

Vesper Propers, January 5, 2025
SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY

The holy martyrs Theopempt and Theona, of Nicomedia in Bithynia, who met martyrdom in the persecution of the Emperor Diocletian. (c. 350)

Our venerable mother Syncletica of Alexandria in Egypt, virgin, who is said to have led a solitary life that influenced many women of her day. (4th cent.)

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

Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 8, p. 102), stichera 10-7.

Cantor: (Tone 4) If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?
(on 6) But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.

Stichera of the holy martyrs Theopempt and Theona - Tone 4 samohlasen

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Let us exalt the wise Theona and The - o - pempt; for they o - beyed the
teach - ings of Christ, they splendidly rejected every shame - ful wor - ship.
With bright - ness and hon - or they joyfully served the One God and Lord.
They cou - ra - geously professed him in the pres - ence of the tor - tur - ers,
and for this they have re - ceived crowns from on high.

Cantor: My soul is longing for the Lord. I count on his word.
(on 5) My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.

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Ha - ving forsaken the life which pulls one down, sen - sual de - light,
and flowering glory, since they are pass - ing, you ad - hered to Christ.
In - flamed by his beau - ti - ful good - ness, you of - fered your - selves
like fra - grant ros - es, and you were adorned with a crown of the heav'n - ly
king - - - dom.

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

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Hav - ing re - ject - ed the world, you manifested yourselves to be a - bove the world.
You have come together in the Church of the first - born, and with the
an - gels you sing an e - ter - nal hymn. Hav - ing re - ject - ed

is with you; for he is the all - mer - ci - ful One.

Troparia

Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the Week (Tone 8, page 111).

Cantor: (Tone 4) Glory... now and ever...

Troparion of the Pre-feast - Tone 4

Af - ter E - li - jah had been tak - en up, the Riv - er Jordan was parted in two
by E - li - sha's man - tle; and a dry path was opened in the wa - ters
as an im - age of true bap - tism by which we pass be - yond this fleet - ing life.
Christ appeared at the Jordan to sanc - ti - fy the wa - ters.

Aposticha

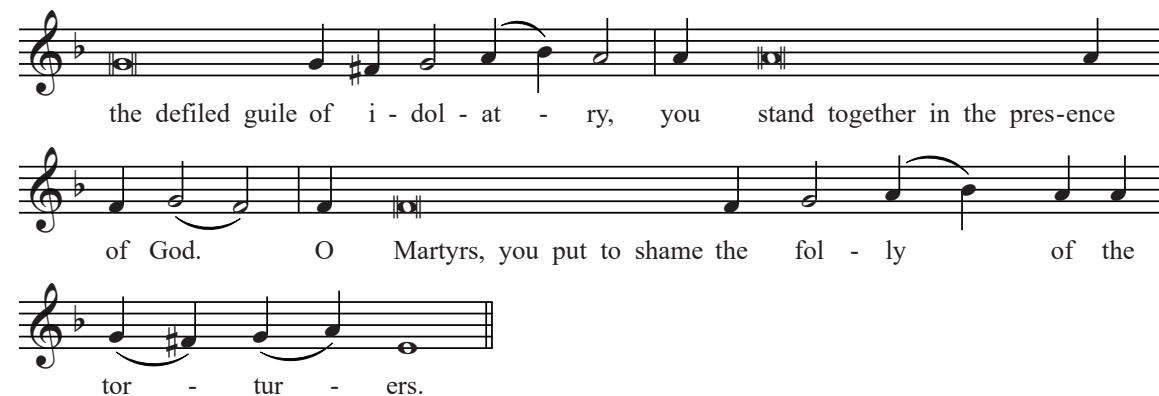
Aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 8, page 108), concluding with:

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory... Now and ever...

Aposticha doxastikon of the pre-feast - Tone 6 samohlasen




Sing with joy, O desert of the Jord - an, and blos - som as the li - ly;
for with - in you has been heard the voice of one who cries:
Pre - pare the way of the Lord. For the One who set the moun - tain heights in place,
as well as the trees in the val - leys, and who fills all crea - tion with his pow'r,
is bap - tized by a ser - vant. The Giv - er of Gifts now be - comes poor.
In the past it was told to Eve: You shall bear chil - dren in much grief.
But now the Vir - gin hears the words: Re - joice, O Full of Grace, the Lord



the defiled guile of i - dol - at - ry, you stand together in the pres - ence
of God. O Martyrs, you put to shame the fol - ly of the
tor - tur - ers.

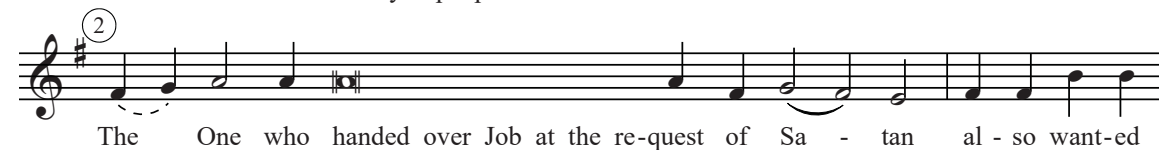
Cantor: (Tone 1) Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

Stichera of our venerable mother Syncretica - Tone 1 samohlasen



Hav - ing yearned for the glory of the fa - thers, you tru - ly loved the
incorrupt - i - ble glo - ry. There - fore, set - ting a - side the things that de - light,
you hand - ed over your bod - y to suf - fer - ing. You have now re - ceived
the re - ward for your pains, for you are reign - ing with Christ.

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



The One who handed over Job at the re - quest of Sa - tan al - so want - ed

to test you as gold. He pu - ri - fied your body by the distress caused by the
 dev - il. There - fore, by your constancy in the midst of suf - fer - ing
 you con-found - ed the E - vil One, and you have been a - dorned
 with the crown of vic - to - ry.

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

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 You yearned for the beautiful goodness of Christ the Bride - groom
 and be - came betrothed to him through your ascet - ic - al ef - forts. You were
 a - dorned with the prac - tice of good deeds. There - fore, you now reign with him
 in his bri - dal cham - ber.

Cantor: *(Tone 6)* Glory...now and ever...

Doxastikon of the pre-feast - Tone 6 samohlasen

O Riv - er Jordan, pre - pare your - self, and see Christ our God approaching to be
 bap - tized by John in or - der to shatter the heads of the mon - sters in the sea,
 through the pow'r of his di - vin - i - ty. Re - joice, O wilder - ness of Jor - dan,
 and all you moun - tains, dance with de - light. For the Giv - er of Life has come to call
 back Ad - am. O voice that cries out in the wil - der - ness,
 O John the Fore - run - ner, cry out: Make read - y the way of the Lord,
 and clear him a straight path.

Cantor: *(Tone 8)* Now and ever...

Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week (Tone 8, page 107).