

**Vesper Propers, Sunday, March 12**  
**Second Sunday in the Great Fast**

**The translation of the relics of our holy father Nicephor, patriarch of Constantinople.** Nicephor died in exile on the island of Prochonis in the year 827. After the death of the last iconoclast emperor, the relics of the holy father were brought back to Constantinople, first to the church of Hagia Sophia and then finally to the Church of the Holy Apostles in the year 846.

*All page references are to "The Order of Vespers on Sunday Afternoons in the Great Fast."*

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*Psalm 140, Tone 2, with recited verses and stichera 10 - 7, p. 28*

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

**Stichera of our holy father Nicephor**

*Tone 1 podoben: Nebesnych cinov*  
*(Samohlasen settings begin on page 3)*

The streams of your wisdom, drawn from the spir - it - ual clouds, pour forth a  
foun - tain of true faith up - on the world. We, the faith - ful, draw - ing forth  
this sweet - ness, turn a - way from the out - pourings of heresy as from the bit - ter  
wa - ters of Mar - ah.

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

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but was found to be whole, O most bless - ed Ni - ce - phor. Bear - ing it

forth with zeal, those nurtured by the true faith re - joiced, glo - rious - ly bless - ing you,

O di - vine - ly wise one.

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

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The Church hon - ored with the name of the A - pos - tles re - ceived

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a tem - ple of God, and who af - ter your interment are again interred in a

sa - cred man - ner and have bur - ied all the foul and fool - ish prat - tle

of the her - e - tics.

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

**Theotokion - Tone 1 samohlasen**

Since you are the pure dwelling-place of God, pray with the an-gels that I may complete the road of life in vir-tue, so that the eve-ning of death may not ap-proach me un-pre-pared, nor send me into the blazing fire to be tor-ment-ed. De-liv-er me from all of this, O Spot-less One.

*Hymn of the Evening, p.9*

*Great Prokeimenon, "Hide not your face..." p.10*

*Apostichera of the Second Sunday in the Great Fast, Tone 8, p 67*

**Stichera for Psalm 140 - samohlasen settings**

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The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, with a fermata over the final note. The second staff contains the melody for the second line of text, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

*Please turn to page 3 of this insert for the Theotokion.*