

Vesper Propers, December 7, 2025
Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Prefestive Day of the Maternity of the Holy Anna

Our holy father Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, who on April 4th, on the holy night of Pascha, fell asleep in the Lord. His memory is celebrated today, on which (while still a catechumen) he undertook ruling the famous See of Milan in 373, while he was exercising the office of prefect of the city. A true pastor and teacher of the faithful, he exercised great charity toward all, defended strenuously the freedom of the Church and the doctrine of orthodox faith against the Arians. By his commentaries and his musical hymns, he piously catechized the people. (397)

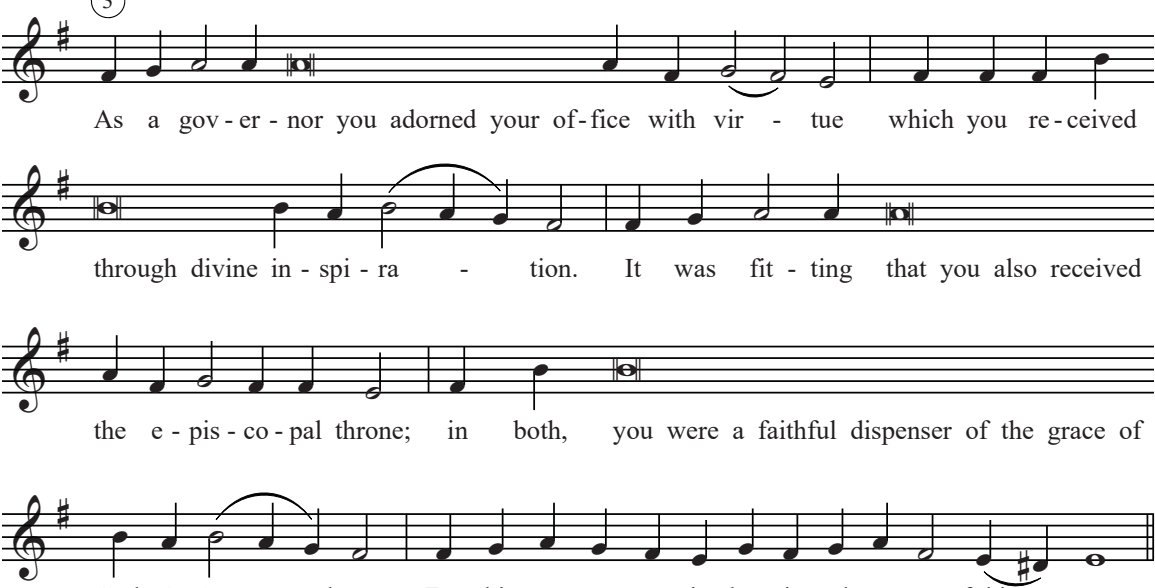
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Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 1, p. 24), stichera 10-4. Then:

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.

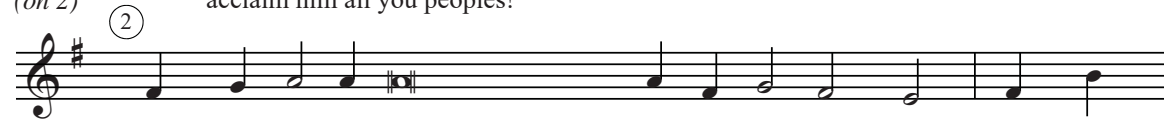
Stichera of our holy father Ambrose - Tone 1 samohlasen

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As a gov-er-nor you adorned your of-fice with vir-tue which you re-ceived
through divine in-spi-ra-tion. It was fit-ting that you also received
the e-pis-co-pal throne; in both, you were a faithful dispenser of the grace of
God, O Am-brose. For this rea-son you in-her-it-ed a two-fold crown.

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



Through self-dis-ci-pline, sufferings, vig-ils, and fer-vent prayers, you cleansed

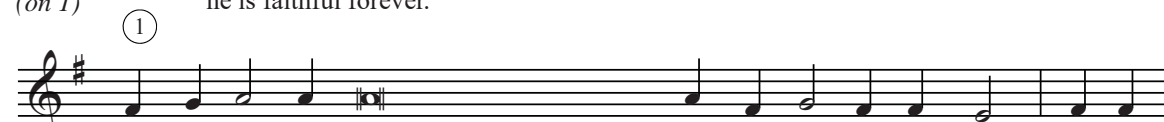


your soul and bod-y, O wise in God. Hav-ing be-come a chosen ves-sel



for Christ our God, you re-ceived di-vine gifts as did the a-pos-tles.

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



You cou-ra-geous-ly rebuked the pious king who had for-mer-ly sinned, just as



Na-than had rebuked David, O all-bless-ed Am-brose. You pub-lic-ly excluded him



from com-mun-ion. Af-ter sub-mit-ting himself to penance and cor-rec-tion,



he was num-bered a-gain in your fold.

Cantor: (Tone 1) Glory... Now and ever...

Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week (Tone 1, page 30).

Aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 1, page 31).

Troparia

Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the Week (Tone 1, p. 34).

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

Troparion of the Pre-feast - Tone 4



To-day the be-gin-ning of our salvation is conceived in a bar-ren womb;



and An-na re-joic-es with Jo-a-chim, A-dam re-joic-es to be freed,



and, with them, we al-so be-gin our hymn: Re-joice, O wom-an full of grace,



the Lord is with you.