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 samohlasen

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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 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 where-in 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 homeland, glorious
Bor-is and all-won-drous 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
sep-a-rate in body are united in spir-it, the fer-vent helpers of the
faith-ful peo-ple, the adorn-ment of the land of Rus’, and the world’s de-light,
who with man-ly in-tent destroyed the might of the de-mons with Christ
as their al-ly, who grants the world great mer-cy?

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

With what beau-ties of praise shall we adorn those who are hymned:
no-ble Bor-is, who with boldness acquired power o-ver the pas-sions,

(Tone 2 samohlasen)
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.

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
all, as is meet.

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...

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

Come, let us praise the wonder–work-ers and mar-tyrs! For, hav-ing suf-fered law-ful-ly,

they van-quished the ad-verse foe, and now stand, splen-did ly ad-dorned,

re-joicing be-fore the throne of Christ! With hymns, let us praise their mem-o-ry

with glad-ness and love, cry-ing out: Rejoice, O helpers of all the world,

al-lies a-against the En-e-my! Re-joice, O healers of the sick, ex-pe-lers

of de-mons! Re-joice, O be-loved summits of piety, all-come-ly broth-ers,

glo-rious Boris and wondrous Gleb, be-lov-ed of Christ, who en-treat the Holy

Trin-it-y for our sake, that peace be grant-ed 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 new-ly bap-tized as-sem-blies of Rus’! Be-hold how, though blame-less

of an-y fault, e-vil judg-ment be-falls the mar-tyr Bor-is; for they pierced his

side with a spear, and shed his blood at the instigation of the dev-il.

And Gleb was slaughtered like an in-no-cent lamb by his own broth-er,
Svyat o polk. Yet they have been crowned, while he has passed a way; they are glorified, while he is tormented in Gehenna. And they entreat 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

Righteous martyrs for the gospel and sharers in the passion, you did not oppose the violence of the enemy. Although your brother tried to kill your bodies, he still could not touch your souls. Let the evil
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).*