

Vesper Propers, July 26, 2026
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

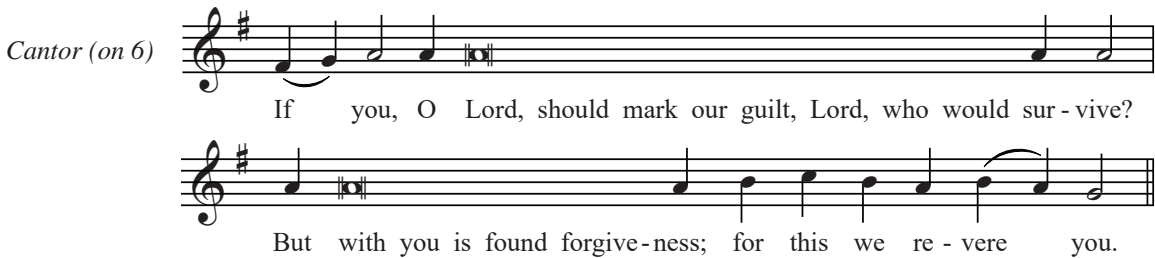
The holy priest-martyr Hermolaus and his companions. He was a priest in Nicomedia in the time of the Emperor Maximian, and was with the 20,000 martyrs condemned to be burned inside their church (cf Dec 28). These three priests escaped. They were all caught, tortured and martyred. (304)

The holy venerable martyr Paraskeva. Born in Rome to Christian parents, she preached Christ even as a small child. When her parents died, she gave away all her goods to the poor and received the monastic habit. She was denounced to the emperor Antoninus Pius, and beheaded. (2nd century)

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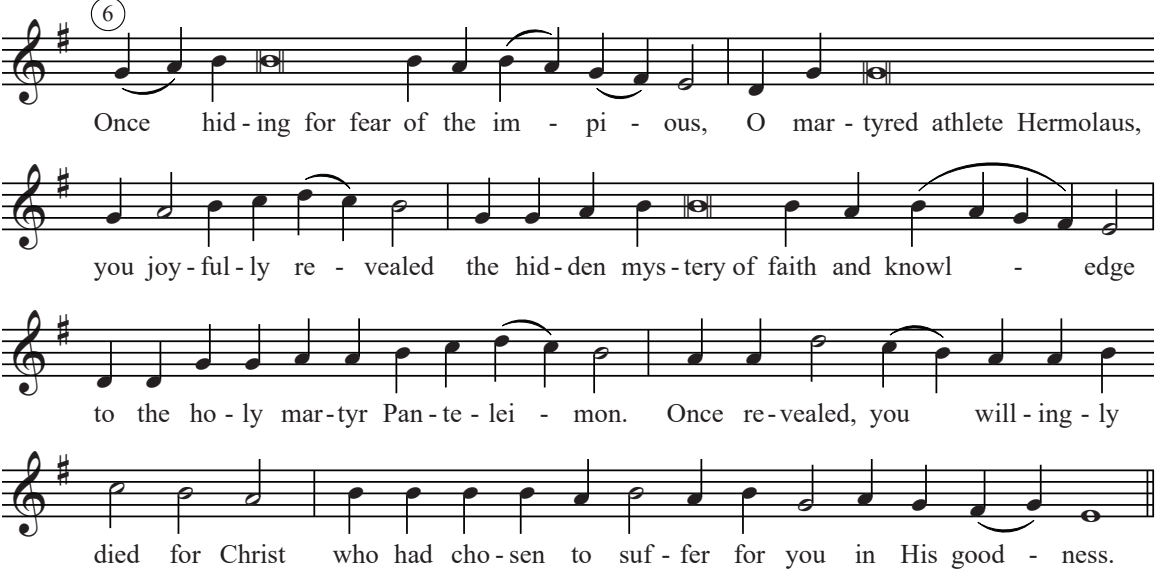
Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 8, p. 102), stichera 10-7.

Cantor (on 6)



If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would sur-vive?
But with you is found forgive-ness; for this we re-vere you.

Stichera of the holy priest-martyr Hermolaus - Tone 8 podoben: O preslavnaho čudese



Once hid-ing for fear of the im-pi-ous, O mar-tyred athlete Hermolaus,
you joy-ful-ly re-vealed the hid-den mys-tery of faith and knowl-edge
to the ho-ly mar-tyr Pan-te-lei-mon. Once re-vealed, you will-ing-ly
died for Christ who had cho-sen to suf-fer for you in His good-ness.

Cantor (on 5)

My soul is longing for the Lord. I count on his word.

My soul is longing for the Lord more than watch-man for day - break.

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Hav - ing be - come a priest of the all - pow - er - ful Lord, O mar - tyred ath - lete

Her - mo - la - us, you led a ho - ly life as a pres - by - ter.

With the grace of your ho - ly words, you saved peo - ple from the dark - ness

of im - pi - e - ty. Then, bathed in your own blood as a mar - tyr, O bless - ed one,

you departed for the heav - en - ly man - - - sions.

Cantor (on 4)

Let the watch-man count on day-break and Is - ra - el on the Lord.

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Her - mip - pos, Hermocratos and Her - mo - la - us, those wit - nesses of the Lord

Cantor: Now and ever...

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

Christ the Lord, our Creator and Redeemer, * came forth from your womb, O Virgin most pure. * He clothed himself in our human flesh * to set us free from the original curse of Adam. * Therefore, O Mary, we praise you without ceasing * as the true Virgin Theotokos, * and we sing with the angels: * Rejoice, O Lady, advocate, protector, * and salvation of souls.

The service continues on p. 19.

Troparia in the Tone of the week (Tone 7, p. 111).

de - liv - ered from trials, af - flic - tion and the judg - ment to come.

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

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

Aposticha

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

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

Aposticha doxastikon of the holy venerable-martyr Paraskeva - Tone 6 samohlasen

All you ends of the earth, come, let us form a choir in spir - it to acclaim the

virgin mar-tyr of Christ, as we say: "Hail, ven-erable Para-ske - va, be-lov-ed of God!

Hail, O wom-an who bore per-fect wit - ness! Hail, com-pan-ion of ho - ly nuns,

who stand in the ranks of the mar - tyrs!

who fought the good fight won-drous-ly and put to death the cun-ning ser - pent,

re-ceived a bloody bath lest they be soiled by de-file - ment. Glo-ri - fy-ing them,

let us ac-claim their ho - li - ness and cel - e - brate with feast - ing

their sa - cred mem - o - ry.

Cantor (on 3)

Be - cause with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of re-demp - tion,

Is - rael indeed he will re-deem from all its in - i - qui - ty.

Stichera of the holy venerable-martyr Paraskeva - Tone 8 podobn: O preslavnaho čudese

O won-drous mar - - - vel! As you fought the good fight, O ho-ly

Pa - ra - ske - va, you cou-ra-geous-ly o - ver - came the ar-ro-gance of

An - to - ni - nus. You mer - i - ted the prize and crown of your heav - en - ly

call - ing; re - mem - ber your servants who ven - er - ate you with faith,

as you stand be - fore the Lord, that He take pit - y on us.

Cantor (on 2)

Praise the Lord, all you na - tions, ac - claim him all you peo - ples!

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Lov - ing the Lord with your whole soul, O il - lus - trious mar - tyr

of Christ, you pa - tiently en - dured the pun - ish - ing blows.

Torn by the scourge, undergoing all torments for the sake of your Be - lov - ed,

you re - ceived the mer - i - ted crown. Thus we ac - claim you as blessed

be - fore God.

Cantor (on 1)

Strong is the love of the Lord of us; he is faith - ful for - ev - er.

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Vener - a - ble and famed mar - tyr, who could speak of your suf - fer - ings

and your cou - ra - geous mir - a - cles in your strug - gles, the pa - tience and meekness

you man - i - fest - ed, as though you were one of the bod - i - less

pow - ers? Thus, you be - came a companion of the An - gels in heav - en,

O Paraskeva, bride of the King and ho - ly ves - sel of the Spir - it.

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...

Doxastikon of the holy venerable-martyr Paraskeva - Tone 6 samohlasen

By your prayers before God, O illustrious Pa - ra - ske - va, vir - gin and martyr victori - ous

in com - bat, ask that those who worthily celebrate your pas - sion may be