Vesper Propers for the 
SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON 

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

Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week, stichera 10-5. 

Cantor: (Tone 1) Let the watchman count on daybreak
(on 4) and Israel on the Lord. 

Stichera of the Prodigal Son - Tone 1 samohlasen 

I have sown sin in a land of life and in-no-cence and have har-vested the 
ears of thought-less-ness. I have gath-ered my actions in-to bun-dles of sheaves, 
but I have not placed them on the threshing floor of re-pen-tance. And now 
I pray to you, O my God, for you are the pre-er- nal Till-er of our fields: 
With the breath of your lov-ing-kind-ness, now win-now the grain of my ac-tions, 
feed my soul with your grace and for-give-ness, gath-er me in-to 
your heav-en-ly gra-na-ries and save me.
O faithful, let us discover the power of the divine mystery. The Prodigal came back from his sin and returned to his father's house; in his loving-kindness his father came out to meet him and kissed him. He restored him to the glory of his house, and prepared a mystical banquet on high. He killed the fatted calf so that we might share in his joy; the joy of the Father who offers in love, and the joy of the Lamb who gives himself for us; for he is Christ, the Savior of our souls.

Cantor: Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption. 
(\textit{on 3}) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.
\textit{All repeat "I have sown sin..."}

Cantor: Praise the Lord, all you nations; \textbf{Psalm 116}
(\textit{on 2}) acclaim him, all you peoples!

\textbf{Psalms 116}

\textbf{Cantor:} Strong is the love of the Lord for us; 
(\textit{on 1}) he is faithful forever. 
\textit{All repeat "O faithful, let us discover..."}
From what blessings have I been deprived in my wretchedness, from what kingdom have I been exiled! I squandered the treasure that I received from you! and I have wandered far from your law. Alas,

O my poor soul, you shall be delivered to the eternal fire; before the end, cry out to Christ our God Receive me, O Lord, like the Prodigal Son, and have mercy on me.

Cantor: (Tone of the Week) Now and ever...

Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week.
Aposticha

*Aposticha in the Tone of the Week, concluding with:*

**Cantor:** (Tone 6) Glory...

**Aposticha doxastikon of the Prodigal Son** - *Tone 6 samohlasen*

I have wast-ed the treasure that my Fa-ther gave to me; I have lived a-mong

sense-less beasts; I have longed to eat the food of swine, and be-cause

no one offered it to me, I re-mained hun - gry. But now I return to my Fa-ther,

who is so good, and with tears I cry out: Treat me as one of

your serv - ants: for I no long-er de-serve your love; and in your

mer - cy save me.

**Cantor:** Now and ever...

*Aposticha theotokion in the same tone (Tone 6, p. 90).*

*Troparion and theotokion in the Tone of the Week.*