

Vesper Propers, December 5, 2010
Twenty-eight Sunday after Pentecost

Our venerable and God-bearing father Sabbas the Sanctified, who, born in Cappadocia, arrived at the desert of Judea, and instituted a new sort of eremetical life in seven monasteries, which were called "laurae." He gathered solitaries under one overseer (hegumen). In the great laura, which afterwards was adorned with his name, he dwelt for many years, a shining example of sanctity. He strove assiduously for the faith taught at the Council of Chalcedon. (532)

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

Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 3, p. 48), 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 our venerable father Sabbas - Tone 5 samohlasen

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O Fa-ther of the spiritual life, similar to the an-gels, fel-low-cit-izen with the saints,
associ-ate of the proph-ets, co-heir with the mar-tyrs and a-pos-tles,
you dwell for-ever in that Light that does not fade. Il-lu-mined by its di-vine
ra-di-ance, en-light-ened by the object of all your de-sire, re-main-ing
in-timately at his side, you re-joice endlessly in the divine contempla-tion

of his beau - ty. Pray to Christ; beg him to grant the Church har - mo - ny,

peace, and the grace of sal - va - - - tion.

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: "O Father of the spiritual life, similar to the angels..."

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

O Bless - ed Father, unquenchable light of tem - p'rance, daz - zling bea - con for monks,

shin - ing with the ra - diance of love, un - shake - a - ble for - tress of pa - tience,

pil - lar and support of the faithful who hon - or you, treas - 'ry of heal ing, true citi - zen

of the des - ert: you have be - come a new Par - a - dise, bring - ing

forth divine fruit for the cho - sen. Pray to Christ; beg him to grant the Church

har - mo - ny, peace, and the grace of sal - va - - - tion.

Troparia

Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the Week (Tone 3, p. 57).

Cantor: *(Tone 8)* Glory....

Troparion of our venerable father Sabbas - Tone 8

Your a - bun - dant tears made the wil - der - ness bloom and your

suf - fer - ings made your la - bors fruit - ful a hun - dred - fold;

you be - came a shin - ing torch o - ver the world.

O ven - er - a - ble fa - ther Sab - bas, pray to Christ our God

that he may save our souls.

Cantor: Now and ever...

Festal Theotokion in the same Tone (Tone 8, p. 111).

The service continues with the Blessing of Bread, p. 119.

cel - e - brate your ho - ly mem - o - ry.

The service continues with the Litany of the Litija, p 116.

Aposticha

Sunday aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 3, p. 54), concluding with:

Cantor: (Tone 8) Glory...

Aposticha doxastikon of our venerable father Sabbas - Tone 8 samohlasen

We hon - or you, O ho - ly fa - ther, as the spir - it - ual guide for all monks,
 for you have taught us all to walk the straight path. Bless - ed are you who have
 served Christ and have tram - pled down the power of the en - e - my.
 O com - pan - ion of the angels, the just and the saints, in - ter - cede to - geth - er
 with them be - fore the Lord that he might have mer - cy on our souls.

Cantor: Now and ever...

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

Cantor: Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
 (on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.
 All repeat: "O Blessed Father, unquenchable light of temperence..."

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

O Fa - ther of the spir - it - ual life, you are a resplendent pil - lar of vir - tues,
 a bea - con on the o - cean of this life guid - ing the people to the safe har - bor
 of God, a bul - wark breaking the spir - its of er - ror, the pure voice
 of the Ho - ly Spir - it, the guide of monks, a just mod - el of tem - p'rance,
 the crown of humil - i - ty in all things, a spring of joyful waters that
 gush - es forth heal - ing. Pray to Christ; beg him to grant the Church
 har - mo - ny, peace, and the grace of sal - va - - - tion.

Cantor: Strong is the love of the Lord for us;
 (on 1) he is faithful forever.
 All repeat: "O Father of the spiritual life, you are a resplendent pillar of virtues..."

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...

Doxastikon of our venerable father Sabbas - Tone 6 samohlasen

Pre - serv - ing the image of God faultless-ly with - in you, and, through asceticism,
subjecting the disorderly passions to the spir - it, you have ascended as far as
possible in the di - vine like - ness. You strug - gled to submit the lower to
the high - er, val - iantly dominat-ing your na - ture, mak-ing the flesh a
serv-ant of the spir - it. Thus you have become a mod - el for monks,
a founder of hermitages, an instruct-or for pray'r - ful hearts, a cer-tain rule of
vir - tue. Now in the heav - ens, all mirrors have been laid aside, O bless - ed one,
and you clearly contemplate the Ho - ly Trin - i - ty, in - ter-ced-ing for the faith - ful
who hon - or you with their whole heart.

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

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

- Readings:** 1) Wisdom 3:1-9 (EOT 315-316)
2) Wisdom 5:15 - 6:3 (EOT 303-304)
3) Wisdom 4:7-15 (EOT 308)

Litija

Tone 2 Bolhar

You were filled with love for the goods which sur - pass all understanding,
O di - vine - ly in - spired fa - ther, and re-nounced all the at - trac - tions
of life here be-low. You were nev - er seduced by the for-bid - den fruit,
as was Ad - am; rath - er by tem-per-ance you lived an an - gel - ic life,
re - ject - ing the ser - pent. Now that you dwell in heav-en, O fa-ther
Sa - bas the Sanc - ti - fied, you re - joice in the Tree of Life.
You are the heav'n-ly in - ter - ces - sor be - fore God for those who