

Vesper Propers, January 18, 2009
Thirty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Our holy fathers Athanasius and Cyril of Alexandria, archbishops of that city. Athanasius is called the “Father of Orthodoxy” because of his defense of the faith against Arius at the First Ecumenical Council of Nicea (325); he was greatly persecuted for this. This date celebrates his return from exile in 345. (373) Cyril worked against the Nestorian heresy, and was champion of the use of the term *Theotokos* (i.e. the one who gave birth to God). He was one of the major figures of the Third Ecumenical Council of Ephesus that was held in 431. (444)

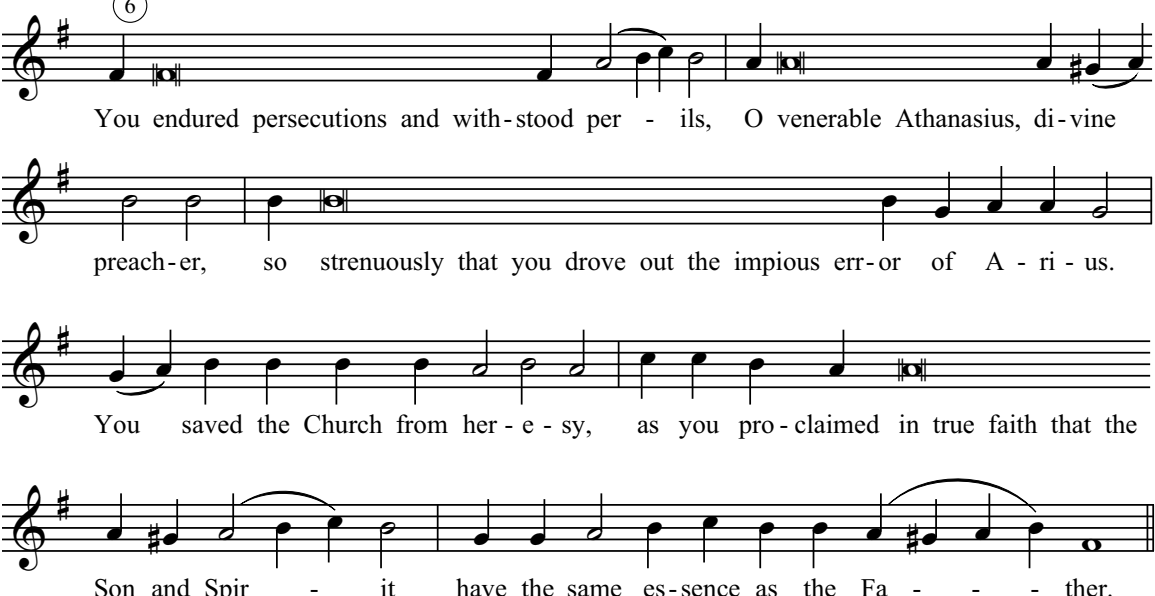
Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2006

Tone of the Week: Tone 3 (begins on page 48), 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 our holy father Athanasius - Tone 4 samohlasen

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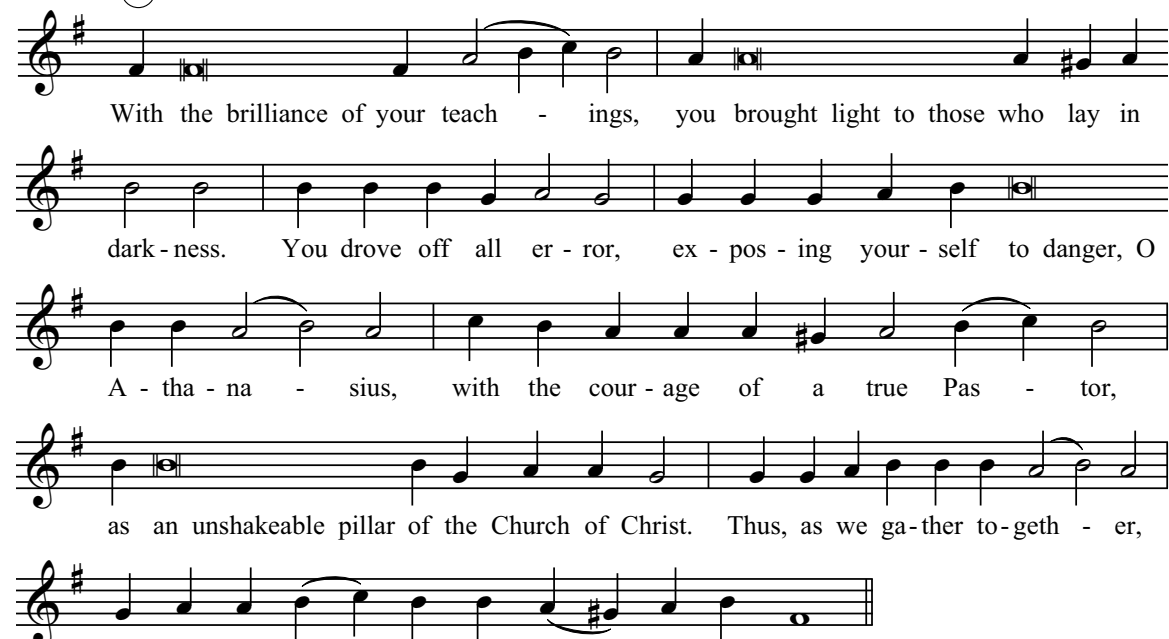


You endured persecutions and with-stood per - ils, O venerable Athanasius, di-vine
preach-er, so strenuously that you drove out the impious err-or of A - ri - us.
You saved the Church from her - e - sy, as you pro-claimed in true faith that the
Son and Spir - it have the same es-sence as the Fa - - - ther.

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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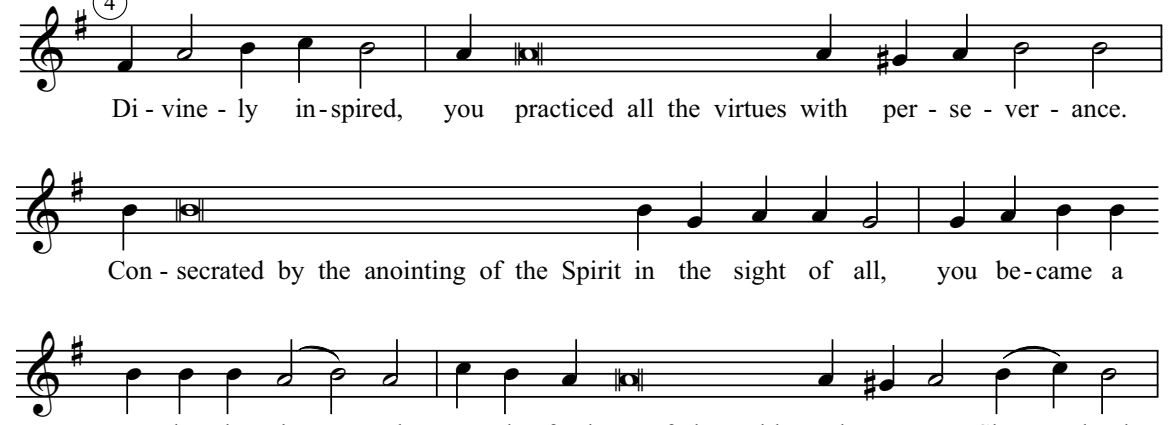


With the brilliance of your teach - ings, you brought light to those who lay in
dark - ness. You drove off all er - ror, ex - pos - ing your - self to danger, O
A - tha - na - sius, with the cour - age of a true Pas - tor,
as an unshakeable pillar of the Church of Christ. Thus, as we ga - ther to - geth - er,
we ven - er - ate you with joy in our hymns.

Cantor: Let the watchman count on daybreak

(on 4) and Israel on the Lord.

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Di - vine - ly in - spired, you practiced all the virtues with per - se - ver - ance.
Con - secrated by the anointing of the Spirit in the sight of all, you be - came a
most ho - ly Hier - arch, a de - fend - er of the Faith, and a true Shep - herd.

Aposticha

Aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 3, page 54), concluding with:

Cantor: (Tone 3) Glory...

Aposticha doxastikon of our holy father Athanasius - Tone 3 samohlasen

Once a-gain, on his an-nu-al feast, we are vis-ited by the one named for
im-mor-tal - i - ty, that Nile Riv - er with gold - en streams. By his
spir-it-ual el - e - va-tion, he made immortality overflow in a riv - er of gold.
Giv-ing forth ambrosia as the fruit of his pro-found the-ol - o - gy, he taught
us to wor-ship the undivided power of the Ho - ly Trin - i - ty. By the flood of
his di-vine teach - ings, he waters the spirits of be - liev - ers
and in - ter - cedes be - fore God for us.

Cantor: Now and ever...

Aposticha theotokion in the same tone (Tone 3), page 55.

Troparia in the Tone of the week (Tone 3), page 57.

Thus, the whole Church glorifies your sa - cred mem - 'ry, ren - dering glory to the

Sav - ior on this feast.

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

Stichera of our Holy Father, Cyril of Alexandria - Tone 4

O learn-ed Cy - ril, by your teach-ings of fire, you burned the weeds and
thorns of her - e - sy. The depth of your thoughts swallowed up the stubborn
army of e-vil-think - ers. Your wise teach - ing remains the daily beauty of the
Church of be - liev - ers who ven - er - ate you with a loud voice.

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

Il - lumining your mind with the splendor of the Spir - it, you be-came a

ra - diant sun, shin - ing your precepts upon the ends of the earth like rays.

You en - light - ened the multitude of the faithful, O bless - ed Fa - ther, and you

dis - pelled the dark - ness of her - e - sies with the power of him who shone forth from

the Vir - - - gin, O God - bear - ing one.

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

The en - tire Church is a - dorned by the elegance of your dis - cours - es,

O Cyril, thrice - bless - ed Hier - arch. She is ra - diant in the splen - dor of the Faith

as she rev - erently vener - ates your me - mo - ry, O glo - ry of the Or - tho - dox,

spokes - man for the Fathers gathered in Coun - cil, and champion of the all -

ho - - ly The - o - to - kos.

Cantor: *(Tone 6)* Glory....

Doxastikon of our holy father Athanasius - Tone 6 samohlasen

In our hymns, let us all venerate Athanasius, the Bish - op of Christ, who overcame the

teach - ing of A - ri - us, preach - ing clear - ly to the whole world the power of the

Ho - ly Trin - i - ty, the One God in Three Persons without di - vi - sion.

He intercedes be - fore God for us who cel - e - brate his

mem - o - ry in faith.

Cantor: *(Tone 3)* Now and ever...

Dogmatikon in the Tone of the week (Tone 3, page 53).