

Vesper propers, August 1, 2010
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

The procession of the Wood of the venerable and life-creating Cross. This feast was established in the reign of the Greek Emperor Manuel, as a memorial of Greek victory over the Saracens. The procession with the relic of the Precious Cross was made from the imperial palace to the church of Hagia Sophia; there the relic remained for fourteen days, and was then carried back in procession to the church in the palace grounds.

The holy seven Maccabees, their mother Solomonias, and the elder Eleazar at Antioch in Syria, under Antiochus Epiphanes the king. For the sake of keeping the law of the Lord with unconquered faith, they were cruelly handed over to death with their mother. She suffered with her sons as they were martyred, one by one, and was crowned with them, as it is written in the second book of the Maccabees [2 Mac. 7]. Likewise is commemorated St. Eleazar, one of the first scribes, a man of advanced age. In that same persecution, refusing to eat forbidden meat on account of his love for the Torah of the Lord, he achieved a most glorious death rather than a shameful life; he voluntarily went to his punishment, leaving an excellent example of virtue.

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: 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 Procession of the Cross - Tone 4 samohlasen



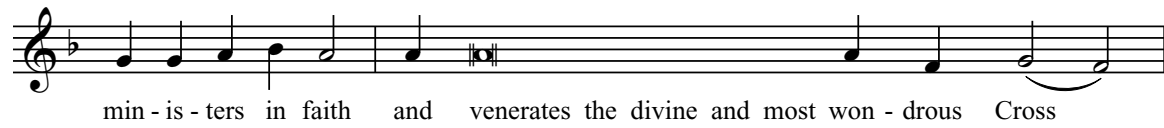
To-day all the faith-ful re-joyce; for the glorious Cross appears through-out the world.



It brightens the universe with an indescrib-a - ble ra - di-ance, il - lu-mines the skies,



and encompasses the whole earth. The Church of Christ sings spiritual songs and



min - is - ters in faith and venerates the divine and most won - drous Cross



which pre-serves her from on high. Strength-ened now by this hea-ven - ly pow'r,



let us approach the Master, cry - ing out: Give peace to the world and en -

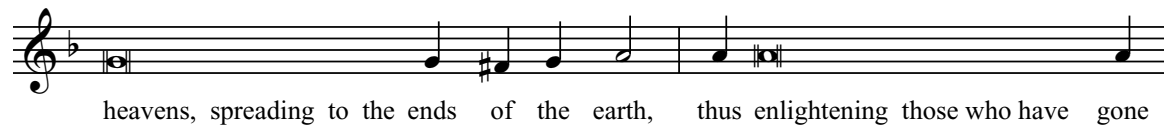


light - en our souls.

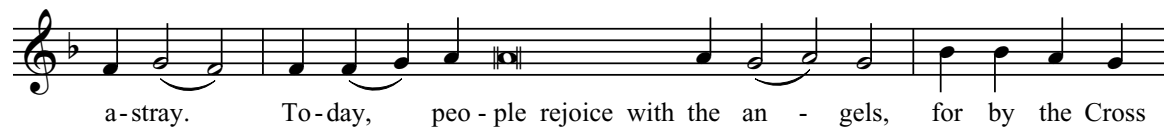
Cantor: Let the watchman count on daybreak,
(on 5) and Israel on the Lord.



Let all creation rejoice and cel - e - brate, for today the Cross has appeared in the



heavens, spreading to the ends of the earth, thus enlightening those who have gone



a-stray. To-day, peo - ple rejoice with the an - gels, for by the Cross



the wall of opposi-tion has been de - stroyed, and it has united all in - to one.



There - fore, shi-ning bright - er than the sun, the Cross en - light - ens

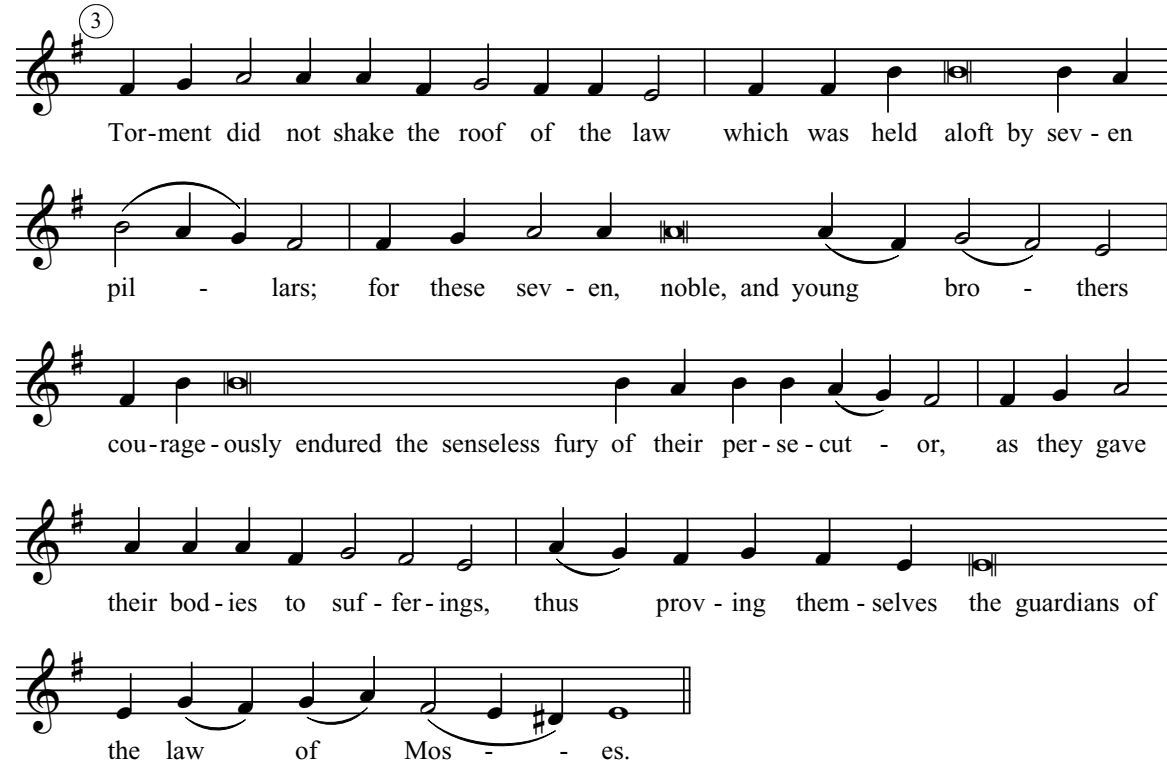
all cre - a - tion by grace, makes all things com - pre - hen - si - ble,
 and saves all those who hon - or it with faith.

Cantor: My soul is waiting for the Lord. I count on his word.
(on 4) My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.

The divine Cross shines clearly o-ver all the earth as a precious scepter of
 Christ the King; it shines bright-er than the dawn, there-by pre-par - ing all for
 their des - ti - ny. This same Cross has raised human na-ture from bond - age
 and com-plete - ly de-spoiled it. Crush - ing the en - emy, it has utterly
 destroyed the arrogance of the dev - ils. And now it man - ifests beforehand
 the Resurrection of the Sav - ior, re - deeming those who cry out:
 Give peace to the world and en - light - en our souls.

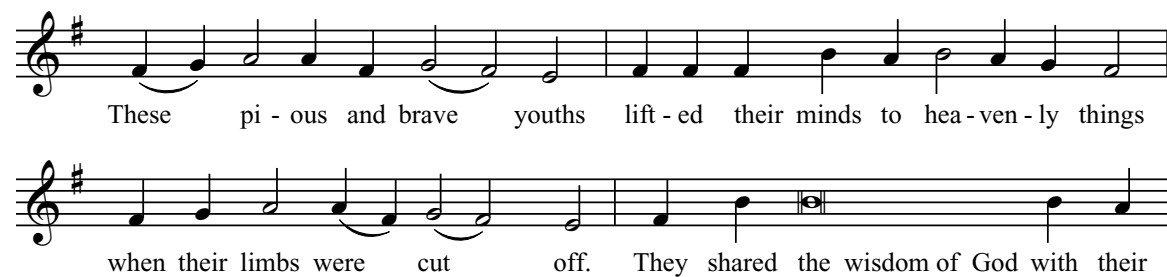
Cantor: (Tone 1) Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

Stichera of the holy Maccabees - Tone 1 samohlasen

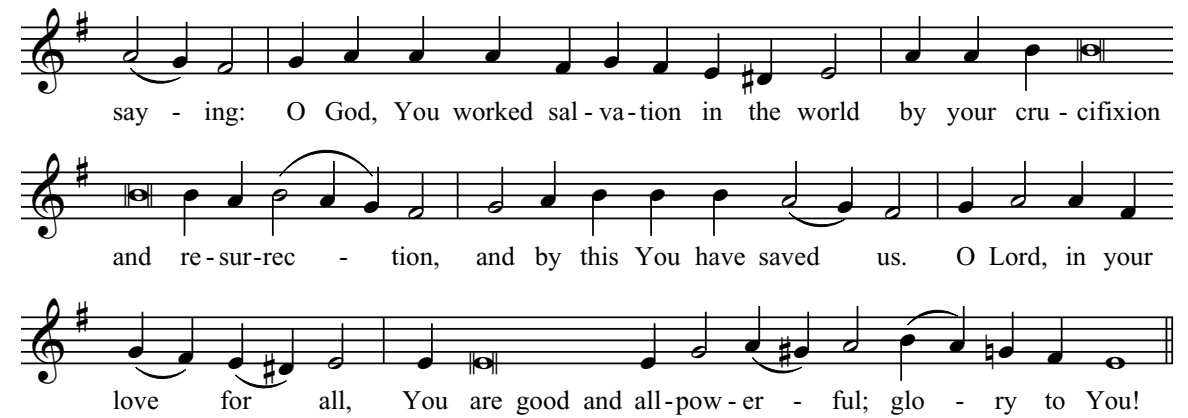


Tor-ment did not shake the roof of the law which was held aloft by sev - en
pil - lars; for these sev - en, noble, and young bro - thers
cou-rage-ously endured the senseless fury of their per-se-cut - or, as they gave
their bod-ies to suf - fer-ings, thus prov - ing them - selves the guardians of
the law of Mos - es.

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



These pi - ous and brave youths lift - ed their minds to hea-ven - ly things
when their limbs were cut off. They shared the wisdom of God with their



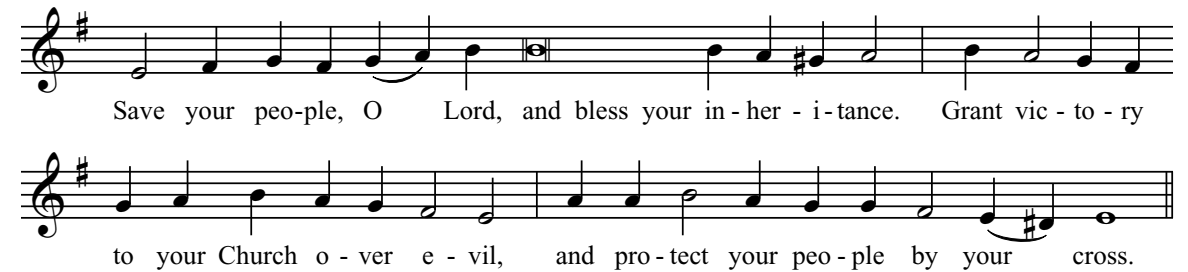
say - ing: O God, You worked sal - va - tion in the world by your cru - cifixion
and re-sur-rec - tion, and by this You have saved us. O Lord, in your
love for all, You are good and all-pow - er - ful; glo - ry to You!

Troparia

Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the Week (Tone 1, p. 34), then:

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

Troparion of the Cross - Tone 1



Save your peo-ple, O Lord, and bless your in - her - i - tance. Grant vic - to - ry
to your Church o - ver e - vil, and pro - tect your peo - ple by your cross.

O Mac-cabees, with your mother Solomonia and Eleazar the wise priest, we pray you
to make earnest sup-pli-ca - tion for all, as you stand beside Christ our God
for whom you have la - bored and now enjoy the fruits of your works. For He does
as He wills, and fulfills the wish-es of those who hon-or Him with faith.

Cantor: Now and ever...

Aposticha doxastikon of the holy Cross - Tone 8 samohlasen

O God, the voice of your prophet Mo-ses was heard cry-ing out: Look at your life
pre-sent be-fore you. To - day the Cross is lifted up and the world is set free
from er - ror. To-day the resurrec-tion of Christ is re-newed, and the
ends of the earth re-joyce ex-ceed-ing - ly, offering a hymn on the cymbals of Da-vid,

mo - ther, they were streng-thened by their hopes which were ful - filled.
Now they rest in the bosom of their fore - fa-ther, A - bra - ham.

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

The most ho-ly El - e - a - zar, to-geth-er with the wise young men and their pi-ous
mo - ther, firm-ly armed them-selves with the con-fi-dence of youth, as if
to gain courage in their wrath, and stead-i - ly attacked their enemy for the sake of
pi - e - ty in or - der to pre - serve the law of their fa - thers.

Cantor: (Tone 8) Glory...

Doxastikon of the holy Maccabees - Tone 8 samohlasen

The ho - ly Maccabees cried out to the ty - - rant: O An - ti - ochus, for us
their is on-ly one King, who is God, through whom we have been created

and to whom we shall re - turn. An-oth - er world, higher and more lasting than this,
 a-waits us. Our home-land is the heaven-ly Je - ru - sa - lem, strong and
 in - de - struct - i - ble. With the an - gels she cele-brates this sol - emn feast.
 By their prayers, have mercy on us, O Lord, and save us.

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

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

Readings: Wisdom 3:1-9; EOT 315
 Wisdom 5:15-6:3; EOT 303
 Wisdom 4: 7-14 EOT 308

Aposticha

Sunday aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 1, p. 31), concluding with:

Cantor: (Tone 8) Glory...

Aposticha doxastikon of the holy Maccabees - Tone 8 samohlasen

The souls of the just are in the hands of the Lord. As A - braham, Isaac, and Jacob,

our forefath-ers be-fore the Law, so now we praise their offspring, the Mac-ca - bees.
 For these persevering sons of A - bra - ham em - ulated the faith of their
 fore-fa - ther, and for the sake of godliness, they wrestled ev-en un - to death.
 For be - ing pi - ously reared as fol-low-ers of the Law, they re-proved
 the godlessness of the proud An - ti - o - chus. Be-cause of e - ter - nal life,
 they disdained the things of earth-ly life. They of - fered their whole be - ing
 to God: their soul and cour-age, their feel-ings and bo - dies, and the re-ward
 of those raised in pu - ri - ty. O pi - ous root from which the Macca-bees have
 flow - ered for us, O ho - ly mother who has borne se - ven chil - dren,