

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

The holy martyrs Akindynos, Pegasus, 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 podoben: Jako dobl'a

Let us sing of the as-sembly of the five mar-tyrs those val-iant
ath-letes, those fer-vent de-fend-ers, who each ob-tains gifts for the faith-ful
in keep-ing with his name: A-nem-po-dis-tus, brings free-dom from the pas-sions;
El-pi-di-phor, hope for fu-ture goods; Aph-tho-nius, an abundance of heav-en-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.

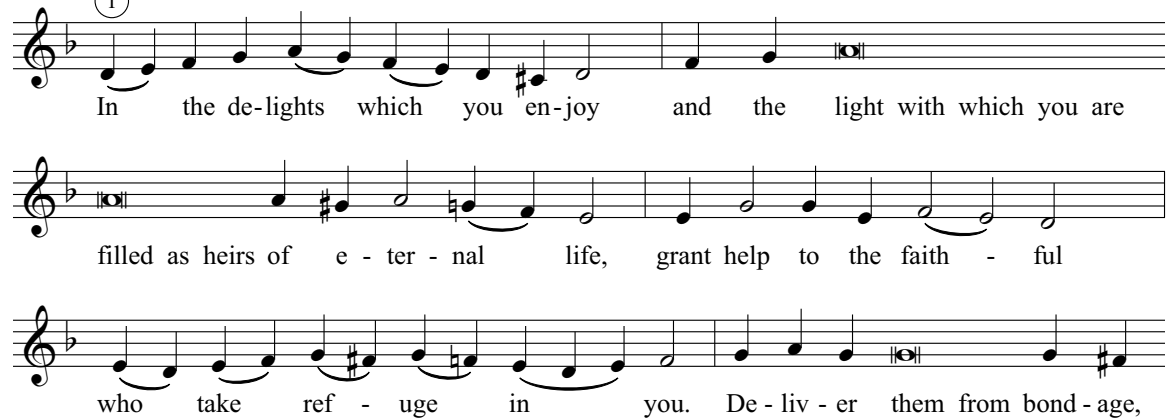
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Nei - ther dan - ger nor hun - ger, life nor death, nei - ther fire nor the boiling
wa - ter of the caul - drons, nei - ther the jaws of beasts nor yawn - ing pits,
could sep - a - rate your gen - erous con - stan - cy from the love of Christ.
Cease - 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 de - lights 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 bond - age,

from cap - tiv - i - ty, from all e - vils 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 out for Christ. They exhort us
 who love the Faith. They say, "Come to the celebration of our triumph!
 Behold the crowns with which we are honored; for Christ, the Truth,
 has declared that he who perseveres to the end will be saved!
 Thus, wear a crown with us, and we shall
 intercede for you before 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-lovers, on this day

on which we celebrate the memorial of the martyrs! Come, let us sing
 their praises, acclaiming them as we say, "Hail, Akin-dyn-os and Pe-ga-si-us,
 An-em-po-dis-tus, El-pidiphor and Aph-tho-ni-us, who eclipsed
 in-to the abyss the error of idol-a-try and clearly proclaimed Christ as Lord
 in the a-re-na. O blessed athletes and martyrs of multiple sufferings,
 cease-less-ly intercede before him on behalf 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