

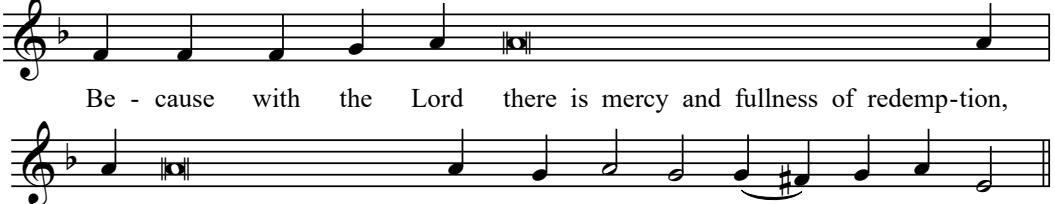
**Vespers Propers on the Evening of the
Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast
March 22, 2026**

The holy venerable martyr Nicon and his students martyred with him fled the persecutions in Palestine to a refuge in Sicily, where they were put to death under the emperor Decius. (250)

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

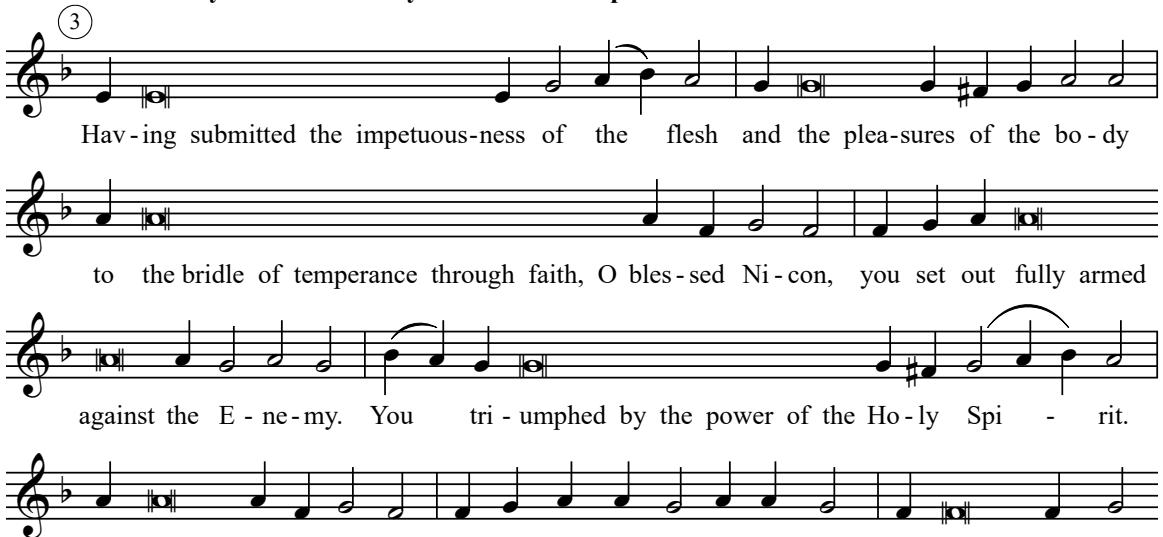
*Psalm 140 and Stichera of Forgiveness in the Tone of the Week (Tone 8, p. 52)
Stichera of the fifth Sunday of the Great Fast, p. 82.*

Tone 4 samohlasen

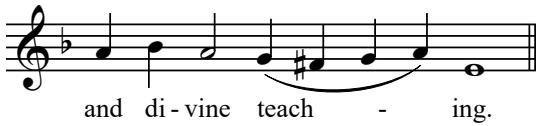
Cantor: 

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

Stichera of the holy venerable-martyr Nicon and companions - Tone 4 samohlasen

(3) 

Hav-ing submitted the impetuous-ness of the flesh and the plea-sures of the bo - dy
to the bridle of temperance through faith, O bles-sed Ni - con, you set out fully armed
against the E - ne-my. You tri - umphed by the power of the Ho - ly Spi - rit.
Then O vener-a - ble fa - ther, you be came the lead - er of monks fol - lowing your wise



and di - vine teach - - ing.

Cantor:



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

(2)



Ri - sing in the East like the sun, O bles-sed fa - ther Ni - con, you filled



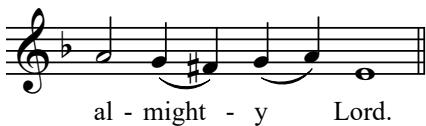
the whole world with the light of your mir - a - cles, lead - ing af - ter you the choir



of your companions like ra - diant stars. Hav-ing strug - gled to-ge - ther val - iant - ly,

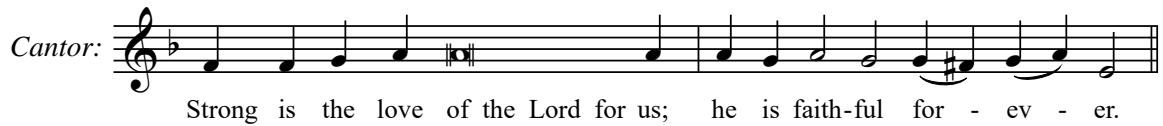


you were given over to the sword, com - mending your spirits into the hands of the



al - might - y Lord.

Cantor:



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

(1)



Nei - ther hunger not dan - - ger, nor na - ked - ness nor beat - ings,



nor violent death could separate you from the love of Christ, O admir-a - ble mar - tirs.



But, like lambs following their shepherd to the slaugh - ter, you came from the West,



bear - ing your crowns, to the nev-er end - ing rest in the King - dom of God.



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.

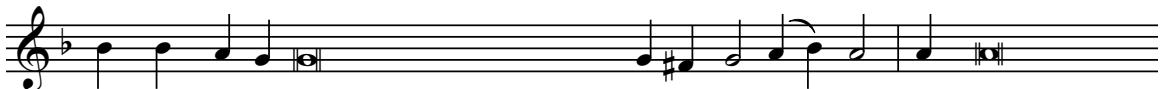
Theotokion - in the same tone



O all - ho - ly Bride of God, de - liver my lowly soul from con - dem - na - tion



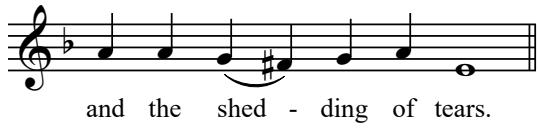
and griev - ous trans - gres - sions, and by your sup - plications re - lease it from death,



and grant that I may receive the justification on the day of death which the councils of



the saints have re - ceived. Be - fore the end show me to be cleansed by re - pen - tence



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Prokeimenon for the fifth Sunday of the Great Fast, p.10.

Aposticha of the fifth Sunday of the Great Fast, p. 85.