

Vesper Propers, February 15, 2009
Sunday of Meat-fare
Commemoration of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ as Judge

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

Lamplighting Psalms in the tone of the week (Tone 7, page 92), stichera 10-5.

Cantor: (Tone 6) Let the watchman count on daybreak
(on 4) and Israel on the Lord.

Stichera of Meatfare Sunday - Tone 6 podobn: Vsju otloživše

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When you shall come to ren-der just judg-ment, O right-eous Judge, you shall
sit up - on your glo - rious throne. A riv - er of fire shall flow be - fore your
judg - ment seat; the pow'rs of heav-en will be there with you. Filled with fear,
all humanity will be judged accord-ing to their deeds. At this hour, O Christ,
spare us, be - cause of your great love, grant that the faith-ful who
pray to you be giv'n a place with your cho - sen ones.

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

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The books will be o - pened and the se-crets laid bare be-fore your awe-some
 judg-ment seat; and the whole valley of tears will re-sound with a dread - ful sigh,
 when it sees the sin-ners sent to eternal punishment by your just judg - ment,
 and hears them weep-ing hope-less-ly. O God of mercy, there - fore we pray
 to you: spare us who sing to you, O on - ly Good One.

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

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The trum-pet shall sound and the tombs shall be o - pened; hu-man-i - ty
 shall come forth trem - bling. Those who have done good shall re-joice,
 as they a-wait the re-ward they shall re - ceive. Those who have done evil shall
 shriek in ter - ror, as they are sent to pun - ish-ment and sep - a - rat-ed

of death? Do you not fear the Savior's awe - some judg - ment seat?
 How will you de - fend your - self? How will you be vin - di - cat - ed?
 Your works are there to convict you, and your actions witness a - gainst you.
 More - o - ver, time is grow-ing short, O my soul; has - ten and cry out
 in faith: I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned; but I know your love and
 your mer - cy. O Good Shep - herd, in your good - ness, do not
 de - prive me of a place at your right hand.

Cantor: Now and ever...

Aposticha theotokion in the same tone (Tone 8, page 110).

Troparion and theotokion in the tone of the week (Tone 7, page 101).

from the e - lect. In your good - ness, spare us O glo - rious Lord, and grant
 that we may enjoy a place with those who love you.

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

I weep and la - ment when I think of the outer darkness and e - ter - nal fire
 to - geth - er with Hades, the worm that consumes, and the gnash - ing of teeth,
 the un - ceas - ing grief that falls upon those who have sinned with - out meas - ure,
 and those who have pro - voked you to anger, O God most good. A - las,
 a - mong these sin - ners I am first. But in your great mercy, O Judge, save me.

Cantor: (Tone 8) Glory...

Doxastikon of Meatfare Sunday - Tone 8 samohlasen

When the thrones are set up and the books are o - pened, and God will sit in

judg - ment, what fear shall I fear in that mo - ment! When the an-gels
 shall tremble at his side and a riv-er of fire rise up, what shall we sin-ners
 then do? When shall we hear the blessed of his Father called to the kingdom of
 heav - en and the sin-ners to e-ter-nal pun - ish - ment, who will be a - ble
 to endure his dreadful con-dem-na - tion? But you, O Savior, hasten to convert
 me be-fore the end, and, O King of the ag - es, have mer-cy on me.

Cantor: (Tone 7) Now and ever...

Dogmatikon in the Tone of the week (Tone 7, page 98).

Litija

Tone 7 samohlasen

Know-ing the com-mand-ments of the Lord, let this be our way of life:

let us feed the hungry, let us give drink to the thirst-y, let us clothe the naked, let
 us wel-come stran-gers, let us vis - it those in prison and the sick.
 Then the Judge of all the earth will say e - ven to us: Come, bless-ed
 of my Father, in - her - it the king - dom pre-pared for you.

Cantor: Glory... now and ever...

Theotokion, Tone 7, p. 100

Litija Litany, p. 116

Aposticha

Aposticha in the tone of the week (Tone 7, page 99), concluding with:

Cantor: (Tone 8) Glory...

Aposticha Doxastikon of Meatfare Sunday - Tone 8

A-las, O my dark - ened soul, how long will you per-sist in sin? How
 long will you lie in la - zi - ness? Why do you not think of the dread-ful hour