

VESPERS PROPERs FOR MAY 31ST, 2021

from the Menaion & Octoechos

¹**The holy apostle Hermes**, bishop of Philippi, a disciple of St. Paul (cf Romans 16:14). According to tradition, he composed the instructive book, "The Shepherd of Hermas." **The holy martyr Hermeas** at Comana in Pontus, martyr, in the reign of Anoninus Pius. He was a soldier in the imperial army till old age, when he suffered death for his chief emperor, Christ Jesus. (c. 160)

Day of Alleluia

Psalm 140 (*Tone 1*) - (p.9)



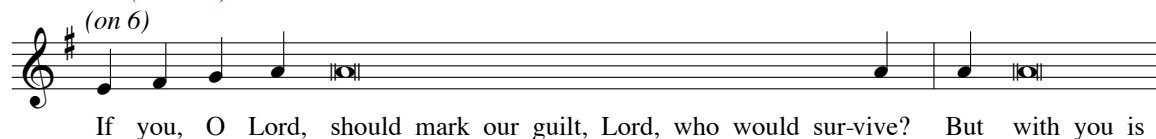
O Lord, I have cried to you, hear me. Hear me, O Lord! O
Lord, I have cried to you, hear me; re - ceive the voice of my pray'r when I
call up - on you. Hear me O Lord.
Let my pray'r as - cend to you like in - cense and the lift - ing up of my hands
like an eve - ning sac - ri - fice. Hear me O Lord!

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

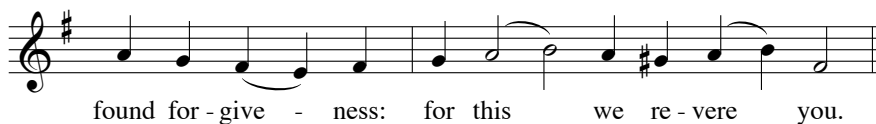
Stichera at the Lamplighting Psalms

3 stichera for the Mother of God, because of the day of Alleluia, from the Menaion:

Cantor - (*Tone 1*):



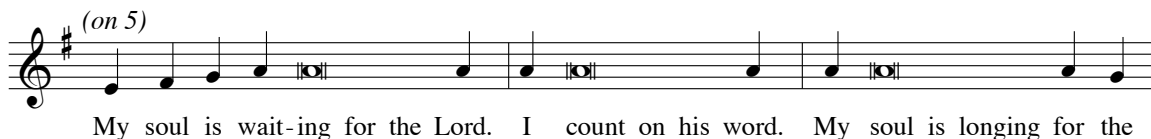
(on 6)
If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would sur-vive? But with you is



(6) Sticheron:

Plagued by falls into helplessness, O pure one, * yet having you alone as our intercessor, O Virgin, * we cry aloud in thanksgiving: * Cleanse us, O all-holy Bride of God, ** for you are the refuge of the world and the help of our race!

Cantor:



(5) Sticheron

With the staff of your intercession, * O pure Theotokos, * quickly drive away the bestial passions from my wretched soul, * strengthening my life with peace; ** and number me among the holy flock of your chosen sheep.

Cantor:

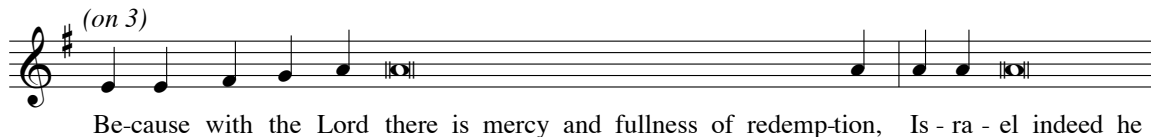


(4) Sticheron

Drowning in the abyss of offenses, O Theotokos, * I have fled to the calm haven * of your all-pure supplication, * and I cry to you: Save me, * extending your mighty right hand ** to your servant, O all-immaculate one!

3 stichera for the holy martyr Hermeas from the Menaion:

Cantor:

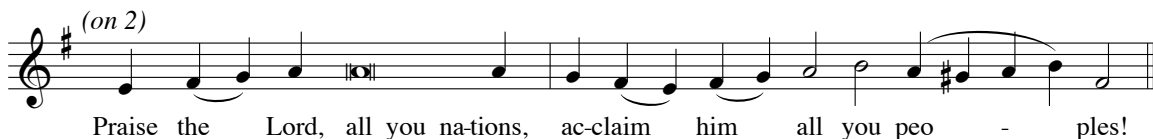




(3) Sticheron

Having extinguished the fire of ungodliness * with the drops of your blood, * O great martyr, you have richly given drink to the Church of Christ * and illumined the hearts of the faithful ** who piously honor your sacred and precious memory.

Cantor:



(2) Sticheron

Like an impregnable tower * you were in nowise shaken by the assaults of the enemy, * whose hearts pierced as with arrows, O Hermeas, * casting down all their wiles like an undefeatable rampart ** with the pain of your valiant struggles.

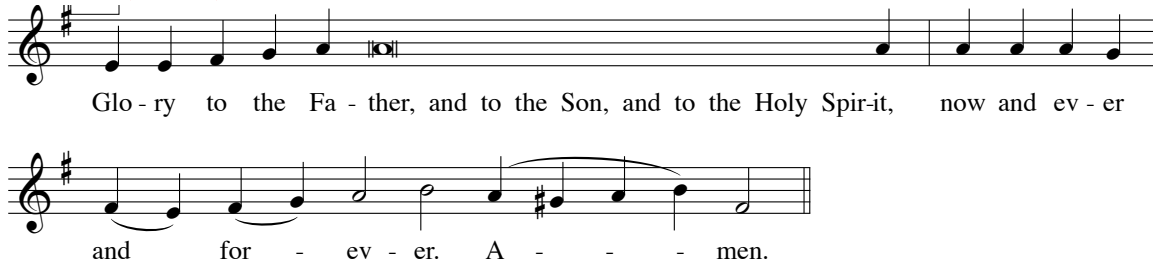
Cantor:



(1) Sticheron

Raising up with the word of God * those who had stumbled into the abyss of unbelief, * you endured the great threefold billows of torments, * O all-praised passion-bearer Hermeas, ** until you joyously entered with them into the harbor of heaven.

Cantor - (Tone 1):



Theotokion

Having fallen headlong because of my corrupt character, I lie prostrate, * yet I flee from

the adverse storm to your tranquility, O Virgin: * deliver me from various temptations, * that I may unceasingly hymn your grace, * O Ever-virgin Mother of God.

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

Alleluia is sung for the day of the week with its verses (p. 16)


Aposticha - (p.21)

The aposticha are from the Octoechos:


(Tone 8)

Aposticheron:

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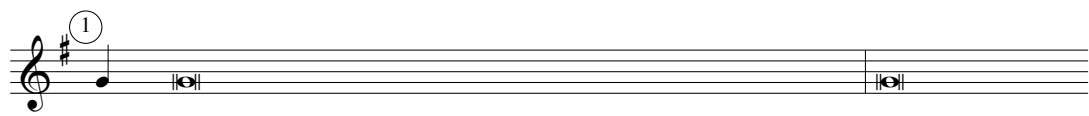
Un-ceas - ingly the angels sing to you, O King and Mas - ter. I fall before you



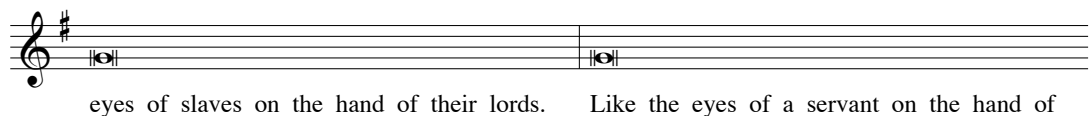
like the Publi-can and cry out: O God, cleanse me and have mer cy on me!

Cantor:

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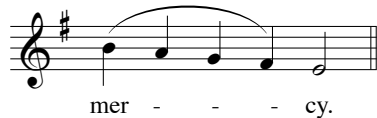
To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens; my eyes, like the



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



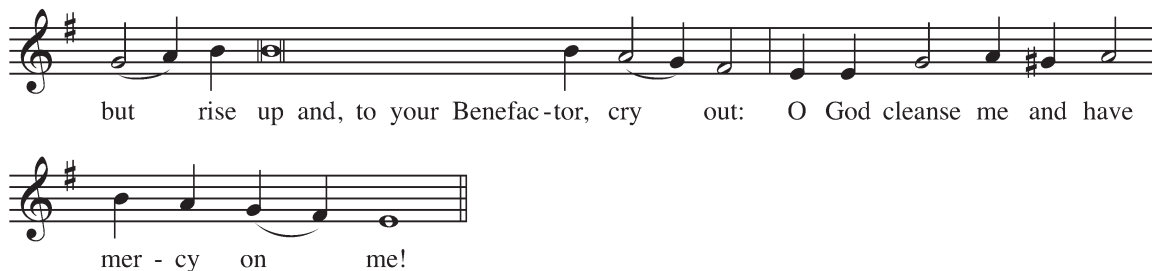
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Aposticheron:

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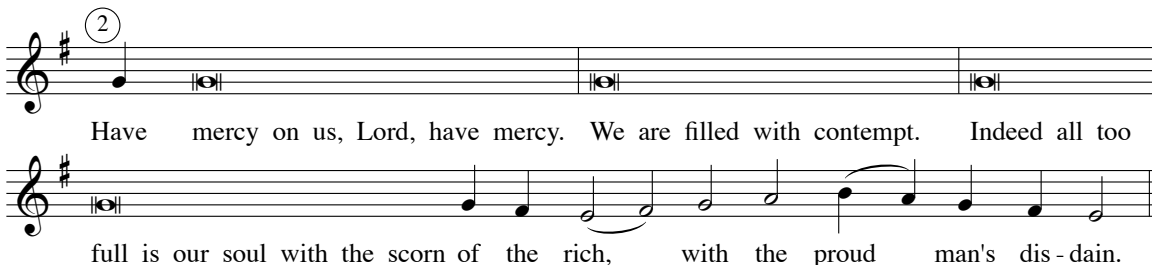


You are im-mor-tal, O my soul! Do not be overcome by the waves of life,



but rise up and, to your Benefac-tor, cry out: O God cleanse me and have
mer - cy on me!

Cantor:



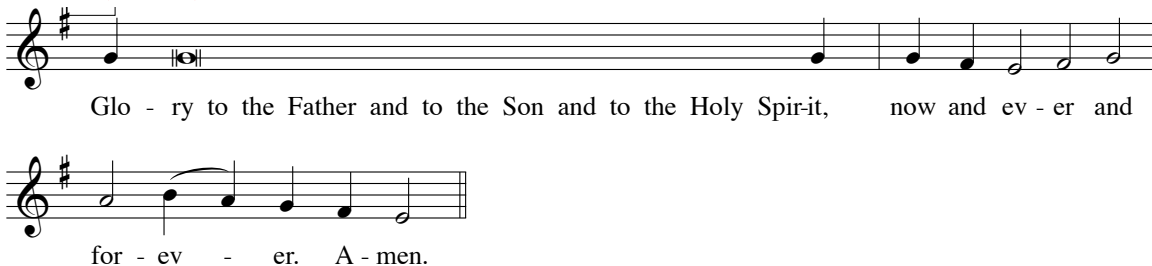
Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. We are filled with contempt. Indeed all too
full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's dis-dain.

Aposticheron:



O mar-tys of the Lord, you sanc - tify every place and cure ev - 'ry ill.
We be - seech you to pray that our souls be saved from the snares of
the en - e - my.

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.

Theotokion

Re - joice, O Loving Pal ace! O Spir - it - ual Dove! Re - joice, O City of
our Cre - a - tor! Re - joice, O Refuge of the Faith - ful! Re joice, O
For tress and In - ter - ces - sion, Re - joice, O Salvation and Deliverance of those who
love you! Re - joice, O Bridge which brings all to heav - en!
Re - joice, O most Spir - it - ual One, O ho - ly La - dy!

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

Troparia - (p.23)

Continue with the Troparia and prostrations for days of Alleluia (p. 26).

¹ Format 4, Day of Alleluia in a Minor Fast