

Vesper Propers, January 3, 2010
SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY

The holy prophet Malachi, who after the return from the Babylonian Captivity announced the great day of the Lord and his coming to his temple, and that always and everywhere a pure offering should be made to his name.

The holy martyr Gordius, praised in the writings of St. Basil the Great, a centurion who suffered during the reign of the Emperor Diocletian. (304)

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

Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 6, p. 82), 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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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.

Troparia

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

Cantor: (Tone 8) 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 prophet Malachi - Tone 8

See - ing that the words of your tongue are now ful - ly re - al - ized, I ad - mire
their truth and bless you, O Proph - et. You are tru - ly to be ad - mired;
for you en - light - ened the world by your splen - drous voice, an - nouncing
beforehand the redemp-tive com - ing of the Lord.

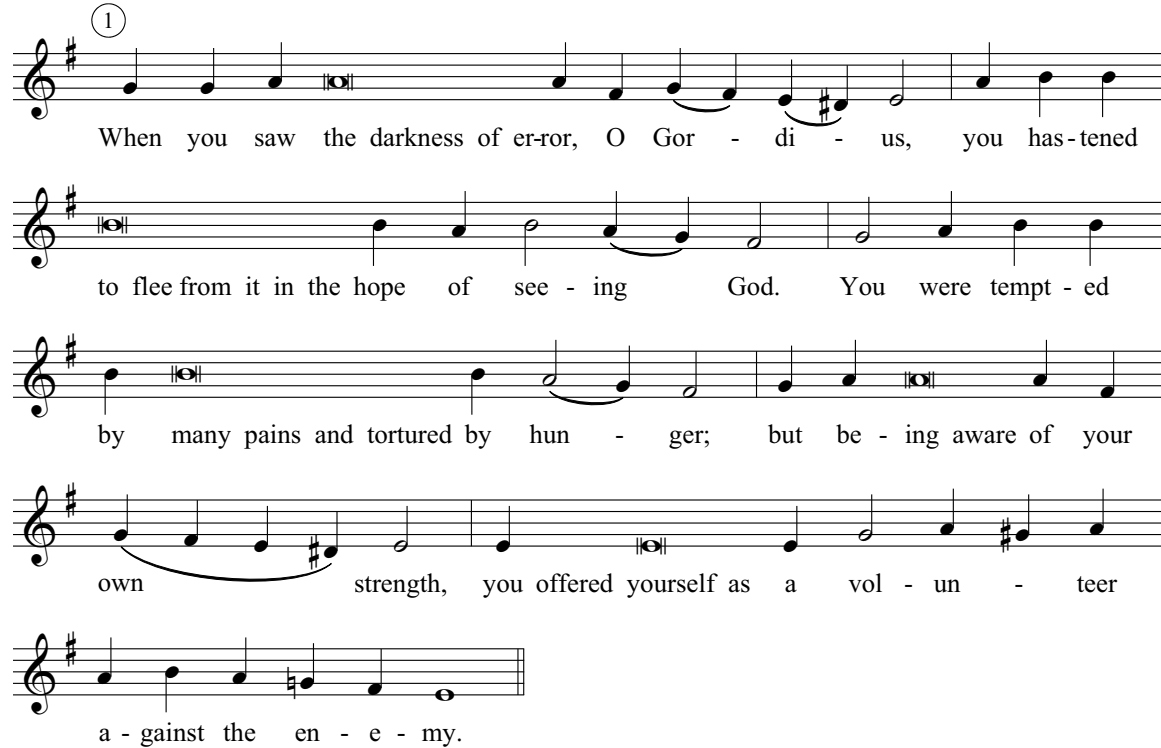
Cantor: Praise the Lord all the nations; **Psalm 116**
(on 2) acclaim him all you people.

You lived on earth as if you were an an - - - gel. Like-wise, you
were enriched with a name signify-ing an an - - - gel. You joined
spir - itual goodness to physi-cal good - ness, O all-bless-ed Proph - et,
Mal - a - chi.

Cantor: (Tone 8) Strong is the love of the Lord for us;
(on 1) he is faithful forever.

Stichera of the holy martyr Gordius - Tone 8

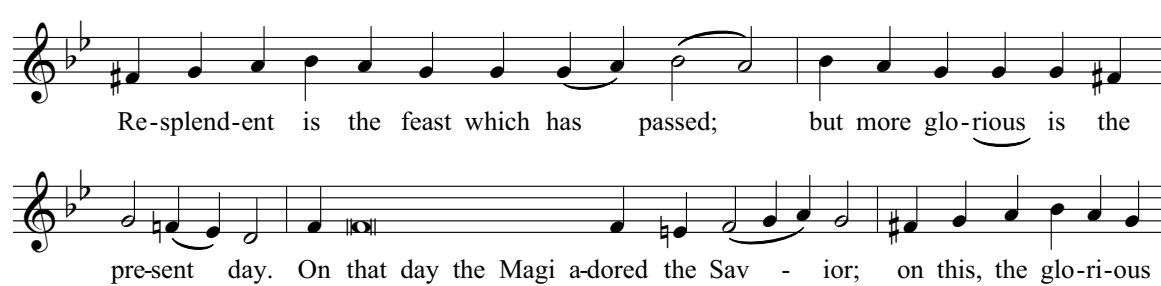
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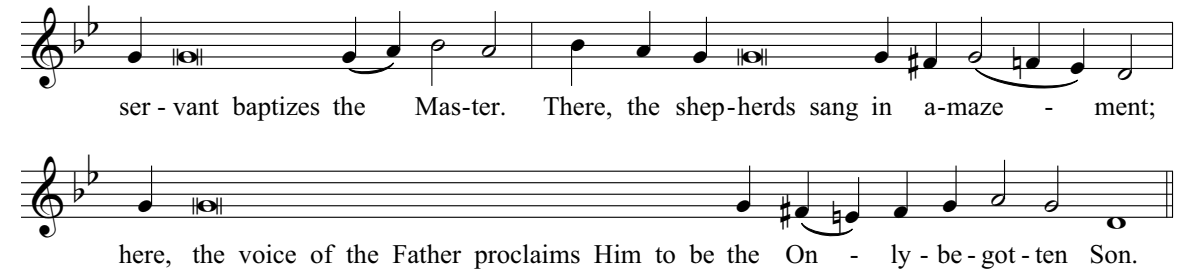
When you saw the darkness of er-ror, O Gor - di - us, you has-tened
to flee from it in the hope of see - ing God. You were tempt - ed
by many pains and tortured by hun - ger; but be - ing aware of your
own strength, you offered yourself as a vol - un - teer
a - gainst the en - e - my.

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 6) Now and ever...

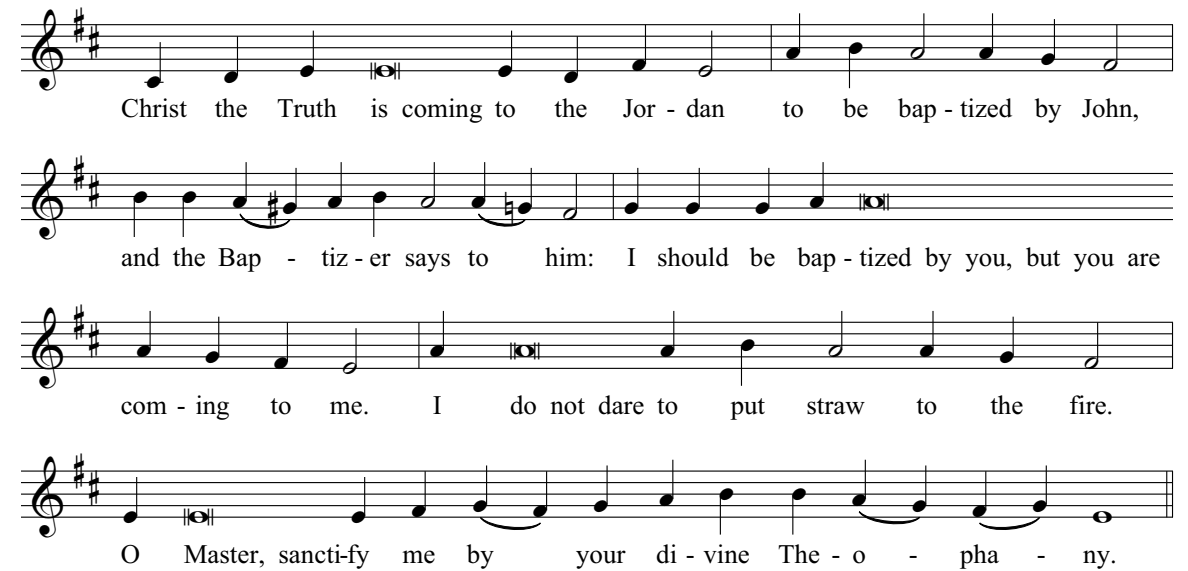
Dogmatikon in the Tone of the week (Tone 6, page 87).

Aposticha

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

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory... 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.