

Vesper Propers, January 17, 2016
Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee

Our venerable father Anthony the Great, who, bereaved by his parents' death, accepted the evangelical commands, distributed all his goods to the poor and retired in solitude to the Thebaid in Egypt. He began to lead an ascetic life and diligently worked to strengthen the Church, sustaining confessors of the faith during the persecution of the Emperor Diocletian. He supported St. Athanasius against the Arians. He had many disciples, and is thus considered the father of monks. (356)

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

Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 1, p. 24), stichera 10-8.

Cantor: (Tone 1) Let your ears be attentive
(on 7) to the voice of my pleading.

Stichera of the Publican and the Pharisee - Tone 1 samohlasen

O faith-ful, let us not pray as the Phar-i-see, for those who exalt themselves
shall be hum - bled. Let us hum-ble our-selves be - fore God, and with the
Pub - li - can let us say: "Lord have mer-cy on me a sin - ner."

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. *All repeat "O faithful..."*

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.

The Phar - i - see, o - ver-come with his pride, and the Pub - lican, bent down in

re - pent - ance, came be - fore you, the on - ly Lord; the first trusted in himself
 and was deprived of your bless - ings; the oth - er spoke but a few words and
 received your blessings in a - bun - dance. Be - hold my tears and strengthen me, O
 Christ our God, for you are in - deed the Lov - er of us all.

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

Stichera for our venerable father Anthony the Great - Tone 4 podobn: Zvanny svyše byv

You were en - light - ened by the rays of the Spir - it, when the love of God inflamed
 you and made your soul soar to de - sire the tru - ly in - fin - ite love.
 Then you turned a - side from flesh and blood and left the world,
 while re - main - ing united with it through great ab - stin - ence and si - lence.

Troparia

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

Cantor: (Tone 4) Glory...

Troparion of our venerable father Anthony the Great - Tone 4

Fa - ther An - thony, you imitated E - li - jah in his zeal, and you fol - lowed
 John the Baptist in his ho - ly way of life. You took up your abode in the
 des - ert and strength - ened the world by your pray'rs. In - tercede with Christ our
 God that he may save our souls.

Cantor: Now and ever...

Festal theotokion in the same tone (Tone 4, p. 68).



to have mer - cy on our souls.

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

Aposticha doxastikon of the Publican and Pharisee - Tone 5 samohlasen



Be - cause of my sins, my eyes are weight - ed down, and I can no longer raise



them up to see the light of heav - en. But grant that I may re - pent like the



Pub - li - can: O Lord, have mer - cy on me.



There - fore, as you de - sired, you have been filled with bles - sings



and ra - di - at - ed them, en - light - en - ing our souls as a star, O An - thon - y.

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 "You were enlightened..."*

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



By the grace of the di - vine Spir - it, you be - came ra - diant with di - vine light



and broke the bows and arrows of the dev - ils. By di - vine teach - ings,



you exposed all their e - vil snares. You are a ra - diant light for monks,



the first glo - ry of the des - ert, a most pre - cious and skilled physi - cian



for the sick, and the first living example of the life of vir - tue,



O Fa - ther An - thon - y.

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

An-thon-y, pure in heart and soul, earth-ly an-gel, heav-en-ly man, teach-er
of chas-ti-ty, precise rule of ab-stin-ence: liv-ing with your Mas-ter
and of-fering him never-si-lent praise with the an-gels and all the ho-ly
monks and mar-tys, O blessed saint, set free from griev-ous dan-ger and sin
all those who hon-or your ho-ly mem-o-ry.

Cantor: (Tone 8) Glory...

Doxastikon of the Publican and the Pharisee - Tone 8 samohlasen

O al-might-y Lord, I real-ize the pow-er of tears; they saved Hezekiah from the
gates of death; by them, the sinful woman was forgiv-en all her sins;
and through them, the Publican was justified but the Phar-i-see was not.

Num-ber me with them, O Lord, and have mer-cy on me.

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

Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week (Tone 1, p. 30).

Readings: Wisdom 3: 1 - 9
Wisdom 5: 15 - 6: 3
Wisdom 4: 7 - 15

Aposticha

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

Cantor: (Tone 8) Glory...

Aposticha doxastikon of our venerable father Anthony the Great - Tone 8 samohlasen

All the monks honor you, O holy Father, as a spir-it-u-al guide.
Through you, we have set out on the nar-row path; blest are you for hav-ing
served Christ and for hav-ing broken the power of the en-e-my,
O com-pan-ion of the an-gels, the just and the saints. With them, ask the Lord