

VESPERS PROPER FOR JUNE 15TH, 2020

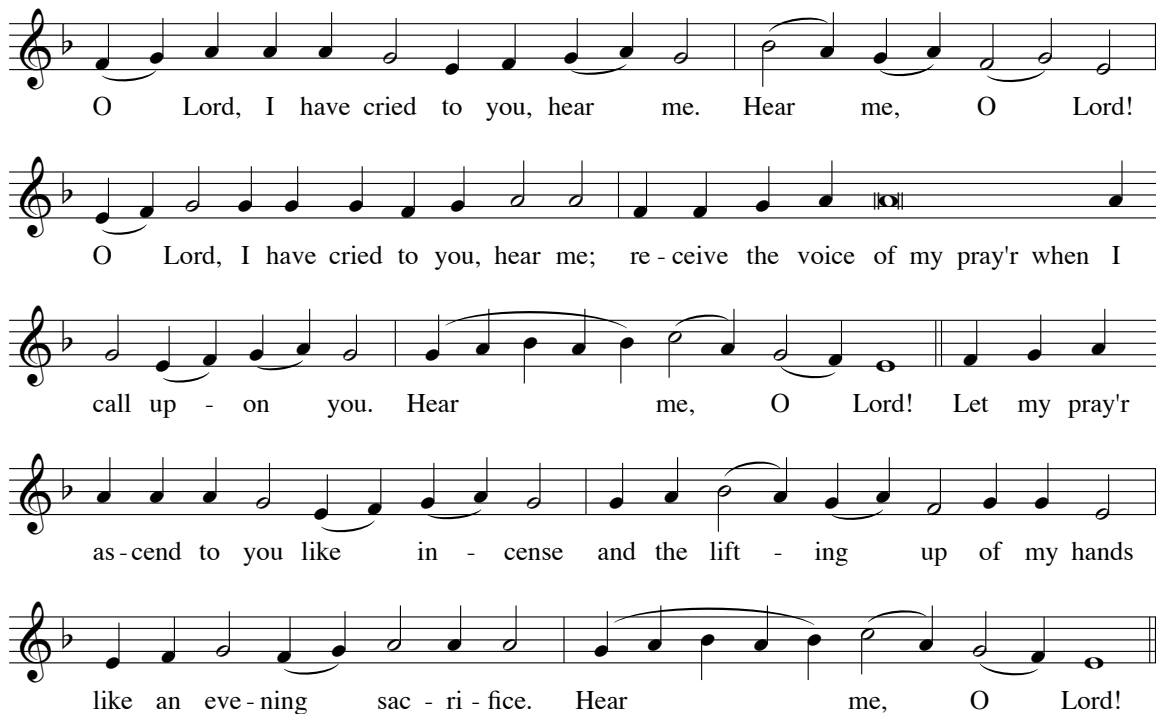
from the Menaion

¹**The holy prophet Amos**, whom the Lord sent to the sons of Israel. He was a herdsman of Tekoa and a dresser of sycamores, and his preaching was to defend the Lord's righteousness and holiness against the transgressions of the children of Israel.

The venerable Jerome, priest of Stridon, who, born in Dalmatia, was an exceptional laborer. He pursued the studies of all literature in Rome and was baptized there. Then, seized by the power of the contemplative life and having embraced an ascetic life, he proceeded to the East and was ordained a priest. When he returned to Rome, he stayed in a retreat of Pope Damasus, and then left for Bethlehem in Judea. There he founded a monastery. The notable teacher escaped the world by translating and explaining the Holy Scriptures. In a marvelous way he was a worker fulfilling very many of the needs of the Church. Finally, when he had lived to an advanced age, he reposed in peace. (420)

Day of Alleluia

Psalm 140 (*Tone 2*)



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!

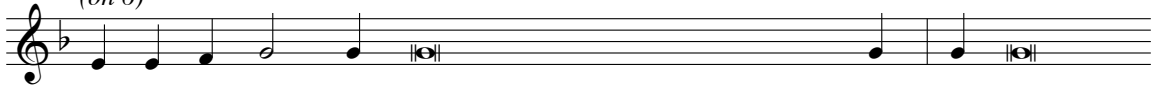
Continue with Psalm 140: "O Lord, set a guard before my mouth..." (p.9).

Stichera at the Lamplighting Psalms

3 stichera for the Mother of God, because of the day of Alleluia, from the Menaion:

Cantor - (Tone 2):

(on 6)



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



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

(6) Sticheron:

Rejoice, O star of solar radiance! * Rejoice, O all-immaculate one, * who are the cause of all good things! * Rejoice you who contained the uncontainable God, * causing Him to sprout forth as a shoot of immortality! * Rejoice, divine chariot and most splendid portal! * Rejoice, O Maiden who, as the mediatrix of good things, ** are the abolisher of the curse of our first mother!

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

O all-pure one, the joy of all who sorrow, * intercessor for the oppressed, * feeder of the poor, comfort of travelers, * staff of the blind, visitation of the ailing, * protection and helper of them that labor * and assister of the orphaned are you, O Mother of God Most High. ** Haste, we pray, to save your servants!

Cantor:

(on 4)



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

(4) Sticheron

You are the protection and help and a mighty refuge for us Christians, * O Mother of God Most High. * And now, as ever, cease not to pray with your ready supplication, * to save your servants from all evil circumstances: * for with God all of us Christians ** have you as a help and refuge.

3 stichera for the holy prophet Amos from the Menaion:

Cantor:

(on 3)



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



in - deed he will re - deem from all its in - i - qui - ty.

Sticheron

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O pro - phet, in the pu - ri - ty of your heart, the Light



of the Spi - rit has found a mir - ror re - flect - ing its ra - di - ance.



It has made the know - ledge of God shine u - pon the world,



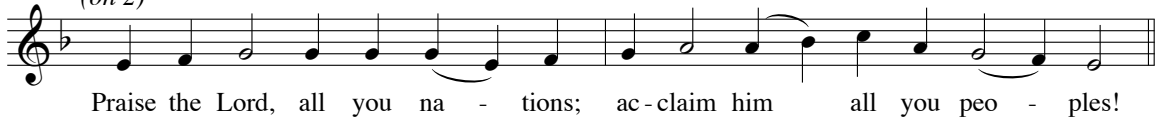
and it fore - told in im - a - ges the mys - t'ries of God



and the grace which all were to re - ceive.

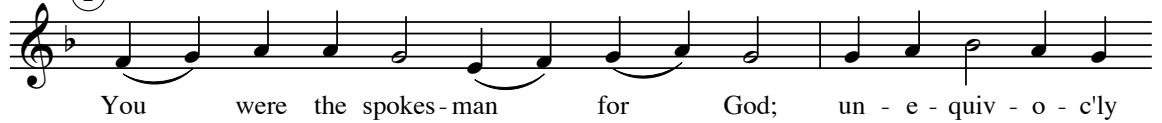
Cantor:

(on 2)



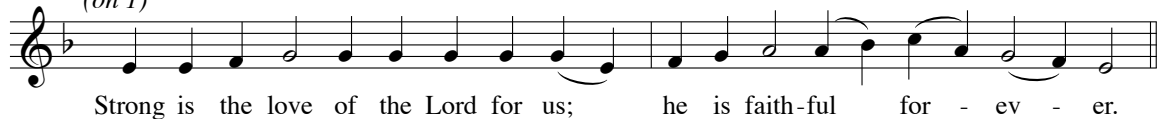
Sticheron

(2)




Cantor:

(on 1)



Sticheron

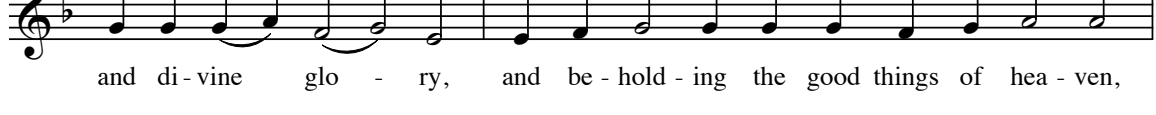
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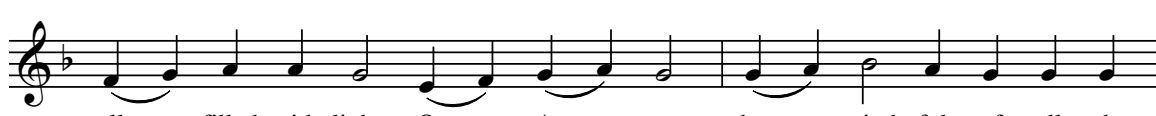
Now stand-ing be-fore the throne of the Mas - ter, full of in-eff - a - ble



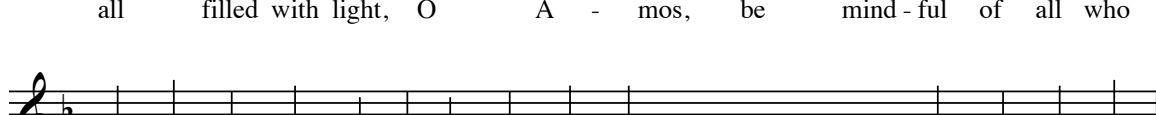
and di - vine glo - ry, and be - hold - ing the good things of hea - ven,



all filled with light, O A - mos, be mind - ful of all who



ho - nor you with faith, ask - ing that sal - vation of souls and re-mis - sion of sins

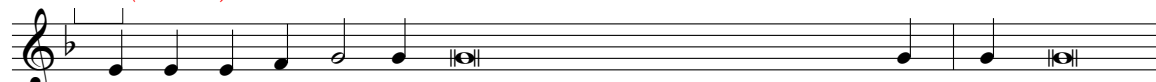


be gi - ven to all of them, O pro - phet

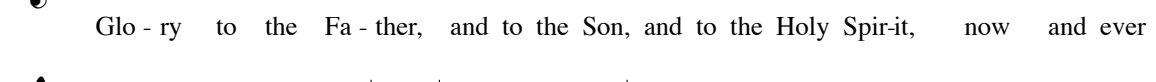


ac - cept - a - ble to God.

Cantor - (Tone 2):



Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spir-it, now and ever



and for - ev - er. A - men.

Theotokion

No other mighty refuge, or tower of strength, * or unassailable rampart have we acquired but you, O all-pure one. * To you do we flee, and to you do we cry out: * O Mistress, help us, lest we perish! * Show forth upon us your grace, * and the strength of your glory, ** and the magnitude of your loving-kindness.

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


Alleluia is sung for the day of the week with its verses (p. 16)

Aposticha

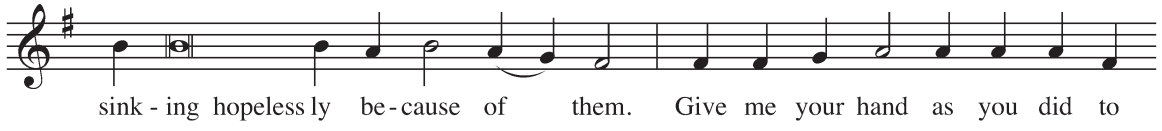
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(Tone 1)

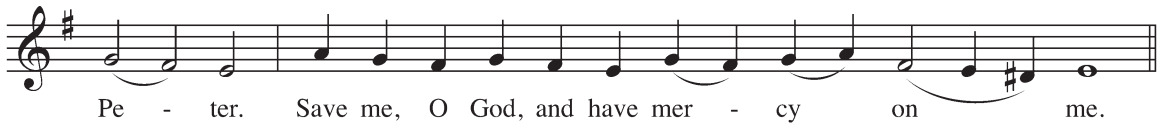
Aposticheron:



My sins are like a great gulf, O Sav - ior, and I am

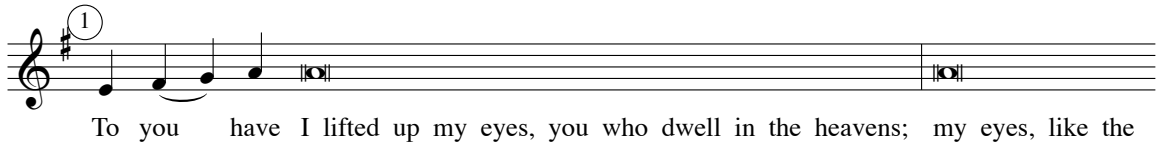


sink - ing hopelessly be - cause of them. Give me your hand as you did to

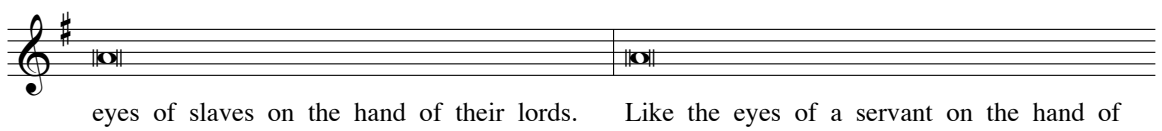


Pe - ter. Save me, O God, and have mer - cy on me.


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:


(2)




O Sav-ior, by my sinful thoughts and e - vil deeds, I have brought judg-ment



on my - self. Grant me the grace of con-ver-sion, O God, so that I may




call out to you: Save me, O gra - cious Benefactor, and have mer - cy



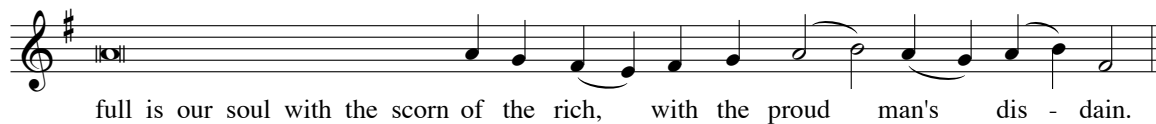
on me.

Cantor:

(2)




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:

(3)



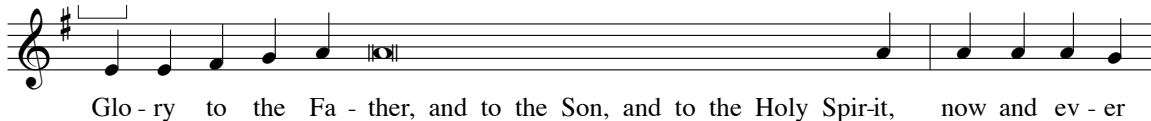
O Lord, through the interces sion of all your saints and of the Moth-er of God,



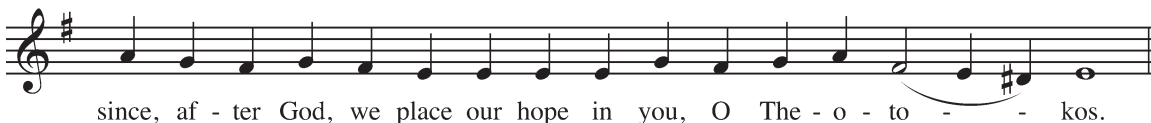
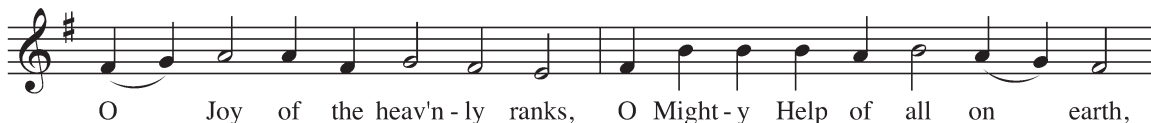
grant us your peace and have mer - cy on us; for you a - lone are



Cantor (Tone 1):



Theotokion



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

Troparion & Theotokion

Continue with the Troparia and prostrations for days of Alleluia (p. 26).

¹ Format 4, Day of Alleluia in a Minor Fast