

Vesper Propers: Cheesefare Sunday

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Lamplighting Psalms and stichera 10-5 in the Tone of the Week

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

Stichera of Cheesefare Sunday

Tone 6 podobn: Vsju otloživše

My Cre - a - tor and Lord has formed me from the clay of the earth;
he has giv-en me a soul by his life-giv ing breath. He has made me ruler of all things
vis - i - ble on the earth, and has made me a com pan ion of the an - gels.
But Sa - tan has used the serpent as a trap, and has deceived me with this bait;
he has sep - a - rat - ed me from the glo - ry of God and de - liv - ered me over to
the earth and to death. But you, O mer-ci - ful Lord, call me back to you.

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

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A - las! I have been stripped of my div - ine gar - ment
by trans-gress - ing your com-mand-ment, O Lord, and by fol - lowing the
coun-sel of the En - e - my. I am now clothed with fig leaves and the
gar - ment of skin; I now eat my bread by the sweat of my brow,
and be-cause of my fault, the earth is con-demned to bring forth this-tles and thorns.
But you, O Lord, born of the Virgin in these last times, call me back to
en - ter Pa - ra - dise once a - gain.

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

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O be-lov-ed Par - a - dise, beau-ty of Spring-time and divine ly cre - a - ted a-bode,

Cre - ator who has al - so fash - ioned me to fill me with the fragrance of your
flow - ers once a - gain. And the Sav - ior said to him: I do not desire
the destruction of my cre - a - tion; I wish it, rather, to be saved and come
to the knowl-edge of truth; for I do not re - ject those who come to me.

Cantor: Now and ever...

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the char - iot of the Cherubim and higher than the Ser - a - phim,
 the nuptial chamber of the glo - ry of God; from you the God of the u - ni - verse
 has been born. In - ter - cede with him for the sal - va - tion of our souls.

Litija Litany, p. 116
Apostichera in the Tone of the Week

Cantor: Glory...

Aposticha Doxastikon - Tone 6 samohlasen

Ad - am was ban - ished from Paradise because of the for - bid - den fruit. He sat before
 the gates, sighing and la - ment - ing: A - las! Woe is me! What is
 happ - ning to me? I have trans - gressed the command - ment of the Lord, and now
 am deprived of ev - 'ry bless - ing. O Pa - radise so delightful, you were
 plant - ed for me; and now you are closed be - cause of Eve. Be - seech your

un - end - ing joy and de - light, the glo - ry of all the just, the en - chant ment
 of the proph - ets and the dwell - ing - place of the saints, by the rus - tling of your leaves,
 im - plo - re the Cre - a - tor of the u - ni - verse to o - pen the
 gates that I have closed by my fault; let me par - take of the Tree of Life,
 and share the joy that I once found in you.

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

For his dis - o - be - dience, Ad - am was ban - ished from Par - a - dise;
 de - ceived by the wom - an's words, he was de - prived of its de - lights.
 Na ked, he sat out side the Gar den and wept. There fore, let us zealously welcome this
 sea - son; let us keep the Fast and obey the teach - ings of the Gos - pel,

so that we may be ac-cept - a - ble to Christ, and once a - gain be-come
in - ha - bi - tants of Par - a - dise.

Cantor: Glory...

Doxastikon of Cheese-fare Sunday - Tone 6 samohlasen

Ad-am sat be-fore Pa-ra-dise, sigh-ing and weeping o-ver his na - ked - ness:
A - las! I was seduced by craftiness and stripped na - ked, and I am
now separated from glo - ry. A - las! in my simplicity, I was na - ked,
but now I do not know what to do. O Par-adise, never again shall I taste your joy;
nev - er again shall I see the Lord, my Cre - a - tor and God. For I must
re - turn to the earth from which I was tak - en. O mer - ciful God, I
cry out to you: I have fall - en, have mer - cy on me.

Cantor: Now and ever...

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Litija

Cantor: Glory...

Tone 6 samohlasen

The sun hid its rays, the moon and stars were changed in - to blood,
the mountains shook and the hills trembled when Par - a - dise was closed.
Ad - am de - part - ed, buried his head in his hands and said:
O merciful God, I have fall - en: have mer-cy on me.

Cantor: Now and ever....

Mys-tic - 'ly we praise you, O The - o - to - kos, for you have become the throne
of the Great King, the ho - ly tabernacle more spa-cious than the heav - ens,