

Vesper Propers, September 17, 2006
Sunday After the Exaltation of the Cross

The holy martyr Sophia (Wisdom) and her three children, Faith, Hope, and Charity. They lived and suffered in Rome in the time of the emperor Hadrian. For refusing to sacrifice to the goddess Artemis, he had them put to death. (c.137)

Supplement for *The Order of Vespers for Sundays After Pentecost, 2005*

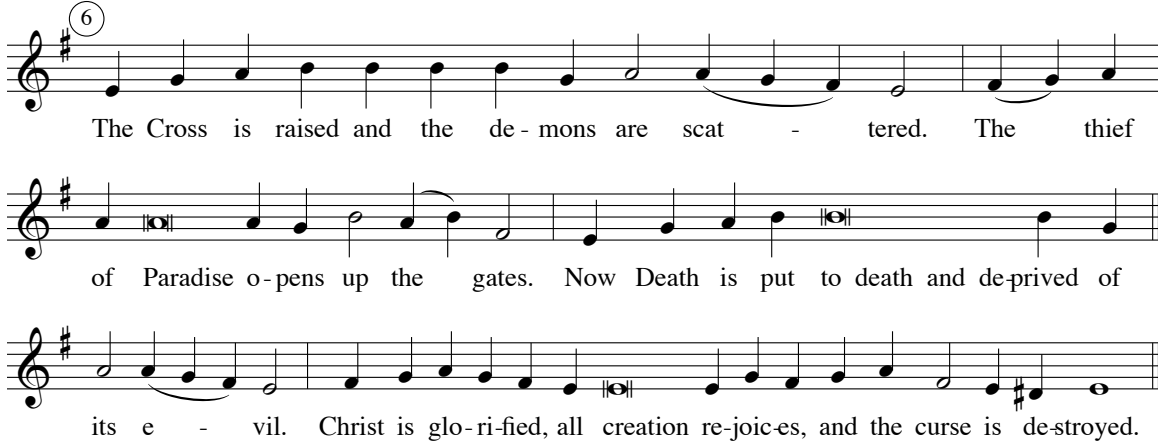
Lamplighting Psalms: Tone 6, stichera 10-7, beginning on page 82.

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 postfeast

Tone 1 podoben: Nebesnych činov

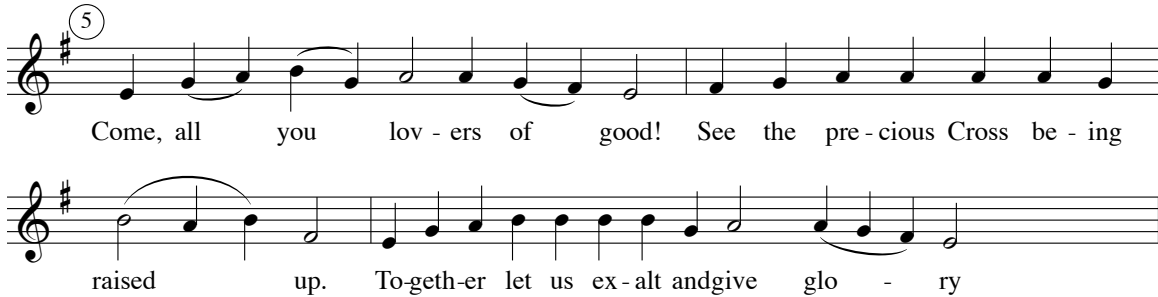
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The Cross is raised and the de-mons are scat-tered. The thief
of Paradise o-pens up the gates. Now Death is put to death and de-priv-ed of
its e-vil. Christ is glo-ri-fied, all creation re-joic-es, and the curse is de-destroyed.

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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Come, all you lov-ers of good! See the pre-cious Cross be-ing
raised up. To-geth-er let us ex-alt and give glo-ry

to the one Deliverer and God by call - ing out: Hav - ing been cru - ci - fied
 on the Tree of the Cross, do not de - spise us who pray to you.

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

Of old, Mo - ses made the bit - ter wa - ter sweet. He de - liv - ered Israel by
 as - sum - ing the like - ness of the Cross. Let all of us faith - ful
 di - vine - ly and mystically form a likeness of it in our hearts, for we are
 be - ing saved by your might.

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 martyrs

Tone 4 podoben: Dal jesi znamenije

The virgin maidens were bound by the laws of na - ture, yet they were clearly
 strengthened by the love of the Cre - a - tor. Through faith they loos-ened the

bonds of e - vil. They act - ed courageously when they de - stroyed the en - e - my.

For this rea - son they were splendidly adorned with a vic - to - rious crown. Now they live

and rejoice with the heavenly Bride - - - groom.

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

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The praiseworthy Faith, the glo - rious Char - i - ty, and the God - wise Hope,

who were named af - ter the vir - tues, showed them - selves to be among

the most ra - diant. They suf - fered the passion and defeated the E - vil One

who had craft - ily deceived our first moth - er. Hav - ing be - come like God, they

en - tered Par - a - dise and now pray for ev - 'ry - one.

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

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The no - ble ones were not concerned about fire, tor - ture, and death, be-cause
 through faith they sought the beauty of the ra-diant Bride - groom. So-phi-a's daugh-ters,
 Faith, Hope, and Char-i - ty, a - dorned with numerous wounds, were spiritual-ly
 u - nit - ed with him. For their sake, O Lord, deliver us from e - - - vil.

Cantor: (Tone 1) Glory...

Doxastikon - Tone 1

The Tree of life which was planted in the place of the Skull,
 the Tree upon which the King of the Ages brought about our sal - va - - tion,
 is raised up in the middle of the earth to-day. It sanc-ti - fies the ends of the earth,
 and the Church of the Resurrection celebrates its re-ded - i - ca - tion now.
 The an-gels re-joice in heav - en, and those up - on the earth exult with joy and

say with Da - vid: Ex - alt the Lord our God and bow be - fore his throne
 and be - fore his footstool, for he is ho - ly; it is he who grants great
 mer - cy to the world.

Cantor: (Tone 6) Now and ever...

Dogmatikon, Tone 6, page 87

Aposticha, Tone 6, page 88

Cantor: (Tone 1) Glory...now and ever...

Doxastikon - Tone 1

Ja - cob, the Pa - tri - arch, prefigured your Cross, O Christ, when he blessed his
 de - scen - dants by lay - ing his hands on their heads in the form of a cross.
 To - day we exalt it and cry out, O Sav - ior: Grant vic - to - ry to your Church
 o - ver her en - e - mies, as you once did to your peo - ple.

Troparion, Tone 6, page 91

Cantor: (Tone 1) Glory...now and ever...

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.