

**Vesper Propers, March 12, 2004**  
**Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast:**  
**Our Holy Mother Mary of Egypt**  
**Translation of the Relics of Our Holy Father Nicephorus,**  
**Patriarch of Constantinople**

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

1. *Beginning Prayers, p. 1*
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3. *Litany of Peace, p. 8*
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*10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5 for the Resurrection, Tone 8, p. 103-105*

Tone 6


Cantor (on 4)




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

Tone 6 podoben: Vsju otloživše


(4) & (3)




A - li - en - at - ed at first from the divine con - tem - pla - tion be - cause




of the weight of the pas - sions, you turned then your thoughts and deeds to the



high - er goods; med - i - tat - ing on the icon of the most pure Vir - gin




and hence - forth turning yourself a - way from all sin, in faith you ven - e - ra - ted




the pre - cious Cross.

*Cantor (on 3)*



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.


*All repeat "Alienated at first..."*

*Cantor (on 2)*




Praise the Lord, all you na-tions, ac-claim him all you peo - ples!


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You then vi - sit - ed the ho - ly pla - ces with joy, hav - ing built up



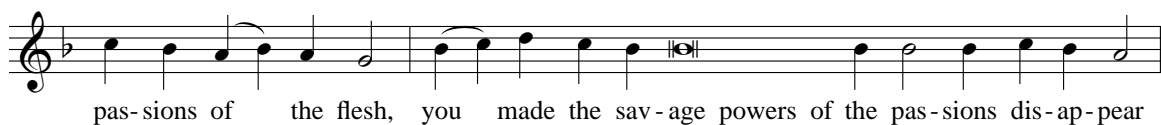
a reserve of virtue on the way of sal - va - tion; you made haste on the road



to ho - li - ness. You crossed the streams of the Jor - dan,



and you dwelt in the desert of the Bap - tist; con - trol - ling the power of the



pas-sions of the flesh, you made the sav-age powers of the pas-sions dis-ap-pear

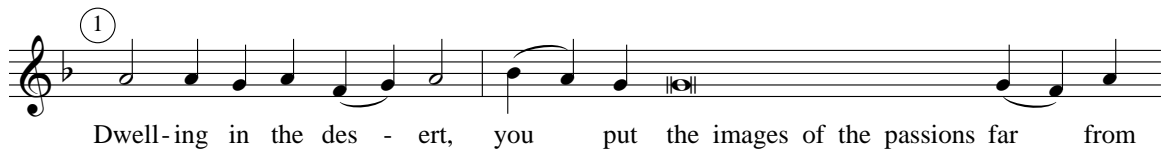


by your ho - ly life O ven - er - a - ble Moth - - - er.

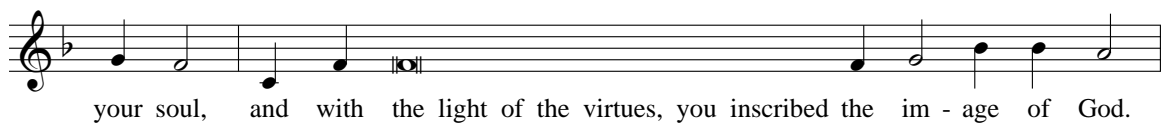
*Cantor (on 1)*



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



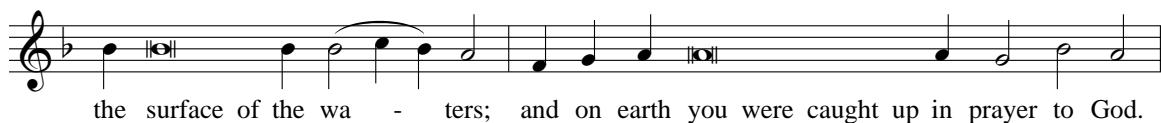
① Dwell-ing in the des - ert, you put the images of the passions far from



your soul, and with the light of the virtues, you inscribed the im - age of God.



You were re - splen-dent with such a bright - ness that you walked up - on



the surface of the wa - ters; and on earth you were caught up in prayer to God.



Be-cause you have great sway with Christ, pray to him for the salvation



of our souls, O ven-er - a - ble Moth - - - er.

**Cantor:** Glory...

**Doxastikon**

*Tone 2 samohlasen*

The pow-er of the Cross has worked won-ders, O Lord; she who for-mer-ly  
was a har - lot has giv - en herself completely to the struggle of an  
as - cet - ic - al life. De - spite her weak - ness, she has courageously con - tend - ed  
with the dev - il; and hav - ing re - ceived the prize for her vic - to - ry,  
she now in - ter - cedes with you for our souls.

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

*Dogmatikon, Tone 8, p. 107*

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*
10. *Litany of Supplication, p. 16*

# Litija

*Tone 2 Bolhar*

O choirs of the right-eous, re - joice like Da - vid in the Lord to - day.

All you up - right of heart, make your boast in him; look-ing up-on

Ma - ry who is wor - thy of our praise. Com - plet-ing her life

in ho - li-ness, she has been glo - ri - fied by God with miracles and man - y

acts of pow'r, which show to us and all the faithful what honor she en-joys

in heav - en, and what bold-ness she has gained in the pres-ence of the Mas - ter.

At her pray'rs, O Christ our God, grant sal - va - tion to our souls.

**Cantor:** Glory...now and ever...

*Theotokion, Tone 2, p. 33*

*11. Litany of the Litija, p.116*

*12. Apostichera, Tone 8, pp. 108 - 109*

Cantor: Glory...

*Tone 2 samohlasen*

With the sword of tem - p'rance you have cut down the pas-sions of the  
soul and flesh; you choked e - vil thoughts with the silence of an as-cet-ic - al life.  
Wat-'ring the des - ert with the streams of your tears, you bore the fruits  
of re-pent - ance. We now ce - lebrate the memory of your holiness, O ven -'ra - ble  
Moth - - - er.

*Aposticha Theotokion, Tone 2, p.45*

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

14. *Trisagion Prayers, p. 19*

15. *If the vigil is served, the Troparion on p. 119 is sung once by the priest, twice by the people.*

*If a vigil is not served, see next page for the Troparia.*

16. *Blessing of Bread, p. 119*

17. *Psalm 33, p. 120*

18. *Dismissal, p 21*

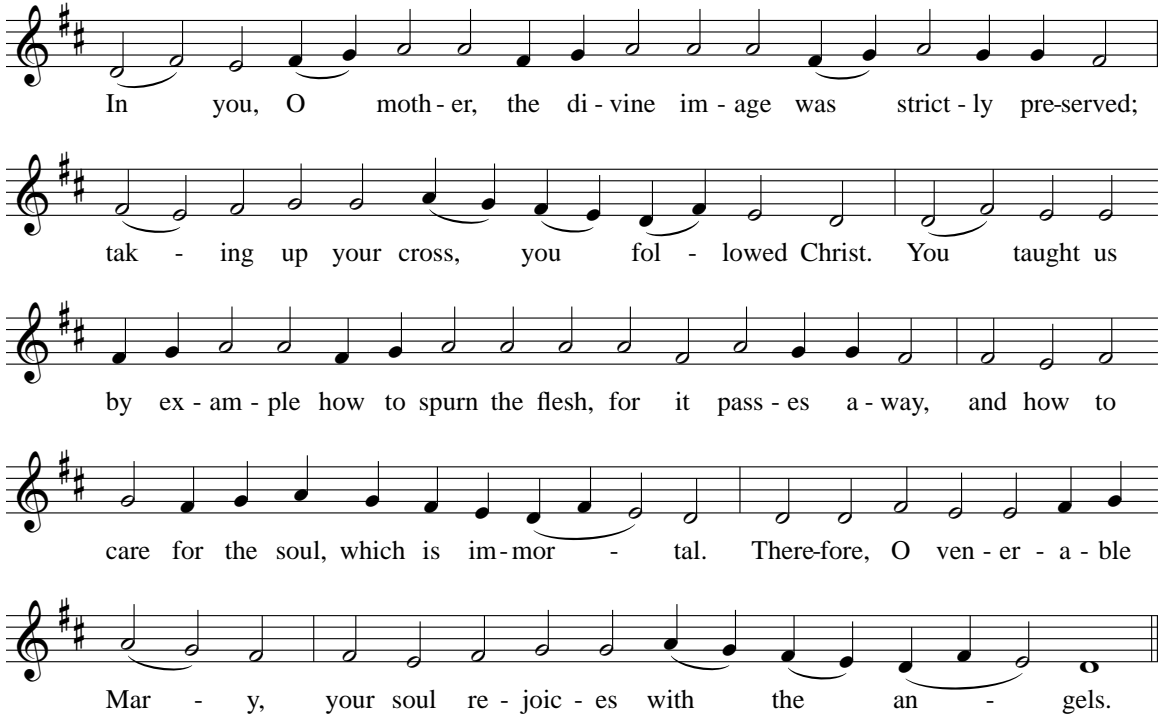
## Troparia

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

*Glory...*

### **Troparion of a Venerable Woman**

*Tone 8*



In you, O moth-er, the di-vine im-age was strict-ly pre-served;  
tak - ing up your cross, you fol - lowed Christ. You taught us  
by ex - am - ple how to spurn the flesh, for it pass - es a - way, and how to  
care for the soul, which is im - mor - tal. There - fore, O ven - er - a - ble  
Mar - y, your soul re - joic - es with the an - gels.

*Now and ever...*

*Festal Theotokion, Tone 8, p. 111*