GREAT VESPERS PROPERS FOR JULY 27TH from the Menaion

The holy great martyr Panteleimon (or Pantaleon) at Nicomedia in Bithynia, martyr, who is venerated in the East as a physician who exercised his craft without a fee. (304)

Memory of our holy father Clement the Wonder-worker, archbishop of Ohrid in Illyricum (modern Bulgaria). He was notable for his learning and his knowledge of the sacred scriptures, and carried the light of faith to the Bulgarian people. With him are commemorated the holy bishops Gorazd, Nahum, Sabas, and Angelarius, who continued the work of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Bulgaria. (916)

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



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

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.

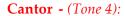
Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;

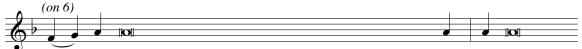
Lord hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive

to the voice of my pleading.

6 stichera for the Holy Anna from the Menaion:



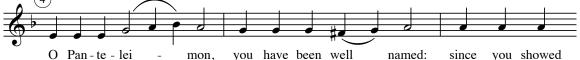


If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would sur-vive? But with you is



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





mon, you have been well named: since you showed



such great mer-cy to all as you watch over souls and care for bo dies,



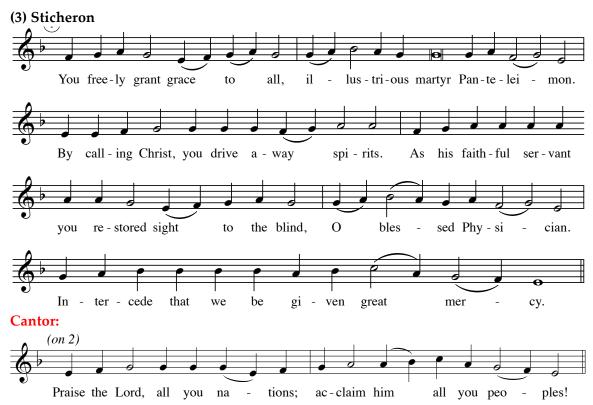
you re-ceived your fitting name as a prize for your vir tue, a recompense











(2) Sticheron

Cherishing the holy Faith of your pious mother, * you corrected the impiety of your father. * Strengthened by the teachings of Hermolaus, * you received baptism from him, O Panteleimon, * illustrious martyr of the compassionate God, * who heal illnesses and drive away pain. * Intercede that the faithful who celebrate your sacred memory ** may be delivered from all disaster.

Cantor:

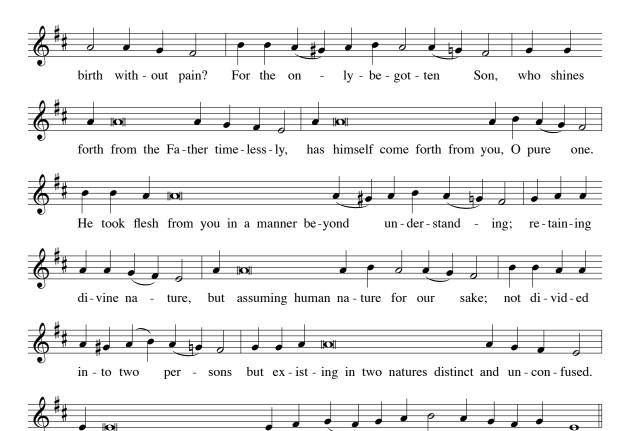


(1) Sticheron

You renounced the errors of your father, * illustrious martyr; * and you wisely treasured your mother's words like gold, * making them fruitful, as the Lord had taught. * You were seen to be a wondrous physician, * illustrious martyr Panteleimon: * growing in

grace, you found on your path a child bitten by a serpent. * Praying instantly to the Lord, * you restored life to the infant and crushed the reptile. * Remember all of us who keep your memory with faith, ** that we may find grace on the day of judgment.





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: (EOT 303-304)

- 1) Isaiah 43:9-13
- 2) Wisdom 3:1-9
- 3) Wisdom 5:15-6:3

Aposticha

The aposticha are from the Menaion: (Tone 1)

Aposticheron:

Come, O people, let us praise the valiant athlete Panteleimon, * who struggled for piety, and let us say: * Rejoice, steadfast champion of the Faith, * as were the prophets and apostles! * Rejoice, you who have Christ within yourself, * imitating Paul in your deeds!

* Rejoice, calm haven for those who are at sea! ** Rejoice, O our boast, joy of the Church of the faithful!

Cantor: The just man will flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar of Lebanon.

Aposticheron:

Having found the good path in childhood * and anointed your heart with the mercy of Christ, * you heal the infirmities of those who earnestly entreat you. * Thus, you raised up a dead man by your prayers * and have received the kingdom of heaven, ** O most blessed Panteleimon.

Cantor: Planted in the house of the Lord, he will flourish in the courts of our God.

Aposticheron:

Let us praise the athlete of Christ, * the wise Panteleimon, * who slew the serpent with the power of the Cross, * and by the prayers of Hermolaus * raised up a young man from the dead, * and put to shame words of unholy wisdom, ** and who unceasingly prays that all be granted the forgiveness of offenses.





Doxastikon

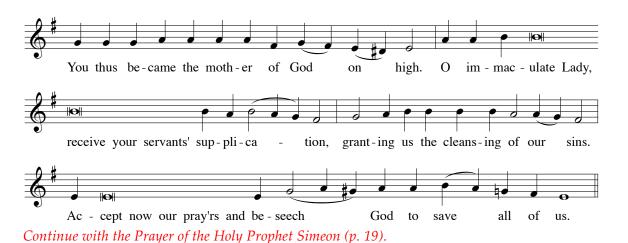
Following the holy Faith of your mother, * you corrected the impiety of your father. * In order to serve the physician of our souls, * you studied the healing arts of medicine. * Successful in all your undertakings by the grace of God, * you made pains disappear, * and you became the healer of souls. * Constant in your struggles and diligent in prayer, ** O witness of Christ, you intercede before him that he save our souls.

Cantor (Tone 8):

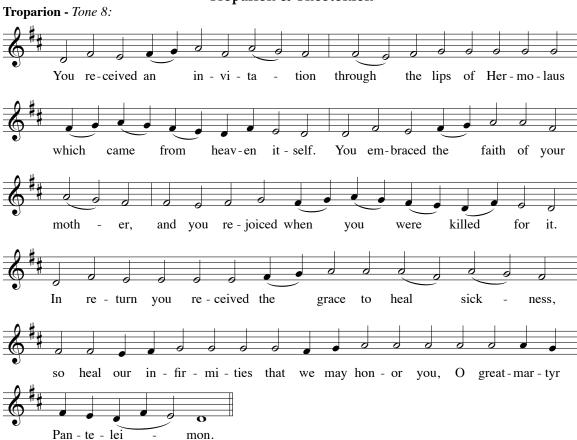


Theotokion





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Continue with the Dismissal (p. 21).