

GREAT VESPERS PROPERs FOR MAY 10TH, 2021

from the Pentecostarion & Menaion

¹Monday in the Sixth Week of Pascha



The holy apostle Simon the Zealot, one of the Twelve; also called the “Canaanean.”

Tradition tells us that it was Simon who was the bridegroom of the wedding which Jesus attended in Cana of Galilee. He preached the Gospel in Mauretania in Africa, and was finally crucified like his Lord.

The First Kathisma (“Blessed is the man..”) is sung.

Psalm 140 (Tone 5) – (p.11)

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.11, 2 of 4).

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.

3 stichera from the Pentecostarion:

Cantor - (Tone 5):

(on 8)



Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; Lord hear my voice!

(8) Sticheron

O Word, You are the Light that enlightens all; * O God, You are the eye of our body in this world. * We acknowledge You as the Creator of sight. * Today, from a mixture of spittle and dust, * You re-create sight for the blind man. * In times past, your fingers have created both clay and sight; * today, he receives both from You. * Until this time, the blind man was unable to see the sun. * Now he sees You, the gentle Sun and Creator of all, ** who in your love has created and fashioned us.

Cantor:

(on 7)



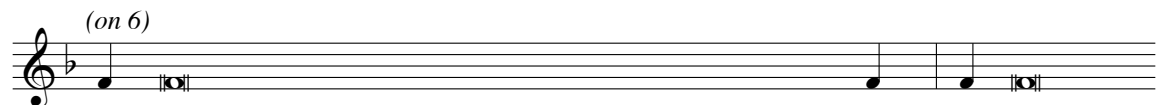
Let your ears be at - ten - tive to the voice of my plead - - - ing.

(7) Sticheron


Created with a complete human body, * the man who was blind from his mother's womb * did not know any other manner of living; * for he had always been deprived of the use of his eyes, * his feet and body stumbled over the obstacles in his path. * But thanks to You, O Lord, he was granted this treasure: * he now sees the light of the world * and proclaims You as the Lord and Master of all light ** and the Creator of the entire universe.

Cantor:

(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.

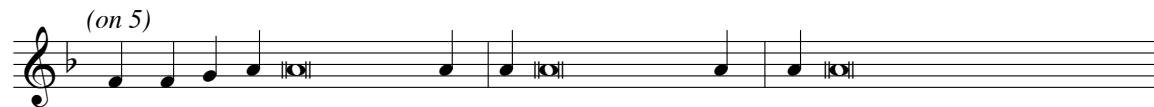
(6) Sticheron

The blind Scribes looked with suspicion * upon the blind man who was given sight * as if his eyes had not really been opened * but that he only pretended to see because of the

Lord. * For they themselves preferred the darkness of the letter of the Law * to the light of Christ, our radiant Sun. * By this healing He renewed the Sabbath Feast * and enlightened the darkness of the Law, * lifting the veil to shed light upon those who had been blind, * and who now announce to the world that they see the Lord ** who is the Source of our light.

5 stichera for the holy apostle Simon from the Menaion:

Cantor – (Tone 4)



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



more than watch-man for day - break.

(5) (4) Sticheron



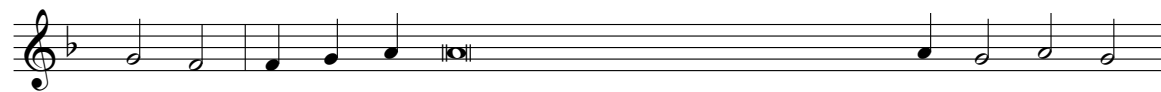
The won-drous Si - - - mon, glo - ry of the A - pos - tles, has shone



like a light upon the whole in-hab - it - ed earth, from one end to the oth - er,



driv-ing a - way the dark shadows of i - dol - a - try by his radiant and sav-ing



preach-ing. He en - light - ens all that they might glorify the One Di - vi - ni - ty,



the un - di - vid - ed U - ni - ty in Three Per - sons.

Cantor:



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

Repeat: "*The wondrous Simon...*"

Cantor:

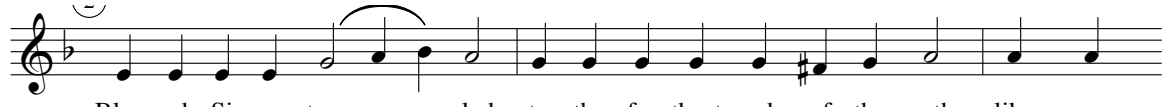


Be - cause with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemp-tion,



Is - rael indeed he will re-deem from all its in - i - qui - ty.

(3) (2) Sticheron



Bless-ed Si-mon trav - eled to the fur-thest ends of the earth, like a



fire-brand which de-scends to cleanse ev-'ry land from the error of i-dol-a-try,



en-kin-dling by grace for be-liev - ers the shin-ing lamps of the Faith,



that they might glo - rify the One Di-vin - i - ty, the un-di-vid-ed U - ni - ty in



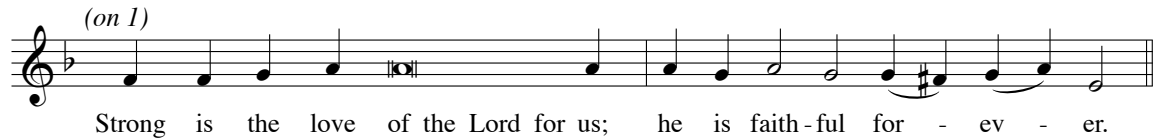
Three Per - sons.

Cantor:

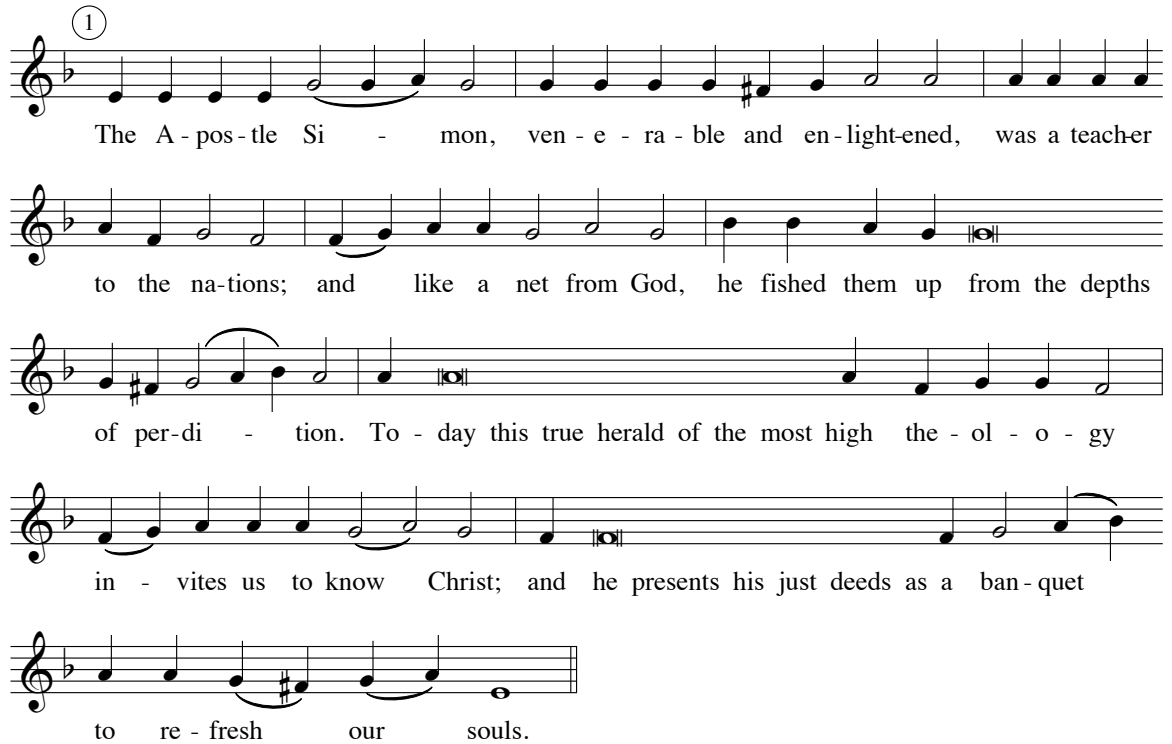


Repeat: "Blessed Simon traveled..."

Cantor:



Sticheron



Cantor - (Tone 2):



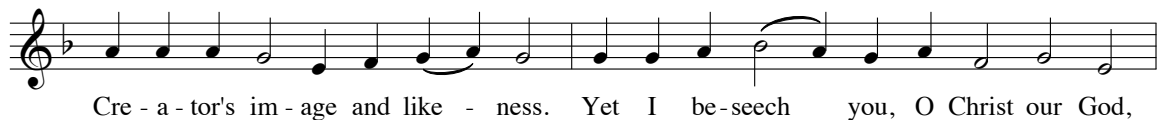
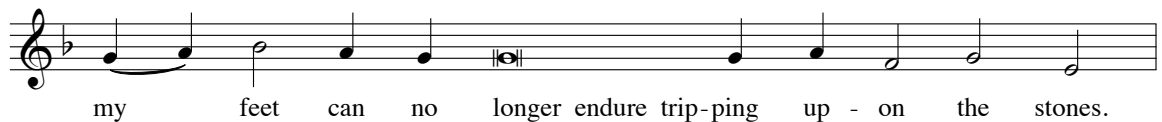
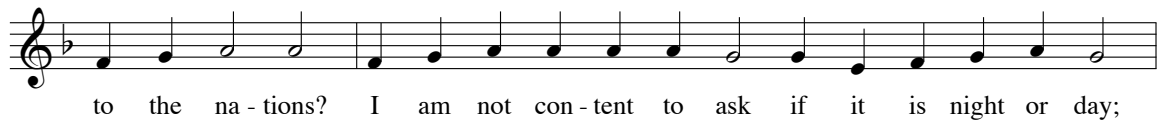
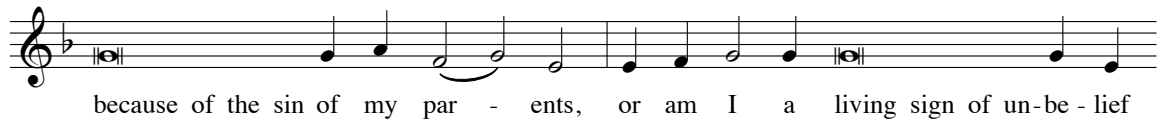
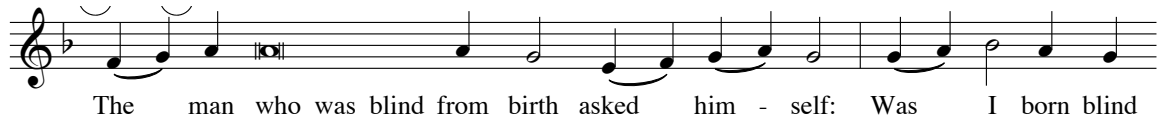
Doxastikon

You were called the namesake of zeal, * O right wondrous Simon, * in that you zealously emulated Almighty God, * and He showed you to be full of divine miracles; * for, possessing strange zeal, O blessed one, * you were called the namesake of zeal and acquired a title in accordance with your character. * Wherefore, dwelling with the heavenly choirs in the highest, ** entreat the Word, Christ our God, ** O God-seer, that He grant us great mercy.

Cantor:



Doxastikon





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

The Prokeimenon is for the Day of the Week (pp. 12, 2-4 of 4).

Readings:

- 1) 1 John 3:21-4:6 (EOT 167-169)
- 2) 1 John 4:11-16
- 3) 1 John 4:20-5:5

Aposticha – (p.19)

The aposticha are from the Menaion:

(Tone 1)

Aposticheron:

O ever all-memorable Simon, * you drank of the torrent of sweetness, * drinking with divine wisdom * the understanding of God * which you fervently desired. * To Him have you now joyously passed over, ** deified by the all-splendid glory of the Trinity and immeasurable peace.

Cantor: Their sound has gone forth into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world.

Aposticheron:

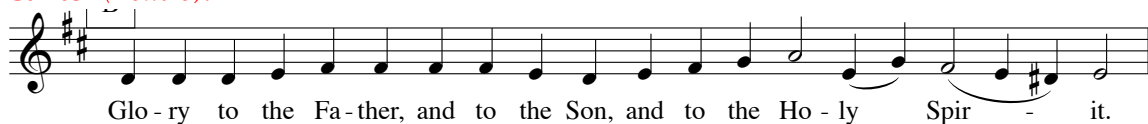
O all-wondrous Simon, * contemplating the beauty of God, * and looking upon it as far as you are able, * delighting therein through a higher union, * and deified by His gifts, * rejoicing, you reached the only Divine One * Whom you desire, O ever all-memorable preacher of Christ, ** who dwells now with the angels.

Cantor: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.

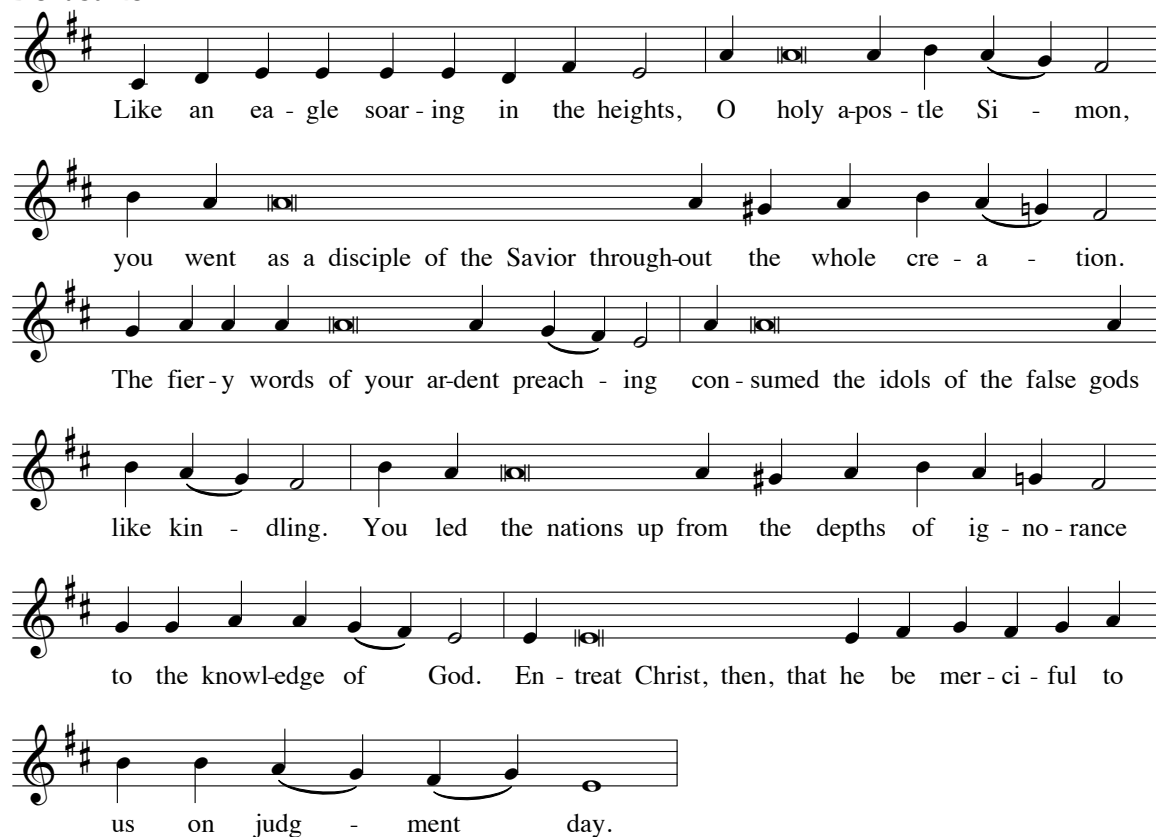
Aposticheron:

O most blessed Simon, * you have shown yourself to be a faithful mediator between God and men; * and now, by your right bold supplications, * render Christ merciful to us, * and never cease to entreat the Lord, ** that He grant to our souls peace and great mercy.

Cantor (Tone 6):



Doxastikon



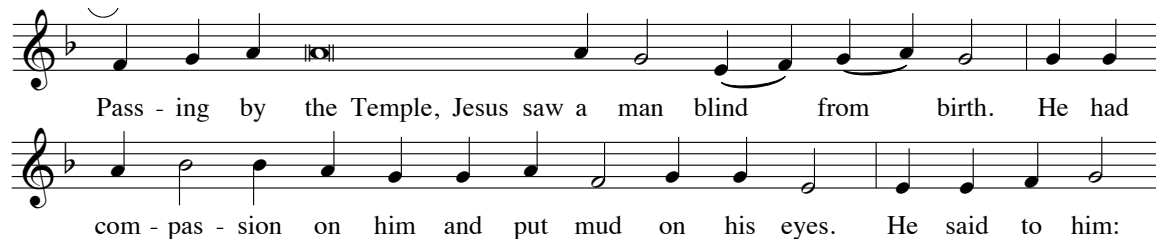
Like an eagle soaring in the heights, O holy apostle Simon,
you went as a disciple of the Savior through-out the whole cre - a - tion.
The fier-y words of your ar-dent preach - ing con-sumed the idols of the false gods
like kin - dling. You led the nations up from the depths of ig - no - rance
to the knowl-edge of God. En - treat Christ, then, that he be mer - ci - ful to
us on judg - ment day.

Cantor (Tone 2):



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

Doxastikon



Pass - ing by the Temple, Jesus saw a man blind from birth. He had
com - pas - sion on him and put mud on his eyes. He said to him:



Go to the pool of Si-ló-am and wash. He washed and re-cov-ered his sight;



then he ren - dered glo - ry to God. But his neigh-bors said to him:



Who o - pened your eyes which no one be - fore could heal?



And he an - swered them, saying: A man called Je - sus. He told me



to wash in the pool of Silóam, and now I see. He is in truth Christ,



the Mes - si - ah, of whom Mo - ses wrote in the Law.



He is the Sav - ior of our souls.

Continue with the Prayer of the Holy Prophet Simeon (p. 19).

Troparia – (p. 20, 2 of 2)

Troparion - Tone 3

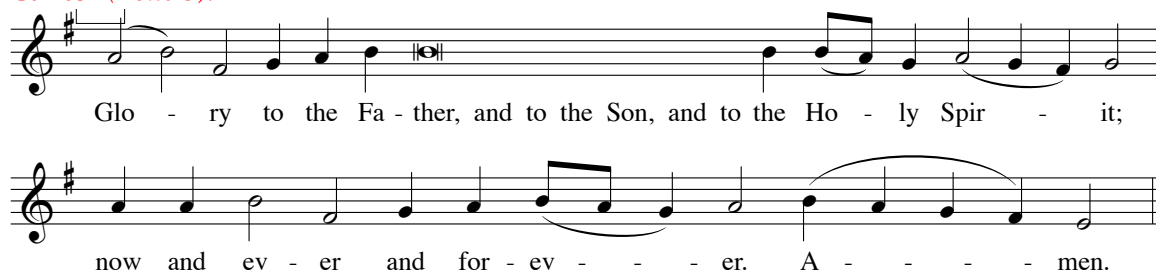


O ho - ly A - pos - tle Si - mon, in - ter-cede with the mer - ci - ful God



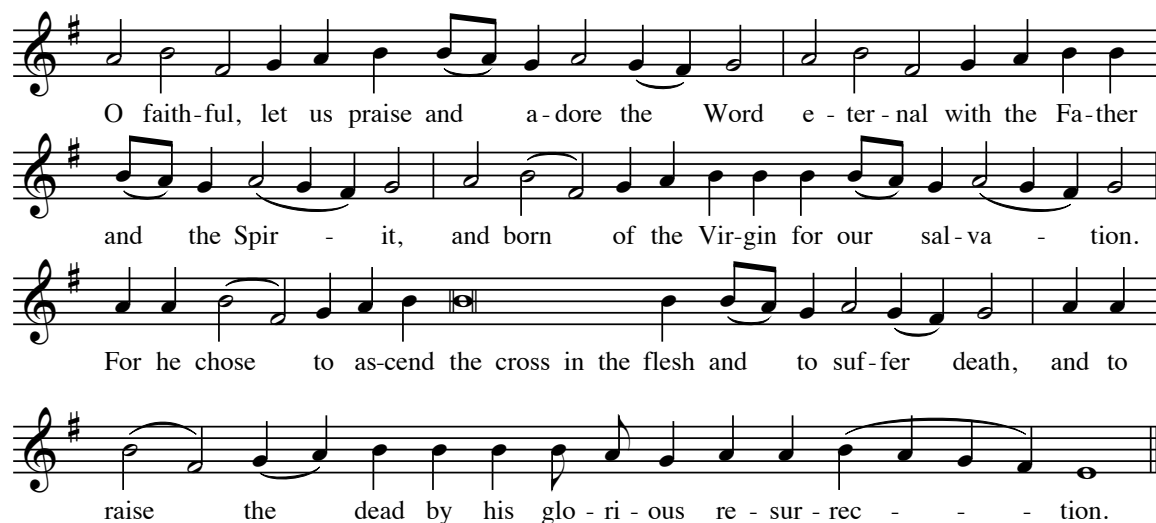
that he may grant our souls for - give - ness of sins.

Cantor (Tone 5):



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

Troparia of the Resurrection - Tone 5:



O faith-ful, let us praise and a-dore the Word e - ter - nal with the Fa-ther
and the Spir - it, and born of the Vir-gin for our sal - va - tion.
For he chose to as-cend the cross in the flesh and to suf-fer death, and to
raise the dead by his glo - ri - ous re - sur - rec - - - tion.

Continue with the Dismissal (p. 21).

¹ Format 26: Polyeleos Saint on a Weekday during the Paschal Season