

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Vesper propers, July 9, 2006

The holy hieromartyr Pancratius, bishop of Taormina in Sicily, who, it is believed, was a follower of St. Peter the Apostle and the first to lead this Church. His holy relics are preserved in Rome. (1st century)

Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2005

Tone of the Week: Tone 4 (begins on page 58) stichera 10-4

Cantor: (Tone 2) Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

Stichera of Pancratius - Tone 2 samohlasen

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When Pe - ter the Rock, the standard-bearer of the divine Apos-tles, trav - eled
through-out the world, he made it firm on a sol - id foun-da - tion.
In you, O Pancratius, he found a stone of great price, and he des - tined you to be
the cornerstone of a church, O bless-ed one. You o - ver-threw the tem-ples
and sacred stones of the i - dols by the di - vine pow - er of the Word
who willed, in his good pleas-ure, to take flesh and make his dwell-ing

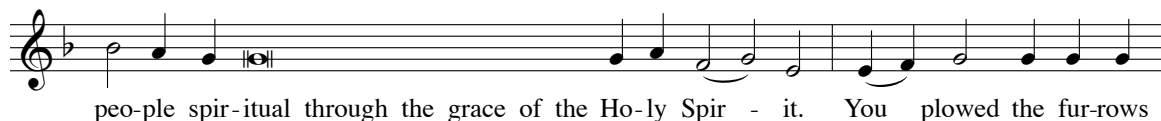


a-mong us.

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



Driv-ing off the dark spirits of evil by your word, O Pan-cra - tius, you made your



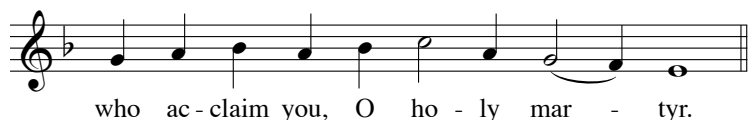
peo-ple spir-itual through the grace of the Ho-ly Spir - it. You plowed the fur-rows



of their hearts and made them grow as good wheat, which you pre-sent-ed



to the Master of the har - vest. You in - ter - cede for the faith - ful



who ac-claim you, O ho - ly mar - tyr.

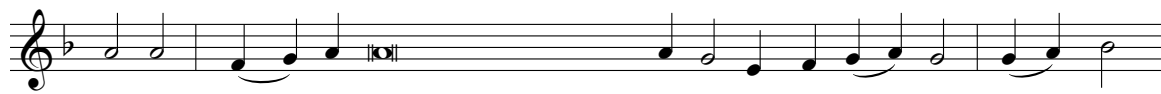
Cantor: Strong is the love of the Lord for us;
(on 1) he is faithful forever.



You have changed the West into an East, filled with dawn-ing light, for you brought it,



as its sun, to the knowl-edge of God who in - ef - fa - bly dawned for us all from the



Vir-gin. Then, set - ing in martyrdom, O ho-ly fa-ther Pan-cra - tius, you dawned



a - gain in the nev - er - set - ting Light. Now that mir - rors have passed a - way,



you gaze directly upon the desired beau-ty of the judge of all com - bats.

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

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