

Vesper Propers, September 3, 2006
The holy martyr Anthimus, bishop of Nicomedia
Our venerable father Theoktistus

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

Psalm 140, Tone 4 (begins on page 58, stichera 10-7)

Cantor: 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 Anthimus - Tone 1 samohlasen

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O bless-ed hier-arch, you joyfully dyed your sacred priest-ly vest - ments with the

pur-ple of your own blood. You rev-'rent-ly grew in strength and glo - ry;

and now you pray that our souls be of-fered peace and great mer - cy.

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.

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As a priest, you offered the un-blood - y Sac - ri - fice to God. Then, O

ven - erable preacher, you offered yourself in your own blood as a hol - o - caust,

a vic - tim accepta-ble to Je - sus Christ. As a true mar-tyr, en-treat him

for those who hon - or you.

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

O ven - er - a - ble fa - ther An - thi - mus, by your teach - ing and wise

ex - hor - ta - tions you have brought a whole troop of mar - tyrs to Christ.

You in - struc - ted them not on - ly by your words, but al - so by the ex - am - ple

of your life. O ven - erable hier - arch, pray with them that our souls be grant - ed

peace and great mer - cy.

Cantor: (Tone 1) Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

Stichera of Theoktist - Tone 1

O ho - ly fa - ther The - ok - tist, your light - bearing memori - al brings joy

to all monks be-cause of the won-drous beau-ty of your life, the grace of your

splen-did mir - a - cles and your ra - diant chri - sms. In - ter - cede be - fore

Christ God that our souls be grant-ed peace and great mer - cy.

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

O ho - ly fa - ther The - ok - tist, your con - stant asceticism was a terror to the

en - e - my, who was brought down by your con - tin - ual pray'rs.

O il - lus - trious father, you had Christ to assist you in the strug - gle.

Now pray to him that our souls be grant-ed peace and great mer - cy.

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

O ho - ly fa - ther The - ok - tist, in pre - serv - ing the image of God

with-in you by the life you led and the holy hab - it you as - sumed,

O monk wor-thy of all praise, you be-came e - ven more wor-thy of your name,

which means "crea-ture of God." Pray to Christ that our souls be grant-ed

peace and great mer - cy.

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...

Doxastikon of Anthimus - Tone 6 samohlafen

Bless - ed An - thimus, you persevered as a holy priest to the end,

for as you celebrated the ineffable and di-vine Mys-ter-ies, you shed your blood for

Christ our God and of - fered yourself to the Lord as an accepta-ble sac - ri - fice.

By the boldness you have be-fore him, pray for those who celebrate your holy

mem - o - ry in faith and love, that they may be de - liv-ered from all af - flic-tion,



dan - ger and need.

Cantor: (Tone 4) Now and ever...

Dogmatikon, Tone 4, page 64

Aposticha, Tone 4, page 65

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...

Doxastikon of Theoktist - Tone 6

