

Vesper Propers, March 6 2004
Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast
The Holy Martyrs and Bishops of Cherson

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

Stichera of the Holy Martyrs and Bishops of Cherson

Tone 4 podoben: Dal jesi znamenije

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In - vin - ci - ble mar - tyrs, far - famed hierarchs, lights of the u - ni - verse,
un-shak - a - ble pillars of the Church of God, sup - ports of the faith and in - struc - tors
for be - liev - ers: you swept away all error, O Fathers of heavenly thoughts,
guid - ing our souls toward the light as com - pan - ions of the an - gels
and cham - pions of the Ho - ly Trin - i - ty.

Cantor: Praise the Lord, all you nations; **Psalm 116**
(on 2) acclaim him, all you peoples!

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What di-vine prais - es can we address to the blessed and illus-tri-ous Eph - rem,
 the wise Ba - sil, the sublime Capiton, Agathodore, and El-pi - di - us,
 as well as the far-famed Eth-ri - us and Eu - gene? For their lives
 were ven-er - a - ble, and in ho - li-ness they strug-gled in or - der to dwell
 in the heav - en - ly king - - - dom.

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

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Put - ting to death all carnal cares by his strug - gles, Ba - sil
 was able to call the dead back to life. Ca - piton, the thrice - ho - ly
 pas - tor, ex - ulted in the midst of flames with-out be - ing con-sumed.
 By their pray'rs, O Lov - er of us all, grant us par-don and great mer - cy.

Cantor: Glory...now and ever...

Theotokion

Tone 4 samohlasen



Take away the defilement of my pas-sion-ate heart, O all-glori-ous The-o - to - kos.



Cleanse all the wounds and de-file-ment which come from sin, O pure La - dy.



Stop the wav-er-ing of my mind, that I, your wretched and un prof-it - a - ble serv-ant,



may ex - tol your pow'r and great as - sis - tance.

6. *Hymn of the Evening, p. 9*

7 *Great Prokeimenon, Tone 8 "Hide not your face..." p. 10*

8. *Hymn of Glorification, p. 11*

9. *Litany of Supplication, p. 11*

10. *Apostichera for the Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast, p. 75*

11. *Prayer of St. Simeon, p. 14*

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13. *Dismissal for Fasts, p. 16*