

Vesper Propers, August 30, 2026
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Post-festive Day of the Beheading

Our holy fathers Alexander, John, and Paul the Younger, patriarchs of Constantinople. Alexander took part in the First Ecumenical Council. (340) John the Faster governed the Church in the days of the wicked emperor Anastasius. (595) Paul IV governed the Church for five years and then took the Great Schema to repent for his early support of the Iconoclasts. (784)

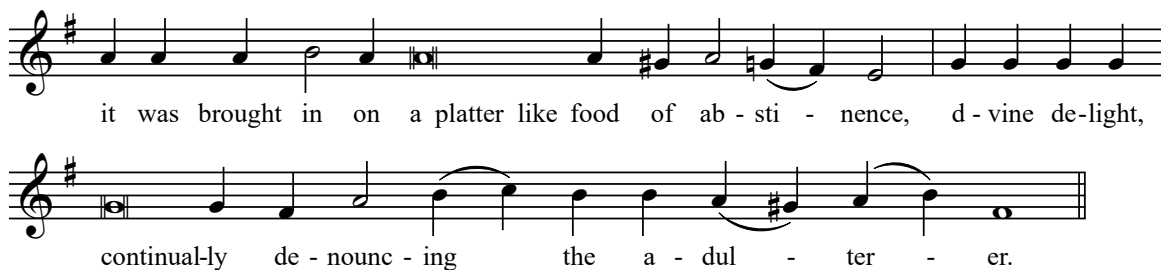
Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2005

Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 5, p. 69), 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 Post-feast - Tone 4 podoben: Zvannyj svyšē byv

As you are the di-vine me-di-a - tor be-tween the old and the new
tes-ta-ments, the proph-et and forerunner, an an-gel in the flesh, the de-nounc-er
of law-less-ness, the off-spring of the womb of a bar-ren wom-an,
on fire with zeal, you rebuked Herod for his in-iq-ui-ty. Un-a-ble
to endure your denun-ci-a-tion, he com-mand-ed that your head be cut off;



Cantor:

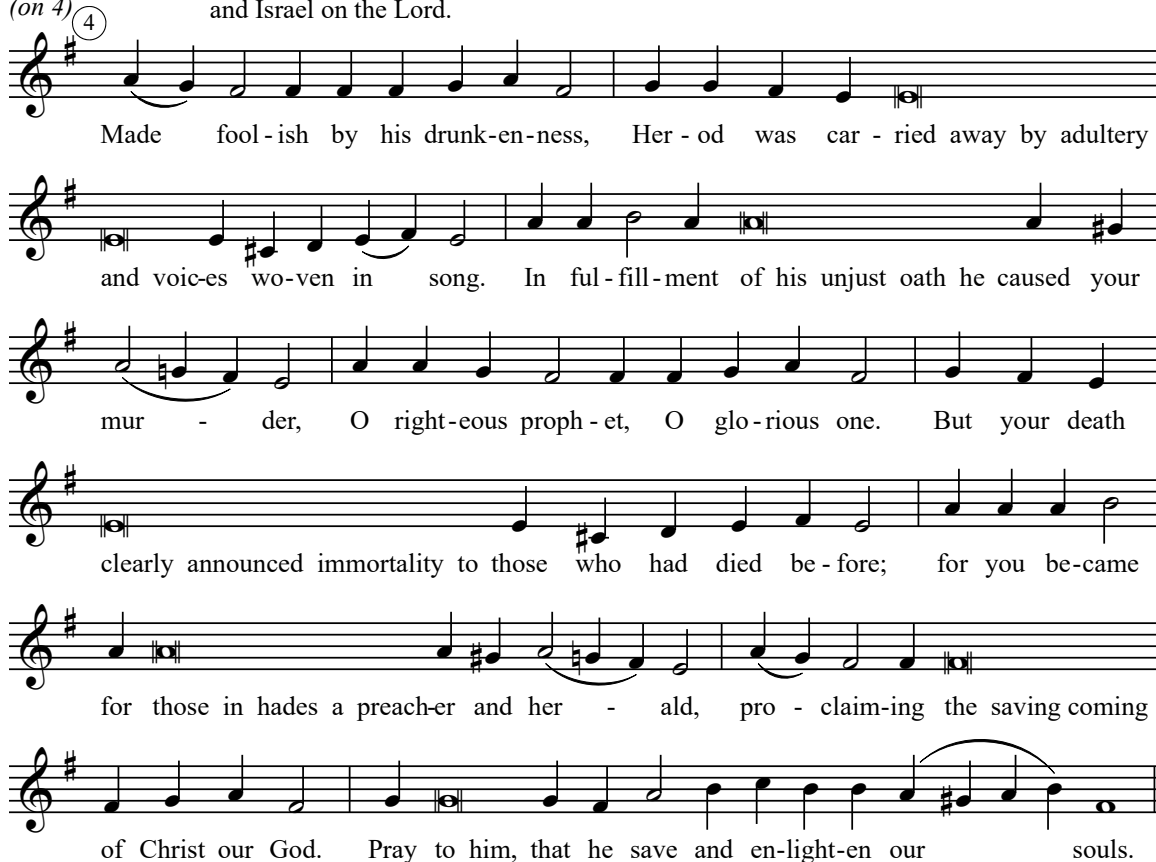
My soul is waiting for the Lord. I count on his word.

(on 5)

My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.



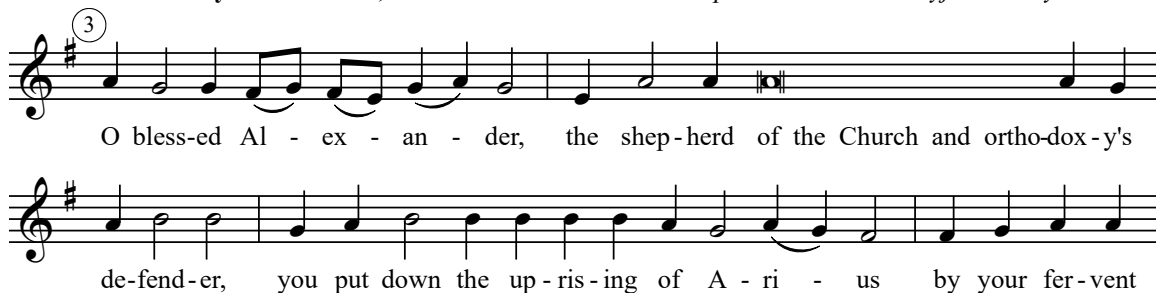
Cantor: Let the watchman count on daybreak,
(on 4) and Israel on the Lord.



Made fool-ish by his drunk-en-ness, Her - od was car - ried away by adultery
and voic-es wo-ven in song. In ful-fill-ment of his unjust oath he caused your
mur - der, O right-eous proph-et, O glo-rious one. But your death
clearly announced immortality to those who had died be-fore; for you be-came
for those in hades a preach-er and her - ald, pro - claim-ing the saving coming
of Christ our God. Pray to him, that he save and en-light-en our souls.

Cantor: (Tone 4) 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 fathers John, Paul and Alexander - Tone 1 podoben: Prechvalnyj mučenicy



O bless-ed Al - ex - an - der, the shep-herd of the Church and ortho-dox-y's
de-fend-er, you put down the up-ris-ing of A - ri - us by your fer-vent

prayers to the Re-deem - er of all. In - ter-cede now that our souls be giv-en
peace and great mer - - cy.

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

O ven - er - a - ble John, you re-nounced the corrup-tions of the flesh.
By your ab - sti - nence, the con-fes-sion of the Faith, your night-long vig - ils in
prayer, you be-came an earthly an-gel, a heav - en - ly man. In - ter-cede
be - fore Christ that our souls be giv - en peace and great mer - - cy.

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

O ven - er - a - ble Fa - ther, hav-ing care-ful - ly followed the teach-ings of
Saint Paul, you were rap - id - ly lifted up to the third heav - en a-long with him

by the height of your vir-tues. There you heard the ineffable and divine words of the

Spir - it. O bless-ed Paul, un - shakable pil-lar of the Faith, cease-less - ly

in - ter - cede for our sal - va - - - tion.

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...

Doxastikon of the Beheading - Tone 6 samohlasen

A - gain Herodias has lost her self-con-trol; she is a - gain dis - turbed.

What a cun-ning and de-ceiv-ing dance, and what mind-less drunk-en-ness!

The Forerunner's head is cut off and Her-od is troub - led. There-fore, O Lord, by

the inter-ces-sions of your Fore-run - ner, grant peace

to our souls.

Cantor: (Tone 5) Now and ever...

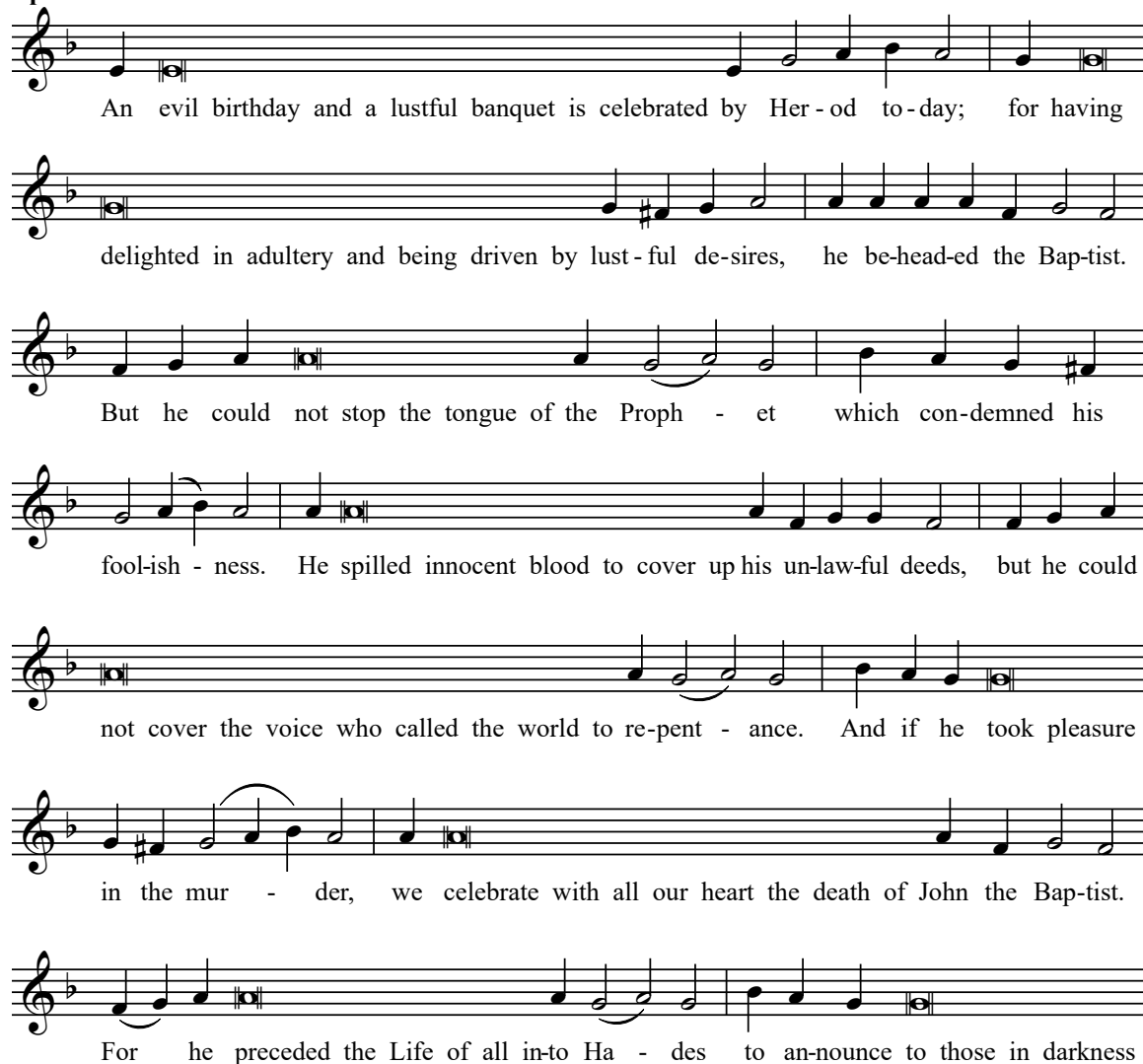
Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week (Tone 5, page 76).

Aposticha

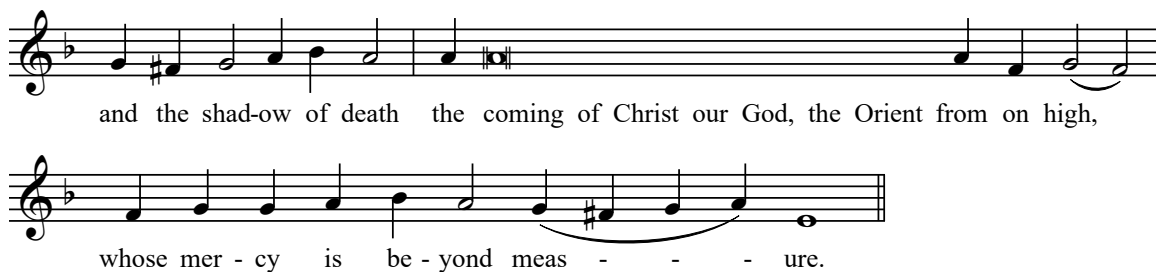
Aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 5, page 77), concluding with:

Cantor: (Tone 4) Glory...

Aposticha doxastikon of the Dormition - Tone 4 samohlasen



An evil birthday and a lustful banquet is celebrated by Her - od to - day; for having
delighted in adultery and being driven by lust - ful de - sires, he be - head - ed the Bap - tist.
But he could not stop the tongue of the Proph - et which con - demned his
fool - ish - ness. He spilled innocent blood to cover up his un - law - ful deeds, but he could
not cover the voice who called the world to re - pent - ance. And if he took pleasure
in the mur - der, we celebrate with all our heart the death of John the Bap - tist.
For he preceded the Life of all in - to Ha - des to an - nounce to those in darkness



Cantor: Now and ever...

Aposticha theotokion in the same tone (Tone 4, p. 67):

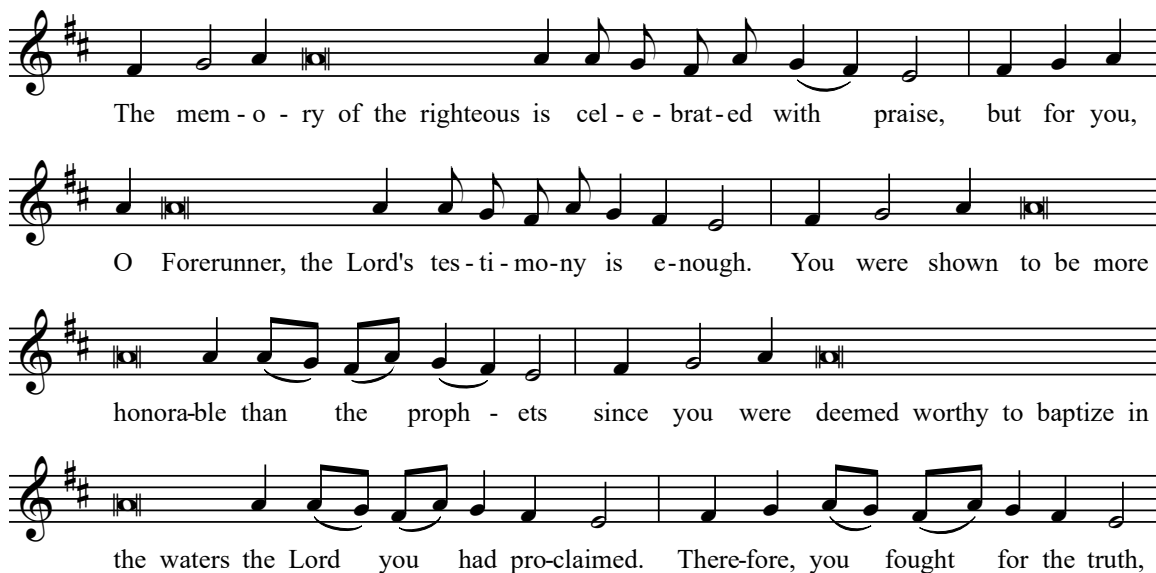
O most pure Virgin, * hear the petitions of your servants. * Remove the burdens which oppress us * and deliver us from our sorrows, * for you are the only firm and constant support on whom we rely. * O Theotokos, never permit us * who call upon you to be overwhelmed by our cares. * Make speed to fulfill the supplications of all who, in faith, cry out to you: * Rejoice, O Lady, helper of all of us, * the joy, the refuge, and the salvation of our souls.

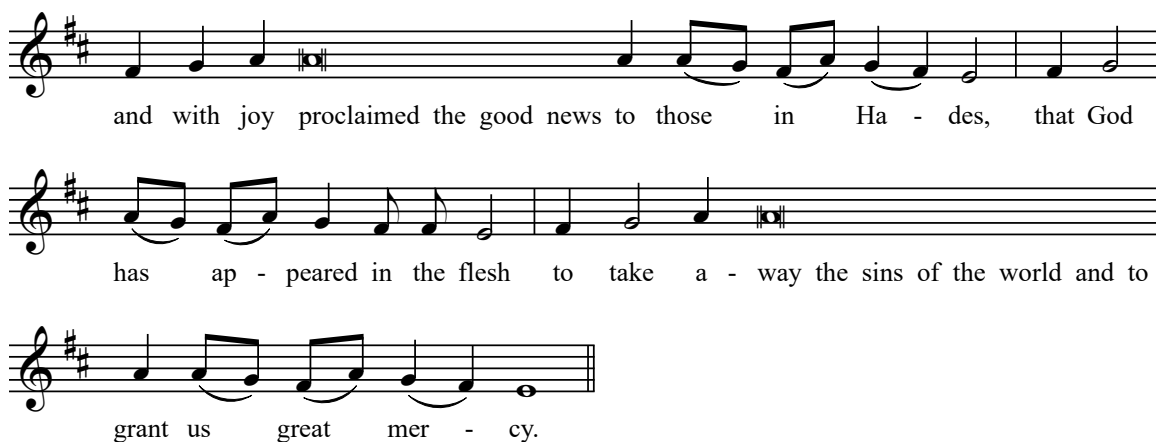
Troparia

Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the Week (Tone 5, page 80).

Cantor: (Tone 2) Glory...

Troparion of the Beheading - Tone 2

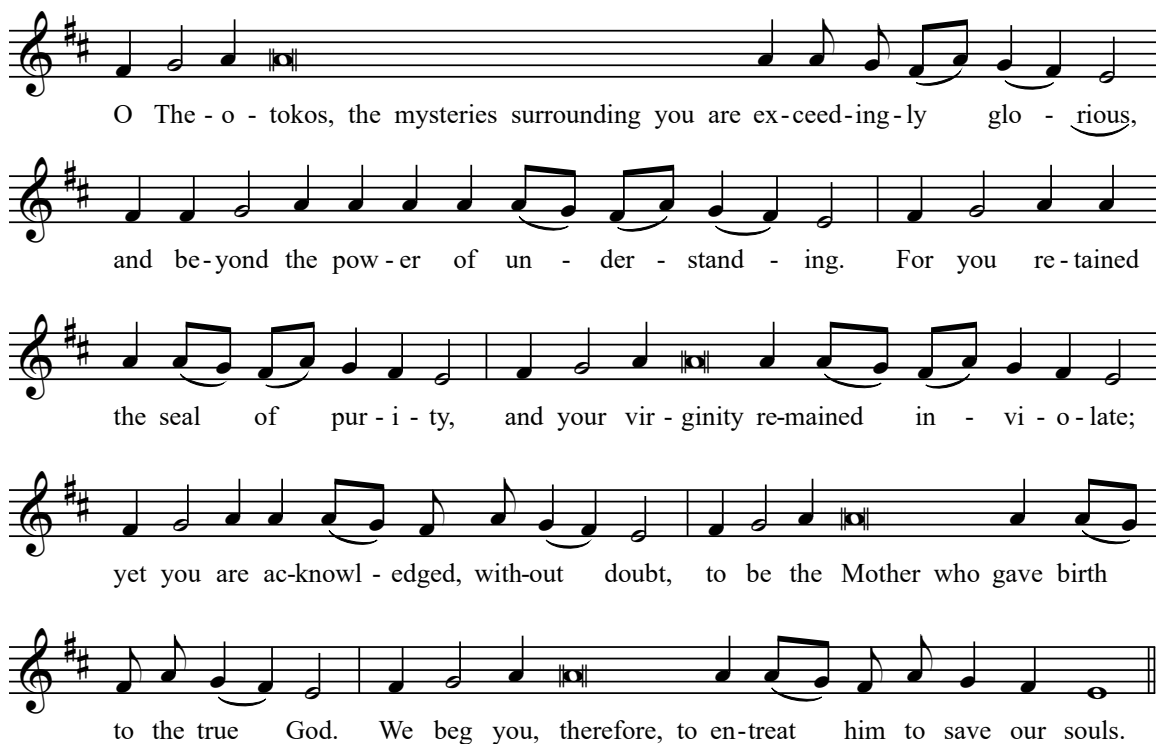




and with joy proclaimed the good news to those in Ha - des, that God
has ap - peared in the flesh to take a - way the sins of the world and to
grant us great mer - cy.

Cantor: Now and ever...

Festal theotokion - Tone 2



O The - o - tokos, the mysteries surrounding you are ex-ceed-ing-ly glo - rious,
and be-yond the pow - er of un - der - stand - ing. For you re - tained
the seal of pur - i - ty, and your vir - ginity re-mained in - vi - o - late;
yet you are ac-knowl - edged, with-out doubt, to be the Mother who gave birth
to the true God. We beg you, therefore, to en-treat him to save our souls.