

Vesper Propers: July 31, 2005
Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

31 Prefestive: Procession of the Venerable Cross.

The holy and righteous Eudocimus, who lived in the time of the emperor Theophilus, the iconoclast. He was the military governor of Cappadocia, and lived a virtuous life before God and man. He died at the age of thirty-three. (9th century)

The holy Joseph of Arimathea. Noble Joseph, a rich man and member of the Jewish Sanhedrin, was a secret follower of Christ (Matt.27:57; Jn. 19:38). He took Christ's body down from the tomb with Nicodemus, and laid it in his own new tomb. The risen Lord appeared to him and brought him to faith in the Resurrection. He traveled far, preaching the Gospel, and took it to England, where he died. (1st century)

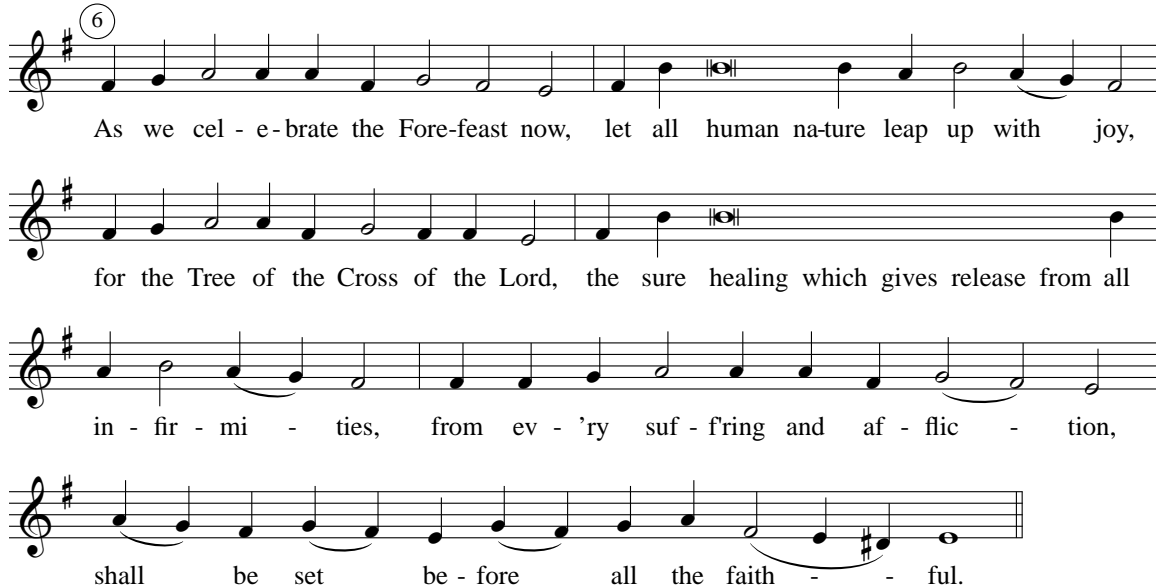
Supplement for **The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2004**

Tone of the Week: Tone 2 (begins on page 36), stichera 10 - 7.

Cantor: (Tone 1) 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.

Stichera of the Cross - Tone 1

6



As we cel - e - brate the Fore-feast now, let all human na - ture leap up with joy,
for the Tree of the Cross of the Lord, the sure healing which gives release from all
in - fir - mi - ties, from ev - 'ry suf - fring and af - flic - tion,
shall be set be - fore all the faith - - ful.

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.

5

Come, all you faith - ful, let us see the strange won - der— how the Tree
of the Cross of the Lord quench-es the fe - ver of ev-'ry in - fir - mi - ty
and ex - tin - guish - es the burning heat of the pas - sions of those who cele - brate
its Fore - feast with faith and hon - or in its fes - ti - val.

Cantor:

Let the watchman count on daybreak, and Israel on the Lord.

(on 4)

4

O all the liv - ing, cel - ebrate the Fore-feast with those who have died;
for the Tree of the Cross of the Lord, which slew the pow'r of Ha - des,
and is the pro - tec - tor of all of us, the res - ur - rec - tion of the dead,
comes now to im - part true grace to all, be - stow - ing its heal - ings



on the hu - man race.

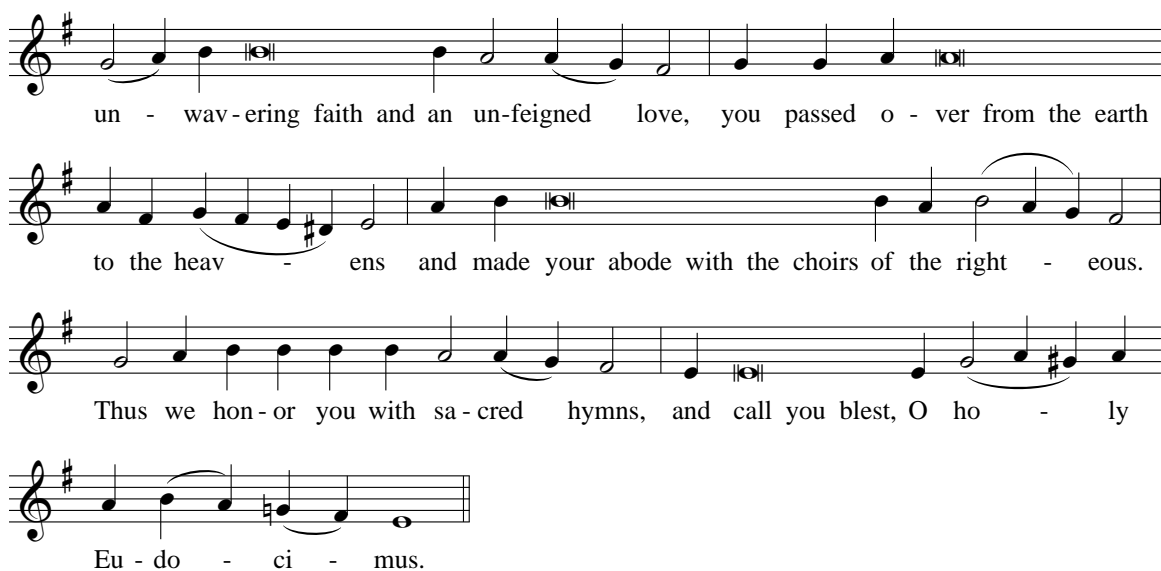
Cantor: (Tone 8) Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

Stichera of the holy and righteous Eudocimus - Tone 8

O bless - ed and all-wise Eu - do - ci - mus, your pure soul, shining with the
 understanding of the true faith, and shed - ding the light of the radiance of
 the vir - tues, il - lu - mines the fullness of the faith - ful,
 dis - pel - ling the darkness of the de - mons. Where - fore, O all-won-drous one,
 We all hon - or you with pi - e - ty As one who has a share in
 nev - er - wan - ing grace.

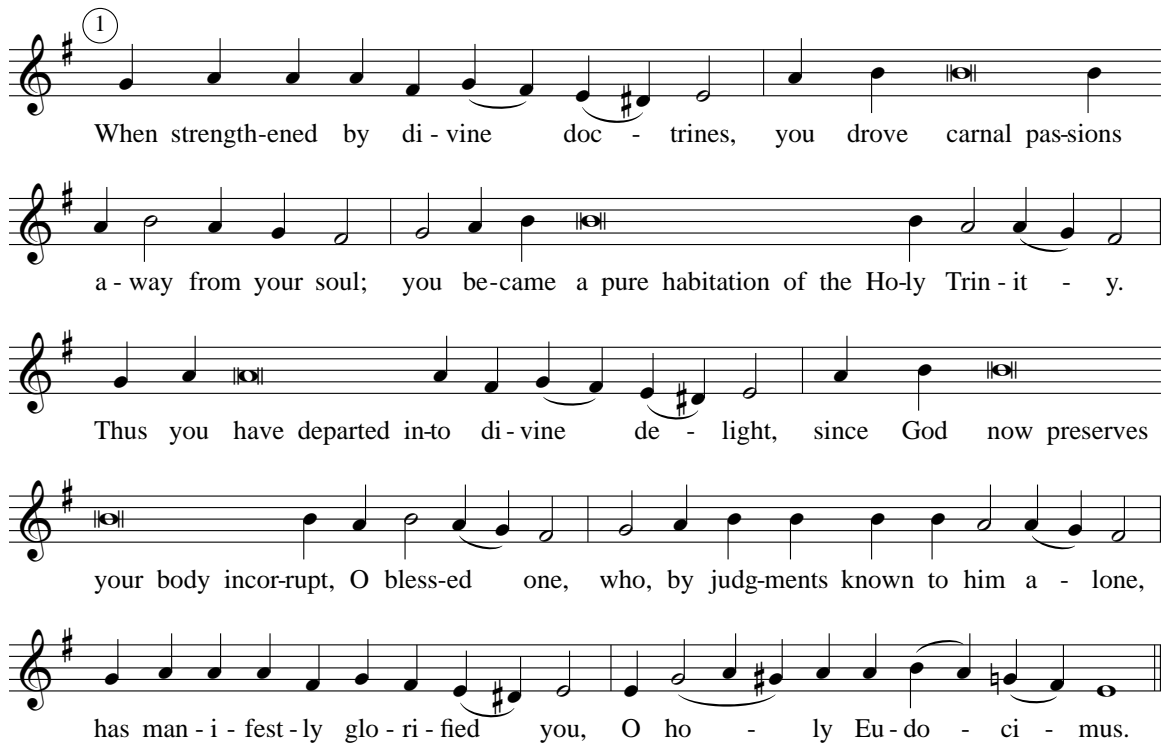
Cantor: Praise the Lord, all you nations; **Psalm 116**
(on 2) acclaim him all you peoples.

Pos-sessed of a mer - cif - ul soul, a pure mind, a vig - i - lant heart,



un - wav - ering faith and an un - feigned love, you passed o - ver from the earth
to the heav - ens and made your abode with the choirs of the right - eous.
Thus we hon - or you with sa - cred hymns, and call you blest, O ho - ly
Eu - do - ci - mus.

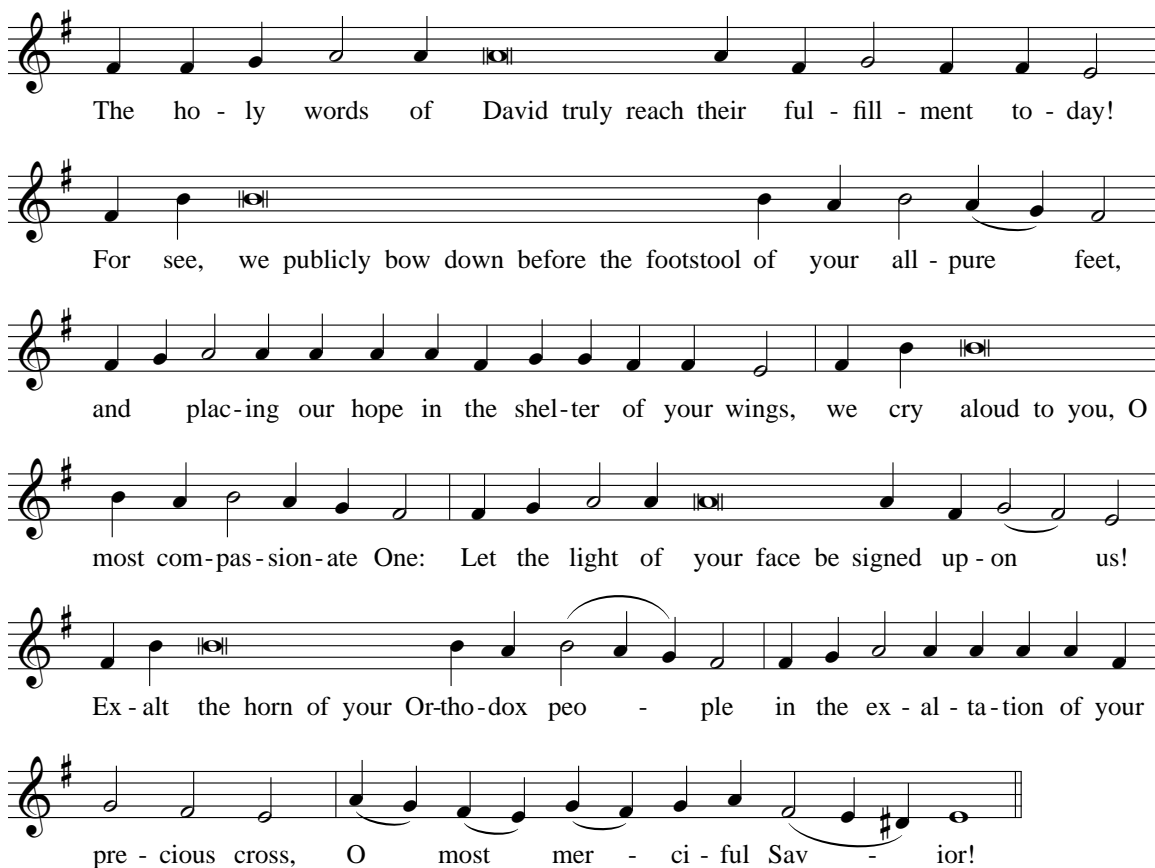
Cantor: Strong is the love of the Lord for us;
(on 1) he is faithful forever.



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When strength-ened by di - vine doc - trines, you drove carnal pas-sions
a - way from your soul; you be-came a pure habitation of the Ho-ly Trin - it - y.
Thus you have departed in-to di - vine de - light, since God now preserves
your body incor-rupt, O bless-ed one, who, by judg-ments known to him a - lone,
has man - i - fest - ly glo - ri - fied you, O ho - ly Eu - do - ci - mus.

Cantor: (Tone 1) Glory...

Doxastikon of the Cross - Tone 1



The ho - ly words of David truly reach their ful - fill - ment to - day!
For see, we publicly bow down before the footstool of your all - pure feet,
and plac - ing our hope in the shel - ter of your wings, we cry aloud to you, O
most com - pas - sion - ate One: Let the light of your face be signed up - on us!
Ex - alt the horn of your Or - tho - dox peo - ple in the ex - al - ta - tion of your
pre - cious cross, O most mer - ci - ful Sav - ior!

Cantor: Now and ever...

Dogmatikon, Tone 2, p. 42

The service continues with the Hymn of the Evening, p.12.


Aposticha, Tone 2, p. 43

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

Aposticha Doxastikon of the Cross - Tone 2



You are my might and pro - tec - tion, O might - y three - barred Cross of Christ!



Make me ho - ly with your pow - er, that I may bow down and glo - ri - fy

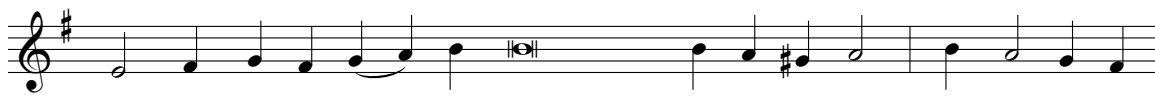


you with faith and love!


Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 2, p. 47

Glory...Now and ever... (Tone 1)

Troparion of the Cross - Tone 1



Save your peo-ple, O Lord, and bless your in - her - i - tance. Grant vic - to - ry



to your Church o - ver e - vil, and pro - tect your peo - ple by your cross.

Dismissal, p. 21