Our venerable father Anthony of the Monastery of the Caves.
He was a hermit, who in the laura called “the Caves” followed the monastic life which he had learned on Mt. Athos. He was the founder of Russian monasticism.(1073)

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

Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 4, p. 58), stichera 10-7.

Cantor: (Tone 4) 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 Anthony - Tone 4 samohlasen

When divine desire fell up - on you, O ven - ra - ble one, you accounted

passionate attachment to the world as harm - ful; where - fore, for - sak - ing your home - land,

you ar - rived on Athos, the ho - ly moun - tain, and there in the midst of the fa - thers,

you shone forth in virtue like a beacon, O An - tho - ny. En - treat Christ, whom you

served from your youth, that he en - light - en and save our souls.

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.
When you were set afire by the love of Christ, you despised the wisdom and glory of this world, seeing them as things which pass away. Because of this, you made a cave for yourself, and within it struggled like an angel.

God rewarded you for this with angelic honors. Standing with them before the throne of God, pray that he enlighten and save our souls.

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

When you received divine love in your heart, you entered into a dark cave as into a splendid bridal chamber, and there you were enriched with understanding of things unseen, beholding things of the future as though they were present, speaking plainly of them to all. En treat Christ, whom you
served from your youth, that he enlighten and save our souls.

Cantor: (Tone 5) Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

O Anthony, ven'ra-ble fa-ther, hav-ing il-lu-mined your mind with the Ho-ly Spir-its grace, you predicted the wrath of God which would fall upon the church, and en-trusted the defense against foes to Sime-on, and fore-told his burial in the church which he was build-ing. We, there-fore, hymn you as a mediator of good things for all, ask-ing that through you we may re-ceive great mer-cy from Christ our Mas-ter and Lord.

Cantor: Praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples! Psalm 116

O An-tho-ny, ven'-ra-ble fa-ther, ful-ling the commandments of the good
shepherd, Christ, showing forth love even after your departure,
you transformed the deadly illness of Erasmus, who lived in sloth and pined for possessions. Giving him time for repentance, you guided others to chastity. Entreat Christ that our souls be saved.

Cantor: Strong is the love of the Lord for us; he is faithful forever.

O Anthony, venerable father, with grace you steered the ship of your mind with chastity, and safely sailed across the passion-fraught sea of life, impelled by the sail of the holy Spirit. You attained the calm haven of Paradise, the habitation of the saints and resting-place of the righteous.

Pray with them, we beseech you, that we may also find entry there.
Your way of life and your labors for God were hard, as the fathers of the Holy Mountain learned. In accord with God’s providence, they sent you to your home-land, saying: “Go, child, that through your presence God may be known to those who know him not!” Then arriving, O venerable one, you enlightened your native land and became a leader of monks, and brought a multitude of them to Christ. Wherefore pray that we who celebrate your repose may be preserved unvanquished by the enemy, and that our souls may be saved.

Cantor: (Tone 4) Now and ever…

Dogmatikon in the Tone of the week (Tone 4, page 64).
Aposticha

Sunday aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 4, p. 65), concluding with:

Cantor:     (Tone 6)  Glory...

Aposticha Doxastikon - Tone 6

Won-drous is the influence and great the faith which you have acquired, O ven-ra-ble An-tho-ny, in em-ulating the Proph-et E-li-jah;

for he drew down fire from heaven, consuming the sac-ri-fice, while you drew down fire from heav-en to cleanse the place which was to hold the temple of the The-o-to-kos. We bless you, then, as one who dwells with the ven-ra-ble

and who emulates the prop-hets, and we pray: En-treat Christ, that our souls

may be saved.

Cantor:     Now and ever...

Aposticha theotokion in the same tone (Tone 6, p. 90).
You renounced and left the world, following Christ in the spirit of the Gospel. Living a life of an angel, you settled in the peaceful shelter of Mount Athos. After that, you came to the mountains of Kiev with the blessing of the fathers. You ended your life of labor there, casting light over all your homeland. Showing the path of the kingdom to all monks, you led them on to Christ: Now beg him to save our souls, O venerable Anthony.

Cantor: Now and ever...

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