

Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast
March 10, 2008

The holy martyr Codratus and his companions Emmanuel, Sabine, and Theodosius in Anatolia, martyrs in the reign of the emperor Licinius. (250)

*All page references are to **The Order of Vespers on Sunday Afternoons in the Great Fast***

Psalm 140 and Stichera of Forgiveness, Tone 8, p. 52

Stichera of the Fifth Sunday, p. 77

Cantor: (Tone 1) Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

Stichera of the martyrs - Tone 1 samohlasen

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With the all-praised Co-dra - tus, let a song be faithfully raised to the great
Cyp - ri - an, the two Di - onysiuses and A-nec - tus, as is meet,
to - geth - er with Crescens and the glo - ri - ous Paul, as di - vine - ly crowned
ath-letes of the Lord and our most fer - vent in - ter - ces - sors.

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

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To - day an - oth - er choir has ap - peared: a choir of sacred martyrs, victorious

and tri - um - phant, a bril - liant assembly of divine pas - sion - bear - ers,
 a stead - fast company, a cho - sen ar - my. Co - dra - tus is its cap - tain,
 he is re - vealed to be a tru - ly glo - ious con - quer - or.

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

O all - praised Co - dra - tus, with your in - ci - sive dis - course
 you cut through the greatly elaborate webs of the rhet - ors' wis - dom
 as though they were dark - ness. You taught faith - ful - ly and with pa - tience you
 suf - fered for Christ; and be - ing well adorned in both teach - ing and suf - fer - ing,
 you have been crowned to - gether with the pas - sion - bear - ers.

Cantor: (Tone 1) Glory...now and ever...

Theotokion - Tone 1 samohlasen

Held fast by hope-less transgressions, O pure Vir - gin, we cry out in
thanks-giv - ing, hav - ing ac - quired you as our sole in - ter - ces - sor:
Cleanse us, O all-ho - ly Bride of God, for you are the ref - uge of the world and
the help of the hu - man race.

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Prokeimenon for the Fifth Sunday, "You have granted me..." p.10

Aposticha of the Fifth Sunday, p. 79