

**Vesper Propers, November 3, 2013**  
**Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

**The holy martyrs Aceptsimas the bishop, Joseph the priest, and Aeithalas the deacon.**

Aceptsimas was eighty years old when the Persian king Sapor began the persecution of Christians in which Aceptsimas was seized. He was interrogated, thrown into prison with Joseph and Aeithalas, and then killed. They suffered in the fourth century. (4th century)

**Foundation of the church of the holy great martyr George in Lydda, where his relics are kept.**

This is the anniversary of the translation of the relics of the Great Martyr from Nicomedia to Lydda in Palestine. In the time of the emperor Constantine the Great, a beautiful church was built to house the relics. It remains a place of great pilgrimage.

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

*Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 7, p. 92), stichera 10-7. Then:*

**Cantor:** (Tone 8) 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.

**Sticheron of the holy martyrs - Tone 8 samohlasen**

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O most glo - ri - ous won - der! The come - ly Aceptsimus, the minister to the  
mar - tyrs, is crowned to - day with a wreath of hymns.  
He pre - sents to us the suf - fer - ing to which he was subjected for his  
wor - ship of God; by this he wound - ed the bod - i - less foe.  
O what gifts of grace he has free - ly re - ceived! Through his prayers, O Christ,

save our souls, for you are full of lov - ing - kind - - - ness.

**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.

O most glo - ri - ous won - - - der! From Per - sia, Joseph has shone forth like  
 a star. De - stroy - ing the wickedness of sorcery by the Spir - it,  
 he ex - tin - guished - the un - god - ly wor - ship of fire by the streams of his  
 own blood. O! the strength with which he cast down the de - mons!  
 Through his prayers, O Christ, save our souls, for you are full of lov - ing -  
 kind - - - ness.

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

O most glo - ri - ous won - - - der! The stead - fast Ae - i - tha - las,

O ath - letes of the ineffable Trinity and supernatu - ral U - ni - ty. For as they braved  
 the flame and did not turn from the Lord, so you al - so did not re - fuse to die,  
 but for sake of Christ, not spar - ing your lives. But as in the furnace there ap - peared  
 a Fourth, who cooled them with heav - en - ly dew, so al - so  
 has Christ, One of the Trin - i - ty, re - ceived you in - to a place of re - pose.  
 O A - cep - simus, Joseph, and A - i - tha - las, e - lect of God, now pray  
 to the Lord for our souls.

**Cantor:** Now and ever...

*Aposticha theotokion in the same tone (Tone 6, p. 90).*

*Troparion and Theotokion in the Tone of the Week (Tone 7, page 101).*

the vine of the or-tho-dox faith. There - fore, you pour forth healing on the faith-ful  
 through-out the world, and are shown to be a righteous laborer for the  
 Trin - i - ty. Pray, we entreat you, for the peace of the world, and the  
 sal - va - - - tion of our souls.

**Cantor:** (Tone 7) Now and ever...

*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week (Tone 7, p. 98)*

### Aposticha

*Aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 7, p. 99), concluding with*

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

**Aposticha doxastikon of the holy martyrs - Tone 6 samohlasen**

The three chil - dren in Persia, uncon-sumed by the fire, were a foreshadowing  
 of your thrice-ra-diant one-ness in mind and your mar-tyr-dom in Christ the Lord,

the name - sake of a champion of suf - fer - ing, is shown to be an ev-er  
 blos-som-ing gar - den, which, cut down, still is bloom - ing with wounds,  
 and, when slain, be - gins to live. O! the strength of the na - ture he  
 en - dured! Through his prayers, O Christ, save our souls, for you are full  
 of lov - ing - kind - - ness.

**Cantor:** (Tone 4) 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 George - Tone 4 samohlasen**

O pas - sion bear - er George! con - vers - er with the an - gels,  
 and dwell - er with the mar - tyrs: you are ev - er the ref - uge of  
 the sor - row - ful. Be a ha - ven of tranquility for me in my sail - ing

through this life, and di - rect my life, I im - plore you, that with  
un - wav - er - ing faith I may bless your su - per - nat - u - ral strug - gles.

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

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Pre - serve me as I sail up - on the sea, as I set out up - on  
the way, and as I sleep at night, and when a - wake, il - lu - mine my  
mind, O George, and teach me to do the will of the Lord,  
that on the Day of Judg - ment I will find re - mis - sion of the sins commit - ted  
by me in this life, flee - ing to your pro - tec - tion, O glo - ri - ous one.

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

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Vest - ed with the breast - plate of faith, armed with the shield of grace,

and the spear of the ho - ly Cross, you were in vin - ci - ble to the dev - il,  
O George. And, hav - ing conquered legions of demons as a di - vine  
war - ri - or, you are now in conversation with the an - gels, and, en - treat - ed  
by all the faith - ful, you pre - serve them in ho - li - ness  
and safe - - - ty.

**Cantor:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

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

You lived ac - cord - ing to the mean - ing of your name, as is fit - ting, O  
war - rior George; for, tak - ing the Cross of Christ up - on your shoul - ders,  
you tilled well the ground made barren by the dev - il's de - ceit; and hav - ing  
up - root - ed the thorns of i - dol - a - trous wor - ship, you plant - ed