

**Vespers Propers on the Evening of the  
First Sunday of the Great Fast  
March 9, 2025**

**The holy martyr Codratus and his companions** Emmanuel, Sabine, and Theodosius in Anatolia, martyrs in the reign of the emperor Licinius. (250)

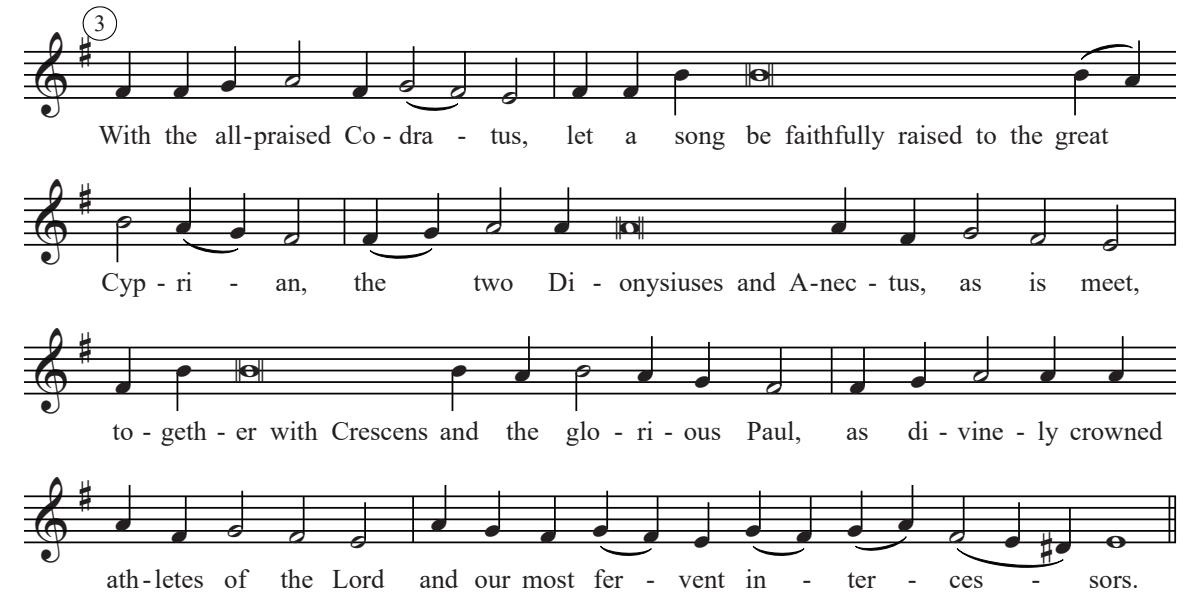
*Supplement for The Order of Vespers on the Sunday of Forgiveness (Cheesefare Sunday) and the Sundays of the Great Fast.*

*Psalm 140 and Stichera of Forgiveness in the Tone of the Week (Tone 1, p. 22)*

*Stichera of the First Sunday of the Great Fast, p. 62.*

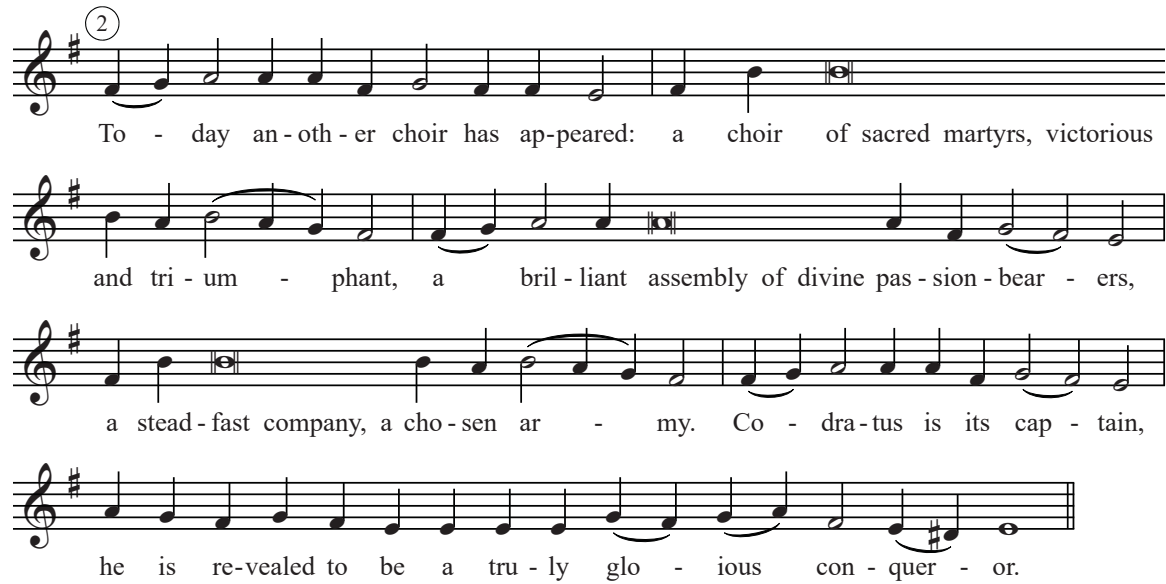
**Cantor:** (Tone 1) Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.  
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

**Stichera of the holy martyr Codratus and companions - Tone 1 samohlasen**



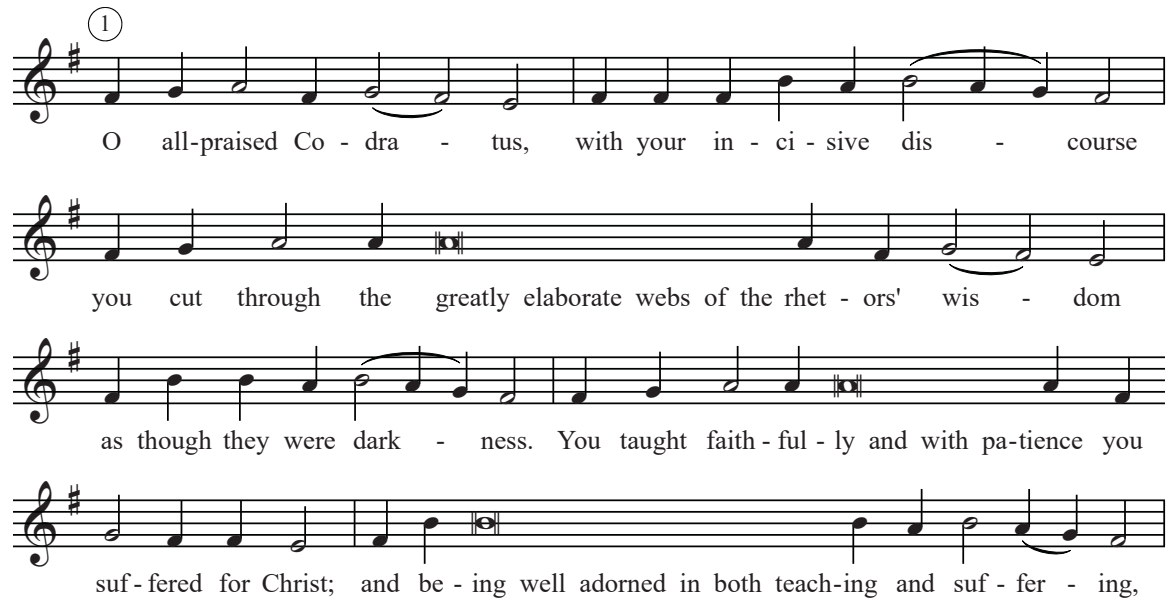
With the all-praised Co - dra - tus, let a song be faithfully raised to the great  
Cyp - ri - an, the two Di - onysiuses and A-nec - tus, as is meet,  
to - geth - er with Crescens and the glo - ri - ous Paul, as di - vine - ly crowned  
ath-letes of the Lord and our most fer - vent in - ter - ces - sors.

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

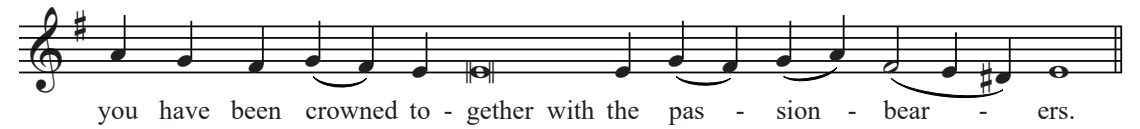


To - day an - oth - er choir has ap - peared: a choir of sacred martyrs, victorious  
and tri - um - phant, a bril - liant assembly of divine pas - sion - bear - ers,  
a stead - fast company, a cho - sen ar - my. Co - dra - tus is its cap - tain,  
he is re - vealed to be a tru - ly glo - ious con - quer - or.

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



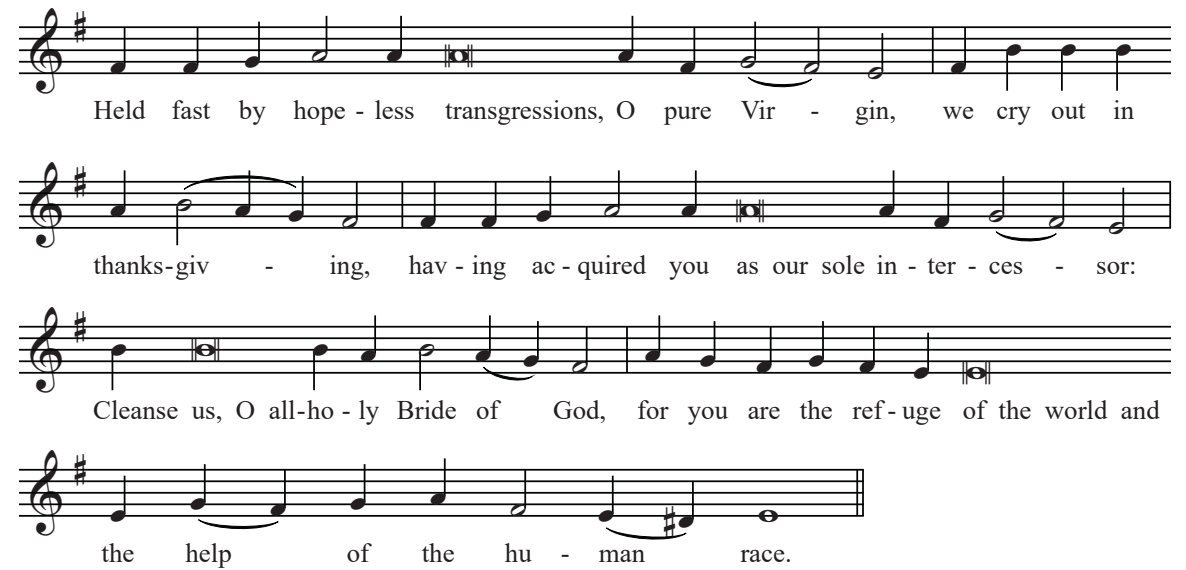
O all - praised Co - dra - tus, with your in - ci - sive dis - course  
you cut through the greatly elaborate webs of the rhet - ors' wis - dom  
as though they were dark - ness. You taught faith - ful - ly and with pa - tience you  
suf - fered for Christ; and be - ing well adorned in both teach - ing and suf - fer - ing,



you have been crowned to - gether with the pas - sion - bear - ers.

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

**Theotokion - Tone 1 samohlasen**



Held fast by hope - less transgressions, O pure Vir - gin, we cry out in  
thanks - giv - ing, hav - ing ac - quired you as our sole in - ter - ces - sor:  
Cleanse us, O all - ho - ly Bride of God, for you are the ref - uge of the world and  
the help of the hu - man race.

*The service continues on page 9.*

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

*Aposticha of the First Sunday of the Great Fast, p. 65*