

**Vesper Propers, November 9, 2008**  
**Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

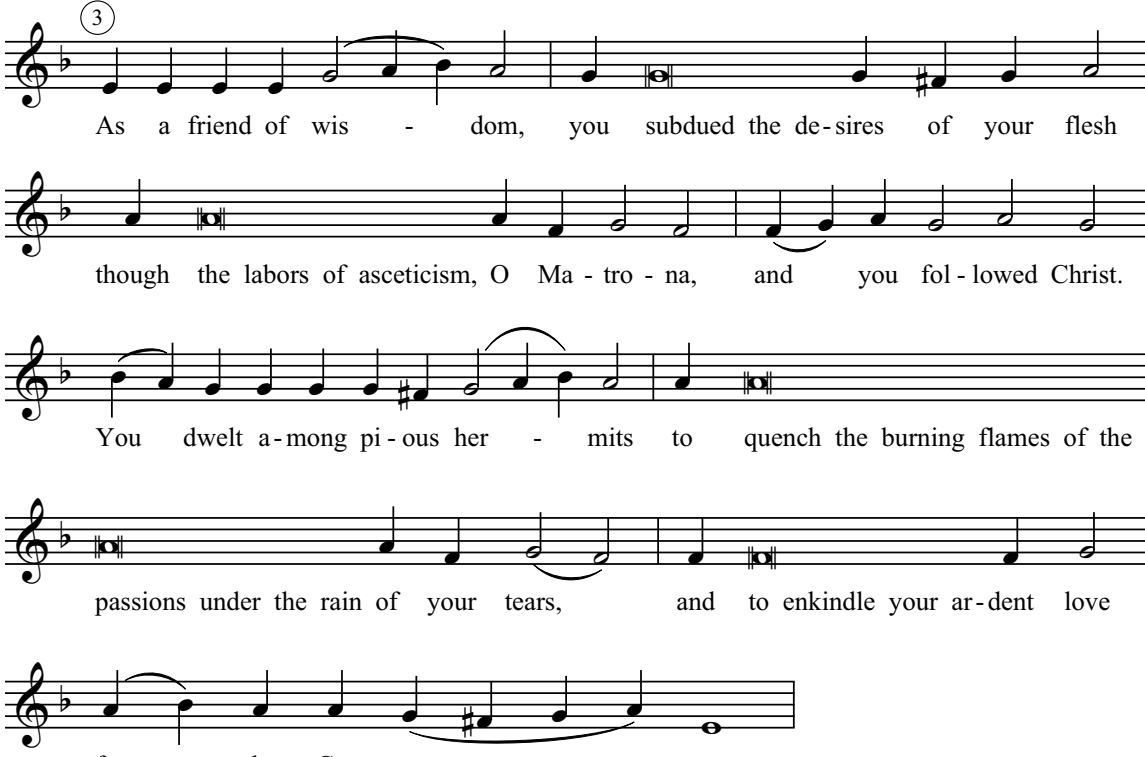
**Our venerable mother Matrona.** From Perga in Pamphylia, she fled a horrible marriage by dressing in men's clothing and, under the name of Babylas, lived in a monastery in Constantinople. She went from monastery to monastery to evade her husband. She lived the monastic life for seventy-five years and fell asleep in the Lord. (492)

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

*Tone of the Week: Tone 1 (begins on page 24), stichera 10-4*

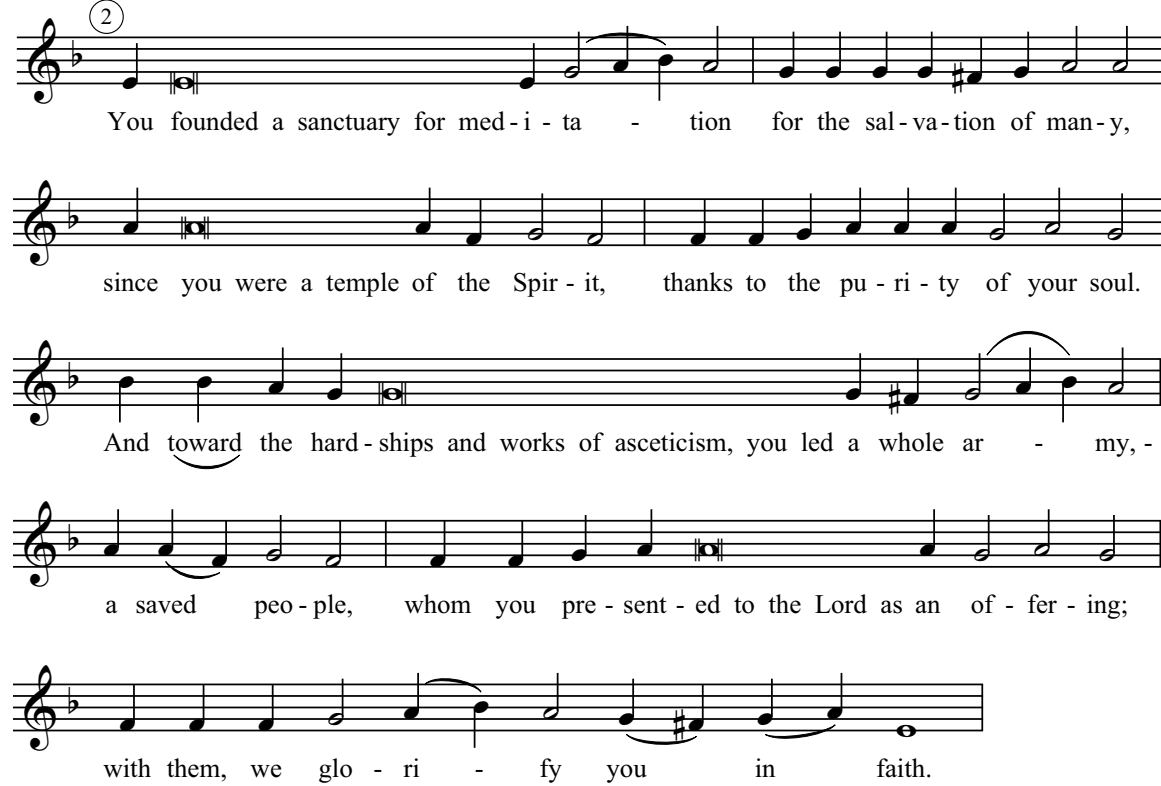
**Cantor:** (Tone 4) Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,  
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

**Stichera of venerable mother Matrona - Tone 4 samohlasen**



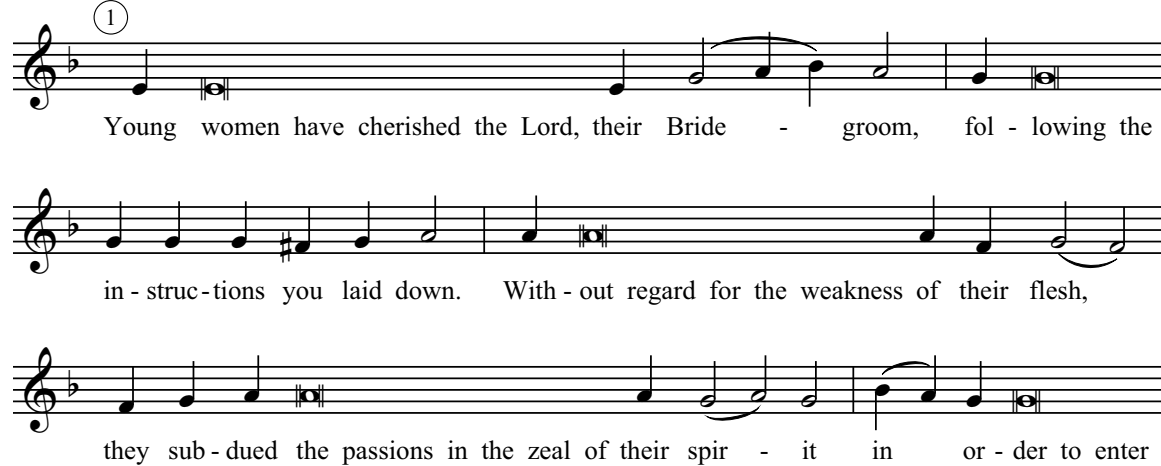
As a friend of wis - dom, you subdued the de-sires of your flesh  
though the labors of asceticism, O Ma - tro - na, and you fol - lowed Christ.  
You dwelt a-mong pi - ous her - mits to quench the burning flames of the  
passions under the rain of your tears, and to enkindle your ar - dent love  
for the Cre - a - - - - tor.

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



②  
You founded a sanctuary for med-i - ta - tion for the sal-va-tion of man-y,  
since you were a temple of the Spir - it, thanks to the pu - ri - ty of your soul.  
And toward the hard-ships and works of asceticism, you led a whole ar - my, -  
a saved peo - ple, whom you pre - sent - ed to the Lord as an of - fer - ing;  
with them, we glo - ri - fy you in faith.

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



①  
Young women have cherished the Lord, their Bride - groom, fol - lowing the  
in - struc-tions you laid down. With - out regard for the weakness of their flesh,  
they sub - dued the passions in the zeal of their spir - it in or - der to enter



with you, O Ma - tro - na, in - to the heavenly chamber of the Bride - groom  
to know joy at all times.

**Cantor:** (Tone 1) Glory... Now and ever...

*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the week (Tone 1, page 30)*

*Aposticha and troparia in the Tone of the week (Tone 1, page 31)*