

Vespers Propers on the Evening of the  
Second Sunday of the Great Fast  
March 1, 2026

The holy martyr Theodotus, bishop of Cyrene, who suffered under the emperor Diocletian. (302)

*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 second Sunday of the Great Fast, p. 67.*

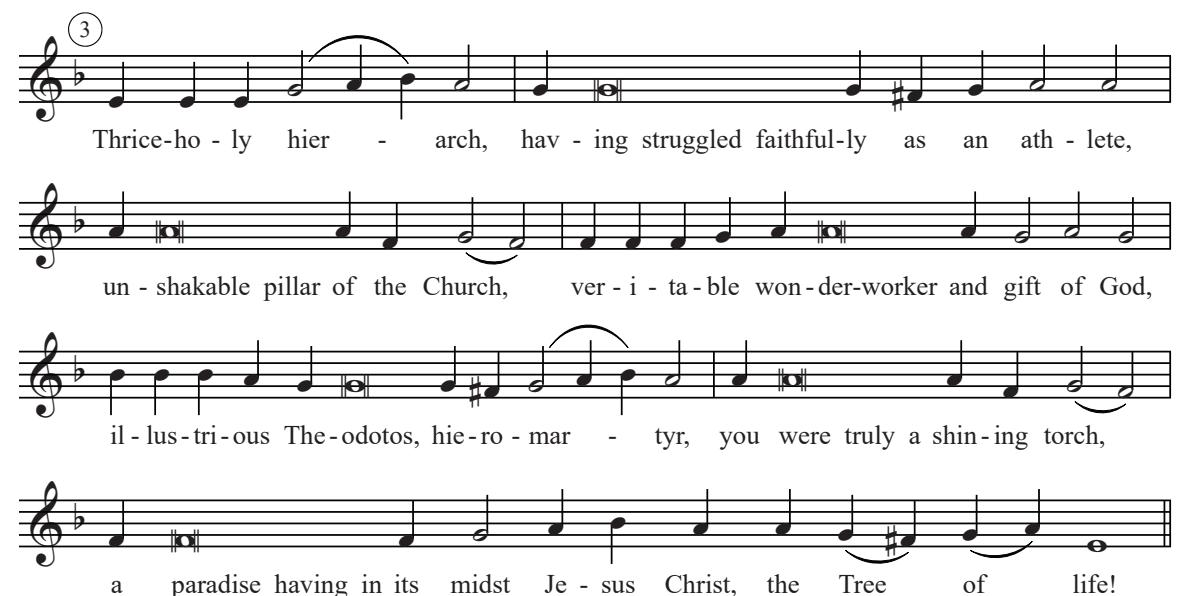
*Tone 4 samohlasen*

*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 martyr Theodotus - Tone 4 samohlasen*



Thrice-ho - ly hier - arch, hav - ing struggled faithful-ly as an ath - let,  
un - shakable pillar of the Church, ver - i - ta - ble won - der-worker and gift of God,  
il - lus - tri - ous The - odotos, hie - ro - mar - tyr, you were truly a shin - ing torch,  
a paradise having in its midst Je - sus Christ, the Tree of life!

Cantor:

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

(2)

Scourged by leath - er whips, stretched on a tree and raked by i - ron hooks,

you were thrown in-to a dun-geon. En - dur-ing the horror of nails through your feet,

fas-ten-ing you to a heat - ed rack, you remained unshaken, O hieromartyr

The - o - do - tos, glo - rifying Him who gave you the strength to per - se - vere.

Cantor:

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

(1)

By the vigor of your strug - gles, you smothered the ene-my and his pow - er,

bring-ing him down to de-feat. Ris-ing up ra - diantly, you went to dwell in the

King-dom on high, bear-ing your crown, for you earned the light and joy of the fes-tive

as - sem - - bly. Now, O Theodotos, you intercede for the salvation of those

who hon-or you, O illustri-ous glo - ry of mar - - tyrs.

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**

All-pure Bride of God, de - liver my poor soul from the punishment de-served

by my sins. By your prayers, snatch me from death and grant that on the Day of

Judg - ment I may be jus - tified with the multi-tude of all the saints.

Be - fore the end, purify me through re - pent - - ance and tears.

*The service continues on page 9.*

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

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