

## Vespers propers, December 10

**The holy martyrs Menas, Hermogenes and Eucraphus.** Menas and Hermogenes were born in Athens and moved to Constantinople. Both were pagans. Menas was sent by the Emperor Maximian to calm the strife between pagans and Christians in Alexandria. While there, he became a Christian. The emperor sent Hermogenes to Alexandria to punish Menas. After a miracle that happened during Menas' trial, Hermogenes became a Christian. Then the emperor himself came to Egypt and put both men to harsh torture. Upon seeing their valor, Eucraphus, who was Menas' secretary, denounced himself to the emperor. He had all three beheaded. (4th century)

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

*Lamplighting Psalms: Tone 2, stichera 10-4, beginning on page 36.*

**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.

*Tone 1 podobn: Prechvalnii mučenicicy*

O Me-nas, il-lus-tri-ous mar-tyr, you were cruel-ly beaten on the  
soles of your feet, your eyes were blind-ed and your tongue cut out,  
that tongue which had confessed the true God. You suf-fered with courage and  
per-se-ver-ance, your sight fixed on the re-ward prom-ised by him.  
Pray now that our souls be giv-en peace and great mer-cy.

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

**Psalm 116**

O glo-rious Her - mo-gen-es, you en-dured the loss of your hands and feet.  
Thrown in - to the fire, you burned more in - tense - ly  
with fer-vent love for the Lord than from the flames. Now in - ter-cede with him  
that our souls be giv - en peace and great mer - cy.

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

Your bod - ies broken, you were cast in - to the depths of the sea,  
O ho - ly mar - tyr. But with your God as a pi - lot,  
you were guid - ed into the peaceful harbor of the de - lights of heav - en,  
thus ship-wreck-ing the perverse plans of the ser - pent. Now in - ter-cede



with Christ that our souls be giv - en peeace and great mer - cy.

**Cantor:** (Tone 2) Glory...now and ever...

*Dogmatikon, Tone 2, page 42*

*Aposticha, Tone 2, page 43*

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