

Vesper propers, October 22, 2006
The holy bishop Abercius
The holy seven children of Ephesus

The holy bishop Abercius, equal to the apostles and wonderworker, at Hieropolis in Phrygia, a disciple of Christ the good Shepherd, of whom it is said that he made a journey through different areas and nourished the faith with a mystical food. He preached throughout Syria and Mesopotamia, and went to the Lord in great old age at the end of the second century. (2nd century)

Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays After Pentecost, 2005
Lamplighting Psalms: Tone 3, stichera 10-4, beginning on page 48.

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 the holy bishop Abercius - Tone 2 samohlasen




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With the light of your divine teachings, O fa - ther A - ber - cius, you brought
an end to the night of the man - y false gods. You rose like the dawn,
mak - ing chil - dren of the day of those who once dwelt in dark - ness,
as you worked great mir - a - cles a - mong them. Thus, in faith,
we celebrate your sacred mem - ry as a feast, and we all sing to geth - er a
hymn in your hon - or.

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

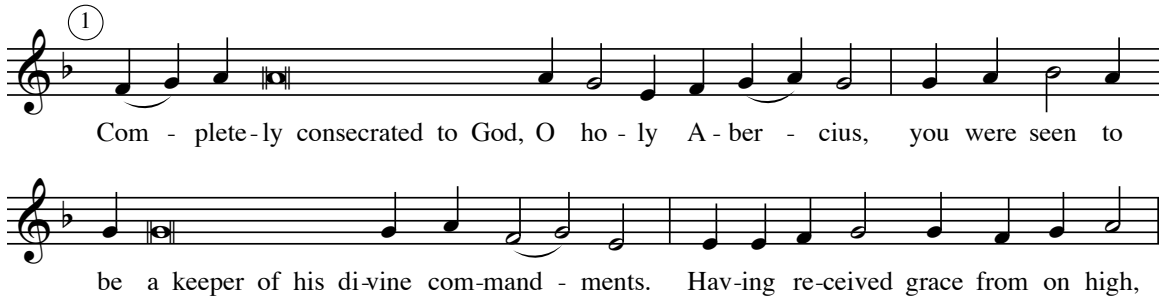
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In the same ves-sel, O A-ber - cius, you mir-ac - u - lous - ly joined oil, wine, and
an - oth - er sub - stance, so that they could all be served from it,
al though by divine grace they were kept separate with-out be - ing mixed.
By your pray'r, you cause a spring of warm wa - ter to flow that heals
the sicknesses of those who draw near to you in faith, call-ing you bless-ed, O
ho - ly A - ber - cius.

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

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Com - plete - ly consecrated to God, O ho - ly A - ber - cius, you were seen to
be a keeper of his di-vine com-mand - ments. Hav-ing re-ceived grace from on high,

you turned away various sick-ness - es from men, ex-pelled de - mons and
 cast down their al - tars. O bless-ed one, you implanted the knowl-edge of God
 in those whom, to their shame, ignor-ance had once placed in dan - ger.

Cantor: (Tone 3) Glory...

Doxastikon - Tone 3 samohlasen

Ven -'ra - ble hier-arch and bless - ed fa - ther, ser - vant of Christ and
 won-der-work - er, A - bercius, you shone with a pro - phet - ic life
 and were a-dorned with the charisms of the A-pos-tles. Now you cease-lessly celebrate
 the Sav-ior in heav - en; en - treat him, together with the an - gels,
 that our souls be saved from all the dan - gers that theat - en them.

Cantor: Now and ever...

Dogmaticon, Tone 3, page 53

Litija

Tone 2 Bolhar

Your ho - ly i - con, O The - o - to - kos, is like the Ark of
an - cient times, for as Da - vid danced be - fore it in the pres - ence of all,
now bish - ops come to - geth - er be - fore it, to - geth - er
with the an - - - gels and the mul - ti - tudes of Chris - - - tians.
As is prop - er, they de - clare you blest, they glo - ri - fy and
hon - or you, and pros - trate them - selves in your ser - vice.
They pray to you, af - ter God, to give peace to the world
in the true faith, and to save us from all evil, for you alone are blest a - mong
wom - - - en.

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...now and ever...



The whole human race now brings you praise, O our La-dy, pray - ing to you
as Queen and The - o - to - kos. The proph-ets wise - ly fore-tell you,
the a - pos - tles and martyrs con-fess you, kings and princes bow be-fore you,
bish-ops make you the sub-ject of their preach - ing, monks and la - ity piously
re-vere you, the rich and poor of all ag - es, the el - derly to-geth - er
with chil - dren flee to your pow-erful pro-tec-tion with faith. O our Lady, by your
in - ter - ces - sion pro-tect us from all e - vil and save us.

Litija Litany, page 116

Aposticha, Tone 3, page 54

Troparion: "Rejoice, Virgin Theotokos..." page 119, sung once by the priest and twice by the people.