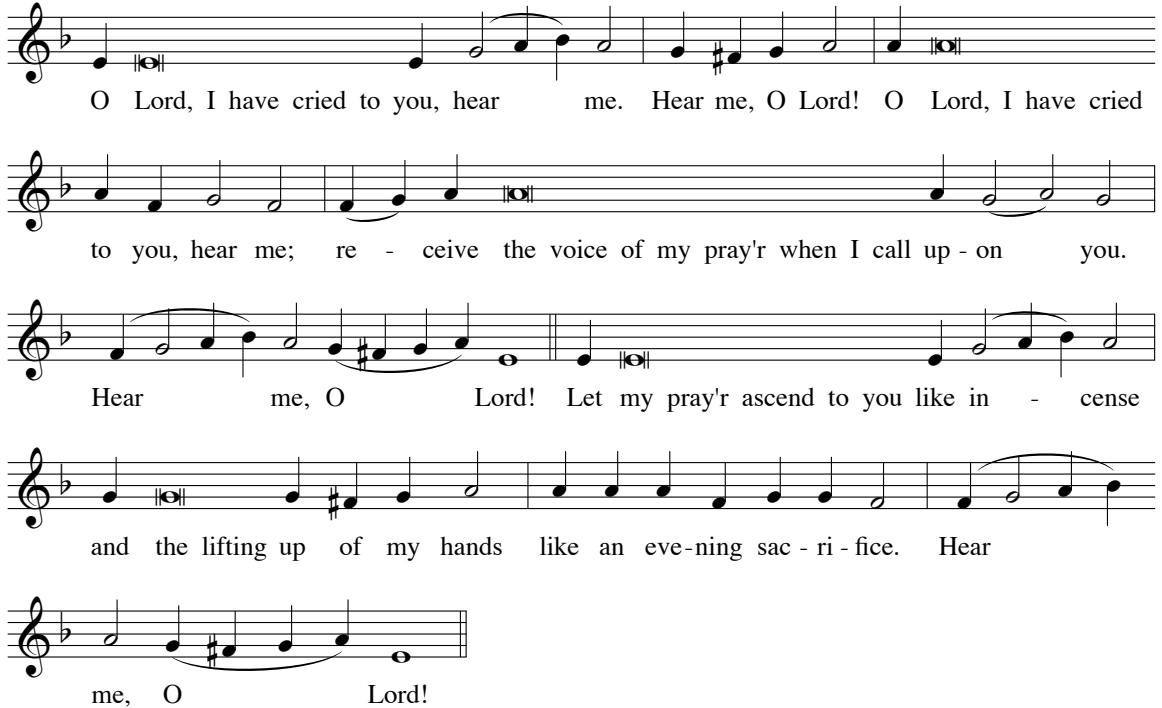


VESPERS PROPER FOR MAY 27TH, 2020

from the Menaion

¹The holy bishop martyr Therapont of Sardis died for the faith in the reign of emperor Valerian. He brought many to the faith, and was attacked cruelly by the pagan townspeople of Sardis. (259)

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

3 stichera from the Pentecostarion:

Cantor - (Tone 4):

(on 6)



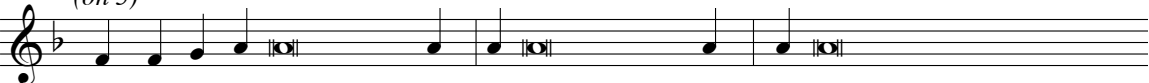
If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would sur-vive? But with you is
found forgive - ness: for this we re - vere you.

(6) Sticheron


Your disciples saw You ascend above the heavens * to take your seat at the Father's right hand. * You were never separated from Him, O boundless Son. * Keeping your promise, You sent the Paraclete, * who renews the heavens and the earth, ** filling your holy apostles with divine wisdom.

Cantor:

(on 5)



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

Wondrous is your Incarnation, O good Jesus. * You willingly endured the Cross and death, O immortal One. * You rose from the dead on the third day; * after forty days You ascended on high, * returning to heaven from which You had come down to us; * You have given peace to all those dwelling on earth, ** leading us back to the Father.

Cantor:

(on 4)



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

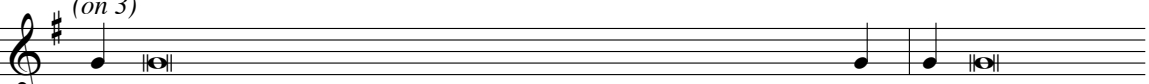
(4) Sticheron

Seeing You received into the cloud, O Lord, * your chosen apostles were filled with sorrow. * They cried out with bitter tears: * Do not leave us orphans, O Master! * In your compassion You loved us. * Send down to us from on high the all-merciful One, ** the Holy Spirit, who will illumine our souls.

3 stichera for the holy bishop martyr Therapont from the Menaion:

Cantor – (Tone 8):

(on 3)



Be - cause with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemp-tion, Is - rael indeed he



(3) Sticheron

The most glorious Therapont, * illumined by divine acts, * was made worthy to behold the beauty of Christ * with the eyes of his heart, * having pleased Him by his suffering. * Wherefore, by grace he ever heals sufferings of soul and body ** for those who have recourse to him with faith.

Cantor:



(2) Sticheron

As a well-spring of living water * the all-rich Therapont pours forth streams of healings * and utterly washes away the defilement of grievous ailments * from all who have recourse to him with faith. ** By his entreaties, O Lord, grant to all great mercy.

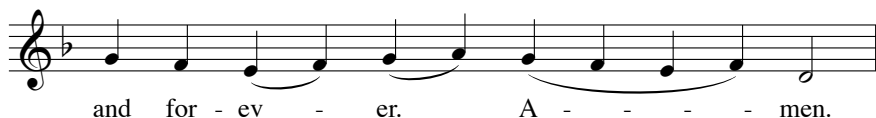
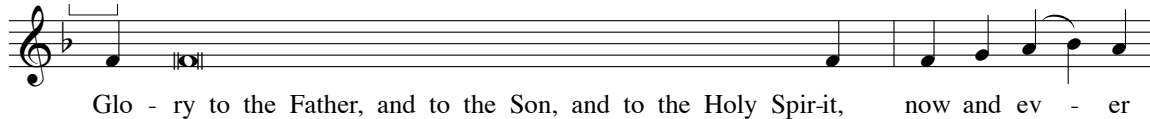
Cantor:



(1) Sticheron

The wondrous Therapont, * soaked in the dye of his blood, * fashioned a truly most splendid garment of sanctity; * and arraying himself magnificently therein, * he entered the Holy of holies. ** Through his supplications, O Lord, grant great mercy to all.

Cantor - (Tone 5):



Doxastikon

Come, O choirs of the faithful! * Let your hearts be enlightened as befits the disciples of

Christ. * Let us sing in unison a hymn on the Mount of Olives. * With the apostles, let us cry out in the psalm of David: * God goes up with shouts of joy! * The Lord goes up with trumpet blast! * He has rescued the human race from destruction and the wrath to come. ** He has illumined our souls.

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:

Behold, mortal nature now ascends to heaven, * united to God almighty * in the flesh of the Word. ** Truly this is an amazing wonder!

Cantor:



Aposticheron:

This day, bright and radiant, * now dawns in splendor. * It is the day of our Lord and Master, * for by his Ascension into heaven ** all things are filled with light.

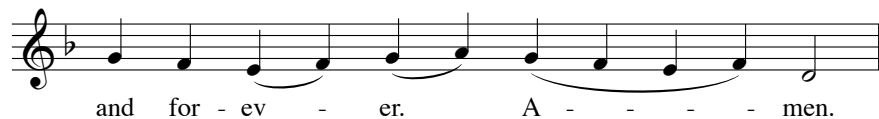
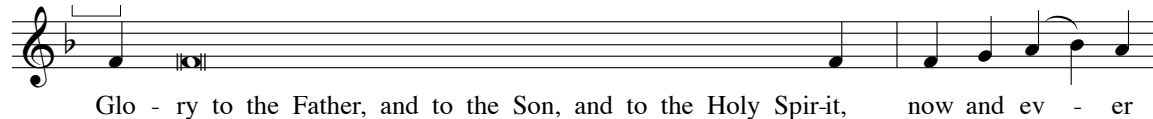
Cantor:



Aposticheron:

O Christ our Savior, * You sent your Spirit from on high to your disciples. * Now send down your grace ** upon all your people.

Cantor (Tone 5):




Doxastikon

O Lord, You did not cast aside your body at your Ascension. * The hosts of angels attending You * cried out in joy and amazement to the hosts on high: * Lift up your heads, O you gates! * Let the King of glory enter! * You have gone up to heaven, robed in your flesh; * You are borne by the chariot of the Cherubim. ** O Lord, glory to You!

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

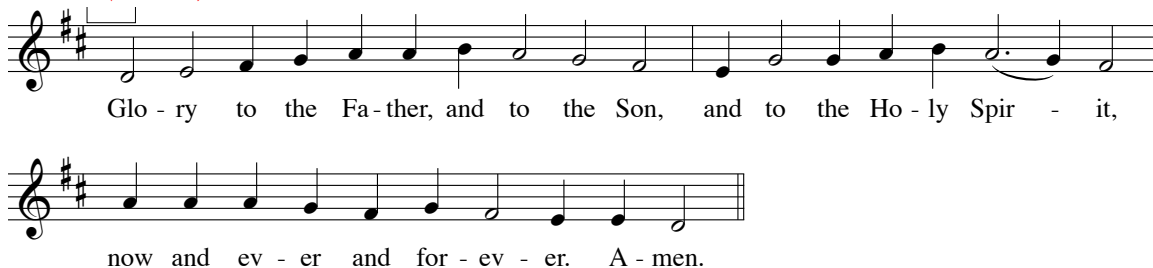
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Troparion - Tone 4



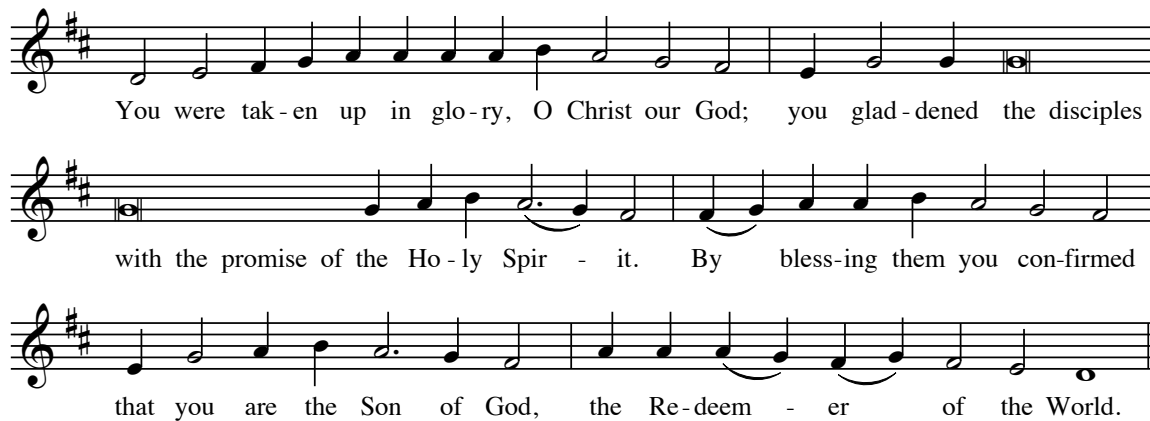
You shared in the a - pos-tles' way of life and suc-ceed-ed to their throne,
di - vine-ly in-spired bish - op. You found ac - cess to contempla tion
in the act - ive life. There-fore, you right - ly taught the word of truth
and strug-gled for the faith to the shed-ding of your blood. O priest mar-tyr
Ther - a - pont, pray to Christ our God to save our souls.

Cantor (Tone 4):



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

Troparion of the Ascension – Tone 4



You were tak-en up in glo-ry, O Christ our God; you glad-dened the disciples
with the promise of the Ho-ly Spir - it. By bless-ing them you con-firmed
that you are the Son of God, the Re-deem - er of the World.

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

¹Format 10: Postfestive Day with an Ordinary Saint on a Weekday