

**Vespers Propers on the Evening of the
First Sunday of the Great Fast
March 6, 2022**

The holy martyrs and bishops of Cherson: Basil, Eugene, Agathadorus, Elpidius, Aetherius, Capito, and Ephrem, who preached in the Crimea and gave their lives for the Faith. (4th century)

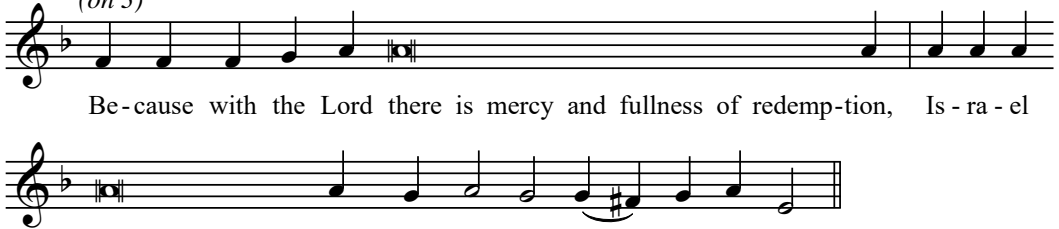
Supplement for The Order of Vespers on Sunday Evening for the Sunday of Forgiveness (Cheesefare Sunday) and the Sundays of the Great Fast.

Psalm 140 and Stichera of Forgiveness in the tone of the week (Tone 8, p. 52)

Stichera of the first Sunday of the Great Fast, p. 62. Then:

Tone 4 samohlasen

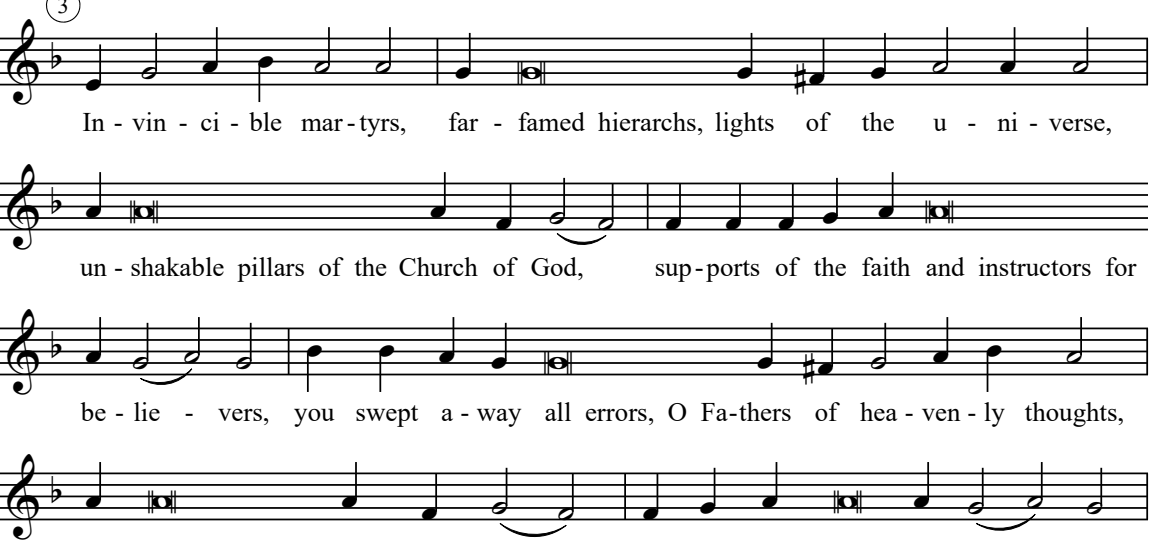
Cantor *(on 3)*



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

Stichera of the holy martyrs and bishops of Cherson - *Tone 4 samohlasen*

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In - vin - ci - ble mar - tyrs, far - famed hierarchs, lights of the u - ni - verse,
un - shakable pillars of the Church of God, sup - ports of the faith and instructors for
be - lie - vers, you swept a - way all errors, O Fa - thers of hea - ven - ly thoughts,
guid - ing our souls toward the light as com - pan - ions of the an - gels



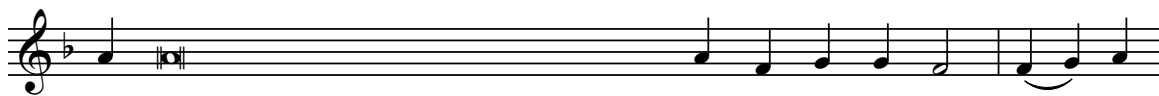
and cham - pions of the Tri - ni - ty.



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



What divine praises can we ad - ress to the blessed and il-lus - tri - ous Eph - rem,



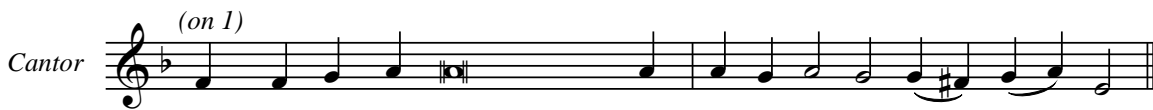
the wise Basil, the sublime Capiton, Agathadore, and El - pi - di - us, as well



as the far-famed Euthri-us and Eu - gene? For their lives were venerable and they



strug - gled in order to dwell in the heav'n-ly king - - - dom.



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



Put - ting to death all carnal cares by his strug - gles, Basil was able to call the dead



back to life. Capiton, the thrice-holy pas-tor, ex - ult - ed in the midst of the flames

with - out be - ing con-sumed. By their prayers, O Lov - er of us all,
 grant par - don and great mer - - - - cy.

The faithful STAND.

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*

Take away the defilement of my pas - sion - ate heart, O all - glori - ous The - o - to - kos.
 Cleanse all the wounds and de - file - ment which come from sin, O pure La - dy.
 Stop the wav - er - ing of my mind, that I, your wretched and un profit - a - ble serv - ant,
 may ex - tol your pow'r and great as - sis - tance.

The service continues with the Hymn of the Evening, “O joyful light,” on page 9.

Prokeimenon for the First Sunday, page 10

Aposticha of the First Sunday, page 65