

**Vespers Propers on the Evening of the
First Sunday of the Great Fast
February 18, 2024**

The holy apostle Archippus, fellow-soldier of blessed Paul the Apostle, whom Paul remembers in the epistles to Philemon and to the Colossians. Tradition says that he was stoned to death during the reign of emperor Nero.

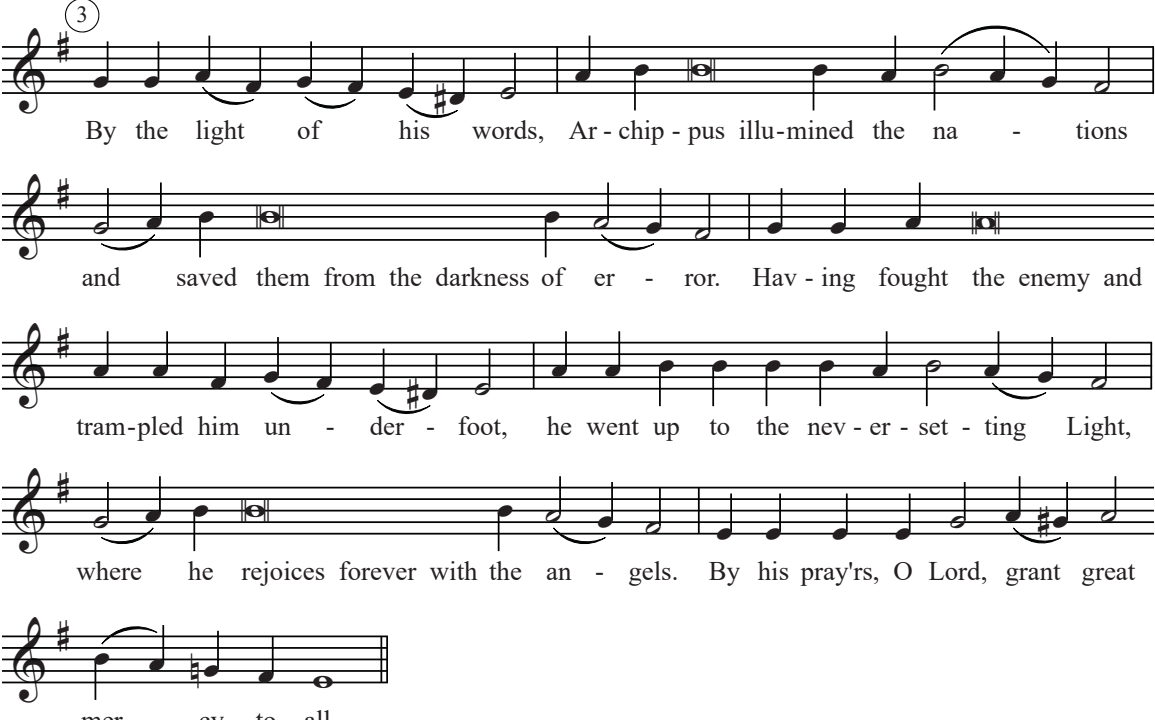
Supplement for The Order of Vespers on the Sunday of Forgiveness (Cheesefare Sunday) and the Sundays of the Great Fast.

Psalm 140 and Stichera of Forgiveness in the tone of the week (Tone 5, p. 39)

Stichera of the first Sunday of the Great Fast, p. 62

Cantor: (Tone 8) Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

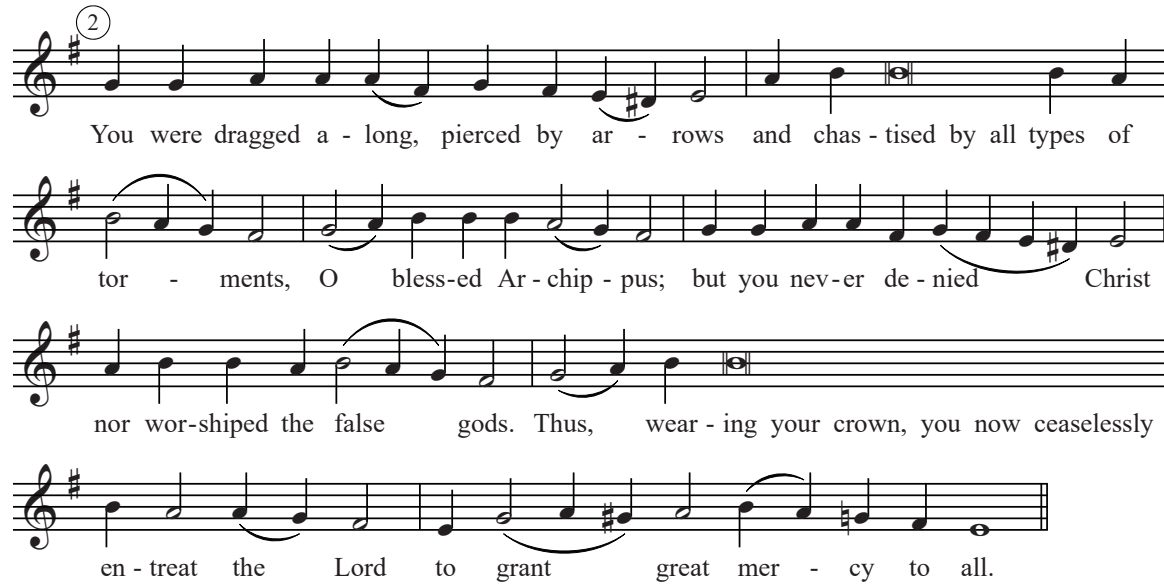
Stichera of the holy apostle Archippus - Tone 8 samohlasen



By the light of his words, Archippus illumined the nations
and saved them from the darkness of error. Having fought the enemy and
trampled him underfoot, he went up to the never-setting Light,
where he rejoices forever with the angels. By his pray'rs, O Lord, grant great
mercy to all.

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

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You were dragged a - long, pierced by ar - rows and chas - tised by all types of
tor - ments, O bless-ed Ar - chip - pus; but you nev-er de - nied Christ
nor wor-shipped the false gods. Thus, wear - ing your crown, you now ceaselessly
en - treat the Lord to grant great mer - cy to all.

Cantor: Strong is the love of the Lord for us;
(on 1) he is faithful forever.

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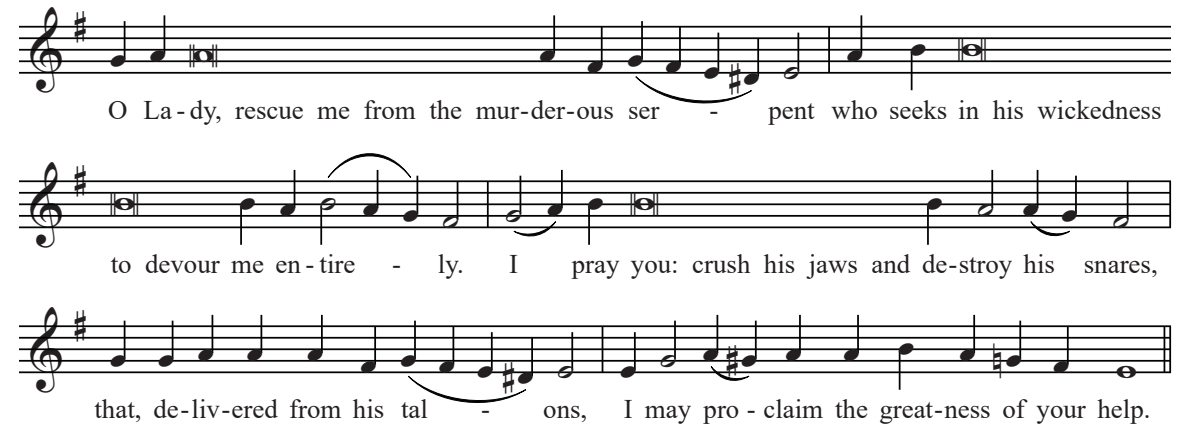
O ho - ly mar-tyr Ar - chip - pus, with the streams of your own blood, you
sanc - ti - fied the earth; and by your bruises, you wounded the dark horde of
de - mons. By the mir - a - cles you cease - less - ly pour forth,
you heal the most pain-ful suf - fer - ings. There-fore, in your pray'rs, O bless-ed one,



ask great mer - cy for all.

Cantor: Glory...now and ever...

Theotokion - Tone 8 samohlasen



O La-dy, rescue me from the mur-der-ous ser - pent who seeks in his wickedness
to devour me en-tire - ly. I pray you: crush his jaws and de-stroy his snares,
that, de-liv-ered from his tal - ons, I may pro - claim the great-ness of your help.

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Aposticha of the First Sunday of the Great Fast, p. 65