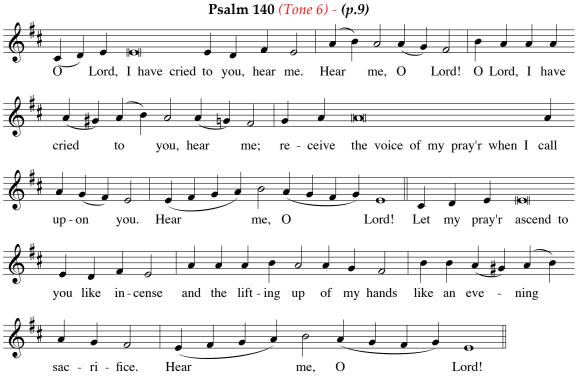
VESPERS PROPERS FOR MAY 17TH, 2021

from the Pentecostarion & Menaion

¹Postfestive Day of the Ascension

Evening of the Sunday of the Fathers at the First Nicean Council

The holy apostle Andronicus and his companions. One of the Seventy, he was a kinsman of the apostle Paul, as he wrote in Romans 16:17. He was made the Bishop of Pannonia, and preached the gospel throughout that land. He and his companions were martyred for the Faith.

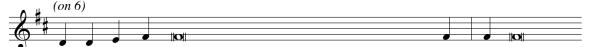


Continue with Psalm 140: "O Lord, set a guard before my mouth..." (p.9).

Stichera at the Lamplighting Psalms - (p.11)

3 stichera for the Fathers from the Pentecostarion:

Cantor - (Tone 6):



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



(6) Sticheron



Be-fore the morn-ing star you were begotten of the Fa-ther; be - fore the ages you were



conceived with-out a moth - er, e-ven though Arius believed you to be cre-a-ted,





thus deserving e-ter-nal pun-ish-ment. Yet the Coun-cil of Nicaea pro-claimed you



as the Son of God who is en-throned with the Fa-ther and the Spir - it.

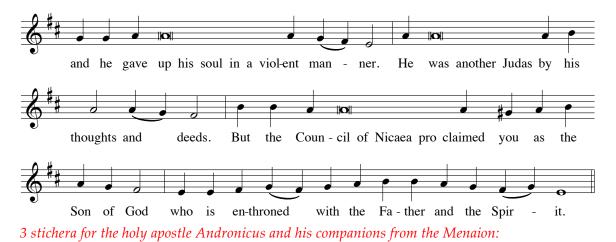
Cantor:

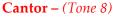


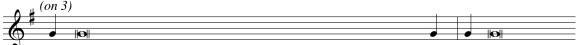
My soul is wait-ing for the Lord. I count on his word. My soul is longing for the











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



(3) Sticheron

As a servant of the Word, * a glorious minister, * an all-radiant luminary of the whole world, * O divinely blessed one, * by your word you brought an end to the irrational corruption of ungodliness; * wherefore, with divine words we joyfully glorify and celebrate your holy memory, ** offering praise to the Almighty.

Cantor:



(2) Sticheron

The divine Apostle Paul, * splendidly praising you * with divine laudations, * sets your valor before the faithful, * speaking first of all to show you forth * as most wise disciples of the Word of God and His true kinsmen, ** O glorious Junia and blessed Andronicus, you favorites of God.

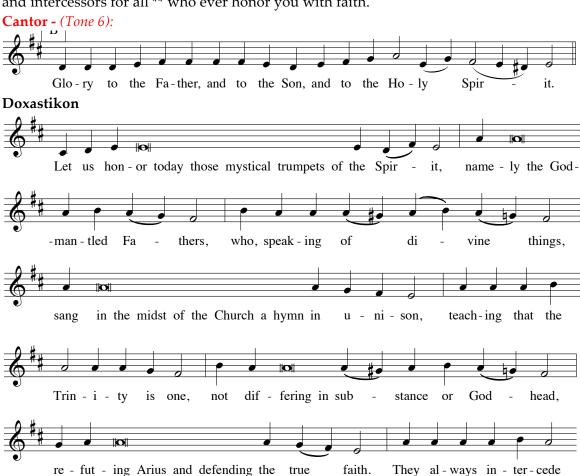
Cantor:



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

(1) Sticheron

Illumining the whole earth * with sacred preaching, * you dispelled the gloom of vainglory * and have directed to the light of divine knowledge * those who from of old were sunk in the darkness of ungodliness, * O divine apostles, you guides to salvation and intercessors for all ** who ever honor you with faith.





Continue with "Wisdom..." and the Hymn of the Evening (p. 12) The Prokeimenon is for the Day of the Week (pp. 13-15).

Aposticha - (p.21)

The aposticha are from the Pentecostarion: (Tone 6)

Aposticheron:

Having brought together all spiritual knowledge, * and having carefully pondered all things in the Holy Spirit, * the noble Fathers composted the Symbol of Faith * in letters

divinely inscribed. * They clearly proclaim the Word to be coeternal and consubstantial with the Father, ** unerringly following the apostolic faith.

Cantor: Blessed are You, and praiseworthy, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and glorious forever is your name.

Aposticheron:

The blessed preachers of Christ received the torch of the Holy Spirit; * they spoke with divine inspiration, * using few words, but rich in meaning. * they proclaimed with boldness the doctrines of the Gospel * and the traditions of righteousness. * Clearly they have been illumined with truth from on high; ** they have made firm the foundation of the faith as a strong mountain.

Cantor: Summon before Me my people who made covenant with Me by sacrifice.

Aposticheron:

The chosen servants of God, * enlightened with the understanding of divine mysteries, * cast out the devouring wolves from the sheepfold of the Church. * They were faithful shepherds, * blazing with the wrath of righteous judgment, ** and have slain the destroyers with the mighty sword of the Spirit.

Cantor (Tone 3):



Doxastikon

You were the guardians of the apostolic teachings, O holy Fathers; * and as teachers of the true faith, * you professed the holy and consubstantial Trinity. * Together in council, you rejected the blasphemy of Arius; * and with him you also refuted Macedonius * who denied the divinity of the Holy Spirit. * You condemned Nestorious, Eutyches, and Dioscorus, * together with Sabellius and Severus. * Through your prayers, preserve us from all false doctrine, ** and guard our lives blamelessly in the true faith.

Cantor (Tone 6):



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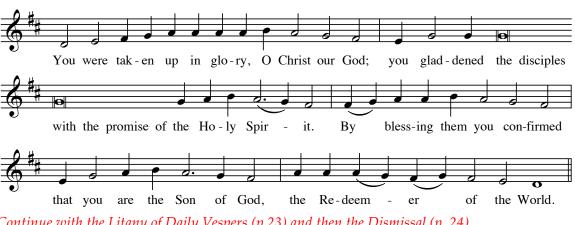


Cantor (*Tone 4*):



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

Troparion of the Ascension – *Tone 4*



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

¹Special Format