

**Vespers Propers on the Evening of the  
Third Sunday of the Great Fast**  
**March 3, 2024**

The holy martyr Conon, who was a gardener during the reign of the emperor Decian. He was ordered to run in front of a chariot after having his feet pierced with nails. He sank down to his knees and surrendered his spirit in prayer. (251)

*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 7, p. 48)*

*Stichera of the third Sunday of the Great Fast, p. 72*

**Cantor:** (Tone 8) 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 Conon - Tone 8 samohlasen**

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O di-vine, un-wan - ing ray, lu-min-ous ra - diance of the com-mand-men-ts of God,  
ev - er-mem -'ra - ble ath - let-e, most ex - cel - lent of mar - tyrs!  
You dis-pelled the gloom of dark - ness like a bri-liant star, O bless-ed one!  
O good of -fring, and un - blem-ished sac - ri - fice! There-fore, un - ceas - ing - ly  
en - treat Christ, that he may save our souls.

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

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You pro - claim the truth! Show-ing your-self to be a sword-wielding opponent  
of un-god - li - ness, you brought down the en - e - my by the suf-fer-ing  
your head en - dured, O all-wise mar - tyr, and you clearly proclaimed the  
com-mand of God, say - ing good things to the un - learn-ed peo - ple.  
O Co - non, dweller with the mar - tyrs: en - treat the Redeemer that he deliver  
from pas - sions your ser-vants who praise you.

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

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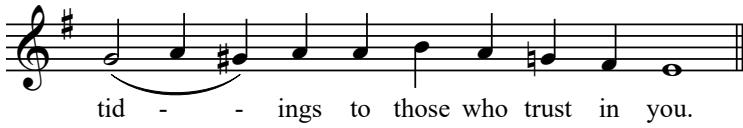
O won-drous trans-for-ma - - - tion which the Lord of our fathers made  
up - on you by the right hand of the Most High, O most glo-rious

ath - - - - - lete! You were re-vealed as a fruit blossoming forth from the root of  
 un - be - - lief, O most bless - ed and all-praised Co - - non. Hav - ing  
 Christ as your most ex-cel - lent Lead - - - er, you mightily o-ver - threw  
 the hordes of the de - - mons.

**Cantor:** (Tone 8) Glory...now and ever...

**Theotokion - Tone 8 samohlasen**

Re-joice, bearer of the di-vine light, most bright star, taberna-cle of  
 ho - li - ness. From your all - pure womb, light shone forth up - on us,  
 il - lu-min-ing the ends of the earth and en-light-en-ing them with his grace.  
 Re - joice, all-pure Lady, origin of sal-va - tion! Re - joice, good news and awe-some



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

*Aposticha of the third Sunday of the Great Fast, p. 75*