

**Vespers Propers on the Evening of the
Second Sunday of the Great Fast
February 21, 2016**

The Finding of the venerable relics of the Martyrs at Eugenia near Constantinople. During the reign of the emperor Arcadius, a divine revelation showed the burial place of these martyrs of whom it was said, "God alone knows their names, and he has written them in the Book of Life in heaven."

*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 6, p. 44)
Stichera of the Second Sunday of the Fast, p. 65*

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.

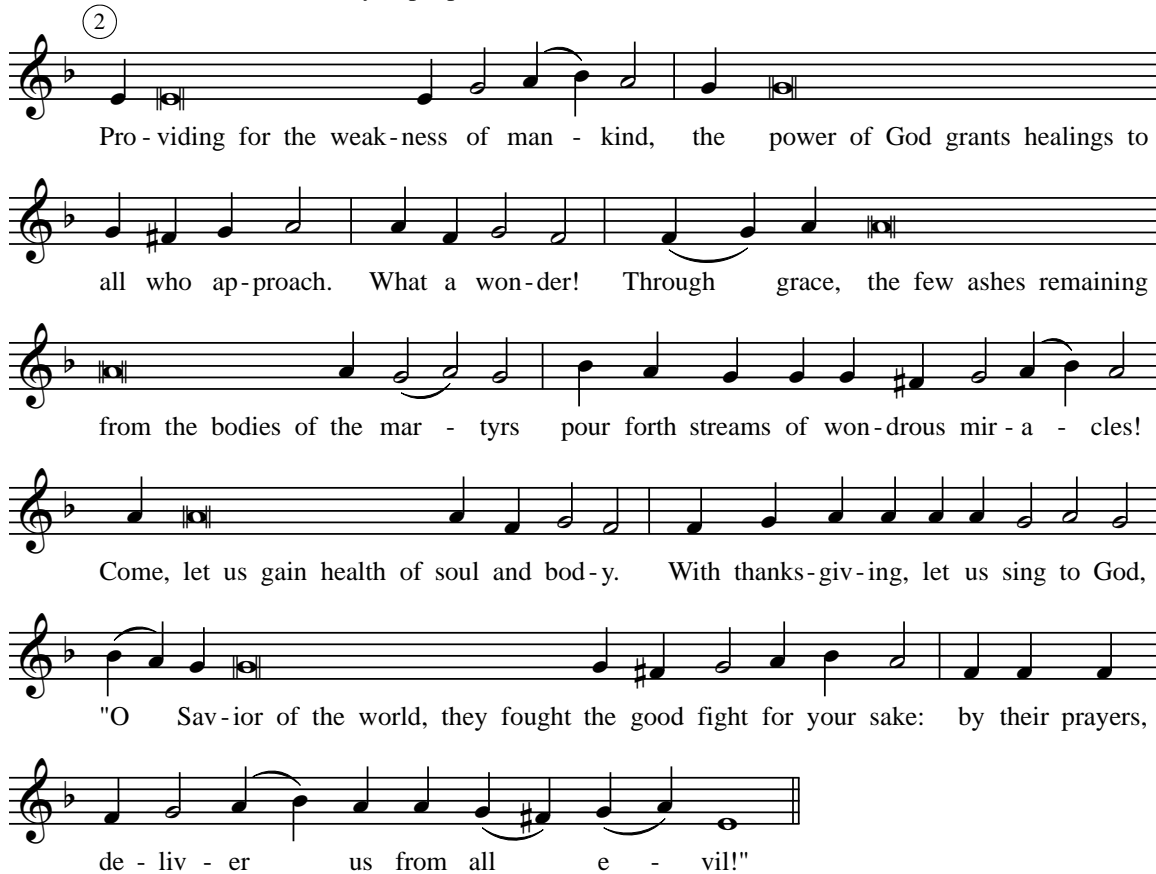
Stichera of the finding of the relics of the martyrs - Tone 4 samohlasen

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Hav - ing stripped off the gar - ments of death by means of all types of torments, O
il - lus - tri - ous mar - tyrs, you were clothed in robes of im - mor - tal - i - ty. Now you
cease - lessly shine in the heav - ens be - fore the throne of our God.
Thus, with faith, we celebrate your light - bear - ing mem - o - ry, and we venerate
the chest of your sa - - cred rel - - - ics.

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

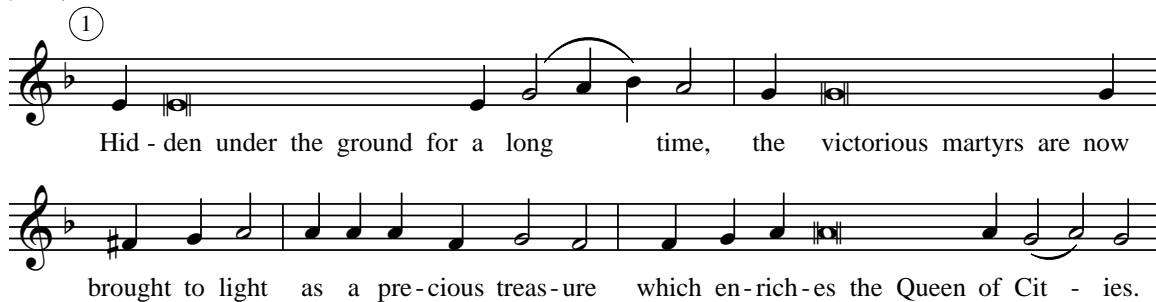
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Pro - viding for the weak - ness of man - kind, the power of God grants healings to
all who ap - proach. What a won - der! Through grace, the few ashes remaining
from the bodies of the mar - tyrs pour forth streams of won - drous mir - a - cles!
Come, let us gain health of soul and bod - y. With thanks - giv - ing, let us sing to God,
"O Sav - ior of the world, they fought the good fight for your sake: by their prayers,
de - liv - er us from all e - vil!"

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

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Hid - den under the ground for a long time, the victorious martyrs are now
brought to light as a pre - cious treas - ure which en - rich - es the Queen of Cit - ies.

A wise hi - erarch bears them in his hands, car - rying them into the ho - ly
 tem-ple. Those en-treat-ing them receive en-light-en-ment, ben-e-fits, health, and
 pro-tec - tion for those who re-ceive them as ser-vants of God.

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

Theotokion

O all-immaculate The-o - to - kos, you are the intercessor for the whole
 hu-man race. Save from every attack of the en - e - my those who bow in piety
 be - fore your birth - giv - ing, for all of us have you now as our help,
 our refuge and our con - fir - ma - tion, you are our me - diatrix before Christ,
 our Lord and mas - ter. We pray you to ask him for peace in the world and
 the for-give-ness of sins for those who flee to your pro-tec - - - tion.

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Prokeimenon for the Second Sunday, p.10

Aposticha of the Second Sunday, p. 67