

**First Sunday of the Great Fast: Sunday of Orthodoxy**  
**Memory of the Holy Prophets**

All page references are to **The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2005**

1. *Beginning Prayers, p. 1*
2. *Psalm 103, p. 2 (chant) or p. 6 (melodic)*
3. *Litany of Peace, p. 8*
4. *First Kathisma, p. 10*
5. *Lamplighting Psalms and stichera 10-5 in the Tone of the Week*

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

**Stichera of the Sunday of Orthodoxy - Tone 6 podoben: Vsju otlozišse**

O Lord, whom the u - ni - verse can - not con - tain, be - fore the dawn of time  
you were born of the immaterial and in - cor - po - re - al Fa - ther; through the  
Ho - ly Spir - it, the prophets have announced your coming as an in - fant who took  
flesh of the most pure Vir - gin so that you might converse with mortals and be  
seen by them. Count us wor - thy of your light, O com - pas - sion - ate Lord,

for we praise your ineffable and ho - ly Re - sur - rec - tion.

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

The ho - ly pro - phets have mer - it - ed e - ter - nal life, for they an - nounced you  
by their word and served you by their works. They did not wish to serve  
cre - ation instead of you, the Cre - a - tor, O God; they de - spised the world to  
an - nounce you. They were con - formed to your Pas - sion, which they have  
seen in a pro - phet - ic vi - sion. By their prayers, grant that we may  
complete the course of this Fast in all pu - ri - ty, O Lord most  
mer - ci - ful.

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

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By your na - ture you are be - yond meas - ure, O Lord; yet in these  
 last times, you deigned to accept the lim - i - ta - tions of the flesh. By your  
 In - car - na - tion, you assumed all aspects of our hu - man na - ture. We now  
 in - scribe the image of your like - ness so that we may wor - thi - ly  
 ve - ne - rate it, and that we might be raised up to your love,  
 from which we draw your great mer - cy, ac - cord - ing to the tradition of  
 your ho - ly A - pos - - - tles.

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

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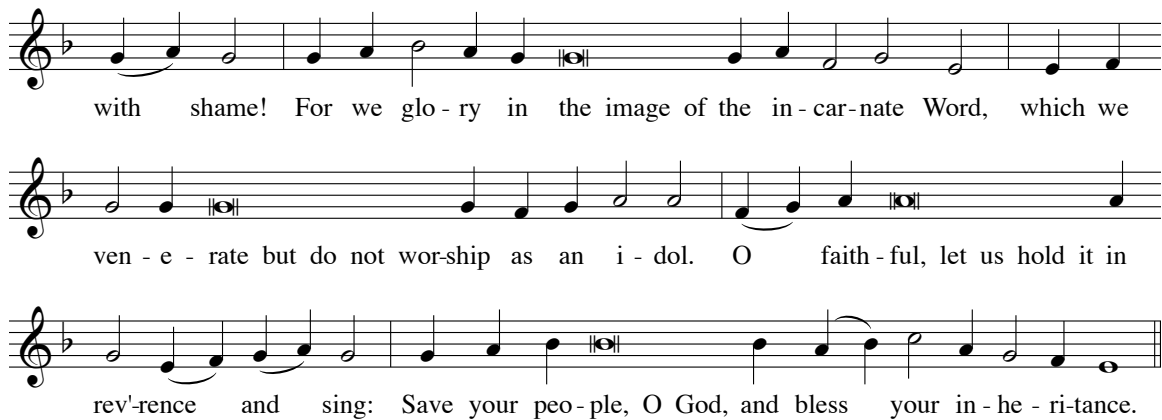
It is an a - dorn - ment, a pearl of great price, that the Church of  
 Christ has received in the ho - ly i - cons of the Sav - ior, the The - o - to - kos

and all the saints. Rais-ing them on high, she shines with splendor and bright - ness  
 and puts down all he - re-sies. In joy, she glorifies God, who by his love for us,  
 has deigned to free - ly suf - fer his Pas - sion.

**Cantor:** Glory...

**Doxastikon of the Sunday of Orthodoxy - Tone 2 samohlasen**

The grace of truth has shown forth; that which was for - mer - ly pre - fig - ured  
 ob - scure - ly is now o - pen - ly ful - filled. Be - hold the Church is clothed  
 as with a heav'n - ly gar - ment by the i - con of the Bod - y of Christ,  
 which was pre - fig - ured by the Ark of the Cov - e - nant. She pre - serves  
 the true faith, so that we might keep with - out blem - ish the im - age  
 of the One whom we wor - ship. May those who do not believe this be cov - ered



with shame! For we glo-ry in the image of the in-car-nate Word, which we  
 ven-e-rate but do not wor-ship as an i-dol. O faith-ful, let us hold it in  
 rev'rence and sing: Save your peo-ple, O God, and bless your in-he-ri-tance.

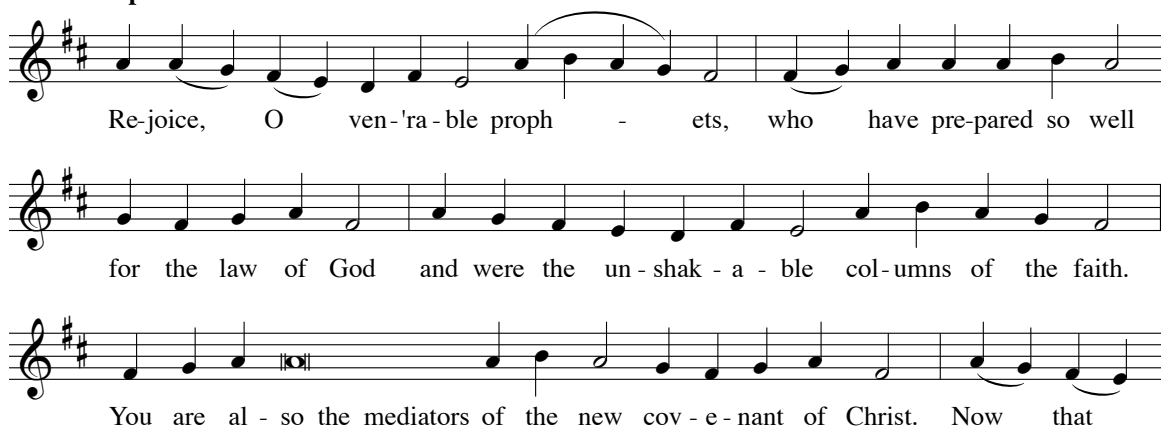
**Cantor:** Now and ever...

*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week*

- 6. *Hymn of the Evening, p. 12*
- 7. *Saturday Prokeimenon, p. 13*
- 8. *Litany of Fervent Supplication, p. 13*
- 9. *Hymn of Glorification, p. 14*
- 10. *Litany of Supplication, p. 16*

### Litija

**Of the Prophets - Tone 2 Bolhar**



Re-joyce, O ven-'ra-ble proph-ets, who have pre-pared so well  
 for the law of God and were the un-shak-a-ble col-umns of the faith.  
 You are al-so the mediators of the new cov-e-nant of Christ. Now that

you are in the heav - ens, pray that he may send peace to the world and great

mer - cy to our souls.

**Cantor:** Glory...now and ever...

**Theotokion**

O The - o - to - kos, I place all my hope in you; guard me with

your pro - tec - tion.

*11. Litany of the Litija, p.116*

*12. Apostichera in the Tone of the Week*

**Cantor:** Glory...

**Aposticha Doxastikon - Tone 2**

We who have turned away from the dark-ness of de-keit and have been en-light-ened

by the light of knowl - edge, now sing our psalms of ac - cla - ma - tion. May our

praise and thanksgiv-ing rise up to God! And let us bow with respect before the

ho - ly i - cons of Christ, the Theotokos, and of all the saints. Let us  
re - ject the godlessness of those who do not fol - low the true faith. For  
Saint Ba - sil has said: The ve - ne - ra - tion of the icon passes over to the one who  
is re - pre - sent - ed. Through the prayers of your most pure Moth - er and all the saints,  
we im - plo - re you, O Christ, to grant us your great mer - cy.

**Cantor:** Now and ever...

*Aposticha Theotokion, Tone 2, p. 45*

13. *Prayer of St. Simeon, p. 19*

14. *Trisagion Prayers, p. 19*

15. *If the vigil is served, the Troparion on p. 119 is sung once by the priest, twice by the people.*

*If a vigil is not served, see next page for the Troparia.*

16. *Blessing of Bread, p. 119*

17. *Psalm 33, p. 120*

18. *Dismissal, p 21*

## Troparia

### *Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone of the Week*

*Glory...*

### **Troparion of the Sunday of Orthodoxy - Tone 2**



We bow be-fore your sa-cred im-age, O gra-cious Lord, and beg for-giveness for  
our of-fens-es, O Christ our God; for you, of your own good will, ascended  
the cross in your hu-man na-ture to de-liv-er from the enemy's  
bondage those whom you cre-a-ted. There-fore, we grate-ful-ly cry  
out to you: By your com-ing to save the world, O Sav-ior,  
you have filled all with joy.

*Now and ever...*

*Festal Theotokion, Tone 2, p 47*