

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

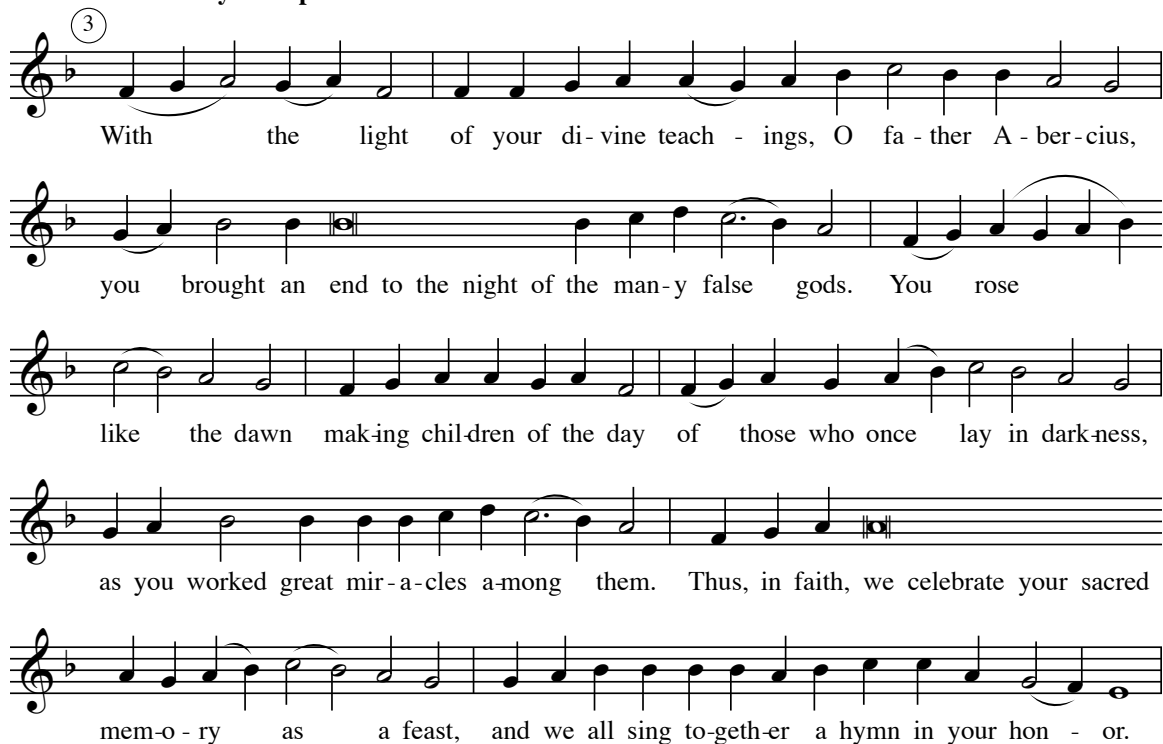
The holy bishop Abercius, equal to the apostles and wonderworker, at Hieropolis in Phrygia, a disciple of Christ the good Shepherd, of whom it is said that he made a journey through different areas and nourished the faith with a mystical food. He preached throughout Syria and Mesopotamia, and went to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

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With the light of your di-vine teach - ings, 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 lay in dark - ness,
as you worked great mir - a - cles a - mong them. Thus, in faith, we celebrate your sacred
mem - o - ry as a feast, and we all sing to - geth - er a hymn in your hon - or.

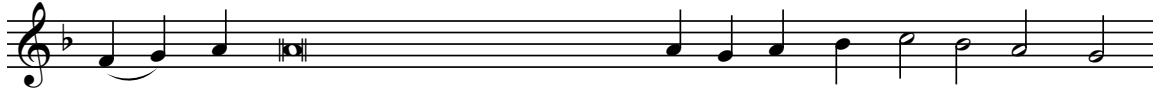
Cantor: Praise the Lord, all you nations, **Psalm 116**
(on 2) acclaim him all you peoples!



In the same ves - sel, O A - ber - cius, you miraculously joined oil, wine,



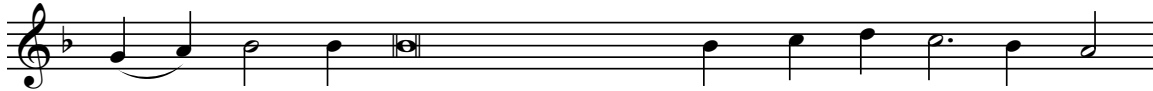
and an - oth - er sub-stance, so that they could all be served from it,



al - though by divine grace they were kept sep - a - rate with out be - ing mixed.



By your pray'r, you caused a stream of warm wa - ter to flow



that heals the sicknesses of those who draw near to you in faith,

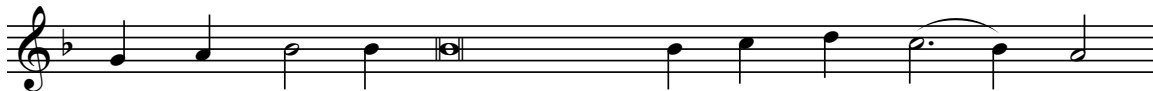


call - ing you bless - ed, O ho - ly A - ber - cius.

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



Com - plete - ly con-se-crat-ed 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 a - way

var - i - ous sick - nesses from men, expelled de - mons and cast down their al - tars.

O bless - ed one, you im - plant - ed 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-gether be-fore it, to-gether
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.