

Vesper Propers, February 8, 2009
Sunday of the Prodigal Son
Postfestive Day of the Meeting

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

Lamplighting Psalms in the tone of the week (Tone 6, page 82), stichera 10-7.

Cantor: 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 Publican and Pharisee - Tone 1 samohlasen

6 5

I have sown sin in a land of life and in - no - cence and have har - vested the
ears of thought-less - ness. I have gath - ered my actions in - to bun - dles of sheaves,
but I have not placed them on the threshing floor of re - pen - tance. And now
I pray to you, O my God, for you are the pre - e - ter - nal Till - er of our fields:
With the breath of your lov - ing - kind - ness, now win - now the grain of my ac - tions,
feed my soul with your grace and for - give - ness, gath - er me in - to
your heav - en - ly gra - na - ries and save me.

Cantor: My soul is longing for the Lord. I count on his word.
 (on 5) My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.
 All repeat "I have sown sin..."

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

O faith-ful, let us discover the power of the di-vine mys-te-ry. The Prod-i-gal
 came back from his sin and returned to his fa-ther's house; in his lov-ing-kindness his
 father came out to meet him and kissed him. He re-stored him to the glo-ry
 of his house, and pre-pared a mys-ti-cal ban-quet on high. He killed the fatted
 calf so that we might share in his joy; the joy of the Fa-ther who of-fers in love,
 and the joy of the Lamb who gives him-self for us; for he is Christ, the
 Sav - ior of our souls.

seen your sal - va - tion, O Lord.

Troparia

Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the Week (Tone 6, page 91).

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

Troparion of the Meeting - Tone 1

Re-joyce, The - o - to - kos, Vir - gin full of grace; for from you has shone forth
 the Sun of Jus - tice, Christ our God, en - light - en - ing those who are in
 dark - ness. Re-joyce al - so, you just el - der; you re-ceived in
 your arms the liber-a - tor of our souls, who grants us res - ur - rec - tion.

sense-less beasts; I have longed to eat the food of swine, and be-cause
no one offered it to me, I re-mained hun - gry. But now I return to my Fa-ther,
who is so good, and with tears I cry out: Treat me as one of
your serv - ants: for I no long-er de-serve your love; and in your
mer - cy save me.

Cantor: (Tone 5) Now and ever...

He who is ancient of days and young in the flesh is be - ing brought to the
temple by his vir-gin Moth - er. He ful-fills the promise of his own law.
Sim - e - on re-ceive him and says: Now you may dis-miss your serv - ant,
ac - cord - ing to your word, in peace, for my eyes have

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 the Meeting - Tone 1 samohlasen

O Sim - e - on, tell us whom you are joyfully carrying in-to the Tem - ple. To
whom are you say - ing: Now you may dis-miss your serv - ant, O Lord,
be - cause my eyes have seen my Sav - ior. He is the child born of the
Vir - gin. He is the Word and God of God. O Lord, who for our sake was
in - car-nate and saved the world, to you we bow down in wor - ship.

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

O Sim - e - on, now re-ceive the One whom Mo - ses the lawgiver had foreseen
through the cloud on Si - nai. He has be-come a child and sub-mits him-self
to the Law. This is he who spoke through the Law and whom the proph - ets

fore-told. O Lord, who for our sake was incar-nate and saved the world,
to you we bow down in wor - - ship.

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

O faith-ful, come, let us wel-come Christ and re-ceive him with hymns of
praise and glo - ry. He is the sal-va-tion Sim-e-on has seen.

He is the One whom Da-vid fore-told, and of whom the proph-ets have spo - ken.

O Lord, who for our sake was incarnate and in-spired the Law, to you we

bow down in wor - - ship.

Cantor: (Tone 2) Glory...

Doxastikon of the Prodigal Son - Tone 2

From what bless-ings have I been de-priv-ed in my wretch-ed-ness, from what

king-dom have I been ex - iled! I squan - dered the treasure that I
re-ceived from you! and I have wan-dered far from your law. A - las,
O my poor soul, you shall be delivered to the e - ter - nal fire; be-fore the end,
cry out to Christ our God Re - ceive me, O Lord, like the Prod-i - gal Son,
and have mer - cy on me.

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

Dogmatikon in the Tone of the week (Tone 6, page 87).

Aposticha

Aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 6, page 88), concluding with:

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...

Aposticha doxastikon of the Prodigal Son - Tone 6 samohlasen

I have wast-ed the treasure that my Fa-ther gave to me; I have lived a-mong