

**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)

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

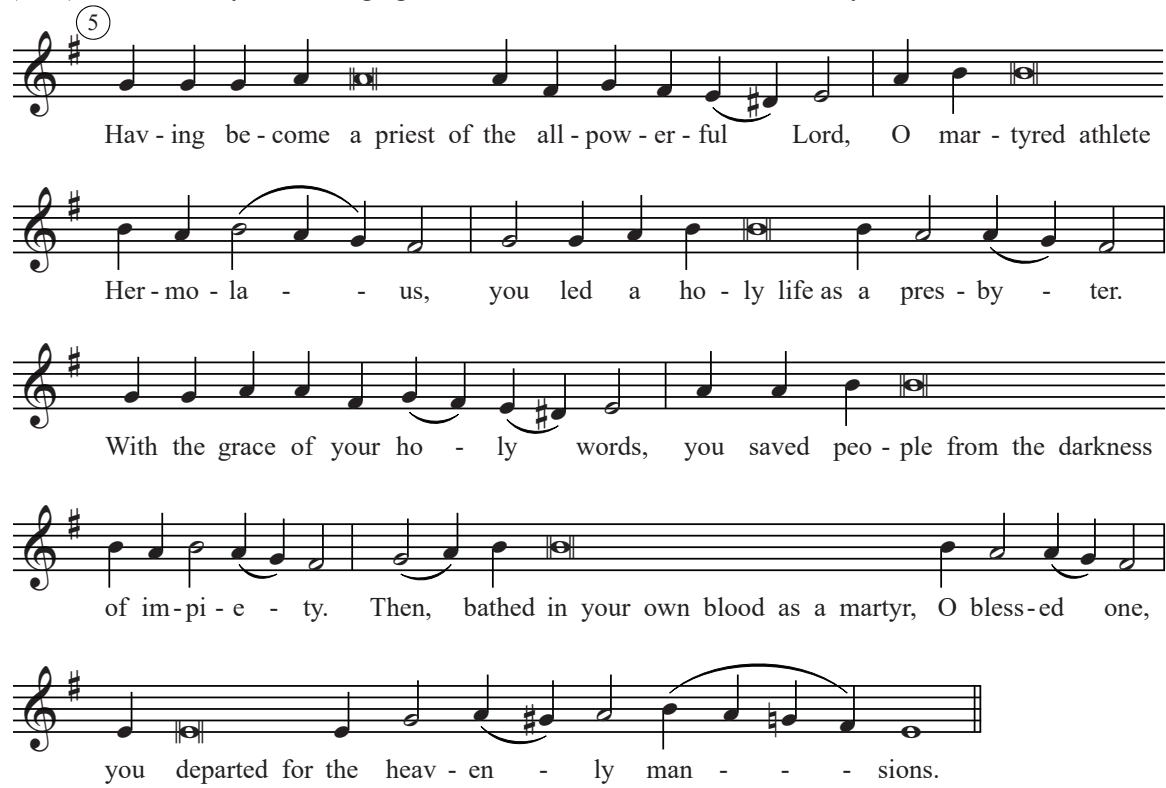
*Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 8, p. 102), stichera 10-7.*

**Cantor:** (Tone 8) 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 priest-martyr Hermolaus - Tone 8 samohlasen**

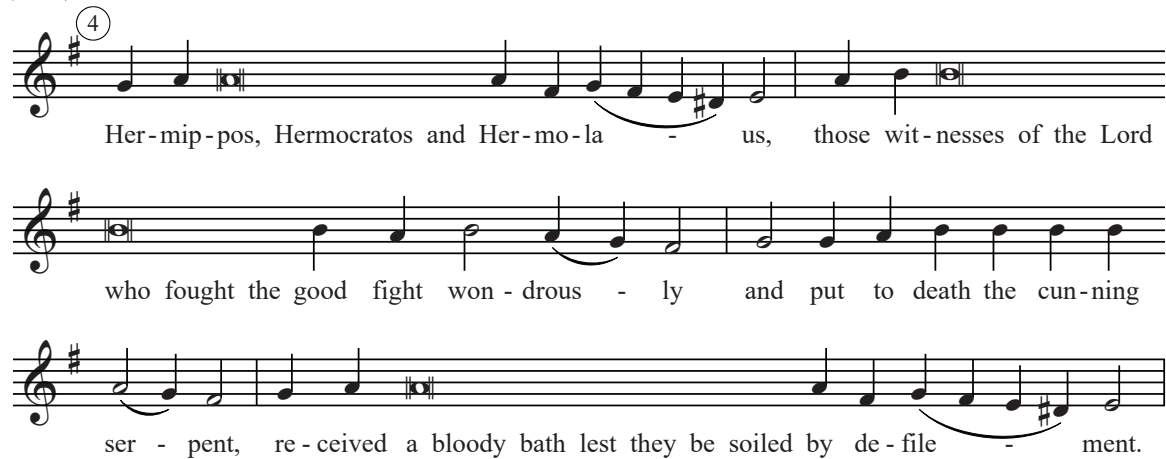
Once hid - ing for fear of the im - pi - ous, O mar - tyred athlete Hermola - us,  
you joy - ful - ly re - vealed the hid - den mys - tery of faith and knowl - edge  
to the ho - ly martyr Pan - te - lei - mon. Once re - vealed, you will - ing - ly  
died for Christ who had chosen to suf - fer for you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

**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.



Hav - ing be - come a priest of the all - pow - er - ful Lord, O mar - tyred athlete  
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 darkness  
of im - pi - e - ty. Then, bathed in your own blood as a martyr, O bless - ed one,  
you departed for the heav - en - ly man - - - sions.

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



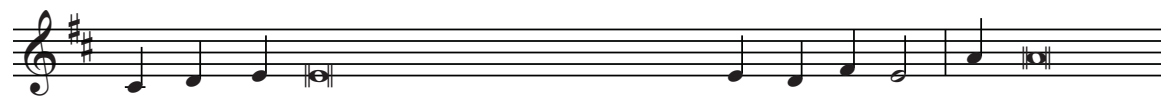
Her - mip - pos, Hermocratos and Her - mo - la - us, those wit - nesses of the Lord  
who fought the good fight won - drous - ly and put to death the cun - ning  
ser - pent, re - ceived a bloody bath lest they be soiled by de - file - ment.

## 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!

**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.*

*Troperia in the Tone of the week (Tone 8, p. 1111).*



Glo - ri - fy - ing them, let us ac-claim their ho - li - ness and celebrate with



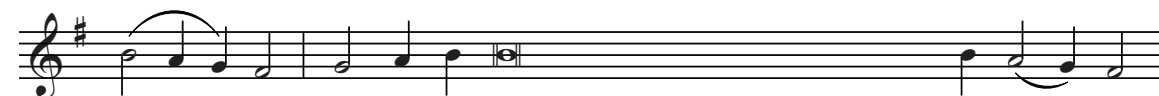
feast - - ing their sa - cred mem - o - ry.

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

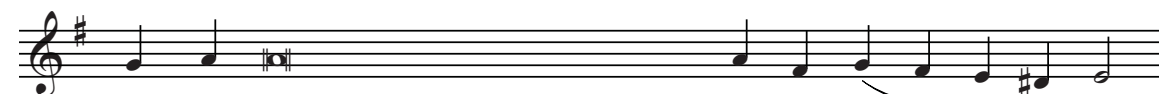
**Stichera of the holy venerable-martyr Paraskeva - Tone 8 samohlasen**



O won-drous mar - vel! As you fought the good fight, O holy Pa - ra -



ske - va, you cou - ra - geously overcame the arrogance of An-to - ni - nus.



You mer - ited the prize and crown of your heav-en - ly call - - - ing;

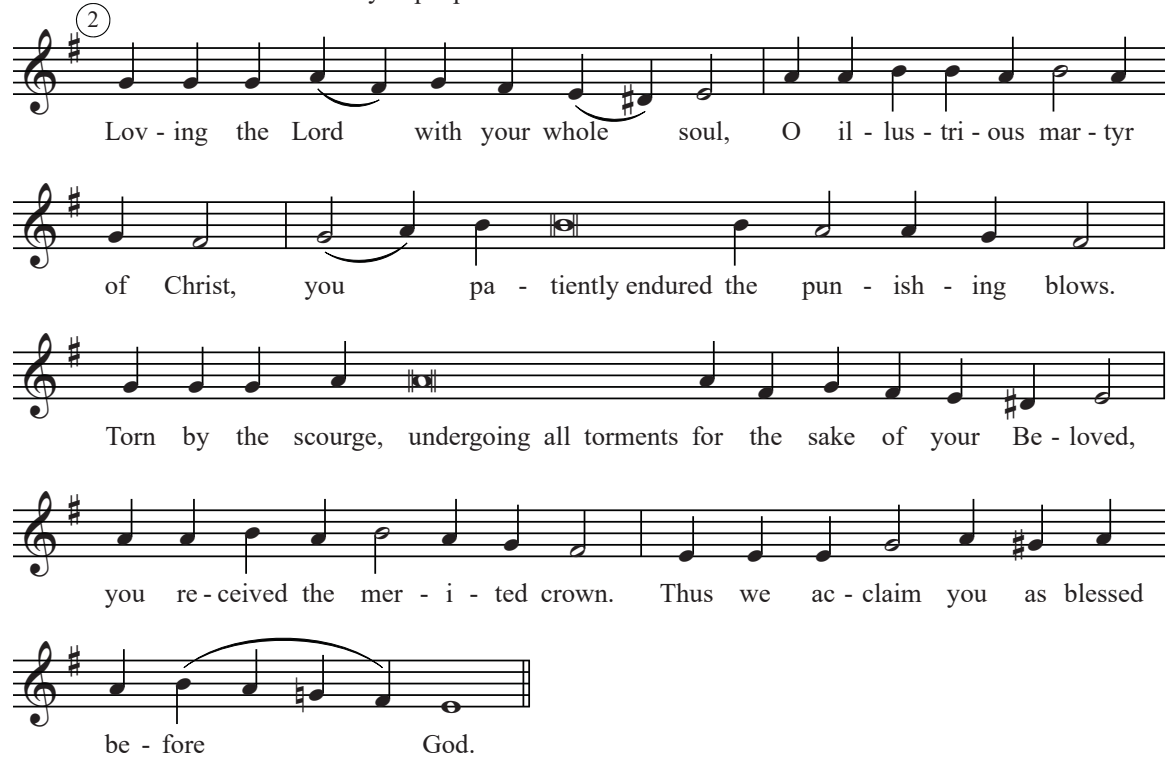


re - mem - ber your servants who ven - er - ate you with faith, as you stand before



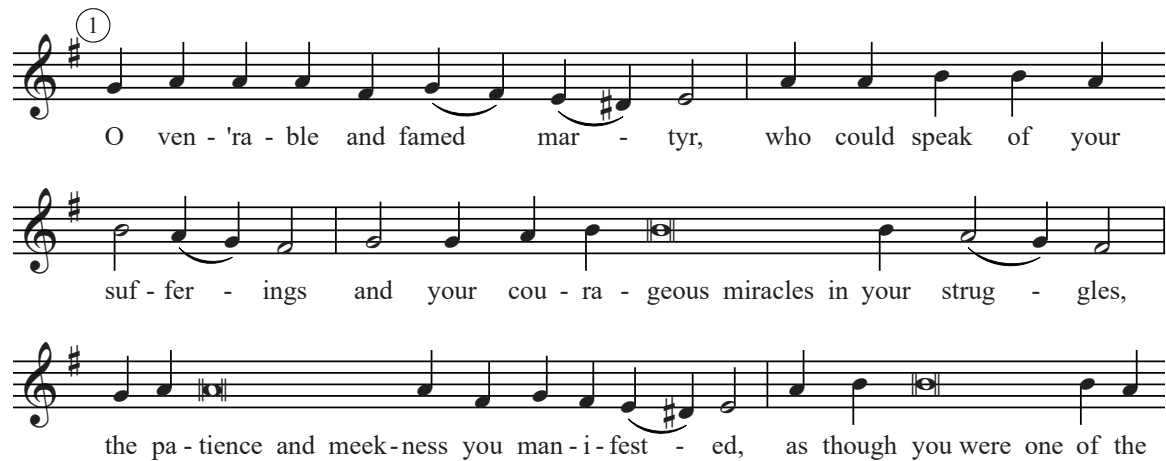
the Lord, that He take pit - y on us.

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

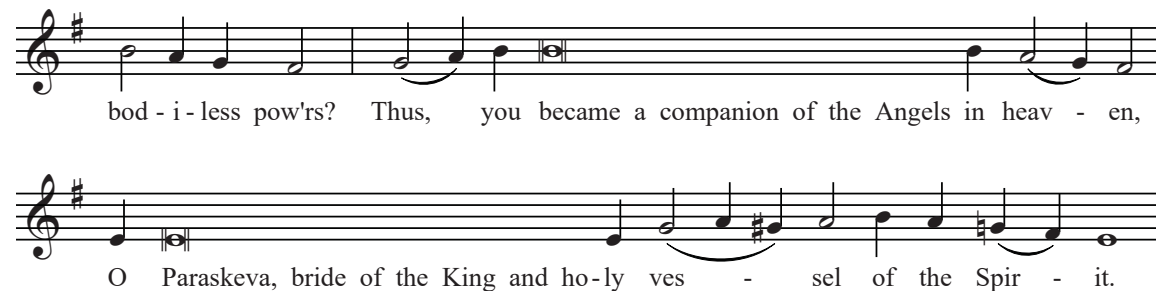


Lov - ing the Lord with your whole soul, O il - lus - tri - ous mar - tyr  
of Christ, you pa - tiently endured the pun - ish - ing blows.  
Torn by the scourge, undergoing all torments for the sake of your Be - loved,  
you re - ceived the mer - i - ted crown. Thus we ac - claim you as blessed  
be - fore God.

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



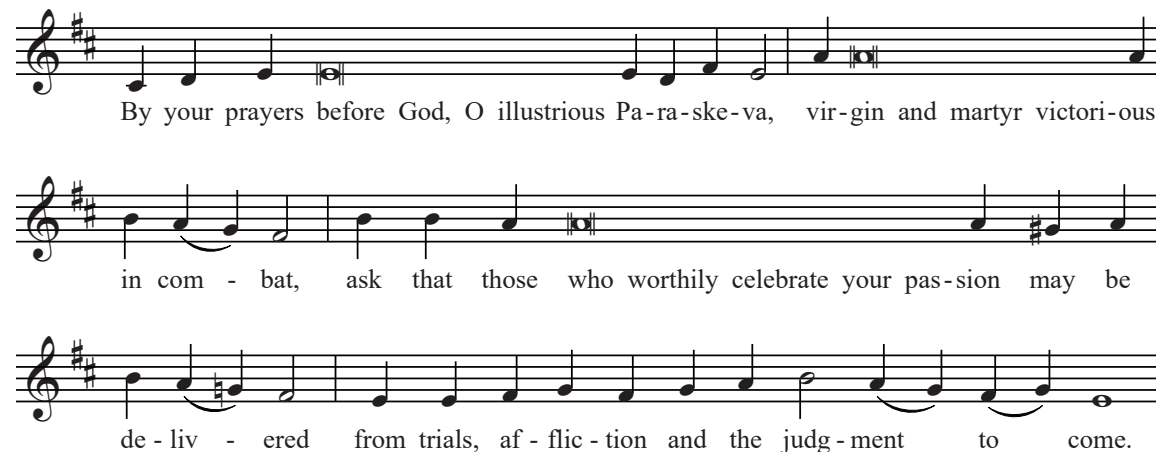
O ven - 'ra - ble and famed mar - tyr, who could speak of your  
suf - fer - ings and your cou - ra - geous miracles in your strug - gles,  
the pa - tience and meek - ness you man - i - fest - ed, as though you were one of the



bod - i - less pow'rs? Thus, you became a companion of the Angels 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  
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).*