

**Vespers Propers on the Evening of
Cheesefare Sunday (Sunday of Forgiveness)
February 7, 2016**

The holy great martyr Theodore was a general in the army of the Emperor Licinius. He suffered death in Heraclea in Thrace. (318)

*All page references are to **The Order of Vespers on Sunday Afternoons in the Great Fast***

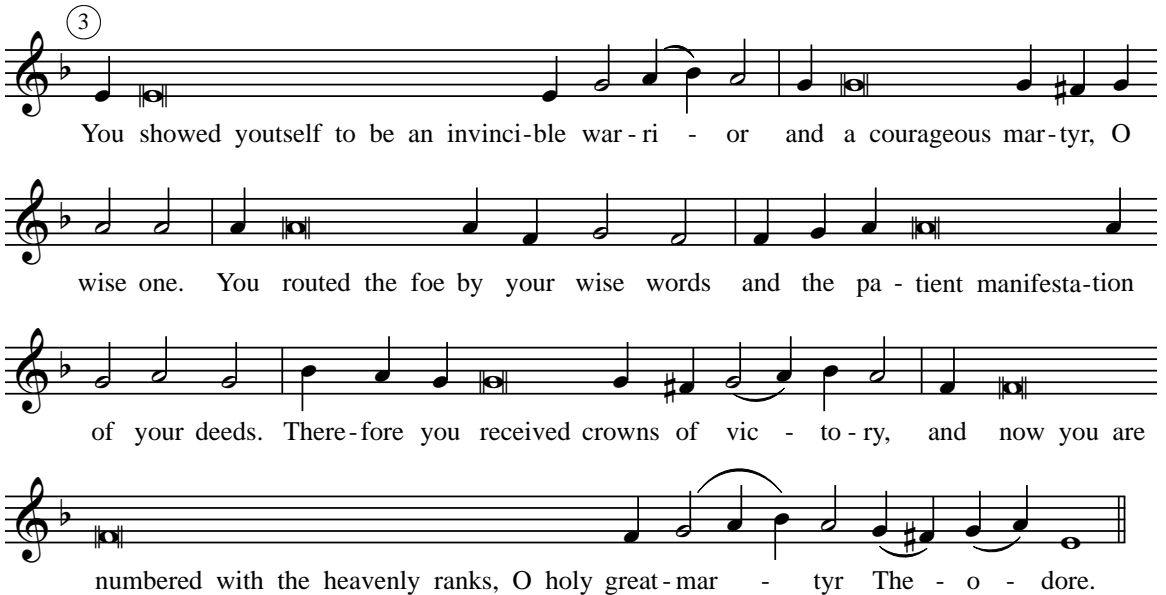
Psalm 140 and Stichera of Forgiveness in the tone of the week (Tone 4, p. 36)

Stichera of Cheesefare Sunday (Sunday of Forgiveness), p. 56

Cantor: (Tone 4) 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 great-martyr Theodore - Tone 4 samohlasen

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You showed yourself to be an invinci-ble war-ri - or and a courageous mar-tyr, O
wise one. You routed the foe by your wise words and the pa - tient manifesta-tion
of your deeds. There-fore you received crowns of vic - to - ry, and now you are
numbered with the heavenly ranks, O holy great-mar - tyr The - o - dore.

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

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You were a heavenly pillar, O wealth-y one who detested the altars of the e - vil -



do-ers. You were led as a pure and per-fect lamb and as a pleas-ing sacrifice to Him



who was slain for your sake. Now you be-stow a treasur-y of mir - a - cles



to those in the world who glorify your me - mo-ry, O The - o - dore.

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



O Theodore, glory of martyrs, you were raised on a cross, stripped of your skin, and



wound-ed by sharp ar-rows. You were stretched out on a tree, be - head-ed



by a sword, and enveloped by all conceiva-ble a - go - nies. In all this, you revealed



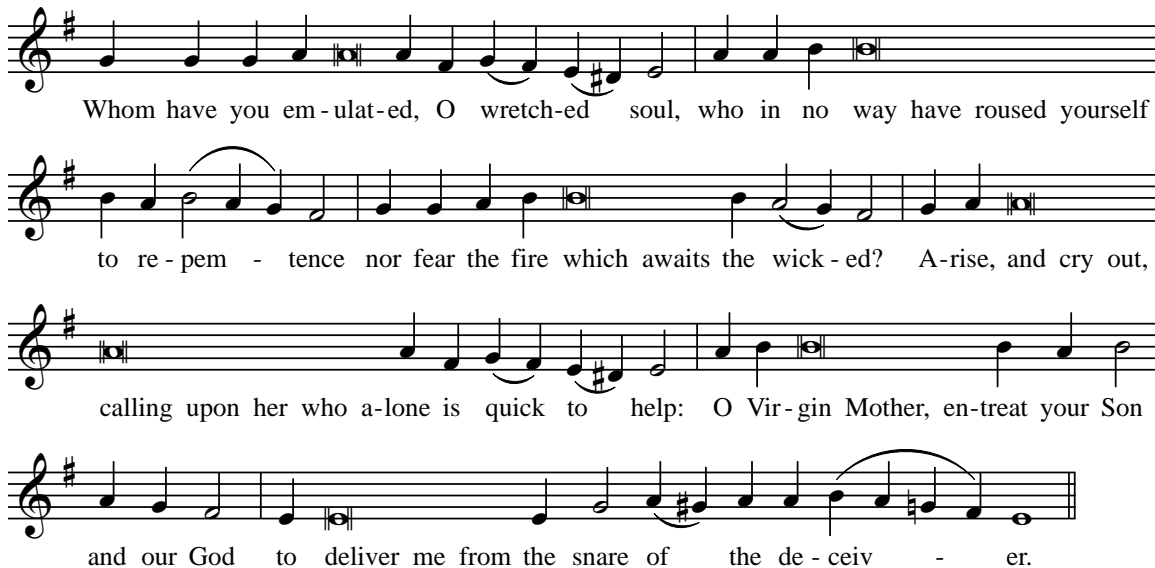
yourself to be in - vin - ci - ble through the power of Him who was nailed



to the cross.

Cantor: (Tone 8) Glory...now and ever...

Theotokion - Tone 8 samohlasen



Whom have you em-ulat-ed, O wretch-ed soul, who in no way have roused yourself
to re-pem - tence nor fear the fire which awaits the wick-ed? A-rise, and cry out,
calling upon her who a-lone is quick to help: O Vir-gin Mother, en-treat your Son
and our God to deliver me from the snare of the de - ceiv - er.

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Prokeimenon for Cheesefare Sunday, p.10

Aposticha of Cheesefare Sunday, p. 59