

**Vesper Propers on the Evening of the
Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast
March 6, 2016**

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)

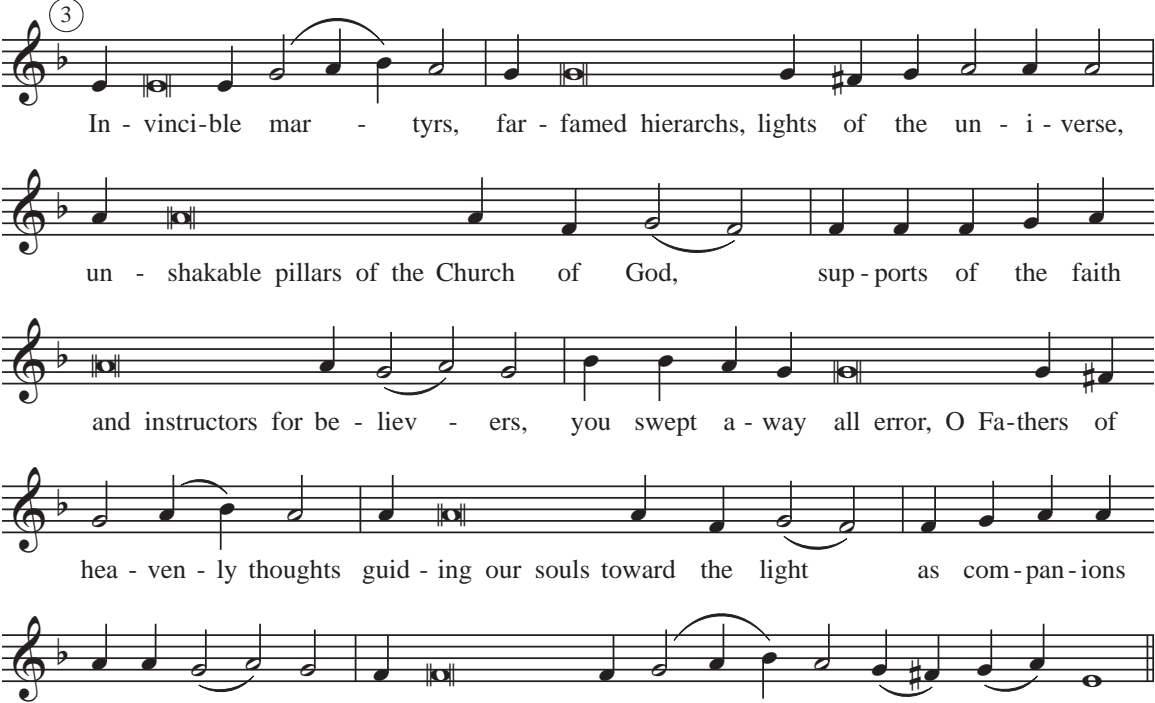
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Psalm 140 and Stichera of Forgiveness in the tone of the week (Tone 8, p. 52)

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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



The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a circled '3' above the first staff, indicating a three-measure rest. The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some longer notes and rests. The lyrics are printed below the staves, aligned with the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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: (Tone 4) 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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Aposticha of the fourth Sunday of the Great Fast, p. 75