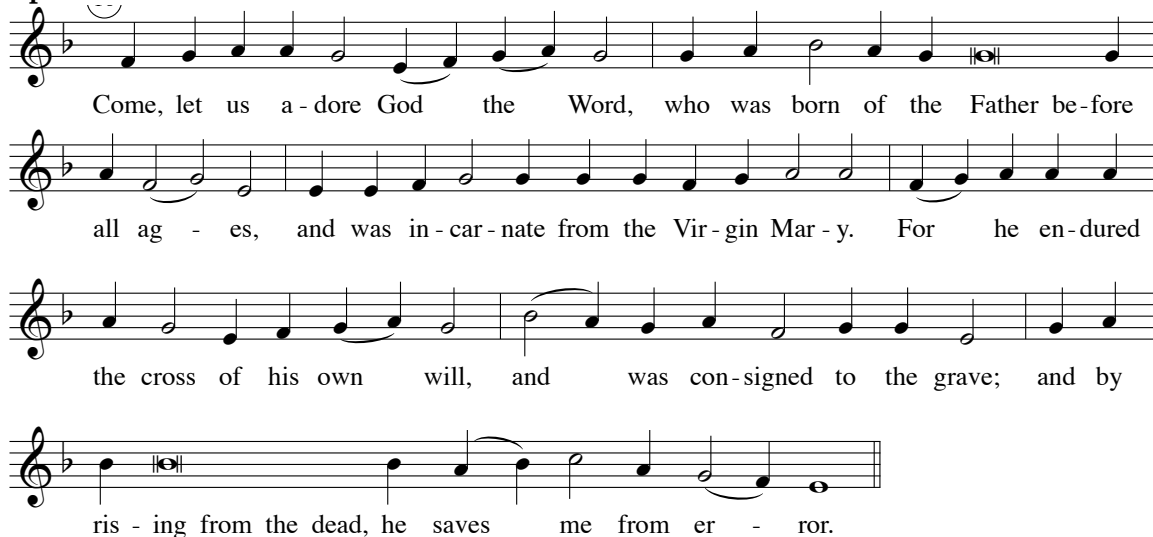
*The Prokeimenon is for the Day of the Week (pp. 13-15).*

## Aposticha

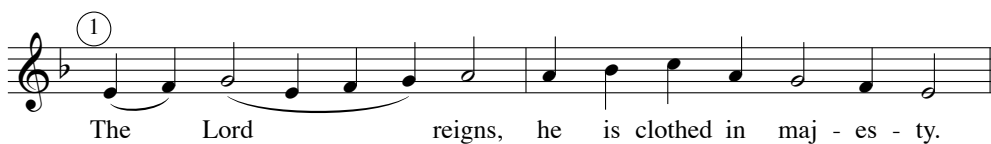
*The aposticha are from the Pentecostarion:*

*(Tone 2)*

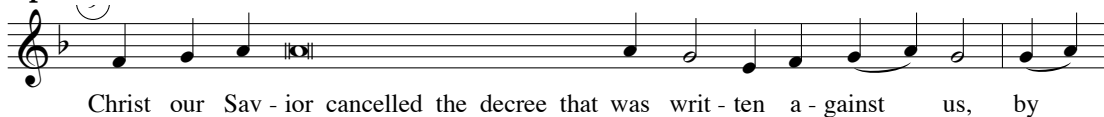
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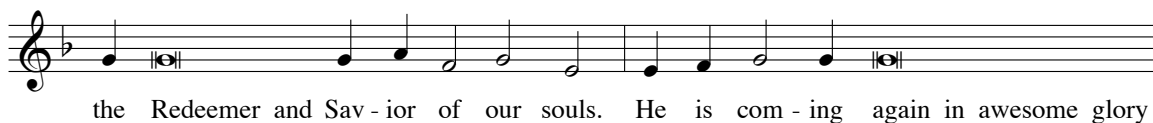
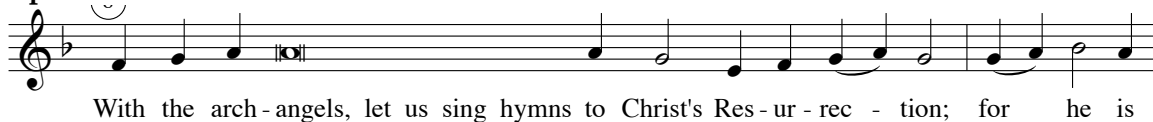




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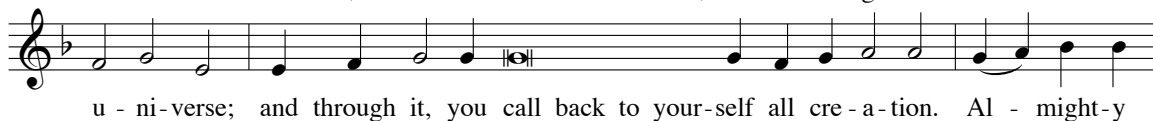
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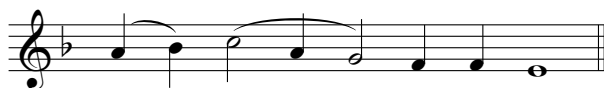


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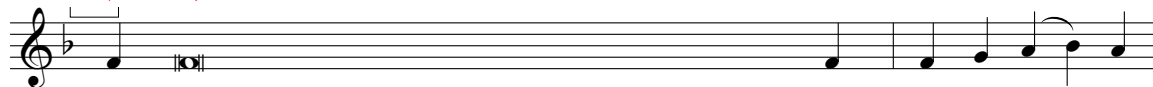
**Aposticheron:**





God, glo - - - ry to you.

**Cantor (Tone 5):**

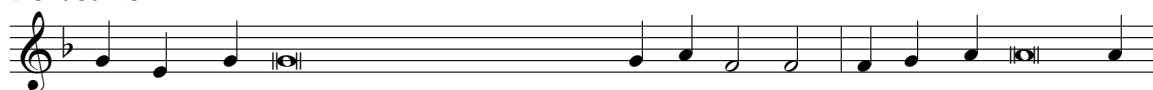


Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spir-it, now and ev - er



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

**Doxastikon**



O Lord, who clothes himself with light as with a gar-ment, Jo-seph and Nicode-mus



took you down from the Cross, and see-ing you without life, without a garment, and



with-out a grave, in their com- passion they wept and la-ment-ed: Woe is me,



most sweet Je - sus. The sun was cov-ered with dark-ness when it saw



you suspended up-on the cross. The earth quaked with fear and the veil of the



tem-ple was torn in two. I see that you willingly en-dured death for my sake.



How then shall I bury you, O my God? With what lin-ens shall I cov - er you?

With what hands shall I touch your most pure bod - y? What hymns shall I sing  
at your death? There-fore, O compassionate Lord, I glo-ri - fy your pas - sion,  
and I praise your burial and your resur-rec-tion, cry-ing out: O Lord,  
glo - ry to you!

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

### Troparia

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

The no - ble Joseph took down your most pure bod - y from the cross.  
He wrapped it in a clean shroud, and with fra-grant spices laid it in bur-ial  
in a new tomb. But you, O Lord, a - rose on the third day,  
be - stow - ing great mer - cy up - on the world.

#### Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 2

When you de - scended to death, O Im - mor-tal Life, you de-destroyed





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 a pil - lar of Or - tho - dox - y, sup - port - ing the Church.



You preached that the Son was of one na - ture with the Fa - ther;



O ven - er - a - ble A - tha - na - si - us, you made Ari us blush with shame.



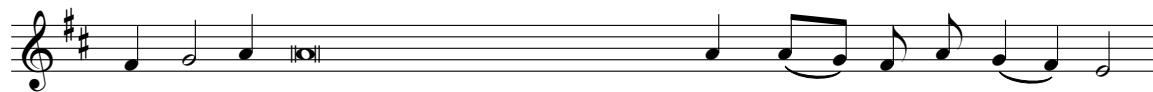
Beg Christ our God to have mer - cy on us.

**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).*

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