

**January 30, 2005**  
**Meatfare Sunday**  
**Feast of the Three Holy Hierarchs:**  
**Basil the Great, John Chrysostom, and Gregory the Theologian**

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 2 p. 36*  
*10, 9, 8 for the Resurrection, Tone 2, p. 37 - 39*

**Cantor:** Let your ears be attentive  
(on 7) to the voice of my pleading.

**Stichera of Meatfare Sunday - Tone 6**

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When you shall come to render just judgment, O right-eous Judge, you shall sit up-on  
your glo-ri-ous throne. A riv - er of fire shall flow be-fore your judg-ment seat;  
the powers of heaven will be there with you. Filled with fear, all humanity will  
be judged ac-cord - ing to their deeds. At this hour, O Christ, spare us,  
and be-cause of your great love, grant that the faith-ful who pray to you

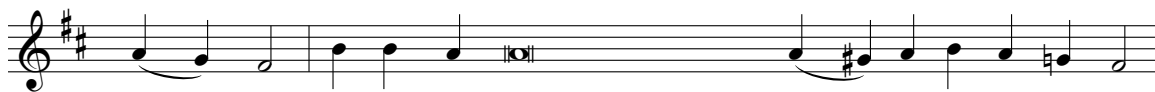


may be giv - en a place with your cho - sen ones.

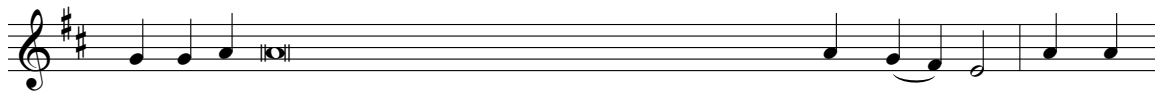
**Cantor:** If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?  
(on 6) But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.



The books will be opened and the se - crets laid bare be - fore your awe - some



judg - ment seat; and the whole valley of tears will re - sound with a dread - ful sigh,



when it sees the sinners sent to eternal punishment by your just judg - ment, and hears

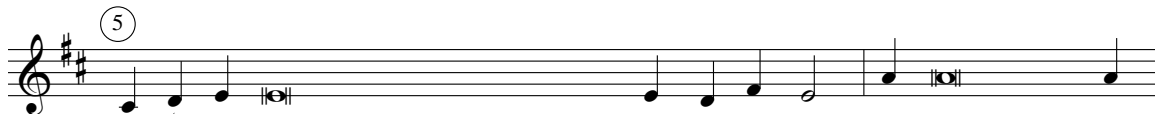


them weep - ing hope - less - ly. O God of mercy, there - fore we pray to you:



Spare us who sing to you, O on - ly Good One.

**Cantor:** My soul is waiting for the Lord. I count on his word.  
(on 5) My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.



The trum - pet shall sound and the tombs shall be o - pened; hu - manity shall come



forth trem - bling. Those who have done good shall re - joice, as they



a - wait the reward they shall re-ceive. Those who have done evil shall shriek in



ter - ror, as they are sent to pun-ish-ment and sep - arated from the e - lect.



In your goodness, spare us, O glo-ri-ous Lord, and grant that we may en-joy

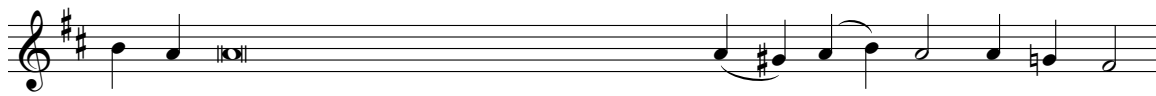


a place with those who love you.

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



I weep and la-ment when I think of the outer darkness and e - ter - nal fire



to - geth - er with Hades, the worm that consumes, and the gnash - ing of teeth,



the un - ceas - ing grief that falls upon those who have sinned with-out meas - ure,



and those who have provoked you to an-ger, O God most good. A-las, among these



sin - ners, I am first. But in your great mer - cy, O Judge, 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.

**Stichera of the Three Holy Hierarchs - Tone 4 podoben: Jako dobl'a**

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Let us glo-ri - fy the three great preachers of the Trin - i - ty. the in - stru - ments

of grace and harps of the Spir - it, re - nowned trum - pets of di - vine

preach - ing who thun - dered awe - some won - ders which were re - vealed from

on high. John, Ba - sil and Grego - ry made known the glo - ry of God

to the ends of the earth.

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

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Let us wor - thi - ly ven - er - ate the de - fend - ers of the Trin - i - ty.

They are the three apostles add - ed to the Twelve. They are riv - ers

which overflowed living wa - ters out of E - den. They nour - ished



the face of the earth with life - giv - ing di - vine wa - ters.




They are the ba - sic ele - ments of na - ture, fash - ion - ing not cre - a - tion



but the true faith.


**Cantor:** Strong is the love of the Lord for us;  
(on 1) he is faithful forever.



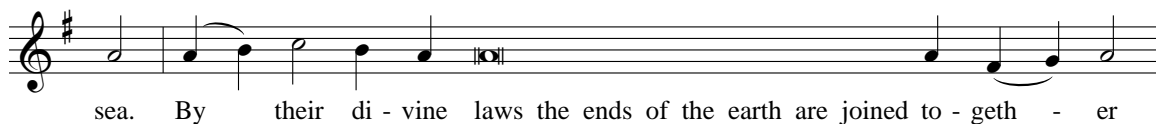
The proph - et spoke of them, say - ing: No one who lives or speaks



has not heard their voice, for the fa - mous and ex - cel - lent work of these



sub - lime and wise teach - ers has spread through all the earth and



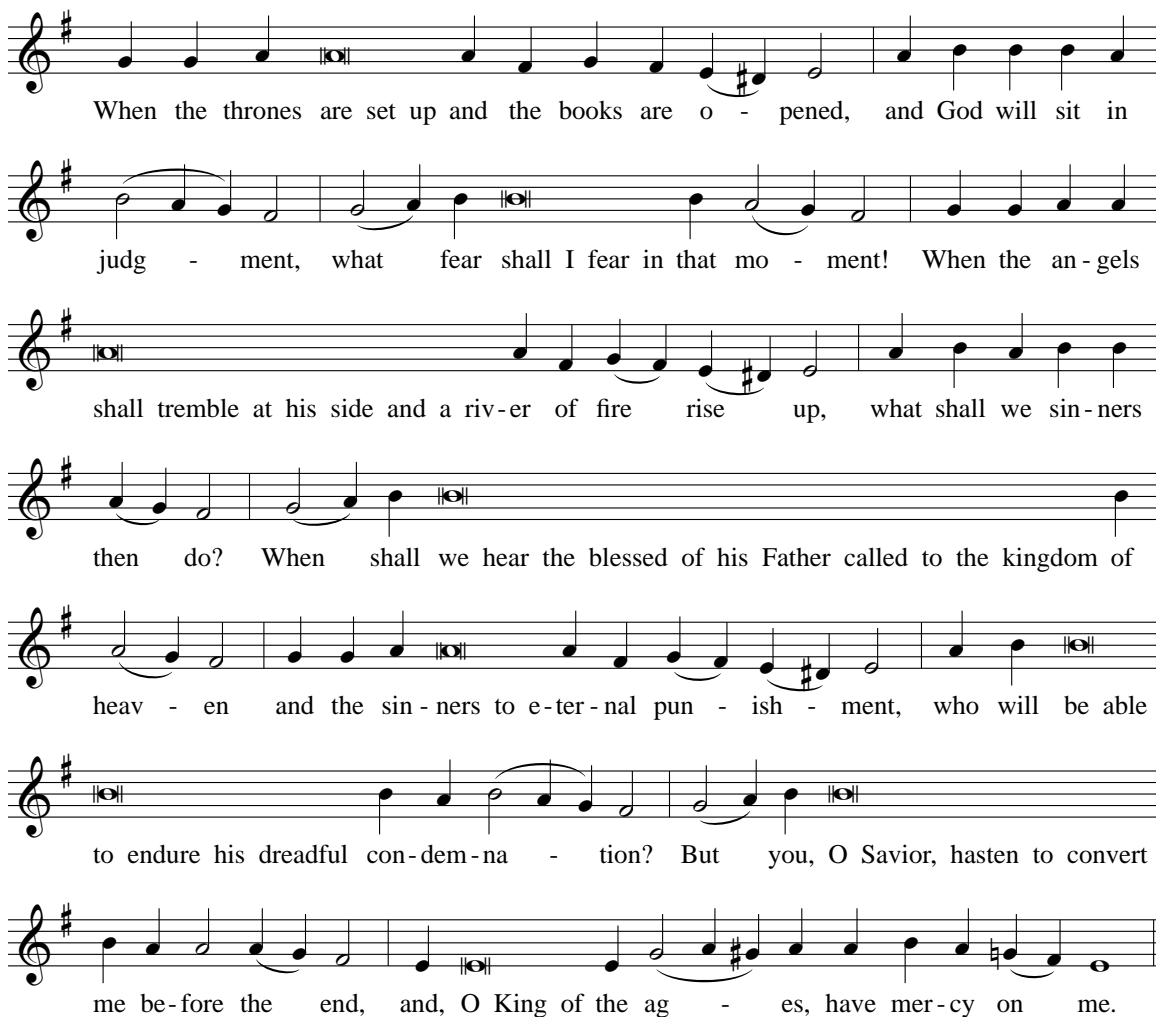
sea. By their di - vine laws the ends of the earth are joined to - geth - er



and pre - served in the one true faith.

**Cantor:** Glory...

Doxastikon - Tone 8



When the thrones are set up and the books are o - pened, and God will sit in  
judg - ment, what fear shall I fear in that mo - ment! When the an - gels  
shall tremble at his side and a riv - er of fire rise up, what shall we sin - ners  
then do? When shall we hear the blessed of his Father called to the kingdom of  
heav - en and the sin - ners to e - ter - nal pun - ish - ment, who will be able  
to endure his dreadful con - dem - na - tion? But you, O Savior, hasten to convert  
me be - fore the end, and, O King of the ag - es, have mer - cy on me.

*Dogmatikon, Tone 2, p. 42*

6. *Hymn of the Evening, p. 12*

7. *Saturday Prokeimenon, p. 13*

**Readings:** Deuteronomy 1: 8-11, 15-17 (*Epistles and OT Readings p 301*)  
Deuteronomy 10: 14-21 (*301-302*)  
Wisdom 3: 1-9 (*315-316*)

8. *Litany of Fervent Supplication, p. 13*

9. *Hymn of Glorification, p. 14*

10. *Litany of Supplication, p. 16*

**Hymn of the Litija - Tone 6 samohlasen**

I med - itate upon that awe - some day when we shall all stand nak - ed as  
the con - demned, to ap - pear be - fore the im - par - tial Judge. Then the  
trum - pet shall sound a - loud, and the foundations of the earth shall shake.  
The dead shall come forth from their tombs, and all shall be as new - born  
chil - dren; all our secrets will be uncov - ered be - fore you. Those who have not  
re - pent - ed shall weep and sigh, and shall be sent to the out - er fire;  
but the flock of the just shall re - joice, and with joy they shall take their  
place in heav - - - en.

12. *Litija Litany, p. 116*

13. *Apostichera, Tone 2, pp. 43-45*

**Cantor:** Glory...

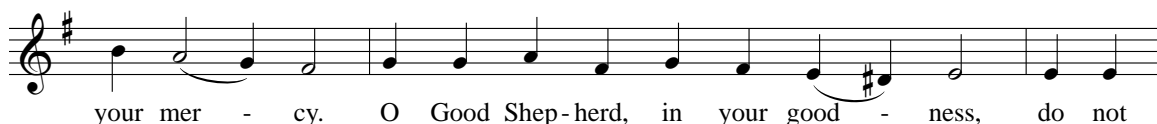
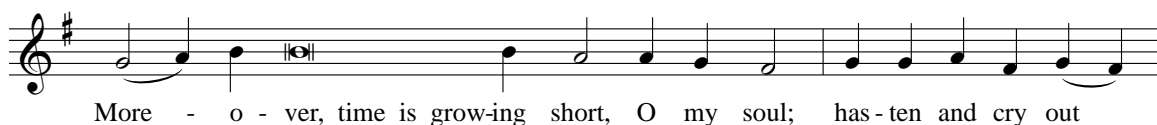
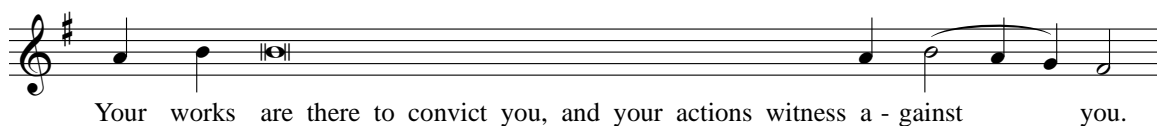
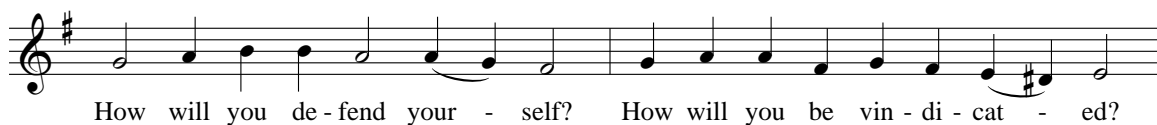
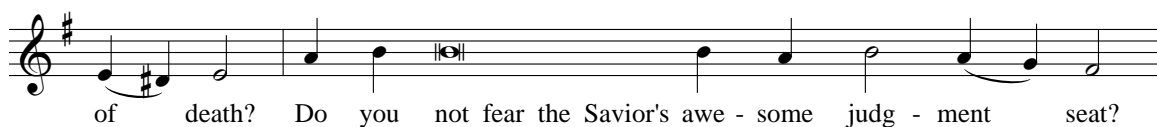
**Aposticha Doxastikon of the Three Holy Hierarchs - Tone 2**

To - day the souls of mortals are elevated a - bove earth - ly things. To - day  
they be - come heavenly beings as they com - mem - o - rate the saints. The gates  
of heaven are o - pened for us, and the ways of the Lord are made known to us.  
Tongues ex - tol his mir - a - cles and pro - claim the words of the Word.  
Let us al - so cry out to the Sav - ior: Glo - ry to you, O Christ God,  
be - cause through them there has been peace for the faith - ful.

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

**Of Meatfare Sunday - Tone 8**

A - las, O my dark - ened soul, how long will you per - sist in sin? How  
long will you lie in la - zi - ness? Why do you not think of the dread - ful hour



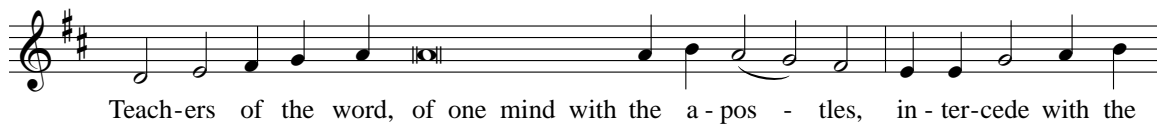
14. *Prayer of St. Simeon, p. 19*

15. *Trisagion Prayers, p. 19*

16. *Blessing of Bread, p 119*

*Troparion at the Blessing of Bread, p.119, sung once by the priest and once by the faithful.*

**Troparion of the Three Holy Hierarchs - Tone 4**



Lord of all to grant peace to the world and a-bun-dant mer-cy to our souls.

*17. Dismissal, p. 21*