

**Vespers Propers on the Evening of the  
Second Sunday of the Great Fast  
February 25, 2024**

**Our holy father Porphyry**, bishop of Gaza in Palestine. Born in Thessalonica, he spent five years as a hermit in Skete and as many across the Jordan, where he was notable for his kindness toward the poor. Afterwards ordained a bishop, he overturned many temples of idols and was afflicted with troubles by their attendants for a long time, until, worthy of respect, he rested in peace with the saints. (421)

*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 6, p. 43)  
Stichera of the second Sunday of the Great Fast, p. 67*

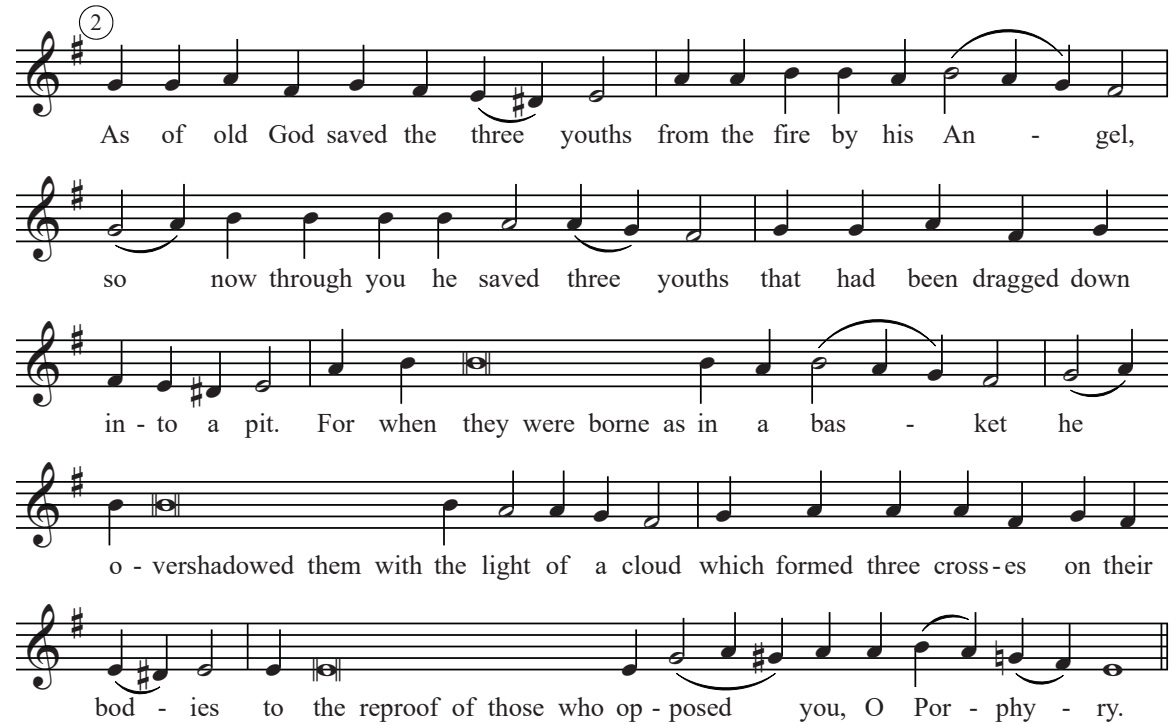
**Cantor:** (Tone 8) Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.  
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

**Stichera of our holy father Porphyry - Tone 8 samohlasen**

O ven - erable fa - ther Por - phy - ry, tak - ing the Cross of Christ up-on  
your shoul - der, you a - ban - doned all and attained the des - ert.  
You did bat - tle with the rul - er of this world, armed with fast - ing and pray'rs.  
There - fore, as a temple of the Spir - it of God, you cast him down to - geth - er  
with car - nal mind - ed - ness.

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

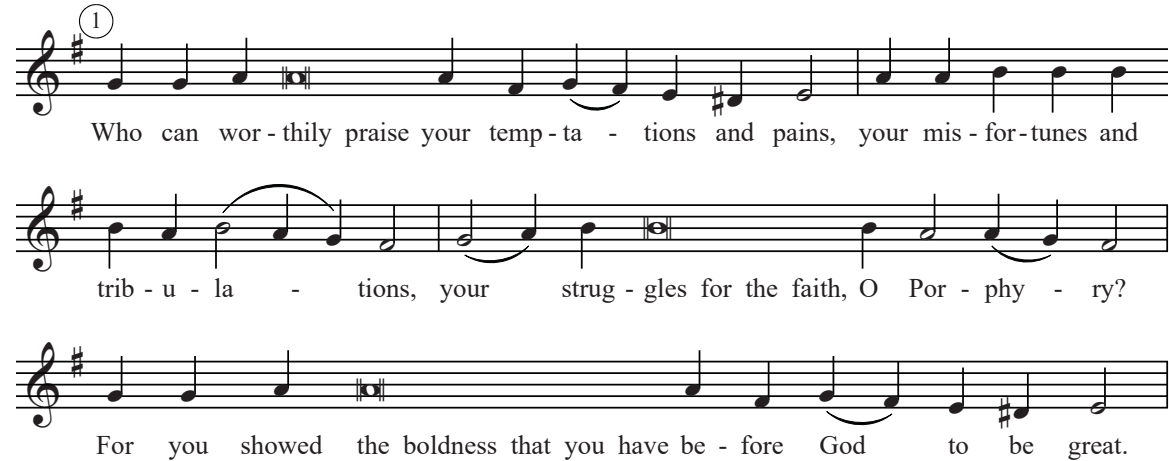
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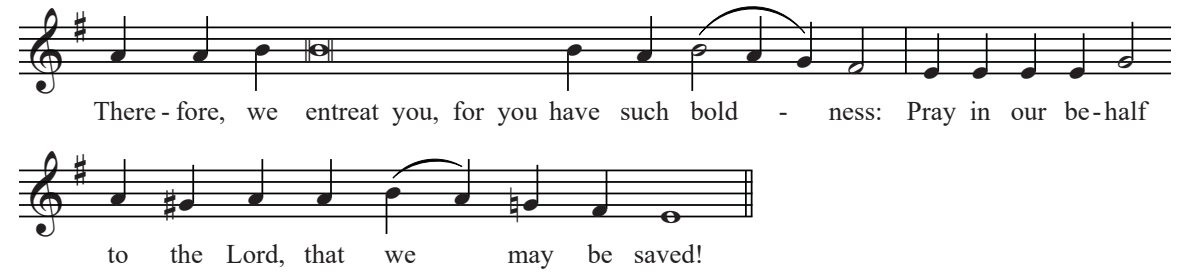
As of old God saved the three youths from the fire by his An - gel,  
so now through you he saved three youths that had been dragged down  
in - to a pit. For when they were borne as in a bas - ket he  
o - vershadowed them with the light of a cloud which formed three cross - es on their  
bod - ies to the reproof of those who op - posed you, O Por - phy - ry.

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

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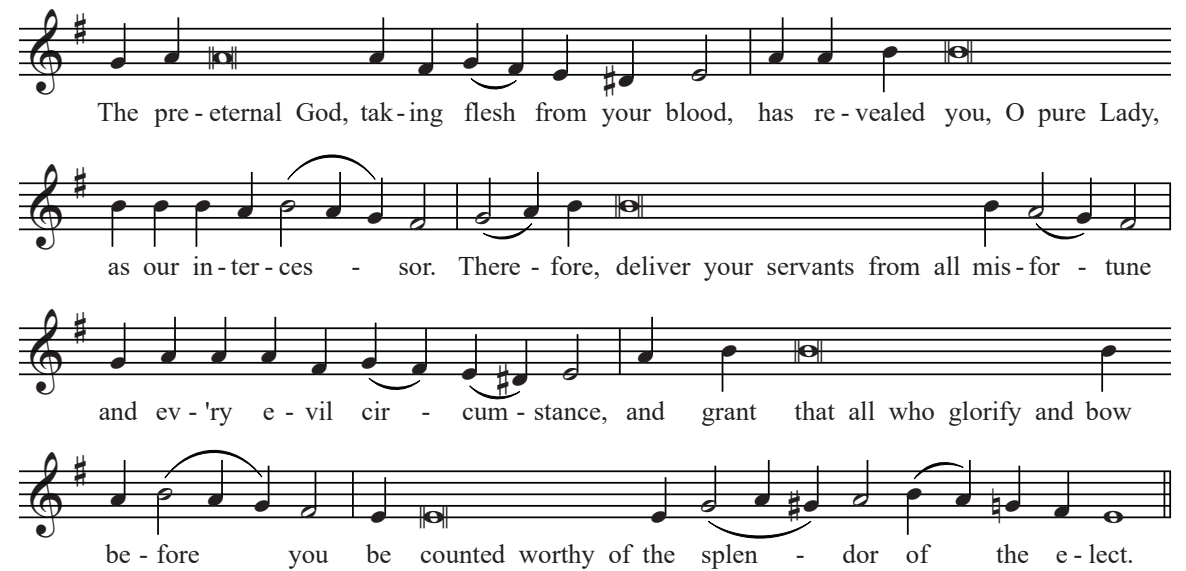
Who can wor - thily praise your temp - ta - tions and pains, your mis - for - tunes and  
trib - u - la - tions, your strug - gles for the faith, O Por - phy - ry?  
For you showed the boldness that you have be - fore God to be great.



There - fore, we entreat you, for you have such bold - ness: Pray in our be - half  
to the Lord, that we may be saved!

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

**Theotokion - Tone 8 samohlasen**



The pre - eternal God, tak - ing flesh from your blood, has re - vealed you, O pure Lady,  
as our in - ter - ces - sor. There - fore, deliver your servants from all mis - for - tune  
and ev - 'ry e - vil cir - cum - stance, and grant that all who glorify and bow  
be - fore you be counted worthy of the splen - dor of the e - lect.

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*Prokeimenon for the second Sunday of the Great Fast, p.10*

*Aposticha of the second Sunday of the Great Fast, p. 70*