

Vesper Propers, November 1, 2026
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

The holy unmercenary healers and wonder-workers Cosmas and Damian, who, it is said, practiced medicine asking for no money in Cyrrhus in Euphratesia and many were healed by their free cures. (284)

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

Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 6, p. 82), stichera 10-5.

Cantor: (Tone 6) Let the watchman count on daybreak
(on 4) and Israel on the Lord.

Stichera of Cosmas and Damian - Tone 6 samohlasen

(4)

Hav - ing placed all their hope in the hea - vens, the saints laid up
for them - selves a trea - sure which can - not be sto - len a - way;
they free - ly received, and freely give healing to the in - firm. Fol - low - ing the
Gos - pel, they acquired nei - ther sil - ver nor gold; but be - stowed be - ne - fac - tions
u - pon both men and beasts, that, o - bed - ient to Christ, they might pray with
bold - ness, in be - half of our souls.

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

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The two ho - ly ones, who shared a single character and a sin - gle soul,
the like-mind - ed com - pan - ions, dis-dained corrupt-i - ble things on
earth and showed themselves to be inhabitants of hea - ven, like un - to the
an - gels, al-though dwel - ling in the flesh; there - fore, they grant
heal - ings to all who suf - fer, be - stowing benefactions to those in need
with - out ex - act - ing a - ny fee. Let us hon - or them as is meet
with an an-nu - al fes - ti - val, for they pray to Christ with bold - ness,
in be - half of our souls.

Cantor: Praise the Lord all the nations; **Psalm 116**
(on 2) acclaim him all you people.

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The di-vine-ly-wise Cos-mas and Dam-i-an, the e-ver mem-'ra-ble pair, hav-ing
made themselves wholly the a-bode of the Tri-ni-ty, pour forth like torrents
the wa-ters of heal-ing from the life-be-stow-ing well-spring, and their
rel-ics cure suff-'ring by their touch; and their ve-ry names drive infirmities
a-way from all who have recourse to the sav-ing ha-vens in Christ; and they
pray with bold-ness in be-half of our souls.

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

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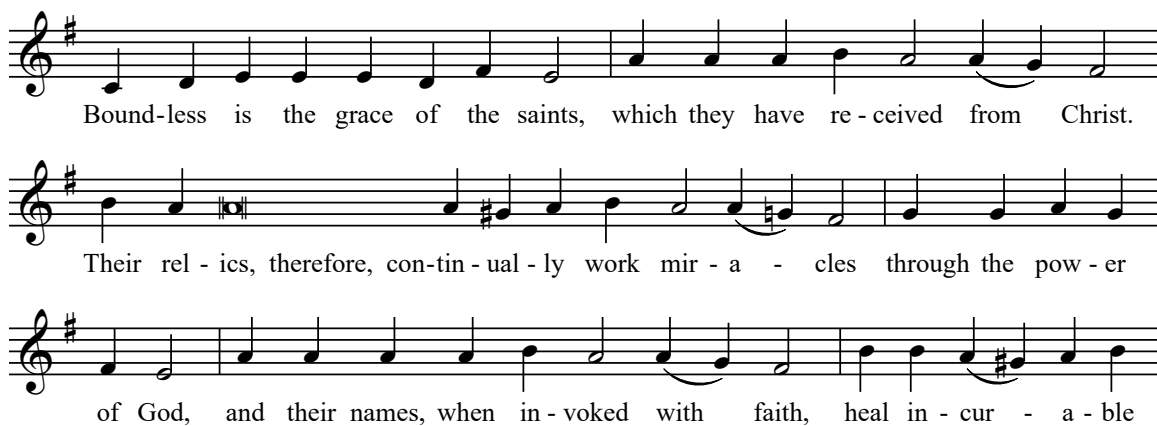
Hav-ing spurned the tyran-ny of suf-fer-ing, and, in Christ, tram-pled down
ev-'ry plot of the e-vil ser-pent, O ho-ly un-mer-ce-na-ry ones,



Cos-mas and Da - mi - an, you were shown to be as ra - di - ant as
 bea - cons, ev - er il - lu - min - ing the whole world with di - vine signs,
 dri - ving away darkness and in - fir - mi - ties by grace, show - ing your-selves
 to be the sa - vior's of all who, with stead - fast faith, cel - e - brate
 your glo - rious mem - 'ry, O all - wise ones.

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...

Doxastikon of Cosmas and Damian - Tone 6 samohlasen



Bound-less is the grace of the saints, which they have re - ceived from Christ.
 Their rel - ics, therefore, con-tin - ual - ly work mir - a - cles through the pow - er
 of God, and their names, when in - voked with faith, heal in - cur - a - ble



ill-ness - es. Through them, O Lord, free us also from passions of soul and bod-y,



for you are good and love us all!

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

Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week (Tone 6, p. 87).

Aposticha

Aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 6, p. 88), concluding with:

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...

Aposticha doxastikon of Cosmas and Damian - Tone 6 samohlasen



O ho - ly unmer-ce - na - ry ones, ev - er having Christ work-ing with-in you,



you work won - ders in the world and heal the sick. For your heal - ing



is an inexhausti-ble well - spring: Drawn from, it flows in a - bun - dance;



and, poured forth, it gush - es out, flow - ing ev - 'ry day in great quan - ti - ty,

grant - ing healing to all but re - main - ing un - drained. And those who draw forth
 from it are filled with heal - ing, yet it re - mains al - ways full.
 What, there - fore, shall we call you? Heal - ing phys - i - cians of souls and
 bod - ies? Heal - ers of in - curable sufferings who heal all, hav - ing received
 this gift from Christ the Sav - ior? who grants his great mer - cy to us all.

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.

Troparion and Theotokion in the Tone of the Week (Tone 6, page 91).