

Vesper Propers, November 2, 2008
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

The holy martyrs Akindynos, Pegasius, Aphthonius, Elpidiphor, and Anempodistus, and very many companions in Persia, martyrs, who, under Licinius the emperor, suffered under the King Shapur II. (335)

Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2006

Tone of the Week: Tone 8 (begins on page 102), stichera 10 - 4.

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 samohlasen

Let us sing of the as - sem - bly of the five martyrs, those val - iant ath - letes,
those fer - vent de - fend - ers, who each obtains gifts for the faithful in keeping with his name:
A - nem - po - dis - tus, brings freedom from the pas - sions; El - pi - di - phor,
hope for fu - ture goods; Aph - tho - nius, an abundance of heaven - ly treas - ures;
Pe - ga - si - us, a foun - tain which nev - er runs dry; and Akindynos
the re - mov - al of all dan - - - ger.

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

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Nei - ther danger nor hun-ger, life nor death, nei - ther fire nor the boiling wa-ter
of the caul-drons, nei - ther the jaws of beasts nor yawn - ing pits, could
sep - arate your generous constancy from the love of Christ. Cease-less-ly lift-ing up
your eyes to Him, and de - sir - ing noth - ing else but Him,
you put the E - ne - my to flight.

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

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In the delights which you en - joy and the light with which you are filled
as heirs of e - ter - nal life, grant help to the faith - ful who take ref-uge in you.
De-liv-er them from bondage, from cap-tiv - i - ty, from all evils and from all dan-ger,

through the bold - ness which you have be - fore God; show the com - pas - sion
 which you have in true im - i - ta - - tion of Christ.

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...

Doxastikon of the Martyrs - Tone 6 samohlasen

To - day the ra - diant choir of five martyrs comes to - geth - er as resplendent stars
 to enlight - en be - liev - ers and in - vites them to re - joice.
 They are ser - vants of the mys - tic Sun, by which the erroneous beliefs of the Persians
 were a - bol - ished; for they guid - ed to the Faith those who had ven - er - at - - ed
 the vis - i - ble sun and had bowed down be - fore fire.
 As athletes and martyrs, they filled their cup to the ver - y brim and made
 an oblation of their blood, poured ₃ out for Christ. They ex - hort us

who love the Faith. They say, "Come to the celebration of our tri - umph!
 Be - hold the crowns with which we are hon - ored; for Christ, the Truth,
 has de - clared that he who perseveres to the end will be saved!
 Thus, wear a crown with us, and we shall
 in - ter - cede for you be - fore the Lord!"

Cantor: (Tone 8) Now and ever...

Dogmatikon Tone 8, page 107

Aposticha

Aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 8), page 108, concluding with:

Cantor: (Tone 2) Glory...

Aposticha Doxastikon of the Martyrs - Tone 2 samohlasen

Come, let us rejoice in the Lord, O feast - lov - ers, on this day
 on which we celebrate the memorial of the mar - tyrs! Come, let us sing

their praises, acclaiming them as we say, "Hail, A - kin - dyn - os and Pe - ga - si - us,
 An - em - po - dis - tus, El - pidiphor and Aph - tho - ni - us, who e - clipped
 in - to the abyss the er - ror of i - dol - a - try and clear - ly proclaimed Christ as Lord
 in the a - re - na. O bless - ed ath - letes and martyrs of mul - ti - ple suf - fer - ings,
 cease - less - ly in - tercede be - fore him on be - half of our souls!

Cantor: Now and ever...

Aposticha theotokion in the same tone (Tone 2), page 45.

Troparia in the Tone of the week (Tone 8), page 47