Vesper Propers, July 31, 2022
Eighth Sunday After Pentecost
Prefestive day of the Procession of the Venerable Cross

The holy and righteous Eudocimus*, who lived in the time of the emperor Theophilus, the iconoclast. He was the military governor of Cappadocia, and lived a virtuous life before God and man. He died at the age of thirty-three. (9th century)

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.

Cantor: (Tone 1) If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive? But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.

Stichera of the Cross - Tone 1 samohlasen

As we cel e - brate the Fore-feast now, let all human na-ture leap up with joy,

for the Tree of the Cross of the Lord, the sure healing which gives release from all in - fir - mi - ties, from ev - ’ry suf - fr’ing and af - flic - tion,

shall be set be - fore all the faith - ful.

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.

* Eudocimus: you-DOH-sih-moos
Come, all you faithful, let us see the strange wonder—how the Tree of the Cross of the Lord quenches the fever of ev'ry infirmity and extinguishes the burning heat of the passions of those who celebrate its Forefeast with faith and honor in its festival.

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

(on 4)

O all the living, celebrate the Fore-feast with those who have died; for the Tree of the Cross of the Lord, which slew the pow'r of Hades,

and is the protector of all of us, the resurrection of the dead,

comes now to impart true grace to all, bestowing its healings on the human race.
Cantor: (Tone 8) Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

Stichera of the holy and righteous Eudocimus - Tone 8 samohlasen

O blessed and all-wise Eudocimus, your pure soul, shining with the understanding of the true faith, and shedding the light of the radiance of the virtues, illuminates the fullness of the faithful, dispelling the darkness of the demons. Therefore, O all-wondrous one, we all honor you with piety As one who has a share in never-waning grace.

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

Possessed of a merciful soul, a pure mind, a vigilant heart, unwavering faith and an unfeigned love, you passed over from the earth
to the heavens and made your abode with the choirs of the righteous.

Thus we honor you with sacred hymns, and call you blest, O holy Eudocimus.

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

When strengthened by divine doctrines, you drove carnal passions away from your soul; you became a pure habitation of the Holy Trinity.

Thus you have departed into divine delight, since God now preserves your body incorrupt, O blessed one, who, by judgments known to him alone, has manifestly glorified you, O holy Eudocimus.
The holy words of David truly reach their fulfillment today!

For see, we publicly bow down before the footstool of your all pure feet,

and placing our hope in the shelter of your wings, we cry aloud to you, O most compassionate One: Let the light of your face be signed upon us!

Exalt the horn of your Orthodox people in the exaltation of your precious cross, O most merciful Savior!

Cantor: (Tone 7) Now and ever

Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week (Tone 7, page 98).
Aposticha

Sunday aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 7, p. 99), concluding with:

Cantor:  (Tone 2) Glory... now and ever

Aposticha Doxastikon of the prefeast of the Cross - Tone 2 samohlasen

You are my might and protection, O mighty three-barred Cross of Christ!

Make me holy with your power, that I may bow down and glorify you with faith and love!

Troparia

Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the Week (Tone 7, p. 101), then:

Cantor:  (Tone 1) Glory...now and ever...

Troparion of the Cross - Tone 1

Save your people, O Lord, and bless your inheritance. Grant victory

to your Church over evil, and protect your people by your cross.