

Wednesday in the Fifth Week - At Vespers 1st Prokeimenon

Reader: The Prokeimenon, in the 4th Tone: The Lord is the God of vengeance; the God of vengeance hath spoken openly. (*Psalm 93*)

II-chant

The Lord is the God of vengeance; the God of vengeance

I-descant

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Stichos: Be Thou exalted,
O Thou that judgest the
earth; render the proud
their due.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading from Genesis. (*Gen 17:1-9*)

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: And Abram was ninety nine years old and the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, I am thy God, be well-pleasing before me, and be blameless. And I will establish my covenant between me and thee, and I will multiply thee exceedingly. And Abram fell upon his face, and God spoke to him, saying, And I, behold! My covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of a multitude of nations. And thy name shall no more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham, for I have made thee a father of many nations. And I will increase thee very exceedingly, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee. And I will establish my covenant between thee and thy seed after thee, to their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be thy God, and the God of thy seed after thee. And I will give to thee and to thy seed after thee the land wherein thou sojournest, even all the land of Canaan for an everlasting possession, and I will be to them a God. And God said to Abraham, Thou also shalt fully keep my covenant, thou and thy seed after thee for their generations.

Wednesday in the Fifth Week - At Vespers 2nd Prokeimenon

Reader: The Prokeimenon, in the 4th Tone: O sing unto the Lord a new song. (*Psalm 95*)

The image shows a musical score for the Prokeimenon. It consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom, both in the key of D major (one sharp). The melody is written on the treble staff, and the accompaniment is on the bass staff. The lyrics 'O sing un - to the Lord a new song.' are written below the treble staff. The music features a series of eighth notes in the first half, followed by a longer note with a fermata over it, and then a final note with a fermata. The bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment with eighth notes and a final chord.

Stichos: Sing unto the Lord, bless His name.

Deacon: Command:

Priest: Wisdom! Aright! The Light of Christ... (*All prostrate as Priest exclaims, holding the candle and censer in-between the Royal doors, facing the people*)

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading from Proverbs (Prov 15:20 - 16:9)

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: A wise son gladdens his father; but a foolish son sneers at his mother. The ways of a foolish man are void of sense; but a wise man proceeds on his way aright. They that honor not councils put off deliberation; but counsel abides in the hearts of counselors. A bad man will by no means attend to counsel; neither will he say anything seasonable, or good for the common weal. The thoughts of the wise are ways of life: that he may turn aside and escape from hell. The Lord pulls down the houses of scorners; but he establishes the border of the widow. An unrighteous thought is abomination to the Lord; but the sayings of the pure are held in honor. A receiver of bribes destroys himself; but he that hates the receiving of bribes is safe. [By alms and by faithful dealings sins are purged away;] but by the fear of the Lord every one departs from evil. The hearts of the righteous meditate faithfulness; but the mouth of the ungodly answers evil things. The ways of righteous men are acceptable with the Lord; and through them even enemies become friends. God is far from the ungodly; but he hearkens to the prayers of righteous. Better are small receipts with righteousness, than abundant fruits with unrighteousness. Let the heart of a man think justly, that his steps may be rightly ordered of God. The

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eye that sees rightly rejoices the heart; and a good report fattens the bones. He that rejects instruction hates himself; but he that minds reproofs loves his soul. The fear of the Lord is instruction and wisdom; and the highest honor will correspond therewith. All the works of the humble man are manifest with God; but the ungodly shall perish in an evil day. Every one that is proud in heart is unclean before God, and he that unjustly strikes hands with hand shall not be held guiltless. The beginning of a good way is to do justly; and it is more acceptable with God than to offer sacrifices. He that seeks the Lord shall find knowledge with righteousness: and they that rightly seek him shall find peace. All the works of the Lord are done with righteousness; and the ungodly man is kept for the evil day.