

**Vespers Propers on the Evening of
Cheesefare Sunday (Sunday of Forgiveness)
March 6, 2011**

The holy martyrs and bishops of Cherson: Basil, Eugene, Agathadore, Elpidius, Etherius, Capiton, and Ephrem, who preached in the Crimea and gave their lives for the Faith. (4th century)

Supplement for The Order of Vespers on Sunday Afternoons in the Great Fast.

Psalm 140 and Stichera of Forgiveness in the tone of the week (Tone 8, p. 52)

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Cantor: (Tone 4) Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

Stichera of holy martyrs of Cherson - Tone 4 samohlasen


In - vinci-ble mar - tyrs, far - famed hierarchs, lights of the un - i - verse,
un - shakable pillars of the Church of God, sup - ports of the faith
and instructors for be - liev - ers, you swept a - way all error, O Fa - thers of
hea - ven - ly thoughts guid - ing our souls toward the light as com - pan - ions
of the an - gels and champions of the ho - ly Tri - ni - ty.

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

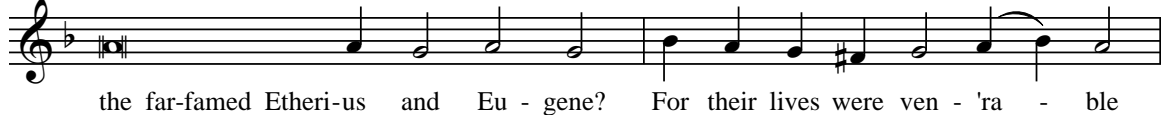
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What divine prais-es can we ad-dress to the blessed and il-lus-tri-ous Eph-rem,




the wise Basil, the sublime Capiton, Agathadore, and El-pi-di-us, as well as



the far-famed Etheri-us and Eu-gene? For their lives were ven-'ra-ble




and in holi-ness they strug-gled in order to dwell in the hea-ven-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, Bas-il was able to call the



dead back to life. Ca-piton, the ho-ly pas-tor, ex-ult-ed in the midst of the



flames with-out be-ing con-sumed. By their prayers, 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 unprofit - a - ble

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

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