

**Vesper Propers, September 4, 2005**  
**Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

**4 The holy martyr Babylas, bishop of Antioch.** St. John Chrysostom wrote of Babylas, “this great and wonderful man—if one can call him a man.” He was archbishop of Antioch in the time of the evil emperor Numerian. He forbade the emperor entrance into the church because he was an idolator. In response, the emperor threw him into prison, and had students of his tortured in front of him in an attempt to have Babylas apostasize. Babylas encouraged them to stand firm and, after they were martyred, he joined them as a victim of the sword. (283)

**The holy prophet Moses, who saw God.** Moses was chosen by God to free his people who were oppressed in Egypt and to lead them to the promised land. God also revealed himself to Moses on Mount Sinai saying, "I am who I am," and gave the law which would direct the life of the chosen people. The servant of God died in the fullness of years on Mount Nebo, in the land of Moab near the promised land.

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

*Tone of the Week: Tone 7 (begins on page 92), stichera 10 - 7.*

**Cantor:** (Tone 6) 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 Babylas - Tone 6 podoben: Vsju otloživše**

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Dye-ing your sa-cred vest - ments in the stream of your own blood, you were  
sanc - tified, O illustri-ous Bab - y - las, and thus entered into the Ho - ly of  
Ho - lies. You re - jice now for - ev - er in the pres-ence of God,

ra-diant with beau-ty in your mar-tyr-dom, thus shar-ing the life of the an-gels  
in all pu - ri - ty. Thus we ven - er - ate you and cel - e - brate  
your holy solemnity with love, O bless-ed hier - arch.

**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.

Bound by i - ron chains, you un - swerv - ingly followed the path leading to the  
heav-en-ly cit - y, O ven-erable hier-arch Bab-y-las, a-dorned with your wounds  
as with pre-cious jew - els. There, as a true conqueror, an invinci-ble  
mar - tyr, as a ho-ly priest you sing with the angels the pure and ho-ly hymn:  
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly are you, O con-sub-stan - tial Trin - i - ty.

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

Head - ing your spir - it - ual flock, O ven - 'ra - ble hier - arch Bab - y - las,  
 you led them to safe pas - tures of the faith in the depths of your  
 wis - dom. You pro - tect - ed them from the beasts, de - light - ing  
 in the Most High God, your shep - herd, whom you preached before the impi - ous,  
 O bless - ed one, re - joic - ing to be im - molated as a spot - less  
 lamb in the com - pany of inno - cent chil - dren. With them, you were offered as a  
 vic - tim of pleas - ing fra - grance in a whole burnt - of - fer - ing.

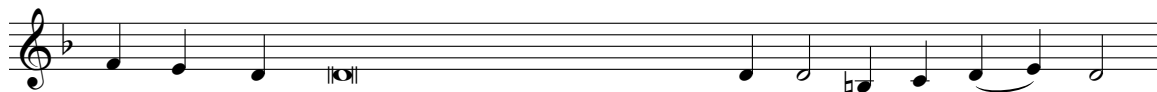
**Cantor:** (Tone 4) Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,  
 (on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

**Stichera of the Prophet Moses - Tone 4 podoben: Zvannyj svyše byw**

<sup>3</sup>  
 Hav - ing stud - ied the mys - t'ries of God and the won - ders



of his ineffable beau-ty and glo - ry, O most laud-ed God-seer Mo - ses,



you pro-claimed them in images, through shadows and in - dis - tinct forms.



Through im-ma-te-rial things and shad-ow - y im - ag - es, you bring us



to the con - cept of the or - i - gin of the di - vine Ra - di - ance.



Hav-ing ac-quired de - i - fi - ca-tion through grace, O bless-ed one, you triumphed

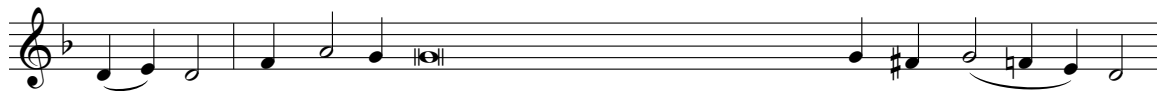


o ver Phar - aoh. Pray in be - half of all who hon - or you.

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



Hav-ing ex-celled in the vir - tues, in a vi - sion you found your-self close



to God. And hav-ing been in the midst of the whirlwind and the dark - ness,



you were whol-ly glo-ri-fied. Hence, you re-ceived the tablets of the writ - ing of God,

and like an angel you clearly shine forth with grace through the eyes of  
 your spirit and your body, and you cover the blindness of false faith;  
 and, revealing God's revelation to the faithful, you transmitted it  
 by your words. Pray to God that our souls may be saved.

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

<sup>①</sup>  
 You have spoken with the Lord, and seen his fiery love shown forth,  
 O thrice-bless-ed Mo - ses; you be-held him face to face! And while gaz-ing  
 up - on your Cre - a - tor, you saw his hind quarters in his splen - dor,  
 learn-ing (through the crev-ice in the rock) of the fu - ture divine manifestation of  
 the Word in the flesh. There - fore, like the wondrous pillar which led the

chil-dren of Is - ra - el, you go before and save all those who, in faith,  
praise your name.

**Cantor:** (Tone 7) Glory...now and ever...

*Dogmatikon, Tone 6, p. 98*

*The service continues with the Hymn of the Evening, page 12.*

*Aposticha, Tone 6, p. 99*

*Troparia, Tone 6, p. 101*

# Hymn

*melody: Pod tvoj pokrov/We Hasten to Your Patronage*



1. O God of pow - er and of might, the sov - 'reign Lord of all,  
2. O God who spoke in cloud and awe and glo - ry from a - bove,  
3. O Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest, O ho - ly Trin - i - ty,



Your Church is gath - ered for this feast; oh hear us when we call.  
We thank you for the seer of God, great Mo - ses, your be - loved.  
Guide us through their ex - am - ple brave and great hu - mil - it - y,



Your bish - op - mar - tyr Bab - y - las, though bound in i - ron chains,  
He met you in the burn - ing bush, re - ceived the ho - ly Law,  
And bring us with these saints of yours be - side you soon to stand



Was faith - ful un - to death and thus our lead - er he re - mains.  
And led your peo - ple faith - ful - ly, re - count - ing what he saw.  
With - in your heav'n - ly courts to be, the last and Prom - ised Land!