

VESPERS PROPER FOR AUGUST 24TH, 2020

from the Menaion

¹**The holy martyr Eutyches**, disciple of St. John the Theologian. Although he was not included among the Seventy, he was called an apostle by virtue of having been a disciple of the great Apostles, and because he showed true apostolic zeal in the service of the Gospel. He was tortured and finally beheaded in Sebastopol.

Our blessed confessor Dominic Methodius Trčka. A Redemptorist priest and peacher of popular missions, he was sent by his superiors to L'viv to work among the Greek Catholic faithful, where he learned the people's language and took the name Methodius. After many years in Michalovce, he was accused by the Communists in 1952 of collaboration with Bishop Pavel Gojdič, and sent to prison. Placed in solitary confinement for singing a Christmas carol, he died in his cell, after forgiving his persecutors. (1959)

Psalm 140 (*Tone 8*)

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 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 of the holy martyr Eutyches from the Menaion:

Cantor - (Tone 8):

(on 6)

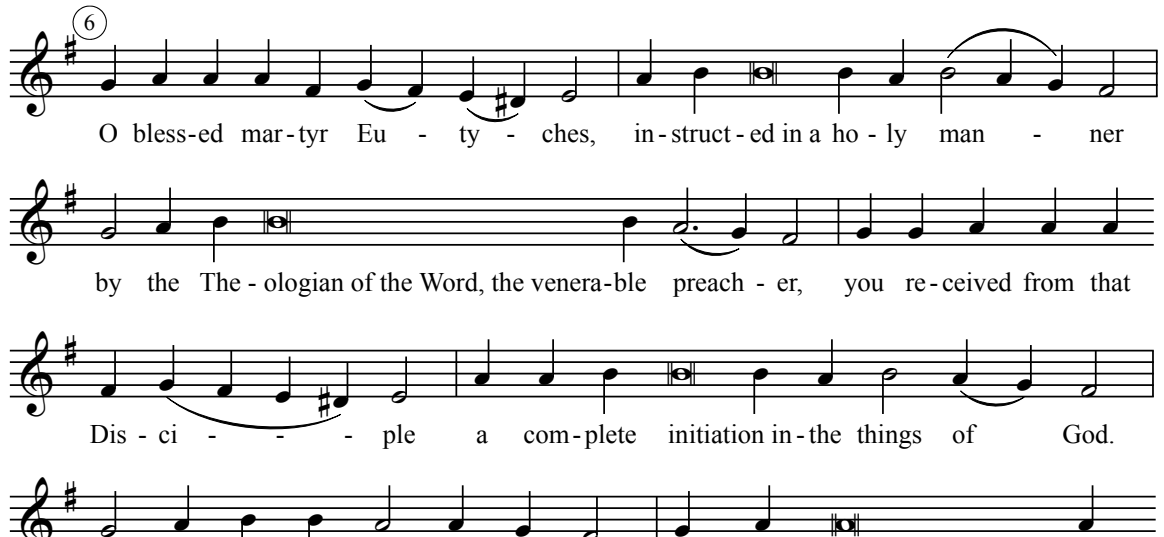


If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would sur-vive? But with you is

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

(6) Sticheron

(6)



O bless-ed mar-tyr Eu - ty - ches, in-struct-ed in a ho - ly man - ner

by the The - ologian of the Word, the venera-ble preach - er, you re-ceived from that


Dis - ci - - - ple a com-plete initiation in-the things of God.

You shone forth with grace as a lamp, en - light - ening all hearts with your

di - vine teach - ings. Thus we cel - e - brate your sa - cred mem - o - ry.

Cantor:

(on 5)



My soul is waiting for the Lord. I count on his word. My soul is longing for the Lord



(5) Sticheron

With the lev - ers of your con-stant en - dur - - - ance, you tore down
the ram-parts of er - - - ror. You en-dured chains and your death was glo - ri - - - ous.
Now, O bless - ed one, you have found im - mor - tal - i - - - ty
in com - - - pany with all the angels in the choirs of the mar - - - tyrs. By a di-vine
communion with the su - - - preme Good, you are com-plete - ly de - i - - - fied
in a won - drous man - - - ner.

Cantor:

(on 4)
Let the watchman count on day-break and Is - ra - el on the Lord.

(4) Sticheron

En - closed in pris - on, you received the bread of life from Heav - en.

Thrown in - to the fur-nace, you were not burned. O bless-ed Eu - ty - ches,
 you en - dured the wounds with which you were cruel-ly af - flict - - - ed.
 As you prayed, you calmed the rage of the sav - age beasts. When the
 sword finally be - head - ed you, your blood, like a di - vine char - i - ot,
 car - ried you up, to Heav - - - en.

3 stichera of our blessed confessor Dominic Methodius from the Menaion:

Cantor – (Tone 6):

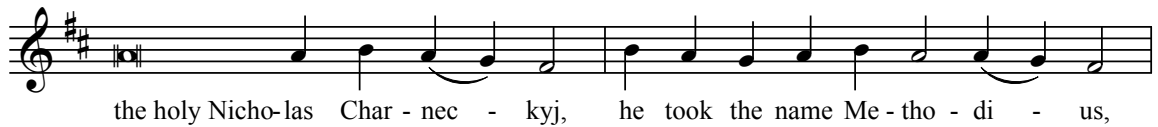
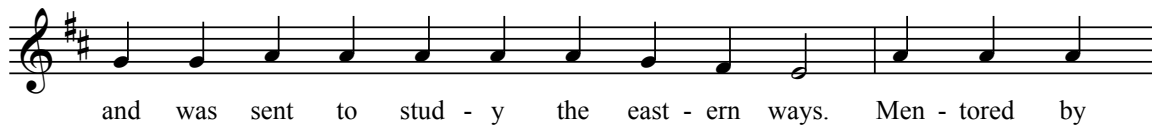
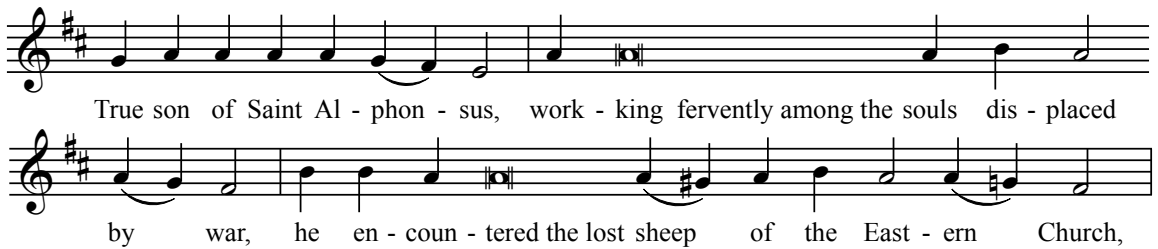
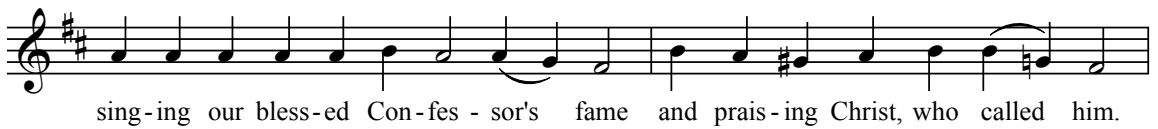
(on 3)

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

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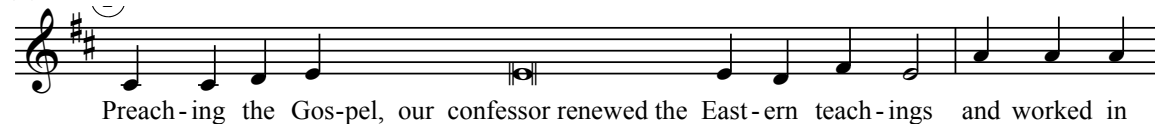
From Mi - chal - ov - ce all the faith - ful gath - er to - geth - er



Cantor:



(2) Sticheron

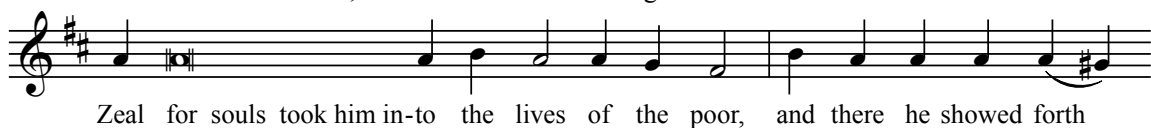




Prešov, Užhorod and Kri - žev - ci. He lived to the full the



mo-nas - tic life, as he strove to guard the Sisters of Saint Bas - il.



Zeal for souls took him in-to the lives of the poor, and there he showed forth



the Re-deem-er's love. Through his pray'rs, may Christ have mer-cy on our souls.

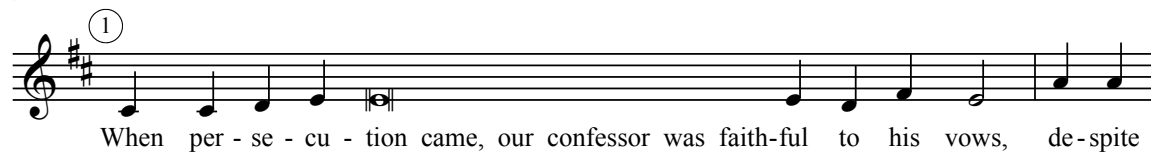
Cantor:

(on 1)



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

(1) Sticheron



When per - se - cu - tion came, our confessor was faith-ful to his vows, de-spite



the hard-ships placed be - fore him. Through im - pris - on - ment and tor - ture,



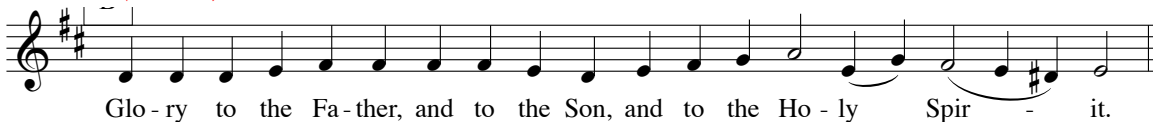
he per - se - vered and nur - tured his breth - ren. "But re - joice



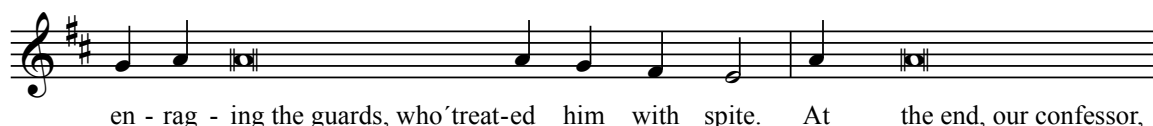
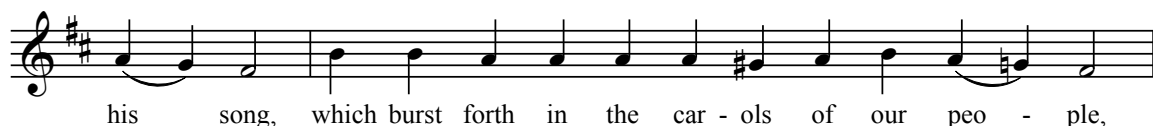
in so far as you share Christ's suf - fer - ings, that you may al - so



Cantor - (Tone 6):



Doxastikon





Cantor:



Theotokion

Save me, O all-pure Mistress, * who gave birth ineffably to Christ the Savior. * For I have acquired you as my only intercessor, * an unassailable rampart, * my protection and joy, * and the divine consolation of my soul. * Wherefore, deliver me from the worm which sleeps not ** and from everlasting fire, O Mother of Christ God.

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

The Prokeimenon is for the Day of the Week (pp. 13-15).

Aposticha

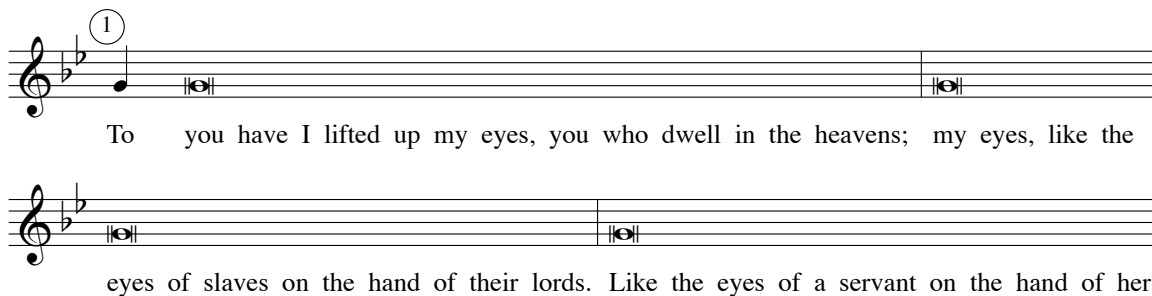
The aposticha are from the Menaion:


(Tone 3)

Aposticheron:



Cantor:





mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he show us his mer - cy.

Aposticheron:

Save me, O my Lord God, for you are the Sav - ior of all.

A storm of passion is toss-ing me a-bout, and the weight of transgression

is sink-ing me. Give me your help-ing hand, and lead me to the light of

hu - mil - i - ty; for you alone are merci ful and you love us all.

Cantor:

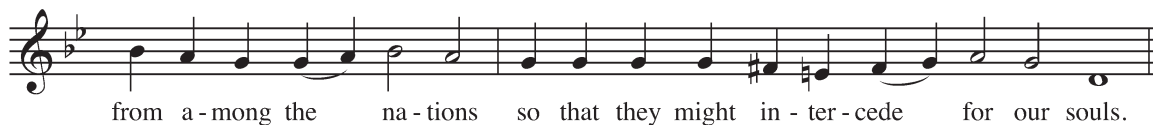
Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. We are filled with contempt. Indeed all too

full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's dis-dain.

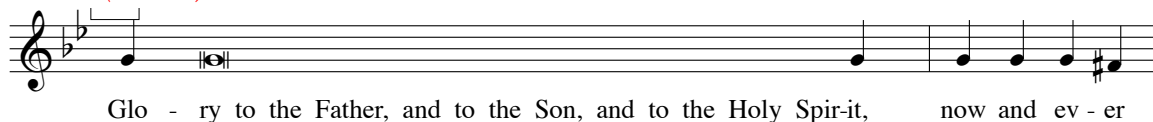
Aposticheron:

Great is the pow-er of your cross, O Lord; set in one place, its might is felt

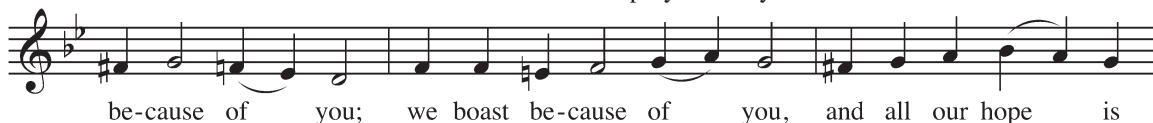
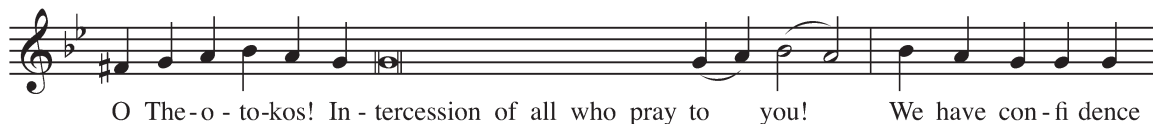
through-out the world. It has made apostles out of fish-er - men and mar-tyrs



Cantor (Tone 3):



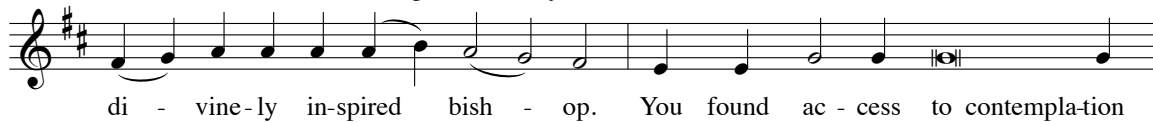
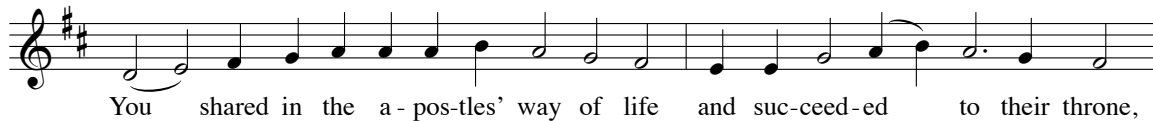
Theotokion



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

Troparia & Theotokion

Troparion - Tone 4





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



Eu - ty - ches, 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.

Troparion – Tone 4

Lord, our God, who bring forth in every age the martyrs * who bear witness to your boundless love, * you gave your priest-martyr Dominic Methodius outstanding bravery * in the face of trial and torture. * May his prayers for your Byzantine Catholic Church give strength to the Faith * for which he gave his life and keep us true to you, ** O God, forever.

Cantor (Tone 4):



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

Theotokion



To the One who was reared in the Tem - ple, close to the Ho - ly of Ho - lies,



and who was full of faith, wisdom, and perfect vir - gin - i - ty, Ga - bri - el,



the cap - tain and lead - er, of - fered es - teem and greet - ings from heav - en when he said:

Re-joyce, O Blessed One! Re-joyce, O Glo - ri - fied One! The Lord is
with you!

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

¹Format 3: Two Saints on a Weekday (Typicon indicates Format 1 (on Saturday, 2), but there are Stichera for confessor Dominic).