

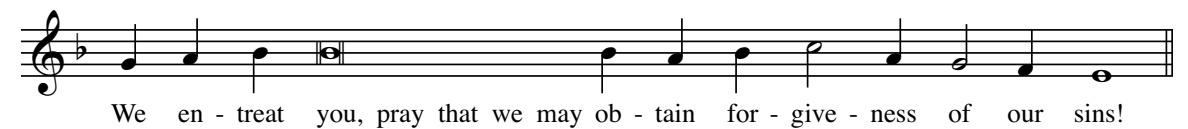
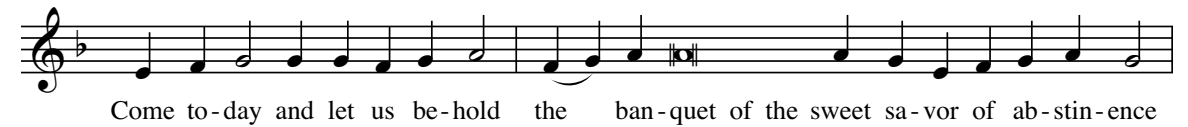
**Third Sunday of the Great Fast**  
**February 24, 2008**

**Our holy father Tarasius, Archbishop of Constantinople**, notable for learning and piety. He opened the Second Nicene Council, in which the Fathers vindicated the cult of holy Images. He was called the “father of the poor.” (806)

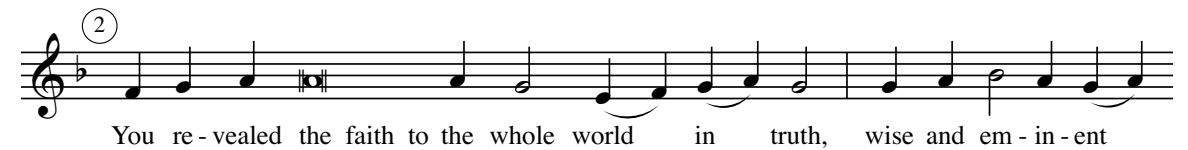
*All page references are to **The Order of Vespers on Sunday Afternoons in the Great Fast**  
**Psalm 140 and Stichera of Forgiveness, Tone 6, p. 44**  
**Stichera of the Third Sunday, p. 69***

**Cantor:** (Tone 2) Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.  
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

**Stichera of Tarasius - Tone 2 samohlasen**



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



Fa - ther, you wrote it in stone, shaking off the dirt of her - e - sy,  
 es - tab - lish - ing the beau - ty of the church, as you fol - lowed  
 the teachings of the a - pos - tles of Christ. To - geth - er with them we all cry  
 out to you: Right - ly-praised fa - ther, pray that our souls may be saved!

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

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 You re-ceived ev - 'ry - thing of Christ and the bless - ed - ness of giving  
 alms in love for the poor. Pour-ing forth alms up-on them rich-ly, you re-ceived the  
 mer-cy of the prom - ise, for mer-cy will cry out to be praised at the judg-ment.  
 There-fore you de-part-ed to life! We be - seech you, pray that we may ob - tain  
 for - give - ness of our sins!

**Cantor:** *(Tone 2)* Glory...now and ever...

**Theotokion - Tone 2 samohlasen**

In your womb, O all - ho - ly Bride of God, you a - lone bore  
 the uncontainable God with-out con-fin-ing him. He be-came man in his good-ness.  
 There-fore, I beseech you, rescue me from the pas-sions which re - strict me,  
 that, hav-ing trod the straight and nar-row path, I may at-tain that which leads to  
 life, O Vir - gin.

*The service continues on page 9.*

*Prokeimenon for the Third Sunday, "You have granted me..." p.10*  
*Aposticha of the Third Sunday, p. 71*