

## 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 Publican and Pharisee - Tone 1 samohlasen**

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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 - e - ter - 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.

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

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

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O faith-ful, let us discover the power of the di-vine mys-te-ry. The Prod-i-gal  
came back from his sin and returned to his fa-ther's house; in his lov-ing-kindness his  
father came out to meet him and kissed him. He re-stored him to the glo-ry  
of his house, and pre-pared a mys-ti-cal ban-quet on high. He killed the fatted  
calf so that we might share in his joy; the joy of the Fa-ther who of-fers in love,  
and the joy of the Lamb who gives him-self for us; for he is Christ, the  
Sav-ior of our souls.

**Cantor:** Strong is the love of the Lord for us;  
(on 1) he is faithful forever.  
*All repeat "O faithful, let us discover..."*

**Cantor:** (Tone 2) Glory...

**Doxastikon of the Prodigal Son - Tone 2 samohlasen**

From what bless - ings have I been de - prived in my wretch - ed - ness, from what  
king - dom have I been ex - iled! I squan - dered the treasure that I  
re - ceived from you! and I have wan - dered far from your law.  
A - las, O my poor soul, you shall be delivered to the e - ter - nal fire; be - fore the end,  
cry out to Christ our God Re - ceive me, O Lord, like the Prod - i - gal Son,  
and have mer - cy on me.

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

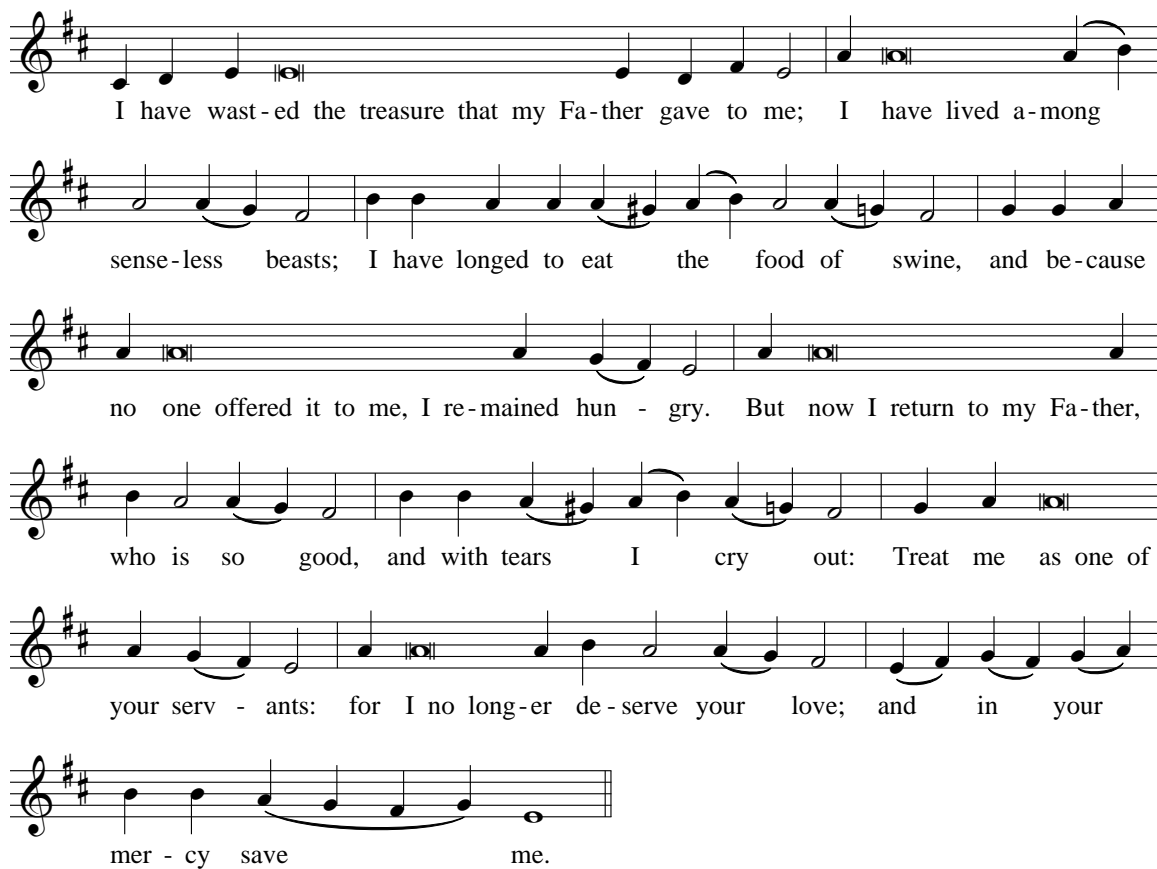
*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week.*

## 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.*