

**January 23, 2005**  
**Sunday of the Prodigal Son**

All page references are to **The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2004**

1. *Beginning Prayers, p. 1*
2. *Psalm 103, p. 2 (chant) or p. 6 (melodic)*
3. *Litany of Peace, p. 8*
4. *First Kathisma, p. 10*
5. *Lamplighting Psalms Tone 1 p. 24*  
10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5: *for the Resurrection, Tone 1, p. 25 - 28*

**Cantor:** Let the watchman count on daybreak,  
(on 4) and Israel on the Lord.

*Tone 1*

I have sown sin in a land of life and in - no - cence and have har - vested the  
ears of thought-less - ness. I have gath - ered my actions in - to bun - dles of sheaves,  
but I have not placed them on the threshing floor of re - pen - tance. And now  
I pray to you, O my God, for you are the pre - e - ter - nal Till - er of our fields:  
With the breath of your lov - ing - kind - ness, now win - now the grain of my ac - tions,  
feed my soul with your grace and for - give - ness, gath - er me in - to

your heav - en - ly gra - na - ries and save me.

**Cantor:** Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,  
*(on 3)* Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. *Repeat "I have sown sin..."*

**Cantor:** Praise the Lord all the nations; **Psalm 116**  
*(on 2)* acclaim him all you people.

O faith-ful, let us discover the power of the div-ine mys-te-ry. The Prod-i-gal  
 came back from his sin and returned to his fa-ther's house; in his lov-ing-kindness his  
 father came out to meet him and kissed him. He re-stored him to the glo-ry  
 of his house, and pre-pared a mys-ti-cal ban-quet on high. He killed the fatted  
 calf so that we might share in his joy; the joy of the Fa-ther who of-fers in love,  
 and the joy of the Lamb who gives him-self for us; for he is Christ, the  
 Sav-ior of our souls.

**Cantor:** Strong is the love of the Lord for us;  
(on 1) he is faithful forever. Repeat "O faithful, let us discover..."

**Cantor:** Glory...

**Doxastikon - Tone 2**



From what bless - ings have I been de - prived in my wretch - ed - ness, from what  
king - dom have I been ex - iled! I squan - dered the treasure that I  
re - ceived from you! and I have wan - dered far from your law. A - las,  
O my poor soul, you shall be delivered to the e - ter - nal fire; be - fore the end,  
cry out to Christ our God Re - ceive me, O Lord, like the Prod - i - gal Son,  
and have mer - cy on me.

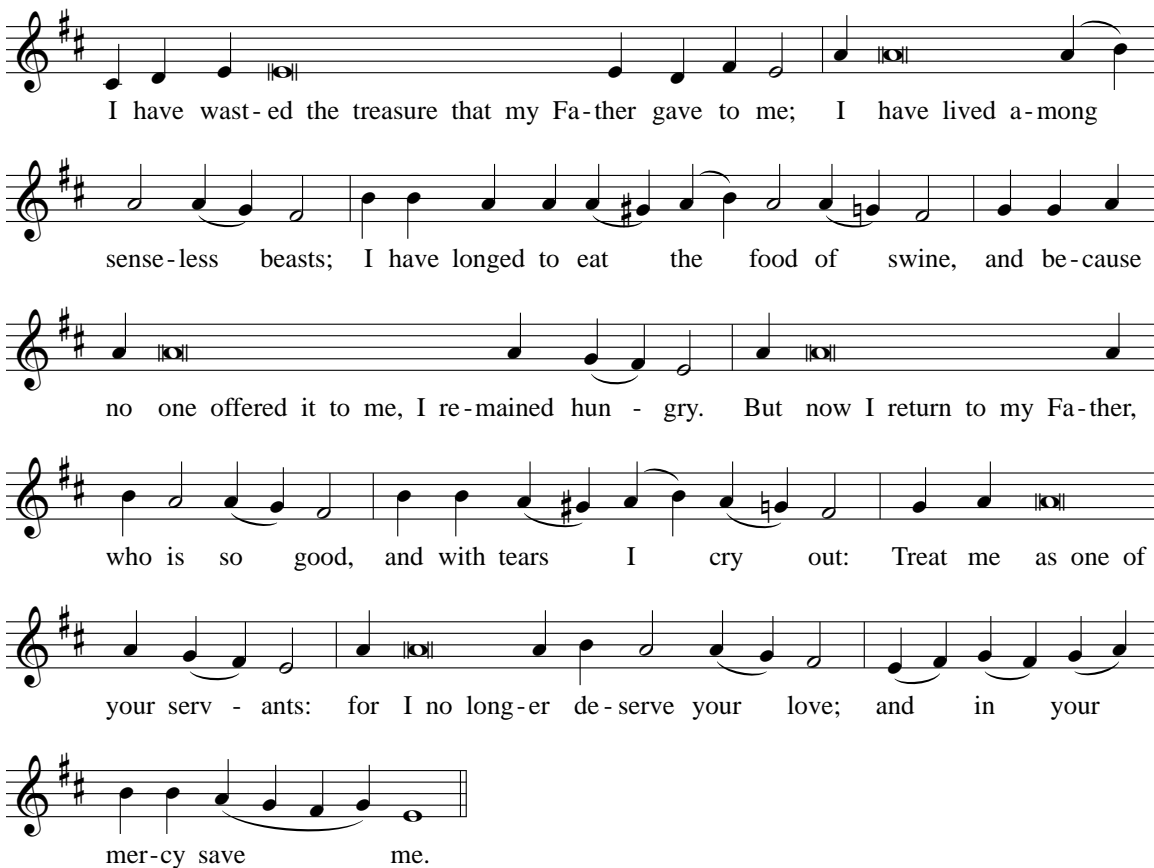
**Cantor:** Now and ever...

- Dogmatikon, Tone 1, p. 30*  
6. *Hymn of the Evening, p. 12*  
7. *Saturday Prokeimenon, p. 13*  
8. *Litany of Fervent Supplication, p. 13*  
9. *Hymn of Glorification, p. 14*  
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11. *Apostichera, Tone 1, pp. 31 - 33*

**Cantor:** Glory...

**Aposticha Doxastikon - Tone 6**



I have wast-ed the treasure that my Fa-ther gave to me; I have lived a-mong  
sense-less beasts; I have longed to eat the food of swine, and be-cause  
no one offered it to me, I re-mained hun - gry. But now I return to my Fa-ther,  
who is so good, and with tears I cry out: Treat me as one of  
your serv - ants: for I no long-er de-serve your love; and in your  
mer-cy save me.

**Cantor:** Now and ever...

*Theotokion, Tone 6, p. 79*

12. *Prayer of St. Simeon, p. 19*

13. *Trisagion Prayers, p. 19*

14. *Troparion of the Resurrection Tone 8, p. 111*

15. *Dismissal, p. 21*