Vespers Propers on the Evening of the
Second Sunday of the Great Fast
March 13, 2022

Our venerable father Benedict. Born in Nursia in Umbria and educated in Rome, he began a hermit’s life in the Subiaco region. He gathered many disciples around himself, and then went to Monte Casino. There he founded his celebrated monastery and composed his “Rule for Monks.” This rule spread so widely that he has deserved to be called the patriarch of monks in the West. It is said that he died on the twenty-first day of March. (550)

Supplement for The Order of Vespers on Sunday Evening for 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 Second Sunday of the Fast, p. 67. Then:

Cantor: 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.

O ho-ly fa-ther, with faith and in true love, you re-nounced the world from child-hood. and joy-ful-ly fol-lowed Christ cru-ci-fied. Hav-ing
mor-tified your flesh in a mul-ti-tude of strug-gles, you re-ceived the
power of healing in abundance, so that you could bring an end to all types of
diseases, driving away spiteful spirits, thus you were made
worthy of great praise.

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

You, who are the adornment of ascetics, gathered an incomparable flock
of holy monks to sing to the Lord, O venerable father. You traced out
the path to heaven for all those who perfectly follow your divine
teachings O blessed father Benedict, imitating your life so full
of virtues. You bring them together on the day of your passing to God.
Cantor: (on 1)

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

Like E-li-jah of old, O ho-ly fa-ther, you brought down rain from
heaven by your di-vine prayers. The jar o-be-yed you and pro-duced oil.

You re-turned the dead to life and worked o-ther mir-a-cles
for the greater glory of God our Sav-i-or. Thus, O ven-er-able father Benedict,

we cel-e-brate your mem-o-ry with love.

The faithful STAND.

Cantor:

Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spir-it, now and ever

O joy of all who mourn, intercessor of the oppressed and nourisher
of the hungry. consolation of wanderers and staff of the blind,
visitation of the infirm, protection and help of them who labor,
help of orphans. you are the Mother of the Most High God. Has-ten, we pray, that
your servants be saved.


Aposticha of the Second Sunday, page 70.