

**Vesper Propers. September 15, 2013**  
**Sunday After the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

**The holy great martyr Nicetas the Goth** on the banks of the Danube. He was ordered to be burned to death by Athanaricus the Arian king because of his Catholic faith. (372)

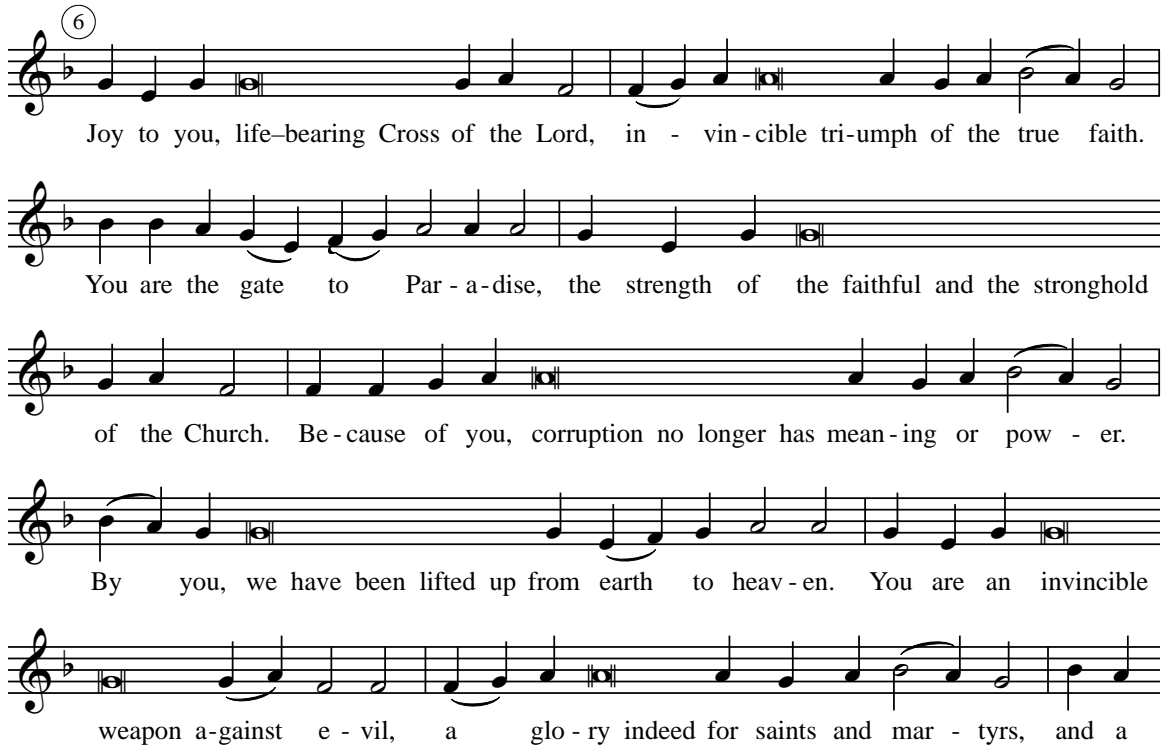
*Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2006*

*Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 8, p. 102), stichera 10-7.*

**Cantor:** (Tone 5) 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 postfeast -Tone 5 samohlasen**

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Joy to you, life-bearing Cross of the Lord, in - vin-cible tri-umph of the true faith.

You are the gate to Par - a-dise, the strength of the faithful and the stronghold

of the Church. Be-cause of you, corruption no longer has mean-ing or pow - er.

By you, we have been lifted up from earth to heav-en. You are an invincible

weapon a-gainst e - vil, a glo-ry indeed for saints and mar - tyrs, and a

ha - ven for sal - va - tion. You are the source of mer - cy to the world.

**Cantor:** My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word.  
(on 5) My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.

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Joy to you, most honorable Cross of the Lord. Through you, the human race has been

de - liv - ered from the curse. In your ex - altation, you are a sign of true joy.

O Cross all - venerable, you scatter all our en - e - mies. You are the help of Chris - tians,

the glo - ry of kings, the strength of the just and the splen - dor of priests.

All who sign themselves with you are freed from per - il. You are the strength un - der

which we are tend - ed like sheep. The an - gels gather around you in awe as the

source of peace. You are the glo - ry of Christ, who grants great mer - cy

to the world.

**Cantor:** Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.

(on 4)



Joy to you, precious Cross of the Lord, guide to the blind and phy-si-cian to the sick,



and re-sur-rec-tion to the dead. You raised us out of corruption and re-moved



the curse. Through you we have been made di-vine, and the pow-er of Hades has



been de-stroyed in full. There-fore, see-ing you lifted up today by our priests,



we ex-alt Christ who was sus-pend-ed on you, and we bow deep-ly be-fore you,



seek-ing for-give-ness and great mer-cy.

**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 great martyr Nicetas - Tone 1 samohlasen**



Ha-ving clothed your-self with the ar-mor of faith, O vic-tor-ious mar-tyr

Ni - ce - tas, you were re-vealed as a defen-der of Christ the King just as the  
 might-y Gid-eon of old. You de-feat-ed the en-em - y by your cour - age.

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

O Mar - tyr, you defeat-ed the en - em - y by your all - pow - erful faith  
 in the Sav - ior. O God - wise one, you suff-ered the pas - sion.  
 Be-cause of this, O wise Ni - ce - - tas, you con - vert - ed the barbarians to the  
 Crea-tor and Mas - ter of all. And they de-vout-ly glo - ri - fy Him.

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

O ho - ly Mar - tyr, you offered to the glo - ry of Christ the first fruits of the  
 en - em - y. You were re - vealed as a sufferer of the pas - sion.

You preached about God and died as a witness to the Tri - ni - ty. For this,  
 you received a crown of mar - tyr - dom; and like a bril - liant light  
 you shed ra - di - ance through the world, O glo - ri - ous one.

**Cantor:** (Tone 6) Glory...

**Doxastikon of the holy great martyr Nicetas - Tone 6 samohlasen**

We rec - ognize you as a torchbearer of the martyrs, O Ni - ce - tas, for you suf - fered  
 the pas - sion of Christ. You put aside the glo - ry of earth - ly trea - sures  
 and des - pised the paganism of your an - ces - tors. You destroyed their gods and victoriously  
 put the en - em - y to shame. You were mar - tyred for pro - fes - sing Christ  
 and be - came a soldier of the king of hea - ven. Pray for us to the Be - ne - fac - tor

of all so that He may be gen - er - ous and save our souls.

**Cantor:** (Tone 8) Now and ever...

*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the week (Tone 8, page 107).*

### Aposticha

*Sunday aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 8, p. 108), concluding with:*

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

**Aposticha doxastikon of the holy great martyr Nicetas - Tone 8 samohlasen**

O hon - orable mar - tyr Ni - ce - - - tas, your name reveals you as a sign of

vic - to ry as you preached Christ our God in bat - tle. You con - fessed

Him before the king and the tor - tur - ers. Do not cease to pray to the Lov - er

of Man - kind for the peace of the world and for Christ - lov - ing rul - ers.

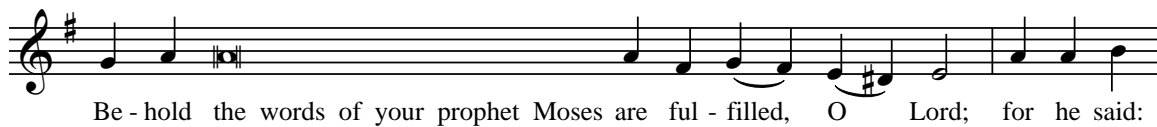
Re - mem - ber all who faith - ful - ly com - mem - o - rate you, and pray that we may be



de - liv - ered from dan - - - ger.

**Cantor:** (Tone 8) Now and ever...

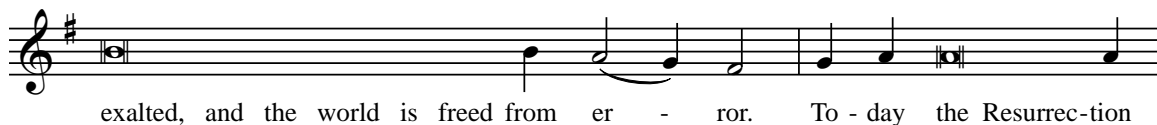
**Aposticha doxastikon of the postfeast - Tone 8 samohlasen**



Be - hold the words of your prophet Moses are ful - filled, O Lord; for he said:



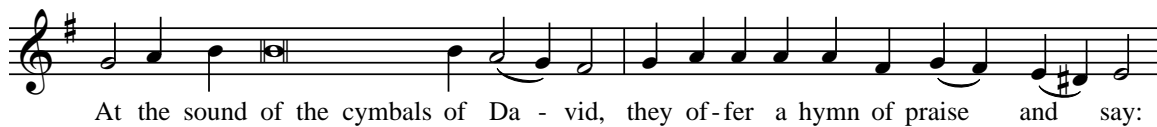
You shall see your life suspend-ed be - fore your eyes. To - day the Cross is



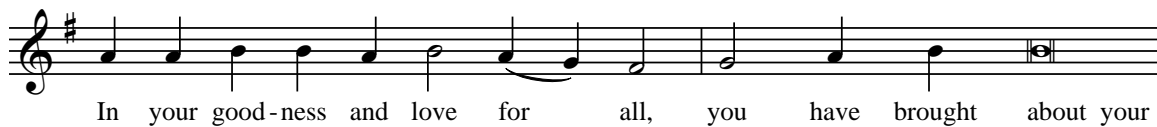
exalted, and the world is freed from er - ror. To - day the Resurrec-tion



of Christ is re - newed; the ends of the earth ex - ult with joy.



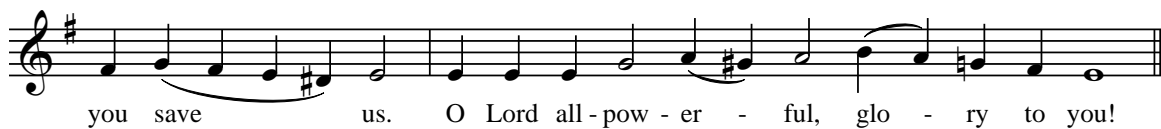
At the sound of the cymbals of Da - vid, they of - fer a hymn of praise and say:



In your good-ness and love for all, you have brought about your



salvation in the middle of the earth, O our God. Through your Cross and Resurrec-tion



## Troparia

*Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the Week (Tone 8, p. 111), then:*

**Cantor:** (Tone 1) Glory...now and ever...

**Troparion of the Exaltation of the Cross - Tone 1**

Musical notation for the troparion of the Exaltation of the Cross. It consists of two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half). The lyrics are: "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.".