

Vespers Propers on the Evening of  
Cheesefare Sunday (Sunday of Forgiveness)  
February 15, 2026

**The holy martyrs: the presbyter Pamphilius, Porphyry and their companions**, who received the crown of martyrdom: Pamphilus the priest; Valens, a deacon of Jerusalem; and Paul, born in the city of Jamnia, who had passed two years in prison; and also Porphyry, a servant of Pamphilus; Seleucus the Cappadocian, who was of high rank in the military; Theodulus, an old man from the family of the governor Firmilian; and finally Julian the Cappadocian, who, coming from abroad that very same hour, when he kissed the bodies of the martyrs, was accused as a Christian and ordered by the governor to be burned over a slow fire. (309)

*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 3, p. 30)*  
*Stichera of Cheesefare Sunday (Sunday of Forgiveness), p. 57*

*Tone 4*





Cantor:


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


**Stichera of the holy martyrs Pamphilius, Porphyry and companions - Tone 4 samohlasen**

Let Pamphilius and Se - leu - cus, to - gether with Va - lens and Paul,  
Por - phry, Theodu-lus and Ju - li - an, and the com - pany of the five E - gyp - tians,  
be me - lo - di - ous - ly hymned with faith as a harp of twelve strings.

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

 Ex-alted splendidly in the faith of Christ by divine glory, O glo-rious Pam-phi-li-us,  
 you were shown to be the adornment of Cae-sa-re-a be-ing a hier-arch beloved  
 by all, in accord-ance with your name, a most hon-ored ath - lete and a  
 faith - ful mar - - - tyr.

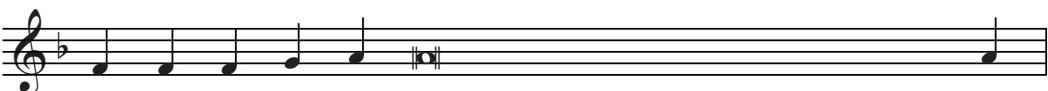

Cantor:  Strong is the love of the Lord for us; he is faith-ful for - ev - er.

 O mighty Pam-phi-li - us, you assembled a company of valiant ath-letes, twelve in





 num-ber, who showed themselves to be a god-ly ar-my. And van-quishing the enemy

 to - ge - ther, you were ta - ken to the Lord in va - ri-ous ways, re-po-sing a-mid your

 mar - tyr - dom.

Cantor:  Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spir-it,  
 now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A-men.

**Theotokion** - Tone 4 samohlasen

 With the staff of your in-ter - ces - - - sion, O pure The - o - to - kos,  
 drive from my wretched soul the bes - tial pas - sions, guid-ing me peace-ful - ly  
 toward life; and add me to the ho - ly flock  
 of thy cho - sen sheep.

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*Prokeimenon for Cheesefare Sunday, p.10.*

*Aposticha of Cheesefare Sunday, p. 60.*