

**Vesper Propers, January 4, 2009**  
**SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY**

**The Synaxis of the holy seventy Apostles**, whose names were recorded by Saint Dorotheus. In addition to the Twelve Apostles, our Lord chose seventy other apostles and sent them out to preach. (cf. Luke 10:1-5)

**Our venerable father Theoctist, hegumen of Cuomo in Sicily** founded a monastery in the city of Kucuma on the island of Sicily, where he became hegumen. At his monastery lived Greek monks, who had fled persecution by the iconoclasts. (800)


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

*Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 1, p. 24), stichera 10-7.*

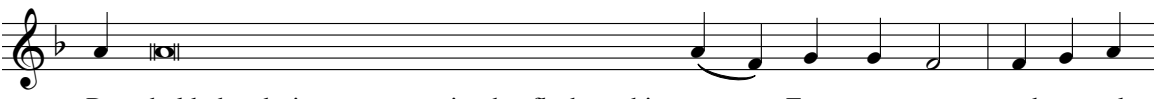
**Cantor:** (Tone 4) If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?  
(on 6) But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.

**Stichera of the Prefeast - Tone 4**


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Let us piously sing the pre-fes-tive hymns of the honorable baptism of our God.



Be - hold, he desires to come in the flesh to his own Fore - run - ner, and to ask




for the baptism of sal - va - tion for the re - creation of those who are en-light-ened



through the faith and who are par - tak - ers of the Spir - - - it.

**Cantor:** My soul is waiting for the Lord. I count on his word.  
(on 5) My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.

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Christ is revealed and God appears, as it is writ - ten; he comes to his serv-ant

to be bap-tized. O River Jordan, O land and sea, O hills and moun - tains,  
 be filled with hap - pi - ness; O hearts of the faith - - ful,  
 joy - fully cele-brate and re - ceive the great Light.

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

O all-pow - er - ful Lord, how will the streams of the riv - er re - ceive you?  
 As it is writ-ten, you are the riv - er and the stream of peace; how will you  
 en - ter the stream with-out a gar - ment? For you are the one who covers the  
 hea-vens with clouds; you are the One who stripped away the evil of the e - ne - my  
 and who clothed the hu-man race with im - mor - tal - i - ty.

**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 holy Seventy Apostles - Tone 4**

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O faithful, let us bless with sa - cred hymns: Cle - ophas, Andronicus, Sil - va - nus,  
and Ag - a - bus; An - ani - as and Phil - ip; Pro - chor - us, Ni - chanor, Rufus, and  
Sos - te - nes; Li - nus, and then Sta - chius, Ste - phen, and Ti - mon,  
Her - mas, Phlegon - tus, and Mark, to - geth - er with Luke, Sosipater, Jason, and  
Gai - us; and Ty - chi - cus and Phi - le - - - mon.

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

May Narcissus and Trophimus be worthily ven - er - at - ed, to - geth - er with Caesar, Zenus,  
and Ar - is - tar - chus; Mark, Si - lus, and Gai - us; Her - mas and A - syn - critus; Apollo  
and Ce - phas; Clem - ent and Jus - tus; Quar - tus, Er - as - tus, and Luke;



O - nesiphorus, Carpus, and E - vo - di - us; Mat - thi - as and James; Urban and



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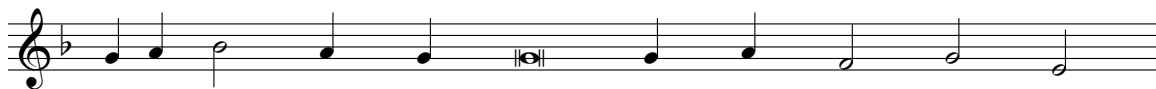
**Cantor:** (Tone 2) Strong is the love of the Lord for us;  
(on 1) he is faithful forever.

**Stichera of our holy father Theoctist - Tone 2**

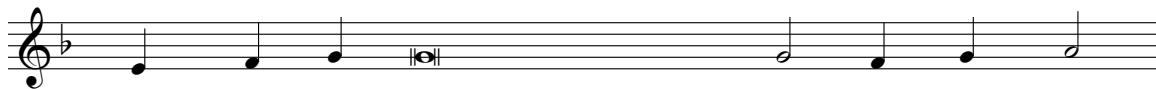
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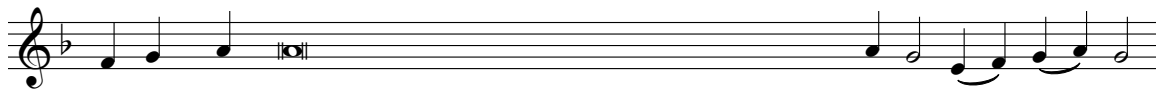
When you pierced your soul with di-vine yearn - ing, O all - bless - ed one,



you re - joiced and took up your cross and fol - lowed Christ.



Through self - di - scipline, you mortified the de-sires of your flesh.



By the warmth of your prayers, you received the life-giving ener-gy of the Spir - it,



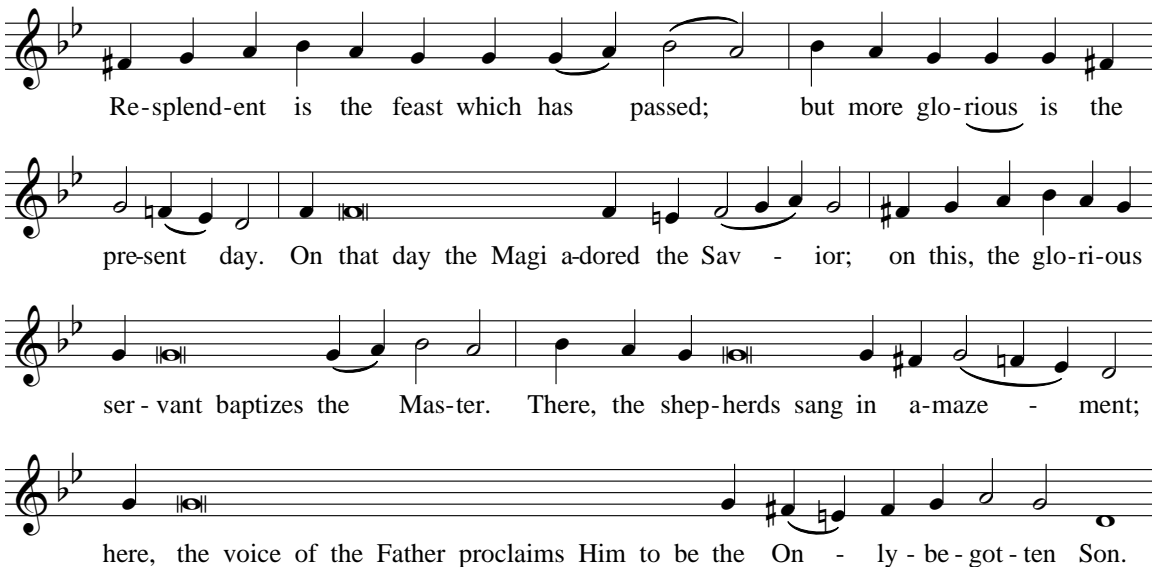
to put an end to the win - ter of ill - ness - es.



There-fore, we will - ing - ly bless you.

**Cantor:** (Tone 3) Glory...

**Doxastikon of the Prefeast - Tone 3**



Re-splend-ent is the feast which has passed; but more glo-ri-ous is the  
pre-sent day. On that day the Magi a-dored the Sav - ior; on this, the glo-ri-ous  
ser - vant baptizes the Mas-ter. There, the shep-herds sang in a-maze - ment;  
here, the voice of the Father proclaims Him to be the On - ly - be - got - ten Son.

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

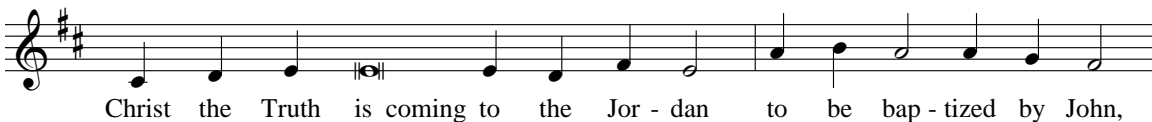
*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the week (Tone 1, page 30).*

**Aposticha**

*Aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 1, page 31), concluding with:*

**Cantor:** (Tone 6) Glory... Now and ever...

**Aposticha Doxastikon of the Prefeast - Tone 6**



Christ the Truth is coming to the Jor - dan to be bap - tized by John,

and the Bap - tiz - er says to him: I should be bap - tized by you, but you are  
 com - ing to me. I do not dare to put straw to the fire.  
 O Master, sancti-fy me by your di - vine The - o - pha - ny.

### Troparia

*Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the Week (Tone 1), page 91.*

**Cantor:** (Tone 4) Glory.... Now and ever...

#### Troparion of the Prefeast - Tone 4

Zeb - u - lun, make read - y; Naphta-li, pre - pare your - self. O Riv - er Jor-dan,  
 stand and leap for joy to re - ceive the Master coming to be bap - tized.  
 O Ad - am, rejoice with the first moth - er, Eve, and do not hide yourselves as  
 once you did in Par - a - dise. For, see - ing you naked, Christ has appeared to  
 put on the first robe. He has appeared to re - new all cre - a - tion.