

Vesper Propers, September 18, 2005
Sunday After the Exaltation of the Cross

Our venerable father Eumenius the Wonder-worker, bishop of Gortyna in Crete. He gave himself with his whole heart to Christ from his youth. He gave all he owned to the poor, and kept a very ascetic life of fasting and vigils. Seeing his virtue, the people of Gortyna chose him to be their bishop. He was father to the poor, consolation to the sad, healing to the sick, and a shepherd to his flock. He traveled to visit the desert fathers in the Thebaid, where he died. (7th century)

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

Tone of the Week: Tone 1 (begins on page 24), stichera 10 - 7.

Cantor: (Tone 4) 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 postfeast - Tone 4 podobn: Jako doblja

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O Mas-ter, you were raised up-on the Cross; with you was raised the fallen
na-ture of A - dam. For this rea-son, as we lift up your precious Cross, O
Lov-er of us all, we beg you for your might from on high and call out:
O Most High, since you are the mer-ci-ful God, save all those who
ven-erate the ex-al-ta-tion of your pre-cious, light-bear-ing and



heav - en - ly Cross.

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.



O Mas - ter, the psalm - ist saw as though al-read - y pres - ent,



the foot - stool on which you rest-ed your most pure feet. To-day we



lov - ingly venerate your most pre-cious Cross as we de-vout-ly



raise it, En - treat - ing you, we cry out: O Most High,



you have sanc - ti - fied us by your di - vine Cross. Make us partakers of your

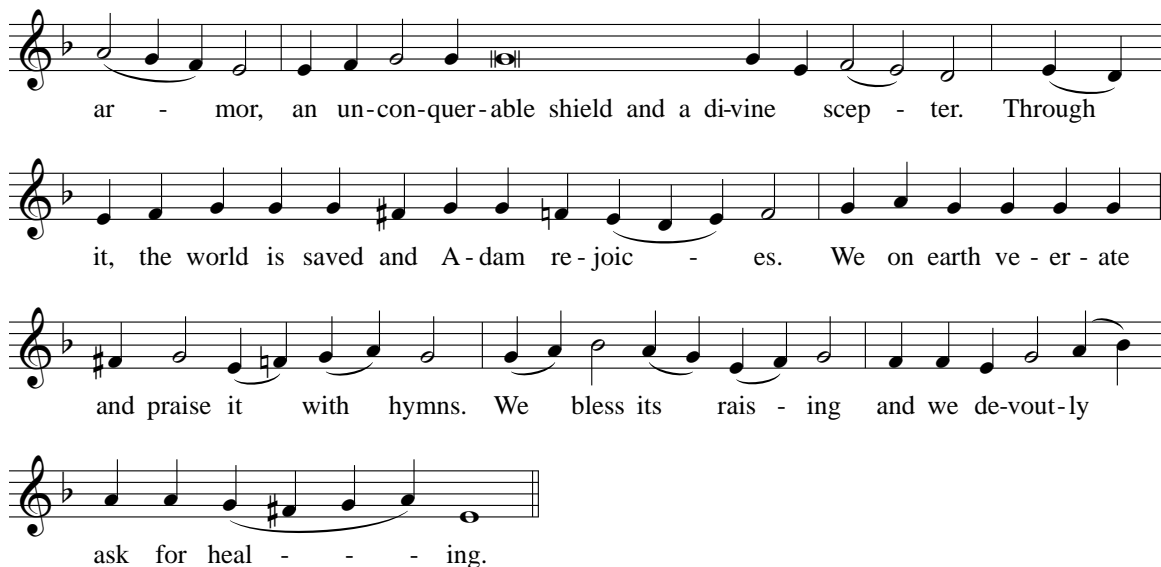


com - pas - sion and grace be - yond all words.

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



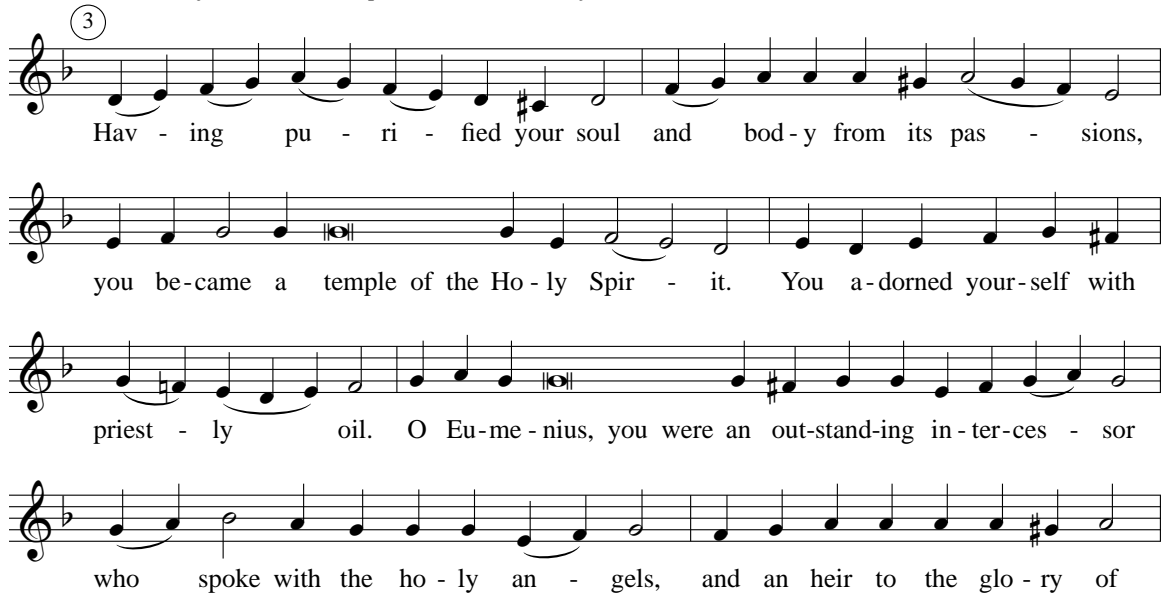
O Christ, we bow to your most ho - ly Cross as to the invin-ci - ble



ar - mor, an un-con-quer-able shield and a di-vine scap - ter. Through
it, the world is saved and A-dam re-joic - es. We on earth ve - er - ate
and praise it with hymns. We bless its rais - ing and we de-vout-ly
ask for heal - - - 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 Euthymius - Tone 4 podoben: Jako doblja



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Hav - ing pu - ri - fied your soul and bod - y from its pas - sions,
you be-came a temple of the Ho - ly Spir - it. You a-dorned your-self with
priest - ly oil. O Eu-me-nius, you were an out-stand-ing in-ter-ces - sor
who spoke with the ho - ly an - gels, and an heir to the glo - ry of

the Lord. You in - ter - cede for those who ven - er - ate you.

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

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Your glo - rious life was il - lu - mined by vir - tues and it glowed

through the splen - dor of mir - a - cles. O bless - ed one, you were glorified

to the ends of the earth. O mir - a - cle - work - er, wor - thy of hon - or,

you were made free from error, a bril - liant mas - ter, a dwell - er with the saints,

a hier - arch, and a citizen of the Ho - ly Cit - y with the an - gels.

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

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We have gath - ered to geth - er to ven - er - ate the a - pos - tle of Crete,

the un - shak - a - ble foundation of the Church, bish - op Eu - me - ni - us. He is

mag-nified in miracles and glori-fied in man-y pow-ers. As a light of
the faith-ful, he illumined those whose hearts were dark-ened.

Cantor: (Tone 2) Glory...

Doxastikon of the postfeast - Tone 2 samohlasen

Hid-den as a di-vine treas-ure in the earth, the Cross of the Giv-er of Life
now ap-peared in the heavens to the god-ly king, and its in-scrip-tion spir-tually
signified his victo-ry o-ver the en-e-my. Re-joic-ing with faith and love,
he was in-spired by God and hastened to raise on high the Cross that
he had seen in his vi-sion. With great zeal he brought it forth from the
bos-om of the earth for the de-liv-erance of the world and the sal-va-tion
of our souls.

Cantor: (Tone 1) Now and ever...

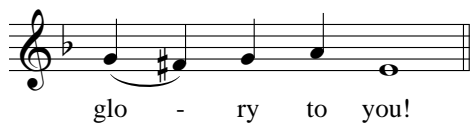
Dogmatikon, Tone 1, p.30
Hymn of the Evening, p. 12
Aposticha, Tone 1, p 31

Cantor: (Tone 4) Glory...now and ever...

Aposticha Doxastikon - Tone 4 samohlasen



Mo - ses prefigured the power of your pre - cious Cross, O Christ, when he conquered
Am - a - lek his en - e - my, in the wilder - ness of Si - nai. When he stretched
out his arms in the form of a cross, the peo - ple were strength - ened.
Now these images are ful - filled in us. To - day the Cross is ex - alt - ed,
and the dev - ils are put to flight. To - day all creation is freed from cor - rup - tion.
Through the Cross every gift of grace has shone up - on us. There - fore, re - joic - ing,
we bow down be - fore you and say: How marvelous are your works, O Lord;

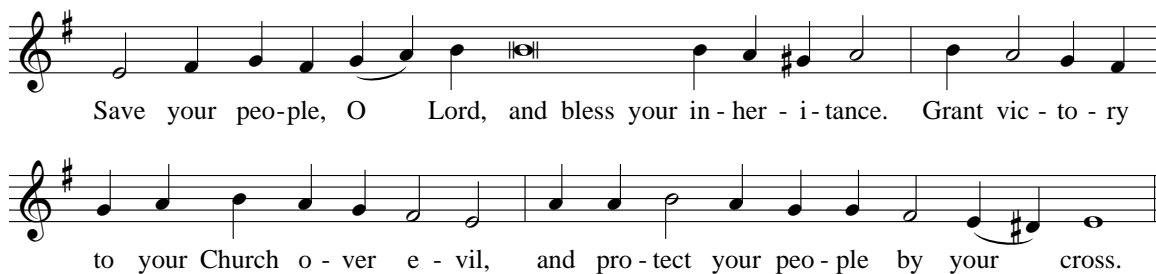


Prayer of the Holy Prophet Simeon, p. 19.

Troparion, Tone 1, p.34

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

Troparion of the Cross - Tone 1



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