

**Vespers Propers on the Afternoon of
The Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast
March 30, 2020**

Our venerable father John Climacus, author of “The Ladder” was born in Palestine. At the age of sixteen, he entered a monastery on Mount Sinai, where (in his later years) he wrote “The Ladder of Perfection.” (649)

Supplement for The Order of Vespers on the Sunday of Forgiveness (Cheesefare Sunday) and the Sundays of the Great Fast.

Psalm 140 and Stichera of Forgiveness in the tone of the week (Tone 1, p. 22)

Stichera of the Fifth Sunday of the Fast, p. 82. Then:

Tone 8 samohlasen

Cantor (on 3) *Tone 8 samohlasen*

Be - cause with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemp-tion, Is ra - el
indeed he will re-deem from all its in - i - qui - ty.

Stichera of our venerble Father John Climacus - Tone 8 samohlasen

(3)

O ven - er - a - ble fa - ther John, you tru - ly bore the praises of the Lord al - ways
on your lips, and with great wisdom you studied the words of the Scrip - tures
that teach us how to live the as - cet - ic life. Be - cause of this, you were
en - riched and blessed with an out - pour - ing of grace on high.

Cantor (on 2)

Praise the Lord, all you na-tions, ac-claim him all you peo - ples!

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O most glo - ri - ous fa - ther John, you cleansed your soul with a

foun-tain of tears and gained God's mercy in your all-night vig - ils. You were

drawn to his love and beau-ty, O bless - ed one, and are right-ly sat - is - fied

by it now. You re-joice end-less - ly in bliss.

Cantor (on 1)

Strong is the love of the Lord for us; he is faith - ful for - ev - er.

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O ho - ly fa - ther John, by your faith you have lifted up your mind

to God. Re - ject-ing the restless confu-sion of the world, you took up your cross

and fol - lowed Christ. Your bod - y was kept un - der the rein

of the he - ro - ic deeds of your as - cet - i - cism, by the power that flows
from the Ho - ly Spir - - - it.

The faithful STAND.

Cantor:

Glo - ry to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it, now and ev - er
and for - ev - er. A - men.

Theotokion - *in the same tone*

Most hon - ored Lady, vessel of vir - gin - i - ty. Pure and beau - ti - ful
dwell - ing place of God, I be - seech you: Com - fort my soul which has
been tormented by the ven - om of the ser - pent and mor - ti - fied
by sins, so that I may glorify you who are ex - alt - ed by all the



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Prokeimenon for the Fifth Sunday, p.10

Aposticha of the Fifth Sunday, p. 85