

Vesper Propers, December 19, 2010
SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY
Sunday of the Ancestors

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

Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 5, p. 69), stichera 10-5.

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

Stichera of the Ancestors - Tone 6 podoben: Vsju otloživše

The com-mem-o - ra - tion of the Ho - ly Fa - thers is man - ifested to the
ends of the world. It is tru - ly full of splen - dor, and it glis - tens with the
rays of grace: for Christ the wondrous Sun has shone forth on high from a - far.
He forms the assembly of stars which glis - ten with him, and the
star reveals that the nativity of the God - man will be in Beth - le - hem.
There-fore, we pi - ous - ly and faith - ful - ly clap our hands and leap with joy at

this na - tiv - i - ty, and we give praise be - fore the feast.

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: "The commemoration of the Holy Fathers..."

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

The Ho - ly Fa - thers are a - dorned by the glo - ry of the divine sharing of our
na - ture. Ad - am re - joic - es this day, since he is the foun - da - tion and the
strength of the wise Fore - fa - thers; A - bel leaps for joy as well. E - noch is glad;
Seth and No - ah dance to - geth - er. The praise - worthy Abraham sings with
the Pa - tri - archs. Mel - chi - se - dek now sees from on high the birth
with - out a fa - ther.

and be - yond the pow - er of un - der - stand - ing. For you re - tained
the seal of pur - i - ty, and your vir - ginity re - mained in - vi - o - late;
yet you are ac - knowledg - ed, with - out doubt, to be the Mother who gave birth
to the true God. We beg you, therefore, to en - treat him to save our souls.

There - fore we venerate you and ask you to al - ways be - seech him to have
mer - cy on us and save our souls.

Troparia

Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the Week (Tone 5, page 80), then:

Cantor: (Tone 2) Glory...

Troparion of the Ancestors - Tone 2

Great are the ac-com - plish - ments of faith: the three ho - ly youths rejoiced in
the streams of fire as if in re-fresh - ing wa - ters; and Dan - iel the prophet
shep-herd - ed li - ons like sheep. Through their pray'rs, O
Christ our God, save our souls.

Cantor: Now and ever...

Theotokion of the Ancestors - Tone 2

O The - o - tokos, the mysteries surrounding you are ex-ceed-ing-ly glo - rious,

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

The faith - ful and God-wise youths are ra - diant with joy in the fur - nace.
They her - ald the nativity of Christ on earth. As the pre-cious dew which the
Lord sent down, he now preserves the Virgin with - out stain,
and en-rich-es her with sub - lime gifts. There-fore Dan - iel, in - spired by God,
is al - so hap-py and full of joy be-cause he had a clear vis - ion
of the un-hewn stone from the moun - tain. He now zeal - ous - ly
prays for our souls.

Cantor: Glory...

Doxastikon of the Ancestors - Tone 6 samohlasen

Dan-iel was a be-lov-ed man. He saw you, O Lord, as the Rock which was

hewn with-out the use of a hand. He fore-told that you, the In-car-nate Word,
 the Unchangeable God, and Sav-ior of our souls, would be born
 with-out seed as a Child of a Vir-gin.

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

Dogmatikon in the Tone of the week (Tone 5, page 76).

- Readings:** 1) Genesis 14:14-20 (EOT 301-302)
 2) Deuteronomy 1:8-11.15-17
 3) Deuteronomy 10:14-21

Aposticha

Aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 5, p. 77), concluding with:

Cantor: (Tone 2) Glory...

Aposticha doxastikon of the Ancestors - Tone 2 samohlasen

Re-joice, O il-lus-tri-ous Proph-ets! You firm-ly es-tab-lished
 the Law of the Lord, and you faith-ful-ly mani-fest-ed your-selves to be
 in-vin-cible and un-shak-a-ble pil-lars. You have been tak-en to heav-en

and have shown your-selves to be mediators of the new Law of Christ. Im-plore him
 to give peace to the world and to save our souls.

Cantor: Now and ever...

Aposticha theotokion of the Ancestors - Tone 2 samohlasen

We now be-hold a new won-der great-er far than the won-ders of old.
 For who has ever known a mother to bear a child without the help of man?
 Who has known a mother to hold with-in her arms the Source of all
 cre-a-tion? It was God's own will to be born in this man-ner; and you,
 O most pure Vir-gin, car-ried him as an in-fant in your arms.
 Be-cause of this, you can approach God with the bold-ness of a moth-er.