

**Vesper Propers for the  
SUNDAY OF MEAT-FARE**  
**Commemoration of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ as Judge**

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

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

**Cantor:** (Tone 6) Let the watchman count on daybreak  
(on 4) and Israel on the Lord.

**Stichera of Meatfare Sunday - Tone 6 podoben: Vsju otloživše**



When you shall come to ren-der just judg-ment, O right-eous Judge, you shall  
sit up - on your glo - rious throne. A riv - er of fire shall flow be - fore your  
judg - ment seat; the pow'rs of heav-en will be there with you. Filled with fear,  
all humanity will be judged accord-ing to their deeds. At this hour, O Christ,  
spare us, be - cause of your great love, grant that the faith - ful who  
pray to you be giv'n a place with your cho - sen ones.

**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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The books will be o - pened and the se-crets laid bare be-fore your awe-some  
 judg-ment seat; and the whole valley of tears will re-sound with a dread - ful sigh,  
 when it sees the sin-ners sent to eternal punishment by your just judg - ment,  
 and hears them weep-ing hope-less-ly. O God of mercy, there - fore we pray  
 to you: spare us who sing to you, O on - ly Good One.

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

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The trum-pet shall sound and the tombs shall be o - pened; hu-man-i - ty  
 shall come forth trem - bling. Those who have done good shall re-joice,  
 as they a-wait the re-ward they shall re - ceive. Those who have done evil shall  
 shriek in ter - ror, as they are sent to pun - ish-ment and sep - a - rat-ed

of death? Do you not fear the Savior's awe - some judg - ment seat?  
 How will you de - fend your - self? How will you be vin - di - cat - ed?  
 Your works are there to convict you, and your actions witness a - gainst you.  
 More - o - ver, time is grow-ing short, O my soul; has - ten and cry out  
 in faith: I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned; but I know your love and  
 your mer - cy. O Good Shep - herd, in your good - ness, do not  
 de - prive me of a place at your right hand.

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

*Aposticha theotokion in the same tone (Tone 8, page 110).*

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

from the e - lect. In your good - ness, spare us O glo - rious Lord, and grant  
 that we may enjoy a place with those who love you.

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

I weep and la - ment when I think of the outer darkness and e - ter - nal fire  
 to - geth - er with Hades, the worm that consumes, and the gnash - ing of teeth,  
 the un - ceas - ing grief that falls upon those who have sinned with - out meas - ure,  
 and those who have pro - voked you to anger, O God most good. A - las,  
 a - mong these sin - ners I am first. But in your great mercy, O Judge, save me.

**Cantor:** (Tone 8) Glory...

**Doxastikon of Meatfare Sunday - Tone 8 samohlasen**

When the thrones are set up and the books are o - pened, and God will sit in

judg - ment, what fear shall I feel in that mo - ment! When the an-gels  
 shall tremble at his side and a riv-er of fire rise up, what shall we sin-ners  
 then do? When we shall hear the blessed of his Father called to the kingdom of  
 heav - en and the sin-ners to e-ter-nal pun - ish - ment, who will be a - ble  
 to endure his dreadful con-dem-na - tion? But you, O Savior, hasten to convert  
 me be-fore the end, and, O King of the ag - es, have mer-cy on me.

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

*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week.*

**Litija**

*Tone 7 samohlasen*

Know-ing the com-mand-ments of the Lord, let this be our way of life:

let us feed the hungry, let us give drink to the thirst-y, let us clothe the naked, let  
 us wel-come stran-gers, let us vis - it those in prison and the sick.  
 Then the Judge of all the earth will say e - ven to us: Come, bless-ed  
 of my Father, in - her - it the king - dom pre-pared for you.

**Cantor:** Glory... now and ever...

*Theotokion, Tone 7, p. 100*

*Litija Litany, p. 116*

**Aposticha**

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

**Cantor:** (Tone 8) Glory...

**Aposticha Doxastikon of Meatfare Sunday - Tone 8**

A-las, O my dark - ened soul, how long will you per-sist in sin? How  
 long will you lie in la - zi - ness? Why do you not think of the dread-ful hour