

VESPERS PROPER FOR APRIL 12TH, 2021

from the Pentecostarion & the Menaion

¹Sunday Evening of Thomas Week

Our venerable father and confessor Basil, bishop of Parium in the Hellespont, who for the cult of holy icons, suffered flogging, imprisonment, and exile. (735)

Psalm 140 (*Tone 1*)

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 from the Pentecostarion:

Cantor - (*Tone 1*):

(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

After your wondrous Resurrection, O Lord and Source of Life, * You entered even though the doors were locked, * just as You did not break the seals of the tomb. * You filled your glorious disciples with joy, ** and in your goodness, You gave them your Spirit of Truth.

Cantor:



My soul is wait-ing for the Lord. I count on his word. My soul is longing for the



Lord more than watch-man for day - break.

(5) Sticheron

When You appeared to your disciples, O Lord, * Thomas, who was called the Twin, was not with them. * Thus he did not believe in your Resurrection, * and he said to those who saw You: * Unless I place my finger into his side * and into the marks of the nails, ** I will not believe that He is risen.

Cantor:



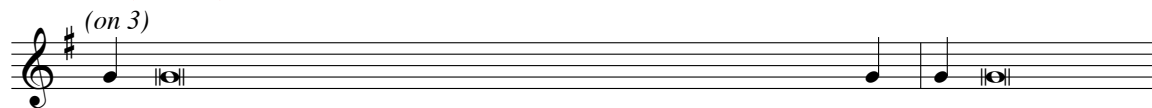
Let the watch-man count on day - break and Is - ra - el on the Lord.

(4) Sticheron

O Thomas, touch Me as you wish * extend your hand and realize that I am flesh and bones; * know that I truly have a human body, said Christ. * Do not persist in your unbelief, but now believe. * And Thomas responded: You are my Lord and my God! ** Glory to your holy Resurrection!

3 stichera for our venerable father and confessor Basil 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

Your memory is praised and splendidly celebrated, * O holy hierarch Basil; * and it filled with joy the assemblies of the Orthodox, * for you loved righteousness, the purity of chastity and meekness, ** and ever honored stillness with excellence and perfection.

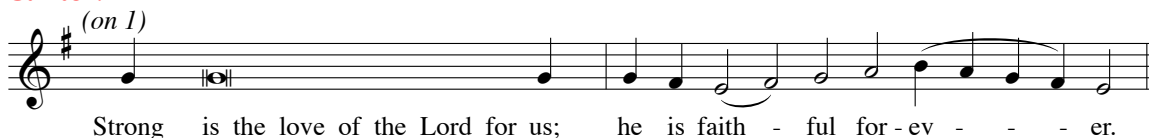
Cantor:



(2) Sticheron

Emulating the divine Paul in exiles patiently endured, * O holy hierarch Basil, * you reached the end of your life * in need and tribulations, * continually oppressed, and ever forced to move; * but now through God you have found habitation and delight ** which is without care and immutable.

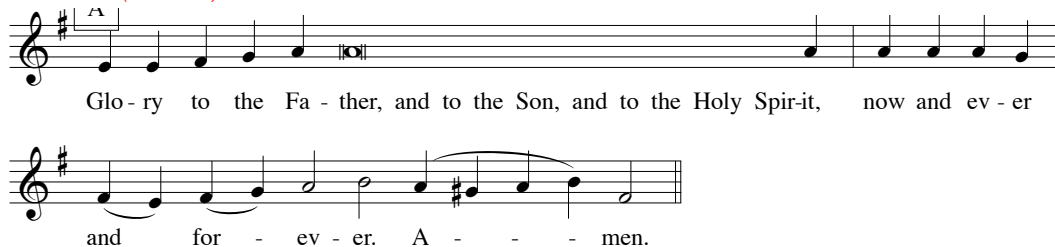
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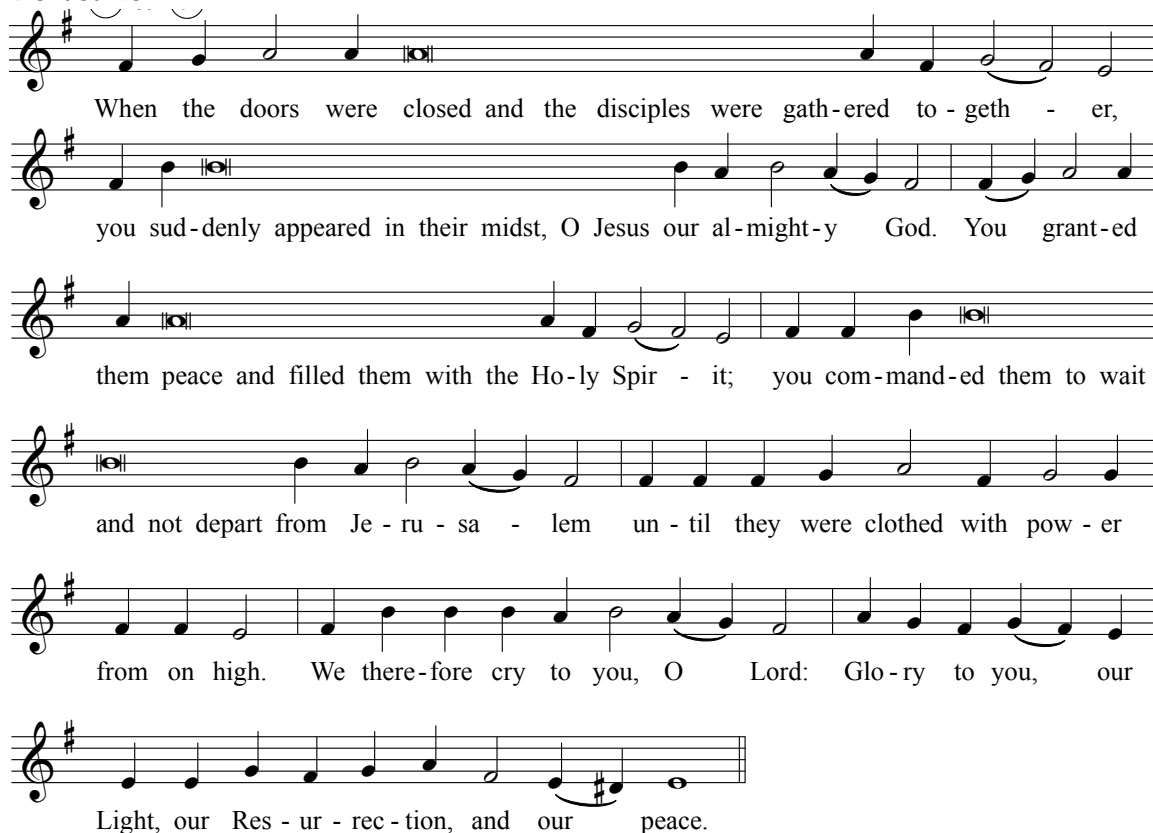
(1) Sticheron

As a God-pleasing hierarch you now look upon the never-waning beams * of a noetic habitation, * and, clothed in holiness * and clad in righteousness, * you have been made worthy to behold things which are above the earth; * and, face to face, O you who are most rich, * you see the beauty ** of the magnificence of noetic things.

Cantor - (Tone 1):



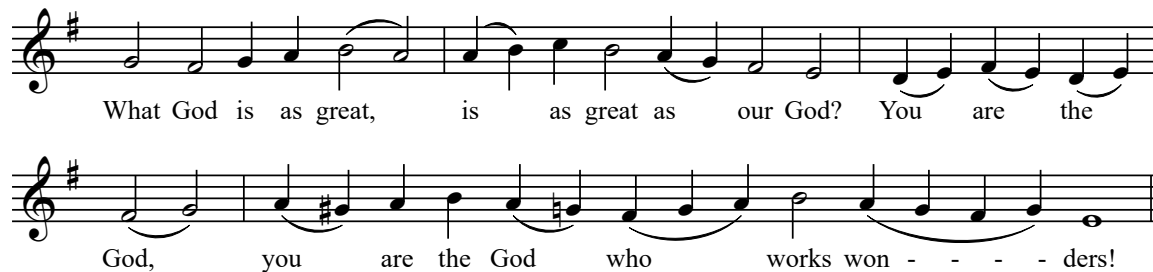
Doxastikon



When the doors were closed and the disciples were gathered together,
you suddenly appeared in their midst, O Jesus our almighty God. You granted
them peace and filled them with the Holy Spirit; you commanded them to wait
and not depart from Jerusalem until they were clothed with power
from on high. We therefore cry to you, O Lord: Glory to you, our
Light, our Resurrection, and our peace.

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

Great Prokeimenon of Pascha - Tone 7 (Psalm 76: 14-16, 11, 12)



What God is as great, is as great as our God? You are the
God, you are the God who works wonders!

Deacon: You showed your power among the peoples. Your strong arm redeemed your people.

Deacon: I said: Now I begin, and this is the will of the Most High

Deacon: I remember the deeds of the Lord. I remember your wonders of old.

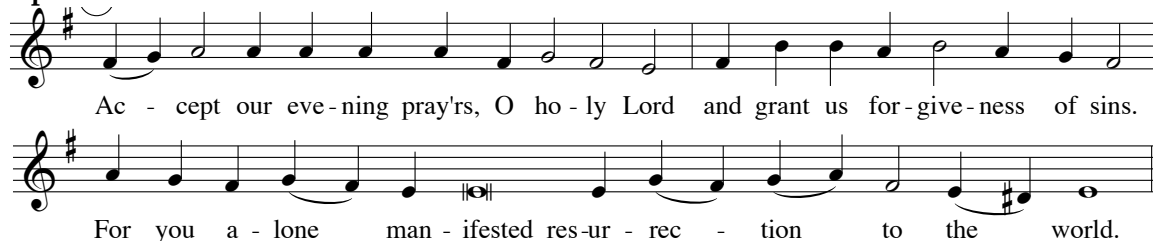
Continue with the Hymn of Glorification (p. 17).

Aposticha

The aposticha are from the Pentecostarion:

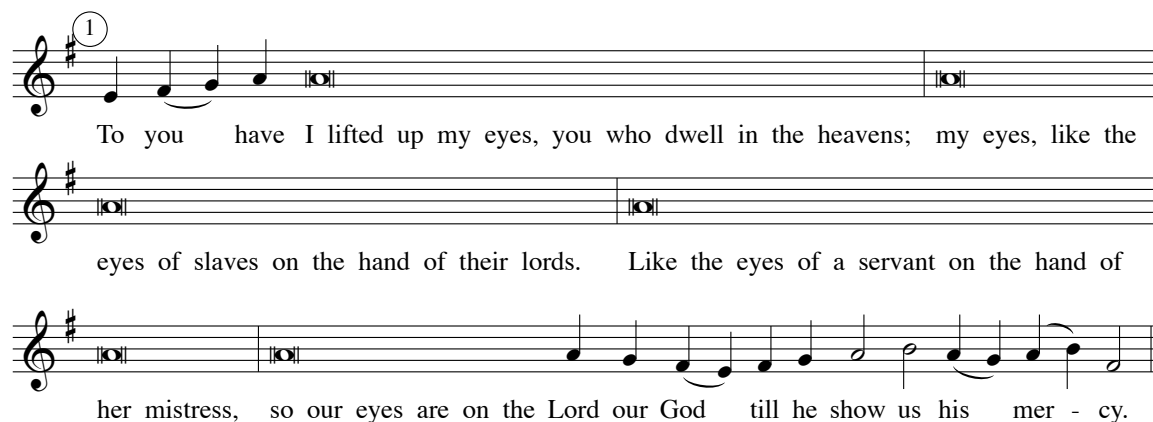
(Tone 1)

Aposticheron:



Ac - cept our eve-ning pray'rs, O ho - ly Lord and grant us for-give-ness of sins.
For you a - lone man - ifested res-ur - rec - tion to the world.

Cantor:

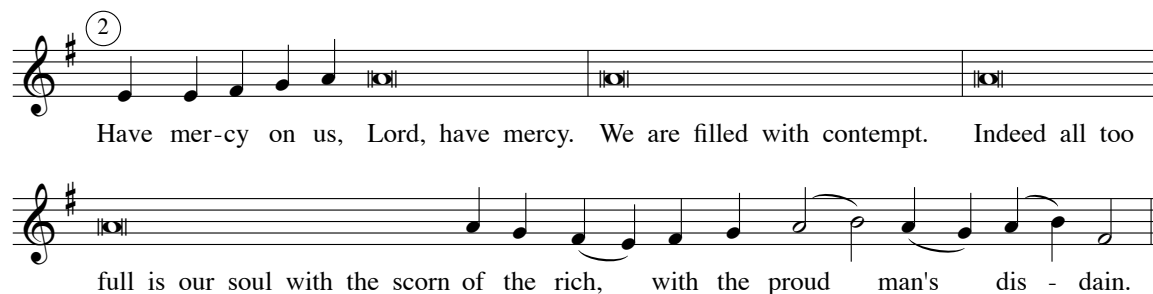


To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens; my eyes, like the
eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords. Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of
her mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he show us his mer - cy.

Aposticheron:

My sins are like a great gulf, O Savior, * and I am sinking hopelessly because of them. *
Give me your hand as You did to Peter, ** Save me, O God, and have mercy on me.

Cantor:

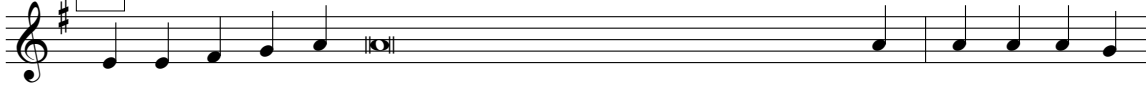


Have mer-cy on us, Lord, have mercy. We are filled with contempt. Indeed all too
full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's dis - dain.


Aposticheron:

Through the prayers of all the saints and the Mother of God, * give us your peace, O God, and have mercy on us; ** for You alone are generous.

Cantor (Tone 1):




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




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

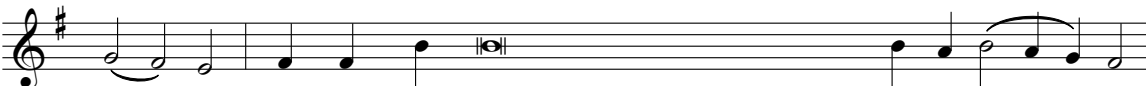
Doxastikon




Eight days aft - er your res - ur - rec - tion, O Lord, you ap - peared to your disciples




in the room where they were gath - ered; you greet - ed them, saying: Peace be



with you! Then you showed your hands and side to the doubt - ing dis - ci - ple.



He there - fore cried out in an act of faith: My Lord and my God,



glo - - - ry to you!

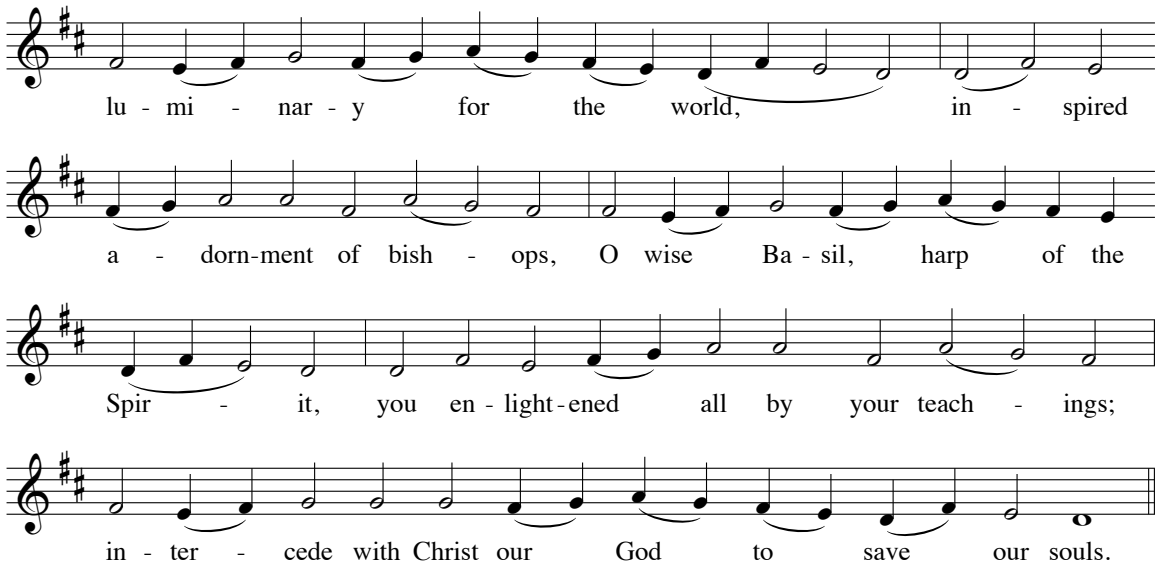
Continue with the Prayer of the Holy Prophet Simeon (p. 21).

Troparia

Troparion - Tone 8

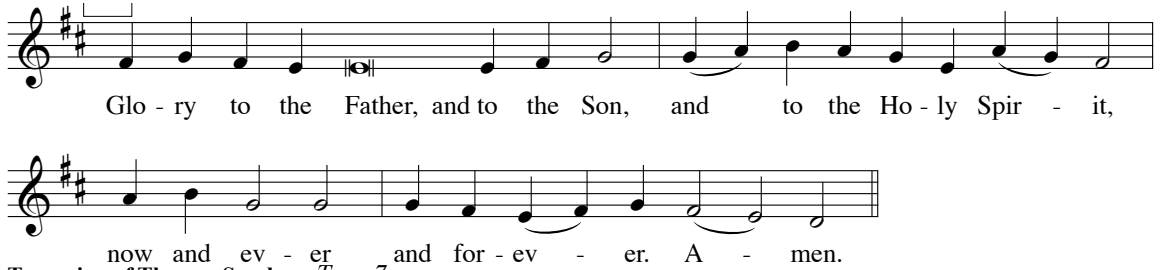


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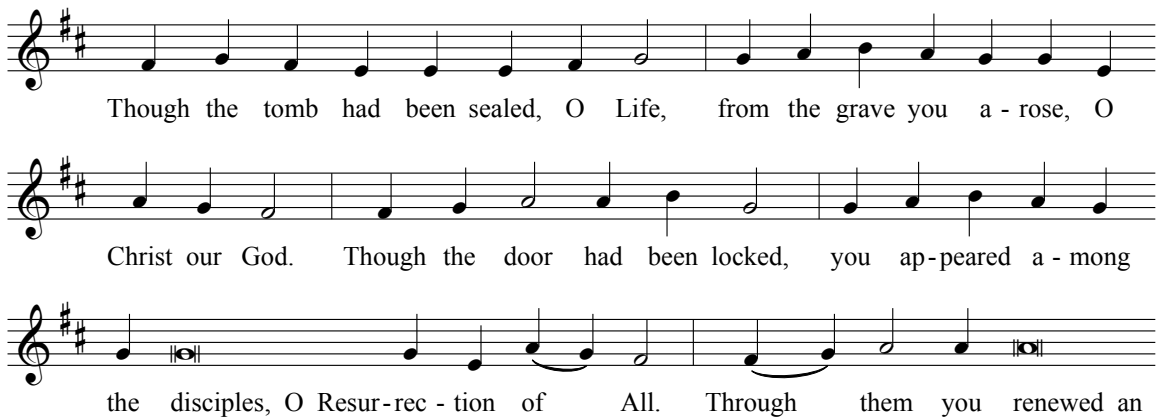
lu - mi - nar - y for the world, in - spired
a - dorn-ment of bish - ops, O wise Ba - sil, harp of the
Spir - it, you en - light - ened all by your teach - ings;
in - ter - cede with Christ our God to save our souls.

Cantor (Tone 7):



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

Troparion of Thomas Sunday - Tone 7



Though the tomb had been sealed, O Life, from the grave you a - rose, O
Christ our God. Though the door had been locked, you ap - peared a - mong
the disciples, O Resur - rec - tion of All. Through them you renewed an

upright spir-it in us ac-cord-ing to your great mer - cy.

The musical notation is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody begins with a whole rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The next measure contains a quarter note C5, a quarter note D5, and a quarter note E5. The final measure consists of a quarter note F#5, a quarter note G5, and a quarter note A5. The notes are connected by slurs, and the piece ends with a double bar line.

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

¹Format 24: Weekdays during the Paschal Season, with the Great Prokeimenon