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**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)

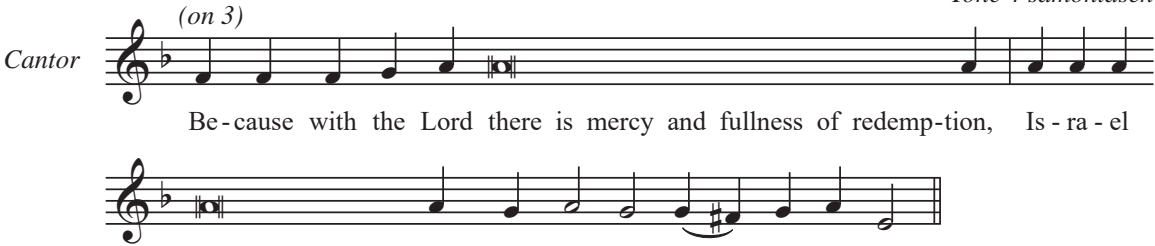
**Supplement for The Order of Vespers on Sunday Evening for the Sunday of Forgiveness (Cheesefare Sunday) and the Sundays of the Great Fast.**

*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:*

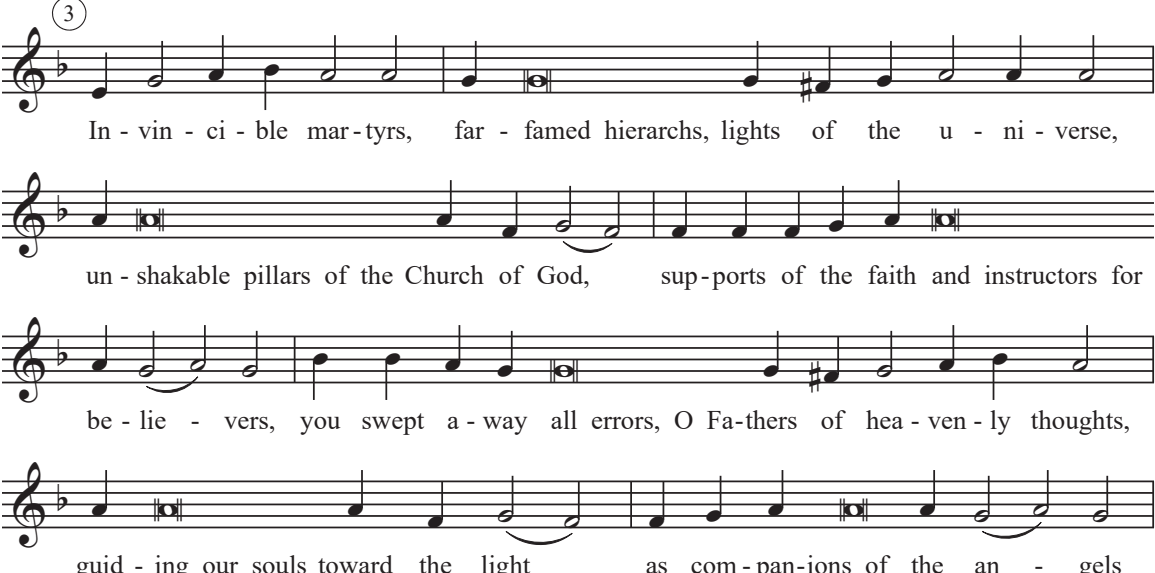
*Tone 4 samohlasen*

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**



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.

*(on 2)*  
Cantor Praise the Lord, all you na-tions, ac-claim him all you peo - ples!

②  
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.

*(on 1)*  
Cantor Strong is the love of the Lord for us; he is faith-ful for - ev - er.

①  
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.