

1st Sunday after Pentecost: All Saints Great Vespers

*At "Lord I have cried", 10 stichera: 6 of the Resurrection
(from the Octoechos) in Tone 8, and 4 of All Saints, in Tone 6—*

**(4) Reader: In the 6th Tone— From the morning watch until night,
from the morning watch**

II-chant melody

Let Is - - - ra - el hope in the Lord.

I-descant

The spiritual rhetors, /
disciples of the Savior, /
who became instruments through faith, /
were scattered to the ends of the earth, /
sowing the honored preaching in Orthodox manner; /
through them, by divine cultivation and grace, /
didst the armies of the martyrs spring forth, /
who imaged forth the honored Passion /
when they were subjected to multifarious wounds and fire; //
and they pray with boldness in behalf of our souls.

(3) *Reader:* For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption;

And He shall redeem Israel out of all _____ his in - iq - - ui - ties.

Consumed with the fire of the love of the Lord, /
 the honored martyrs despised the fire, /
 and as divine coals lighted by Christ, /
 they consumed the insolence of falsehood like tinder. /
 With their honorable invocation /
 they shut the mouths of wild beasts; /
 beheaded, they felled all the regiments of the enemy; /
 and pouring forth torrents of blood in their endurance, //
 they have filled the Church, which is enlightened by their faith.

(2) *Reader:* O praise the Lord, all ye nations;

Praise Him all ye peo - - - - ples.

Cast to the wild beasts, /
 receiving the strokes of the sword, /
 their nails torn out, their hands severed, /
 consumed without pity with material fire, /
 their limbs broken, dismembered, /
 the steadfast martyrs bravely endured, /
 and looked forward to future rest, /
imperishable crowns, /
 and the glory of Christ, //
 to Whom they pray with boldness in behalf of our souls.

(1) *Reader:* For He hath made His mercy to prevail over us,

And the truth of the Lord a - bi - deth for - ev - - - er.

As is meet, let us with sacred hymns /
 praise the apostles, and the martyrs /
 who faithfully suffered in all the ends of the earth, /
 the divinely wise priests, /
 and the sanctified company of honored women, /
 for they united those of heaven to those on earth, /
 and by their passion, /
 received dispassion through the grace of Christ. /
 And illumining us now like radiant stars, //
 they pray with boldness in behalf of our souls.

English translation by Isaac E. Lambertsen, "The Pentecostarion of the Orthodox Church",
 St. John of Kronstadt Press. The complete service text may be purchased through: sjkp.org