

GREAT VESPERS PROPERs FOR JUNE 11TH

from the Menaion

1 + The holy Apostles Bartholomew and Barnabas. Barnabas was a good man and "full of the Holy Spirit and of faith." He was counted among the first of the faithful at Jerusalem, preached the Gospel at Antioch and introduced Saul of Tarsus, just converted, to a number of the brothers. He accompanied Paul in his first trip to Asia to evangelize. He was present at the Council of Jerusalem. Having returned to the island of Cyprus, his native land, he spread the Gospel there.

Bartholomew the Apostle, who is believed by many to be the same as Nathanael, was born in Cana of Galilee and was taken to Christ Jesus by Philip at the Jordan.

Afterwards, the Lord called him to follow him and he joined the Twelve. After the Ascension of the Lord it is said that he preached the Gospel in India and there was crowned with martyrdom.

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

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.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.

8 stichera for the holy Apostles Bartholomew and Barnabas from the Menaion:

Cantor - (Tone 4):

(on 8)



Cantor:

(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.

Repeat: "*Jesus, the Sun of Glory...*"

Cantor:

(on 4)



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

(4) Sticheron

Obedient to the will of the One whose will is followed by all creation, * and imitating him as a teacher of truth, * you joyfully drank from the chalice of your passion * as you died on the cross. * And now you rejoice forever * together with the angels and apostles ** in the presence of the Object of your desire, O Bartholomew!

Cantor:

(on 3)



Be - cause with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemp-tion,



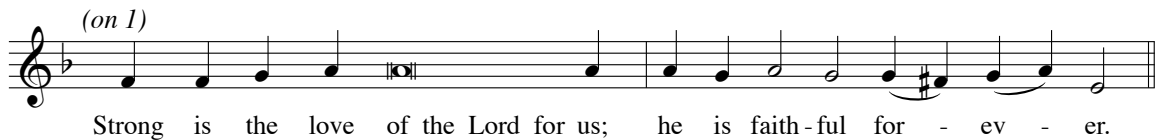
Is - rael indeed he will re-deem from all its in - i - qui - ty.

(3) Sticheron

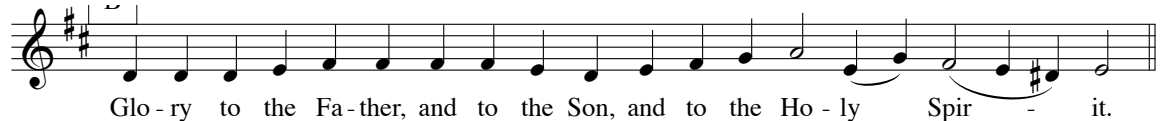
Holy Apostle, you received invincible might * over demons and the power to drive out the very prince of darkness * in the name of Christ. * Like the sun, you traveled about giving light to the whole world. * Being the first to arrive in Rome, O glorious Barnabas, ** you proclaimed there the saving coming of Christ our God.

Cantor:**(2) Sticheron**

Imitating the supreme Goodness, * you led a life like that which our God lived in the flesh, * O apostle Barnabas. * In union with your Master, * you were a man who did all things well * and earned the name "son of consolation." * By the excellence of your life and the purity of your spirit ** you helped believers live in grace.

Cantor:**(1) Sticheron**

O Barnabas, you became a wondrous harp; * played in a harmonious manner by the divine action of the Spirit. * You were charged to call the nations to the knowledge of Christ. * By your words and works, you were to transform the whole world. * And you gave it light that it might confess the true divinity of Jesus, ** the Savior of our souls!

Cantor - (Tone 6):**Doxastikon**

O all-praised Barnabas, * radiant vessel of the Holy Spirit * and son of consolation, * even before Paul you were the foremost of the seventy disciples, * and with Paul you preached the Gospel to the ends of the earth. * Therefore, fulfilling your discourse of grace with your deeds, * you offered yourself to be a pure holocaust to Christ your Teacher. * We pray: beg always, O glorious apostle, ** that our souls be saved.

Cantor - (Tone 6):

Dogmatikon



Who would not extol you, most ho-ly Vir-gin? Who would not praise your giv-ing
birth with-out pain? For the on-ly be-got-ten Son, who shines
forth from the Fa-ther time-less-ly, has himself come forth from you, O pure one.
He took flesh from you in a manner be-yond un-der-stand-ing; re-tain-ing
di-vine na-ture, but assuming human na-ture for our sake; not di-vid-ed
in-to two per-sons but ex-ist-ing in two natures distinct and un-con-fused.
O honored and most blessed one, be-seech him to have mer-cy on our souls.

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) **1 Peter 1:3-9**
- 2) **1 Peter 1:13-19**
- 3) **1 Peter 2:11-24**

Aposticha

The aposticha are from the Menaion:

(Tone 1)

Aposticheron:

Through all the earth, your saving voice resounds, * enlightening lost souls, O holy Apostles Bartholomew and Barnabas, * eye-witnesses of God. * In grace, you led enlightened humankind to Christ. ** Intercede before him that our souls be given peace and great mercy.

Cantor: Through all the earth their voice resounds; their message reaches to the ends of the world.

Aposticheron:

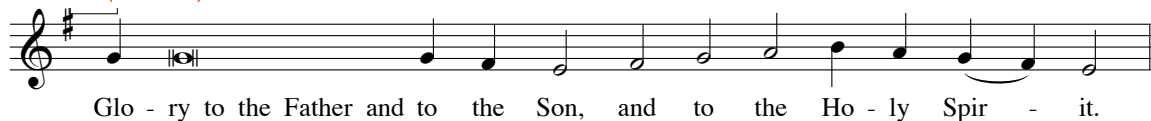
Shining lights, most pure vessels of Jesus Christ, * you received complete enlightenment from the Spirit in faith. * Pillars of the Church, * wondrous heavens declaring the glory of God: ** intercede before him that our souls be given peace and great mercy.

Cantor: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

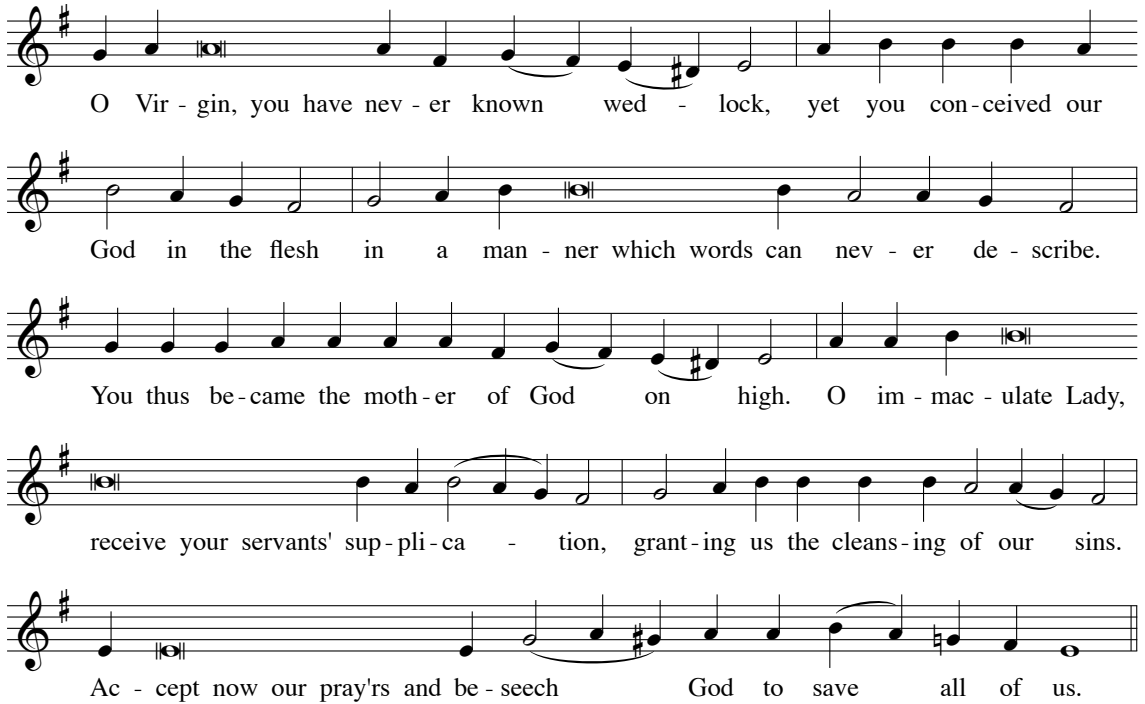
Aposticheron:

O blessed ones, you led to Christ our God * the nations redeemed * by the blood of him who willed to be born on earth and to die on the Cross. ** Intercede before him that our souls be given peace and great mercy.

Cantor (Tone 8):



Theotokion



O Vir - gin, you have nev - er known wed - lock, yet you con - ceived our
God in the flesh in a man - ner which words can nev - er de - scribe.
You thus be - came the moth - er of God on high. O im - mac - u late Lady,
receive your servants' sup - pli - ca - tion, grant - ing us the cleans - ing of our sins.
Ac - cept now our pray'rs and be - seech God to save all of us.

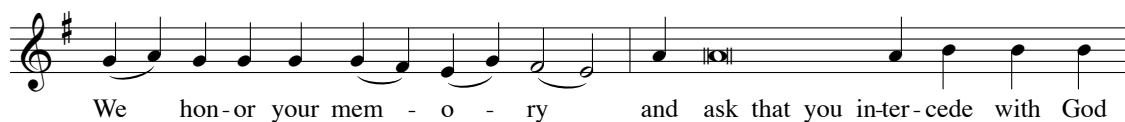
Continue with the Prayer of the Holy Prophet Simeon (p. 19).

Troparion & Theotokion

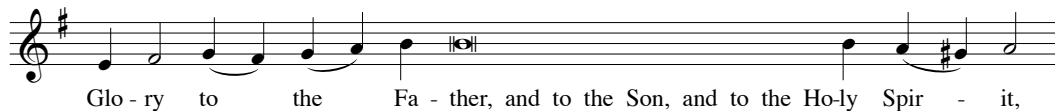
Troparion - Tone 1



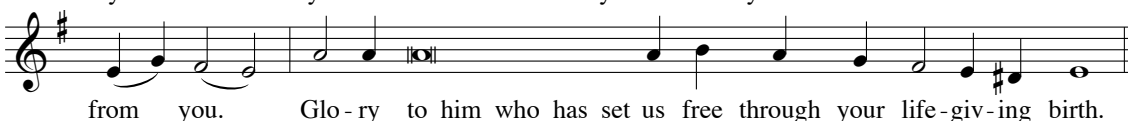
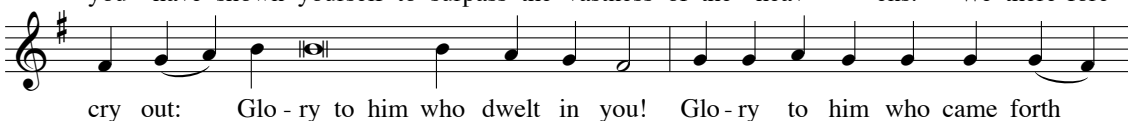
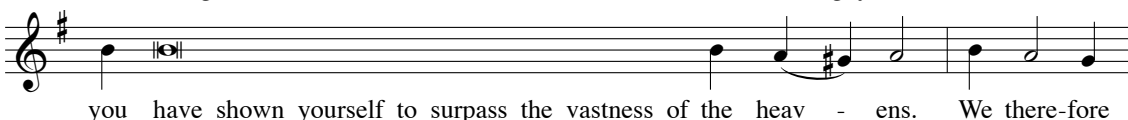
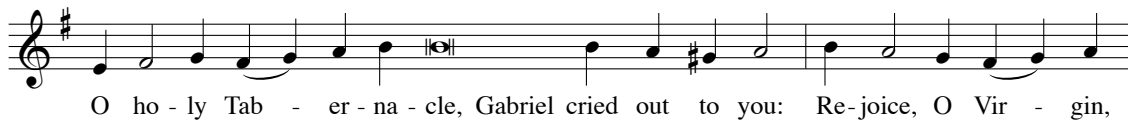
Re - ceiv - ing the Spir - it as he came in fie - ry tongues, you preached the com - ing
of the Word in the flesh. While one of you was be - head - ed for the Gos - pel,
the oth - er en - dured ston - ing for the sake of the faith. You have been sent to
a - dorn the choirs of heav - en, O Ber - tho - lo - mew and Bar - na - bas.



Cantor (Tone 1):



Festal Theotokion



Continue with the Dismissal (p. 21).

¹Format 8: Polyeleos Saint on a Weekday