Vesper Propers, July 24, 2022
Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

The holy martyrs Boris and Gleb, baptized Roman and David, who, princes of Rus’ and sons of St. Vladimir the Great, preferred to suffer death than to resist their brother Svyatopolk by violence. Boris obtained the palm of martyrdom on the river Alta near Pereslavl and Gleb a short while later near Smolensk. (1015)

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

Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 6, p. 82), stichera 10-7.

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.

Stichera of the holy martyrs Boris and Gleb - Tone 8 podoben: O preslavnahо чудесе

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 all praised one, having first submitted the royal purple of your kingship to Christ, and acknowledged him as the true God and King of all, you rejected the vain gods of your ancestors. Thus, Christ enriched you with the gift of miracles, and the Savior of our souls, who is glorious in his saints, has given you eternal crowns instead of those which pass away.

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

Blest is the land and city wherein you were raised, and the honored temple which received your bodies is now adorned as with a kingdom’s crowns!

O right pleasing guardians, who strike terror in the hearts of our enemies and drive them far away from your home-land, glorious Boris and all-wondrous Gleb,
pray for us, that our souls may be saved.

Cantor: (Tone 2) Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, (on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity。

With what wreaths of praise shall we crown those who are hymned who, though separate in body are united in spirit, the fervent helpers of the faithful people, the adornment of the land of Rus’, and the world’s delight, who with manly intent destroyed the might of the demons with Christ as their ally, who grants the world great mercy?

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

With what beauties of praise shall we adorn those who are hymned: noble Boris, who with boldness acquired power over the passions,
and gentle Gleb, his fellow zealot, both of whom were beacons shining together, shedding light on the pious with the light of virtue?

For having learned the commandments of Christ, they have been fittingly glorified, entreat ing him to grant great mercy to us all!

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

With what spiritual discourse shall we compose the honored feast of the all-glorious martyrs, who forsook corrupt earthly glory for the sake of Christ?

For the one was pierced by a spear in his side, and the other was slaughtered like a lamb. They have been fittingly glorified by Christ, and have received the gift of healing, asking for great mercy for
Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...

Doxastikon of the holy martyrs Boris and Gleb - Tone 6 samohlasen

Come, let us praise the wonder-workers and martyrs! For, having suffered lawfully,

they vanquished the adverse foe, and now stand, splendidly adorned,

rejoicing before the throne of Christ! With hymns, let us praise their memory

with gladness and love, crying out: Rejoice, O helpers of all the world,

allies against the Enemy! Rejoice, O healers of the sick, expellers

of demons! Rejoice, O beloved summits of piety, all-comely brothers,

glorious Boris and wondrous Gleb, beloved of Christ, who entreat the Holy

Trinity for our sake, that peace be granted to the world,
and that our souls might be saved!

Cantor: (Tone 6) Now and ever

Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week (Tone 6, page 87).

Readings: Isaiah 43: 9-14 (EOT 303)
Wisdom 3: 1-9 (EOT 315-316)
Wisdomw 4: 7-15 (EOT 308)

Aposticha

Sunday aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 6, p. 88), concluding with:

Cantor: (Tone 8) Glory...

Aposticha Doxastikon of the martyrs - Tone 8

Come, you newly baptized assemblies of Rus’! Behold how, though blameless of any fault, evil judgment befalls the martyr Boris; for they pierced his side with a spear, and shed his blood at the instigation of the devil.

And Gleb was slaughtered like an innocent lamb by his own brother,
Svyat o polk. Yet they have been crowned, while he has passed a way; they are glo rified, while he is tormented in Ge hen na. And they en treat Christ our God to save our souls.

Cantor: Now and ever...

Aposticha theotokion in the same tone (Tone 8, p. 110).

Troparia

Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the Week (Tone 6, p. 91), then:

Cantor: (Tone 2) Glory...

Troparion of the holy martyrs Boris and Gleb - Tone 2

Right-eous mar-tyrs for the gospel and shar -ers in the pas sion, you did not op -pose the vio lence of the en -emy. Al though your brother tried to kill your bod -ies, he still could not touch your souls. Let the e -vil
lover of power groan unhappily. You are filled with joy among the angels standing before the Holy Trinity. Please pray for your homeland and its conversion and for the salvation of its people.

Cantor: Now and ever...

Festal theotokion in the same tone (Tone 2, p. 47).