


GREAT VESPERS PROPERs FOR JULY 15TH

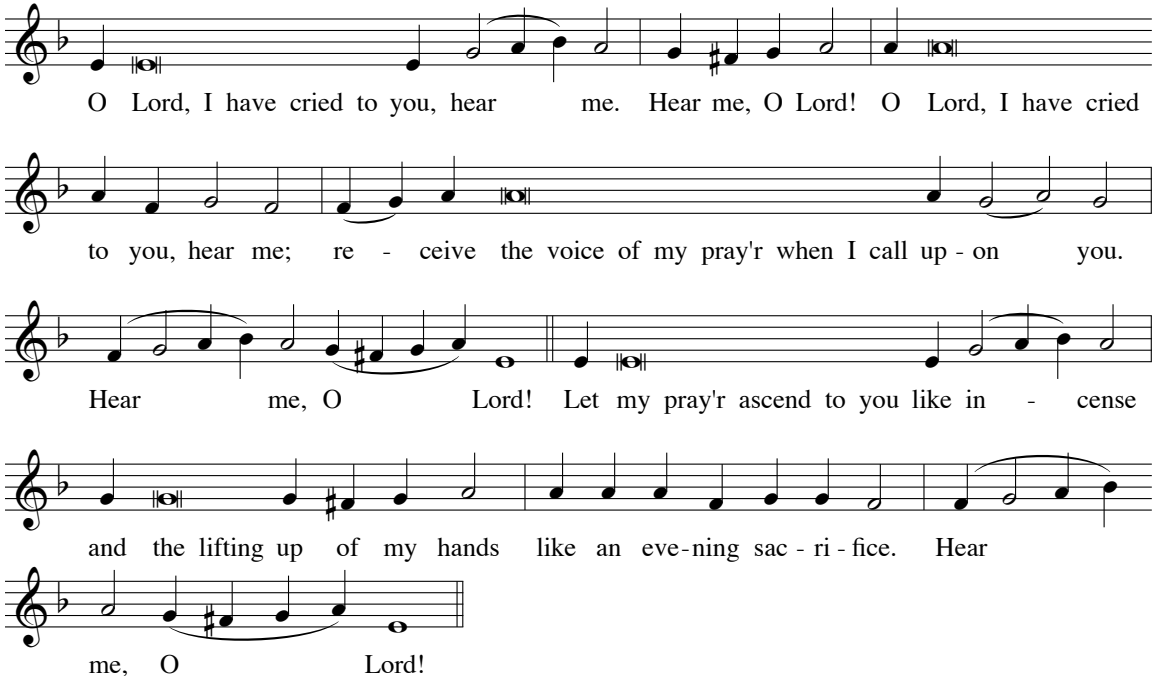
from the Menaion

1  **The holy great prince Vladimir, equal to the apostles, who was baptized Basil at Kiev in Rus'. Son of Prince Svyatoslav, grandson of Igor and Olga, he was pagan for the first part of his life. He sent out envoys to find the religion best suited for his people, and he and his court were baptized in the orthodox faith. He bestowed care in spreading the orthodox faith among the peoples subject to him. (1015)**

The holy martyrs Cyricus and Julitta (*transferred to July 14th*)

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 great prince Vladimir from the Menaion:

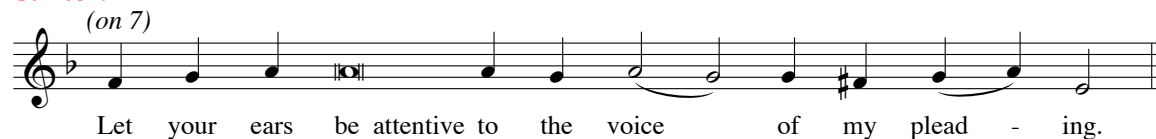
Cantor - (Tone 4):



(8) (7) Sticheron

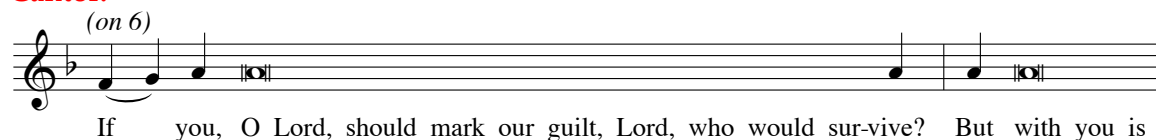
In word and deed you were a second Constantine; * for he was born in a Christian age, * yet remained a pagan for many years, * while you were born among pagans, * yet came to love Christ who loved you, * and you have ascended to him, rejoicing. * Never cease to entreat him ** in behalf of those who honor your memory.

Cantor:



Repeat: "In word and deed..."

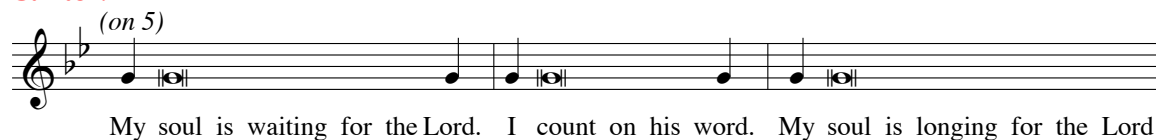
Cantor:



(6) (5) Sticheron

Mount Sinai is glad, shining eternally with splendor, * having been sanctified by the law of Moses * and having seen the Invisible One; * and your great city, O Vladimir, * rejoices and is glad, shining with splendor, * beholding in itself and not in darkness, * the Son glorified with the Father in the Spirit. ** Entreat him, that he save and enlighten our souls.

Cantor:





more than watch - man for day - break.

Repeat: "Mount Sinai is glad..."

Cantor – (Tone 5):

(on 4)



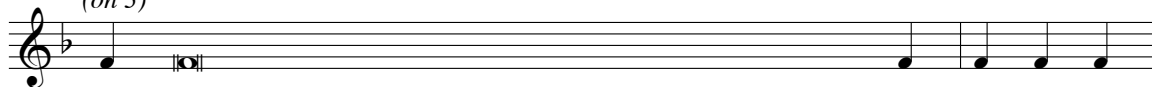
Let the watch-man count on day - break and Is - ra - el on the Lord.

(4) (3) Sticheron

Spiritually you were the father, * and materially you were the king of the people of Rus, O Vladimir; * and as a true preacher, an apostle of Christ, * you proclaimed the baptism of salvation. * Thus splendidly illuminating all, ** you sanctified the people in all the lands of your kingdom, O blessed one.

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.

Repeat: "Spiritually you were the father..."

Cantor:

(on 2)



Praise the Lord, all you na - tions, ac - claim him all you peo - ples!

(2) (1) Sticheron

You were a root of the true faith, O Vladimir, * watered by the All-holy Spirit, * putting forth for us divinely planted branches * which emit the sweet fragrance of flowers: * the wondrous Boris and Gleb, the lovers of piety. * They pour forth miracles in abundance upon all the faithful. * Standing with them before Christ, ** pray that he save and enlighten our souls.

Cantor:*(on 1)*

Strong is the love of the Lord for us; he is faith-ful for-ev - er.

Repeat: "You were a root of the true faith..."

Cantor - (Tone 8):

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

Doxastikon

Come, let us all hasten to the honored memorial * of the father of Rus, Vladimir, our leader; * for he was born of the heathen, * but came to love Christ who loved him, * and he has now gone up to him, in joy, * with his grandmother Olga. * For he taught all his people to believe in and worship the one God in Trinity. * Destroying the idols, he trampled them underfoot, * and produced for us his precious offspring, Boris and Gleb.* Therefore, we faithfully honor their memory with hymns and splendor, * and we celebrate them with love, * that they may pray for us to the Lord, * grant victory to the faithful over the pagan foe, ** bring peace to the whole world, and save our souls.

Cantor - (Tone 8):

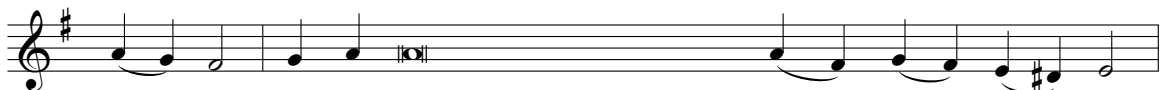
Now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men.

Dogmatikon

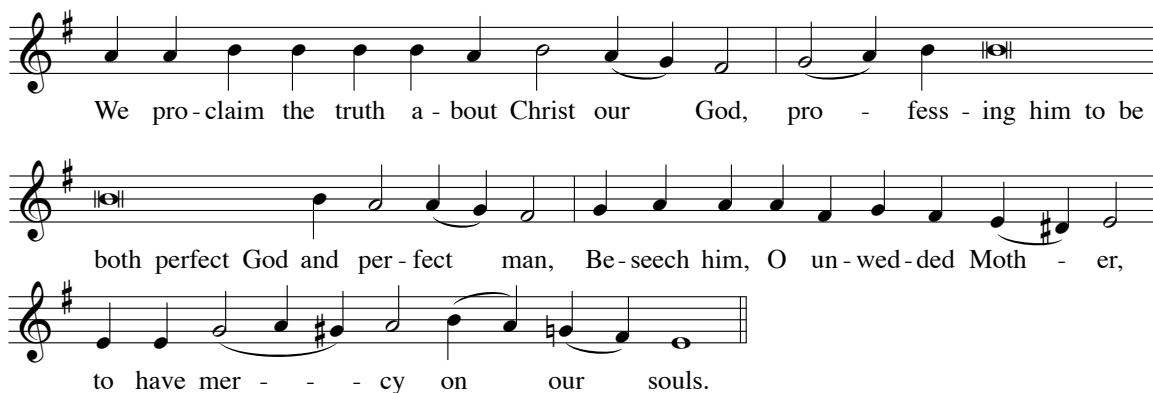
In his love for all of us, the King of Heaven appeared on earth and



dwelt a-mong us, for he took flesh from a pure Virgin and came forth



from her. The on - ly Son has two natures but is not two per - sons.



*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 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30
- 2) Isaiah 61:10-62:5
- 3) Isaiah 60:1-16

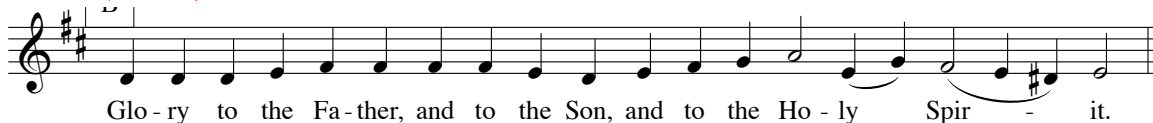
Litija

Tone 2 Samohlasen

Litija Sticheron:

Today the memory of the pious Prince Vladimir has shone, * poured forth like myrrh; * for, having loved Christ and triumphed over the idols, * he built churches in his land to him crucified for our sake, ** and has received a crown and kingdom in the heavens.

Cantor (Tone 6):

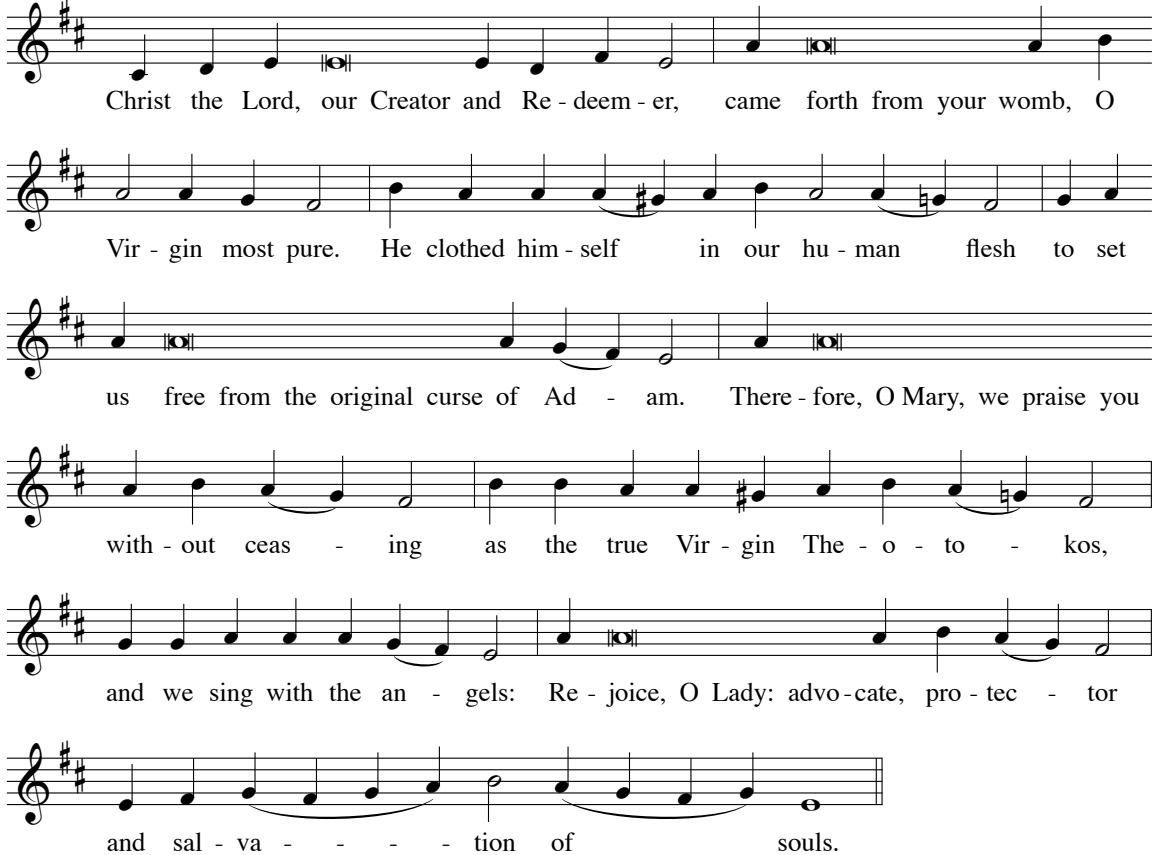


Come, let us all hasten to the honored memorial of the father of Rus, * Vladimir, our leader; * for he was born of the heathen, * but came to love Christ who loved him, * and he has now gone up to him, in joy, * with his grandmother Olga. * Therefore, we also celebrate with love, * entreating him to pray to the Lord for us, ** that he grant peace to the world and great mercy.

Cantor (Tone 6):



Theotokion



Continue with the Litany of the Litija (p. 116)

Aposticha

The aposticha are from the Menaion:

(Tone 8)

Aposticheron:

O all-glorious wonder! * The vaunted mind is cast into the depths today, * and all the armies of evil lament, * beholding a most wild shoot divinely planted * and glorified by

the power of God, * and crowned by God with splendor: ** Vladimir the great, our faithful leader.

Cantor: I have exalted one chosen from my people.

Aposticheron:

Wondrous is the depth of miracles! * For those who before were hardened in mind and raged in vain, * are gladdened today in the honored Church * by the face of Vladimir; * and Christ God reigns, having acquired him like Paul of old, * and in his land he has set him as a faithful prince, ** who enlightened his people with honorable baptism.

Cantor: With my holy oil I have anointed him.

Aposticheron:

Rejoice, O boast of Russia! * Rejoice, O helmsman of the faithful! * Rejoice, O godly Vladimir, our leader! * Rejoice, bulwark of the Faith! * Rejoice, all-glorious wonder of wonders, * calm haven of those who have recourse to you! * Rejoice, most holy root of the Faith * and intercessor for those who hymn you ** and magnify you with faith!

Cantor (Tone 8):



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

Assembling today, O councils of Rus, * let us praise Vladimir the Great, * the author of piety and preacher of the faith, * supreme among the princes of Rus, * the equal of the apostles; * and with praises and spiritual hymns let us crown him, saying: * Rejoice, O all-valiant warrior of Christ, * for, having utterly destroyed the tyrant enemy and delivered us from his deceit, * you have led us to the King, Christ our God. * O all-blessed and most praised one, * beseech him to grant peace and health, * steadfast might and victory over the heathen to your people, ** and great mercy to our souls.

Cantor (Tone 8):



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

Theotokion

O Lady, accept the prayers of your servant * and deliver us from all want and grief.

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

Troparia

Sung twice, first by the priest alone, then by the faithful.

Troparion - Tone 4



The musical notation for the Troparion is written on seven staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is a single line of music. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The text is: "You were like a mer-chant seek-ing a fine pearl as you sat on the throne of the mother of cities, the God - re-deemed Kiev. Send-ing mes-sengers to the capitol in your search for the faith, you dis-cov-ered the price-less Pearl which is Christ. He chose you in turn as a sec - ond Paul. You sub - mit - ted to the rites of bap - tism, and the scales of spiritual blind - ness fell from your eyes. Now your peo-ple have come to cel - e-brate your death. Pray for the authorities in the land of Rus' to be saved."

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After the second time, the cantor continues:

Cantor (Tone 4):



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Continue with "Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos..." (p.119) and then the Blessing of Bread (p. 119).

¹Format 9: Saint with a Vigil on a Weekday