

**Vespers Propers on the Evening of  
Cheesefare Sunday (Sunday of Forgiveness)  
February 10, 2013**

**The holy martyr Blaise, bishop of Sebaste**, who suffered martyrdom at Sebaste in the power-struggle between Licinius and the Emperor Constantine. (316)

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

*Psalm 140 and Stichera of Forgiveness in the tone of the week (Tone 4, p. 36)*

*Stichera of Cheesefare Sunday (Sunday of Forgiveness), p. 56*

**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 Bishop-Martyr Blaise - Tone 1 samohlasen**

The height of the virtues and foundation of the faith - ful, the glo - ry  
of bishops and boast of the mar - tyrs sum - mons all the faithful to his holy  
memori - al with splen - dor that they may sing to him as a vic - tor who  
glo - ri - fied God on earth!

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

You were moved by a vis - ion of Christ, the an - gel of great coun - sel,

as you be-held the evil assembly, wise mar - tyr. You went at once to  
 the tri - bu - nal. You took the trophies of vic-to - ry in your hand!  
 Now you dwell in the heav-ens, all - ho - ly one.

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

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 With the drops of your blood, mar-tyr Blaise, you wove a beau-ti - ful robe for the church.  
 Em - broid - ered by your well-a-noint - ed fin - - gers  
 and dyed with your man-i - fold suf - fer - ings, she wears it as a beau-ti - ful bride,  
 sing - ing hymns to Christ the bride - groom!

**Cantor:** *(Tone 4)* Glory...now and ever...

**Theotokion - Tone 4 samohlasen**

O Most Im-mac-u-late One, wheth-er I sail on the sea, travel on land, or rest at home,

give me grace and keep my mind a - lert. En - a - ble me to do God's will,  
 so that be-cause of the sins of my life, I will find myself hastening under  
 your pro - tec - tion on the day of judg - ment.

*The service continues on page 9.*

*Prokeimenon for Cheesefare Sunday, p.10*

*Aposticha of Cheesefare Sunday, p. 59*