

VESPERS PROPER FOR AUGUST 28TH, 2020

from the Menaion

¹Our venerable father Moses the Ethiopian. He was at first the leader of a band of robbers, but repented and became a great ascetic. He gave himself up utterly to work, prayer, vigils, and fasting. He was ordained a priest in his old age, and then founded a monastery of his own. He was martyred by barbarians looking for loot. (405)

Our holy father Augustine, bishop of Hippo. Born in Hippo in Africa, he was turned from paganism to Christianity by the prayers and tears of his mother, St. Monica. He was baptized by Saint Ambrose of Milan, and returned to North Africa. There he was chosen bishop of Hippo, and he spent the rest of his life in prolific teaching and writing. (430)

The holy martyr Ghebre Michael, priest of Ethiopia, that is, Servant Michael, in Cerecca-Ghebaba in Ethiopia, priest of the Vincentians, who always sought the true faith in study and prayer and finally entered the unity of the Church, on account of which he suffered imprisonment for thirteen months followed by travels with soldiers with his feet burdened by chains, and finally, spent by hunger and thirst, he was killed by scourging. (1855)

In monasteries: The Synaxis of the venerable fathers of the Monastery of the Caves.

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!

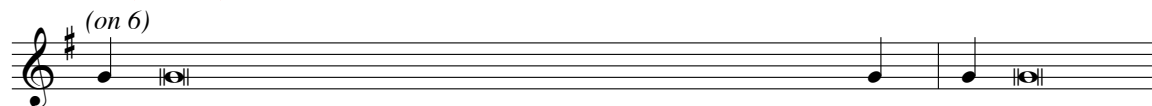
Continue with Psalm 140: "O Lord, set a guard before my mouth..." (p.9).

Stichera at the Lamplighting Psalms

3 stichera of our venerable father Moses 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

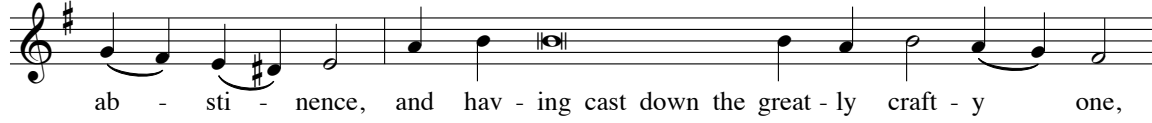
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Hav - ing wise - ly abandoned the a - dorn - ments of the world, fa - ther Mo - ses of




great re - nown sub - dued the car - nal pas - sions by the might - y pangs of



ab - sti - nence, and hav - ing cast down the great - ly craft - y one,




he re - ceived a crown of vic - to - ry. Through his pray'rs, O Lord, grant great



mer - cy to us all.

Cantor:

(on 5)



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



(5) Sticheron

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You pos-sesed ex-em-pla-ry ab - sti - nence, all-night stand-ing and a vig - i - lant
eye, and a mind which perceived the beau - ty of God, O bless-ed fa - ther
Mo - - - ses. Thus you have received the grace of hea - ling,
that you may cure cruel suf - fer - ings. For this cause, we beg you,
O fa - - - ther: ask for great mer - cy for all of us.

Cantor:

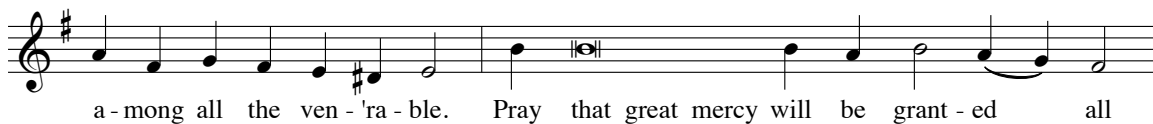
(on 4)

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

(4) Sticheron

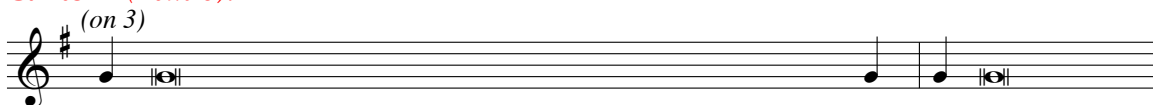
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Cov-ered by the hand of God, O fa-ther Mo - ses, you passed unscathed through
the de-mon - ic as-saults, and, a-dorned with dis-pas - sion, you are num-bered



3 stichera of our holy father Augustine from the Menaion:

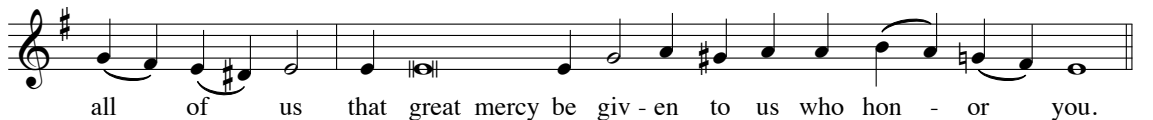
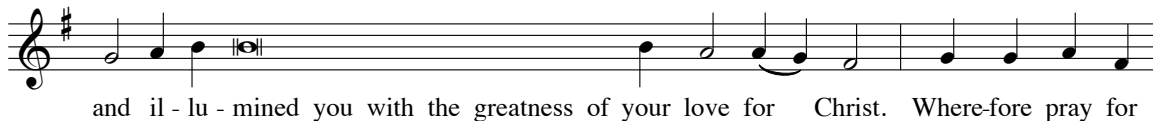
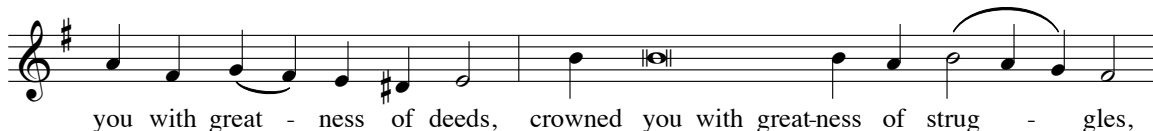
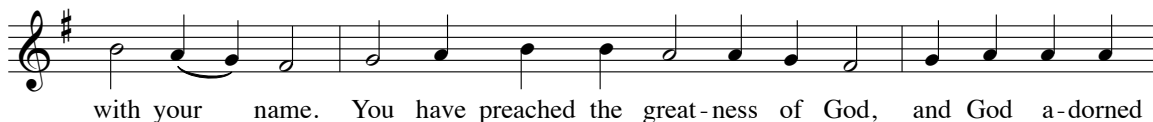
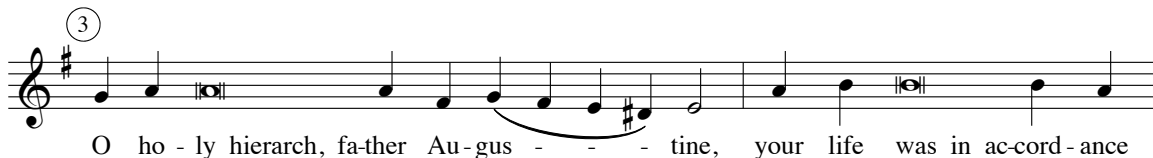
Cantor – (Tone 8):



Be - cause with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemp-tion, Is - rael indeed he



(3) Sticheron



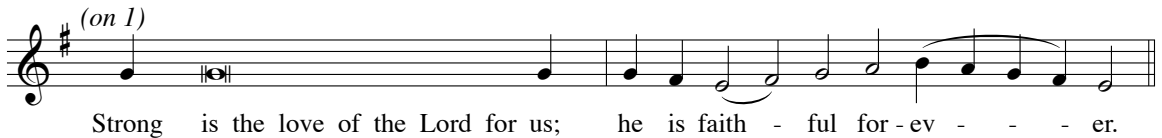
Cantor:



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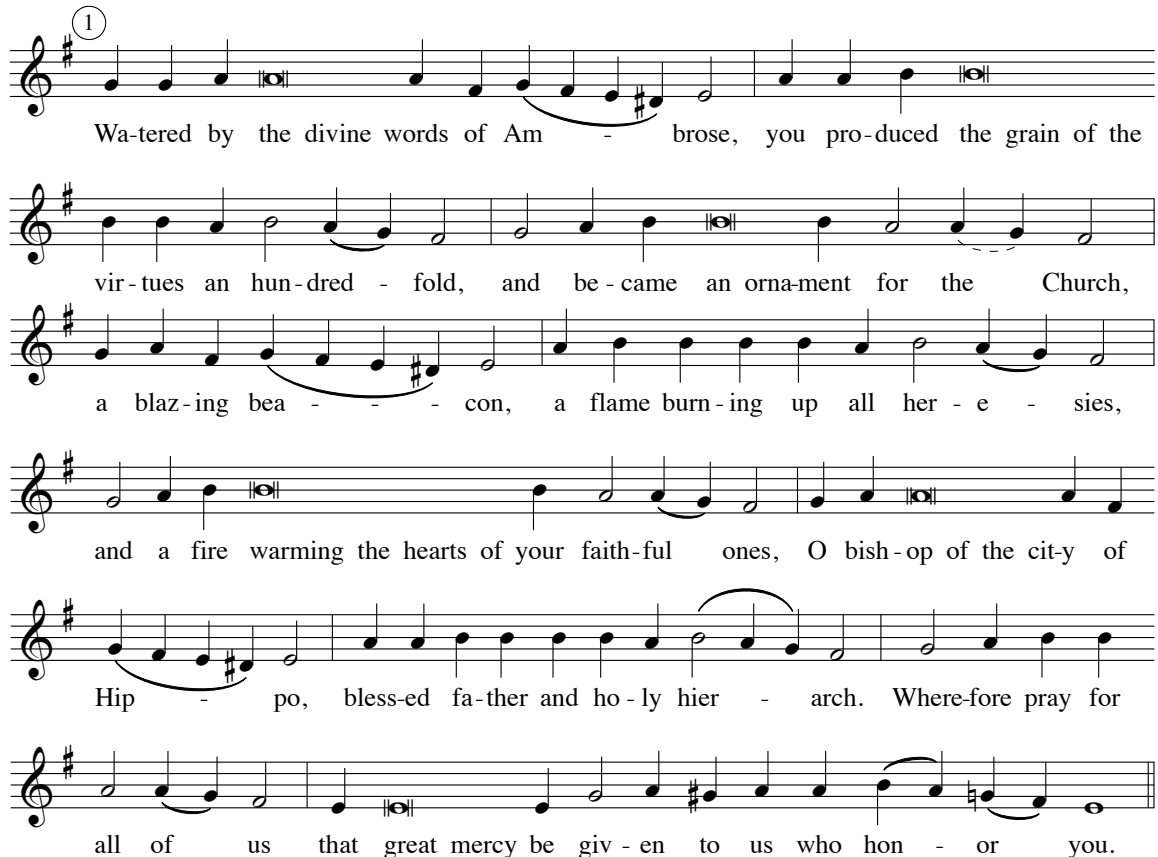


Cantor:



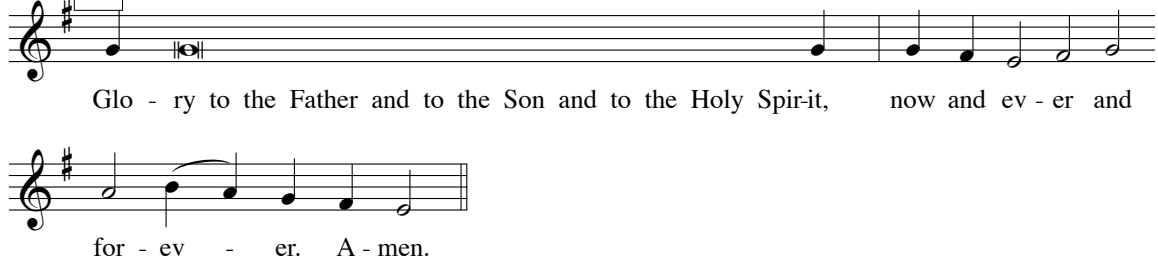
(1) Sticheron

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Wa-tered by the divine words of Am - brose, you pro-duced the grain of the
vir-tues an hun-dred - fold, and be - came an orna-ment for the Church,
a blaz-ing bea - - - con, a flame burn-ing up all her - e - sies,
and a fire warming the hearts of your faith-ful ones, O bish-op of the cit-y of
Hip - po, bless-ed fa-ther and ho - ly hier - arch. Where-fore pray for
all of us that great mercy be giv - en to us who hon - or you.

Cantor - (Tone 8):



Glo - ry to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir-it, now and ev - er and
for - ev - er. A - men.

Stavrotheotokion

"O my Child, I cannot bear to see You in repose upon the Tree * Who grants vigilance to all, * that You may impart divine and saving vigilance to him * who of old fell into the

sleep of destruction * because of the fruit of disobedience!" ** cried the weeping Virgin, whom we magnify.

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

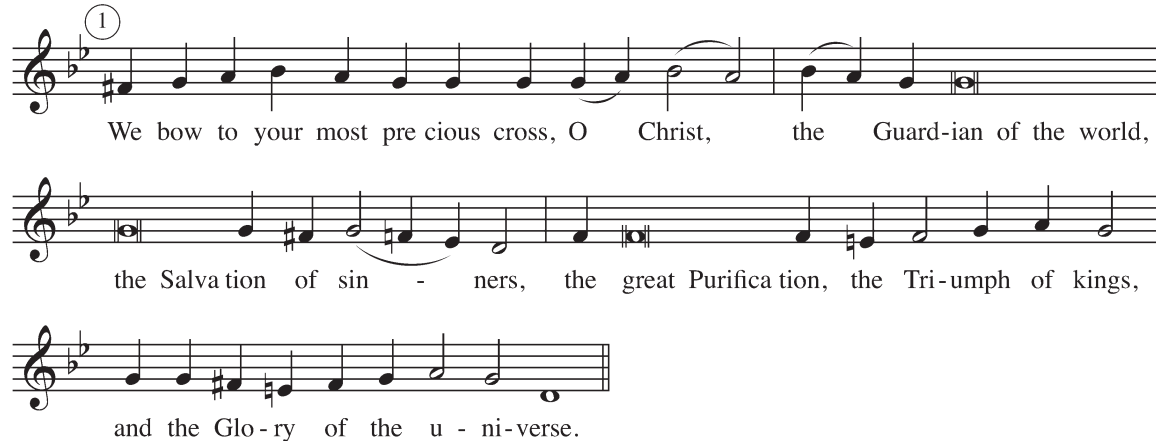
The Prokeimenon is for the Day of the Week (pp. 13-15).

Aposticha

The aposticha are from the Octoechos:

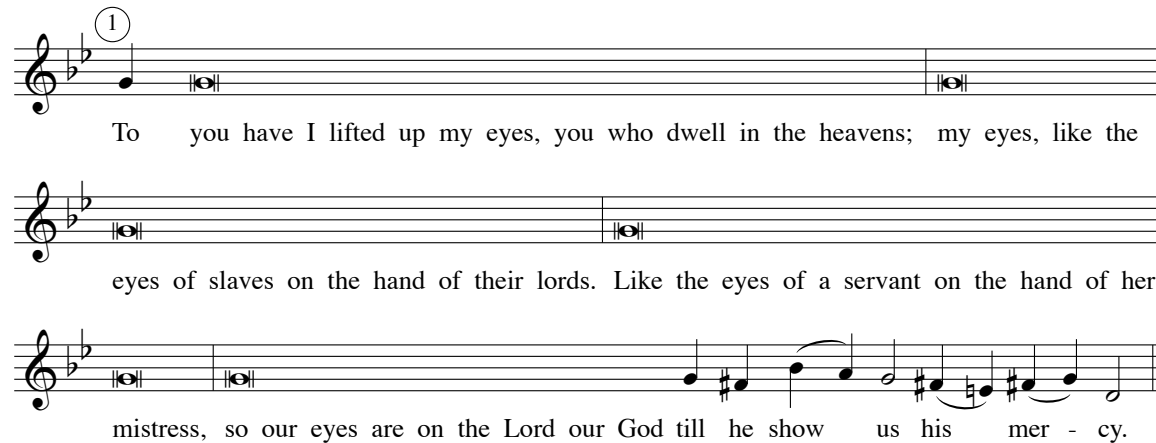
(Tone 3)

Aposticheron:



We bow to your most pre cious cross, O Christ, the Guard-ian of the world,
the Salva-tion of sin - ners, the great Purifica-tion, the Tri-um-ph of kings,
and the Glo-ry of the u - ni-verse.

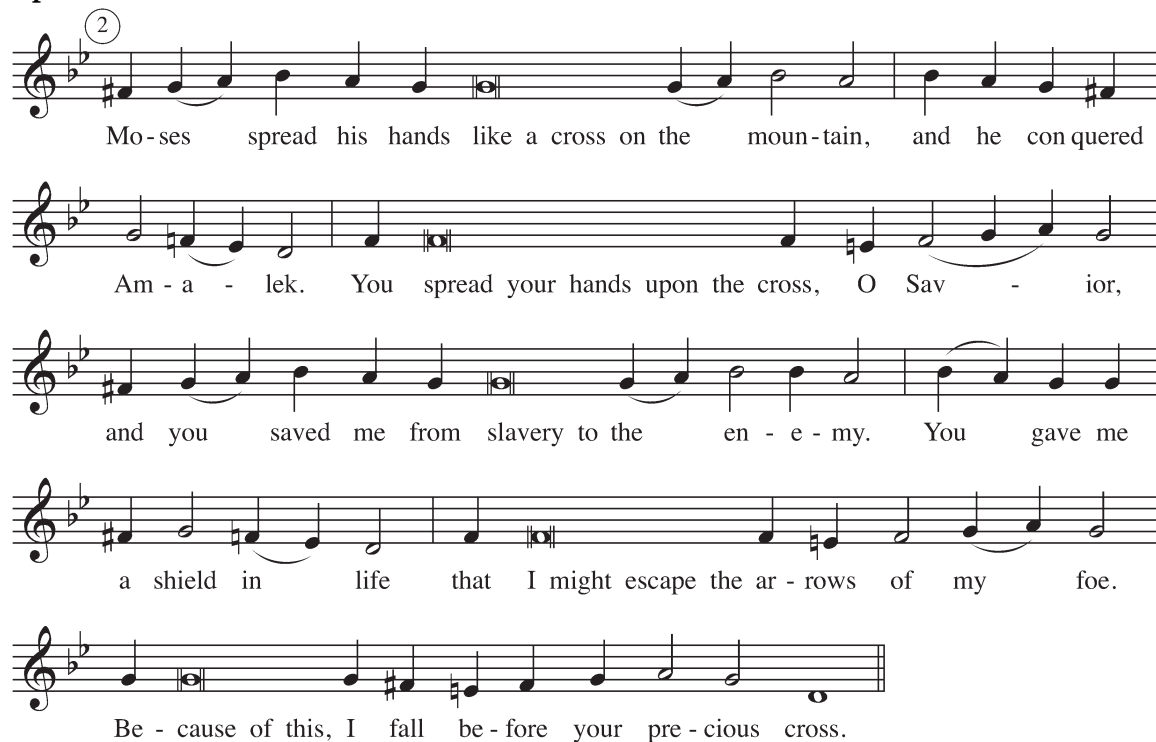
Cantor:



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:

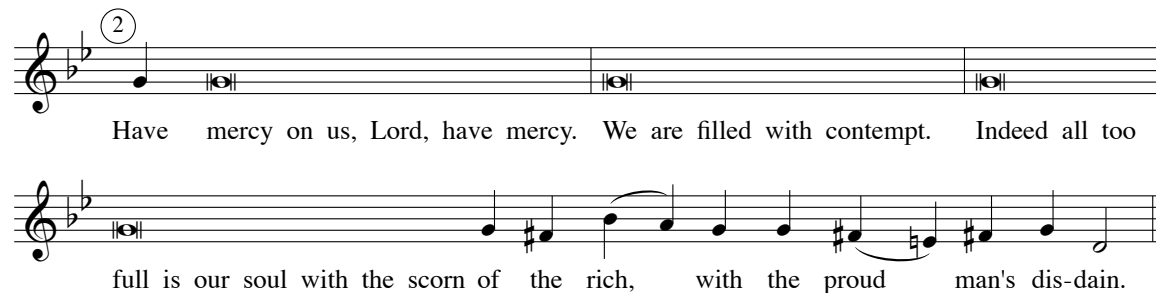
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Mo-ses spread his hands like a cross on the moun-tain, and he conquered
Am - a - lek. You spread your hands upon the cross, O Sav - ior,
and you saved me from slavery to the en - e - my. You gave me
a shield in life that I might escape the ar - rows of my foe.
Be - cause of this, I fall be - fore your pre - cious cross.

Cantor:

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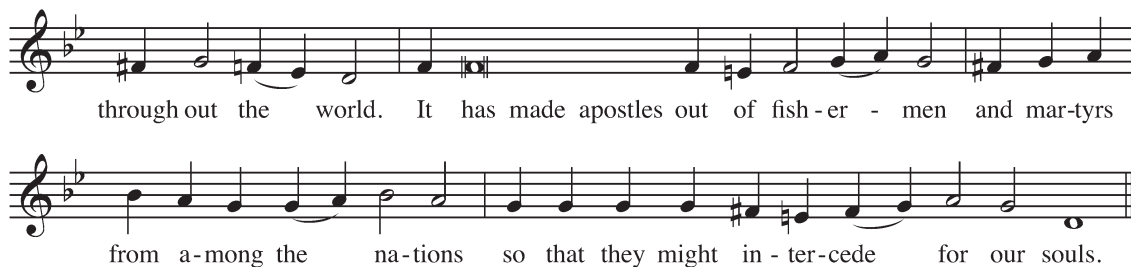
Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. We are filled with contempt. Indeed all too
full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's dis-dain.

Aposticheron:

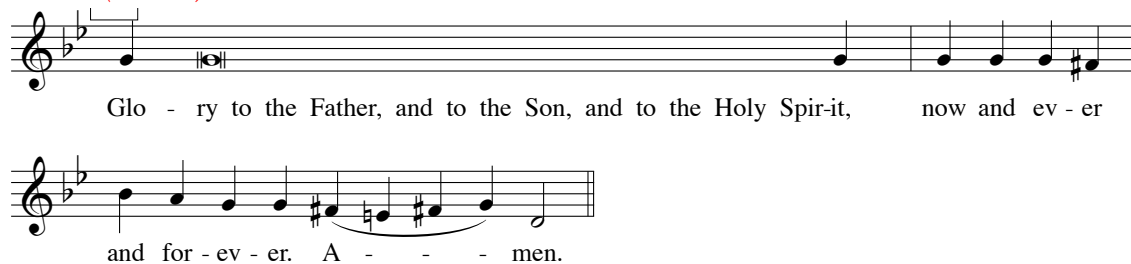
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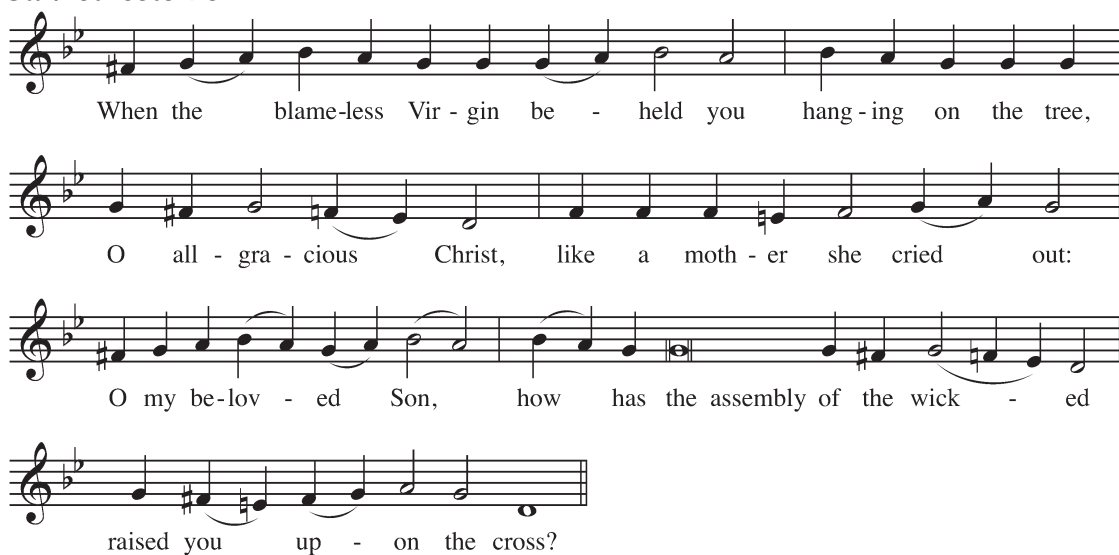
Great is the pow-er of your cross, O Lord; set in one place, its might is felt



Cantor (Tone 3):



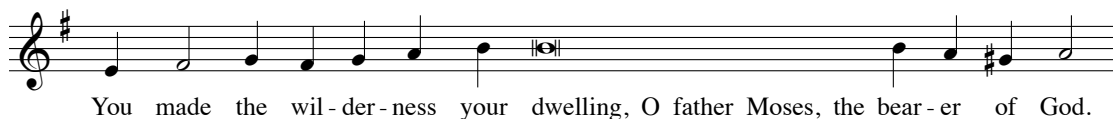
Stavrotheotokion

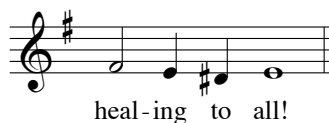
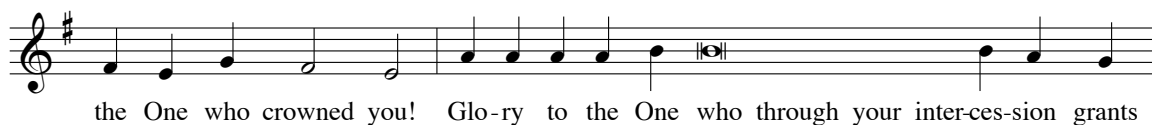
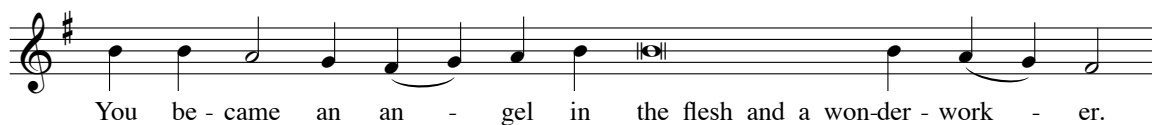


Continue with the Prayer of the Holy Prophet Simeon (p. 21).

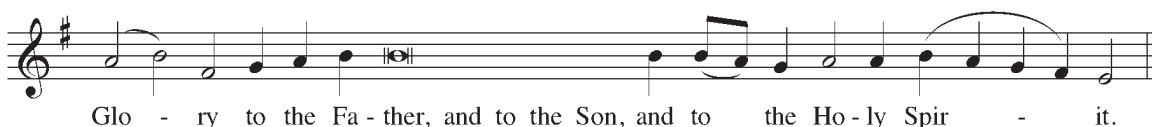
Troparia & Theotokion

Troparion of Moses the Ethiopian - Tone 1

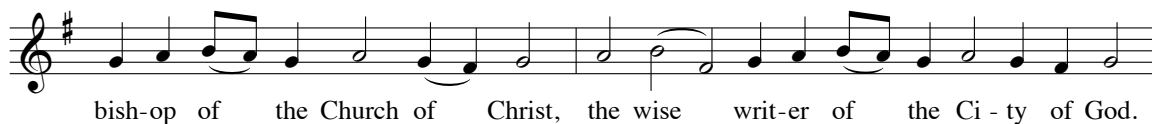


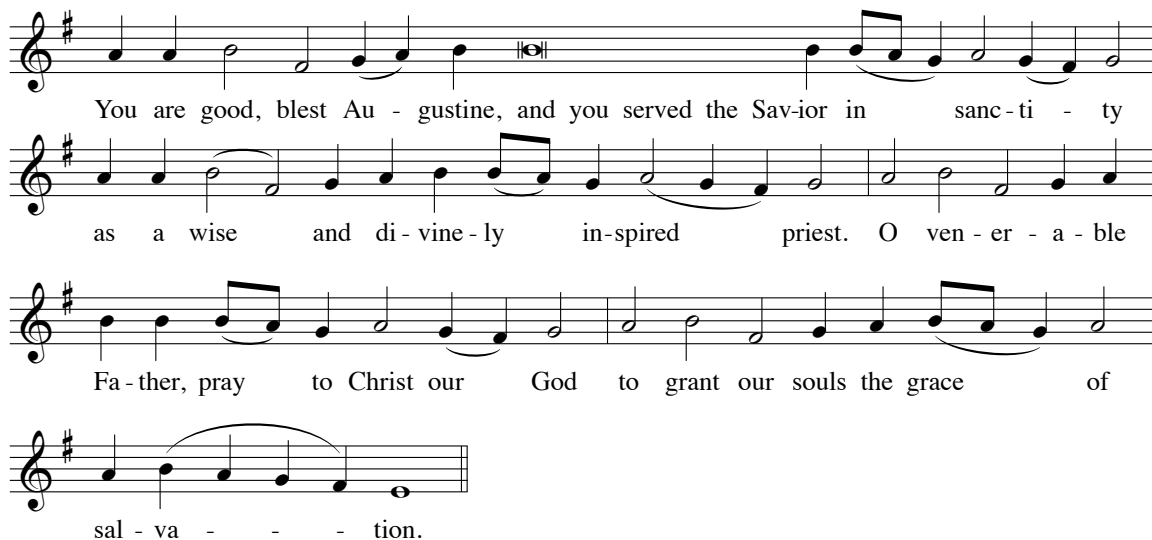


Cantor (Tone 5):



Troparion of Augustine - Tone 5





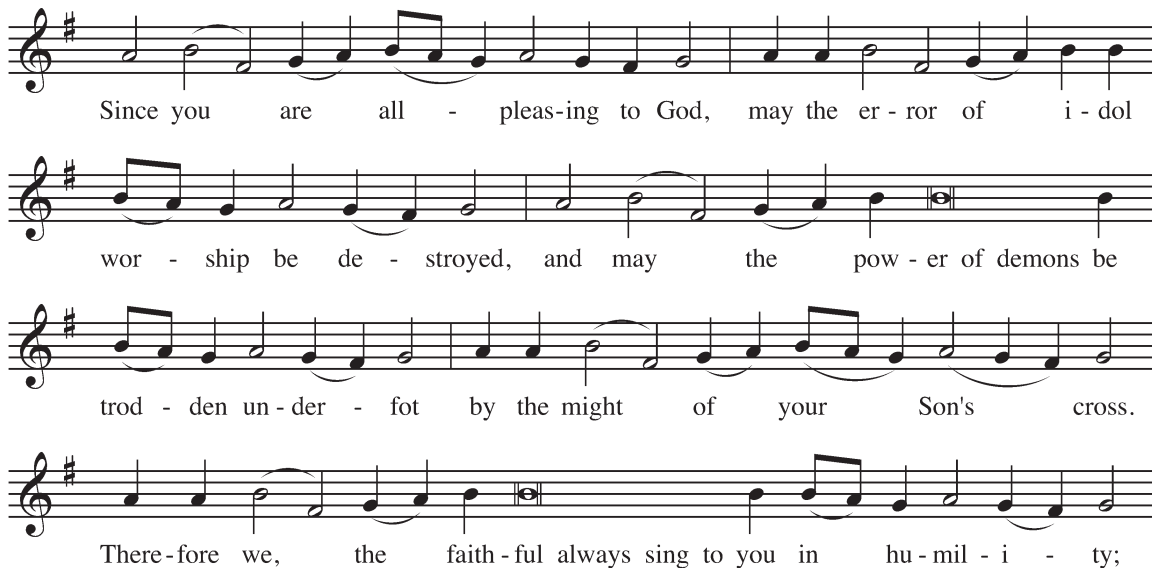
You are good, blest Au - gustine, and you served the Sav-ior in sanc-ti - ty
as a wise and di - vine - ly in-spired priest. O ven - er - a - ble
Fa-ther, pray to Christ our God to grant our souls the grace of
sal - va - - - tion.

Cantor (Tone 5):

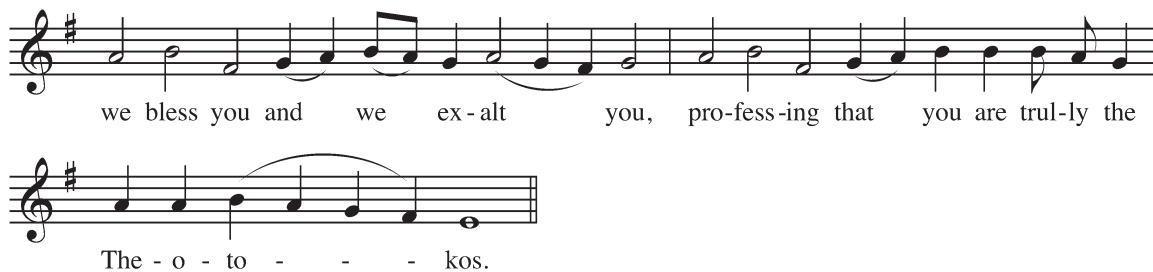


Now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - - - men.

Theotokion



Since you are all - pleas-ing to God, may the er - ror of i - dol
wor - ship be de - stroyed, and may the pow - er of demons be
trod - den un - der - fot by the might of your Son's cross.
There-fore we, the faith - ful always sing to you in hu - mil - i - ty;



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, but there are Stichera for our holy father Augustine).