

Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast

March 2, 2008

The holy martyr Eutropius and his companions, Cleonicus and Basiliscus, at Amasea in Pontus, martyrs in the persecution of Maximius the emperor under the governor Asclepiodatus. (308)

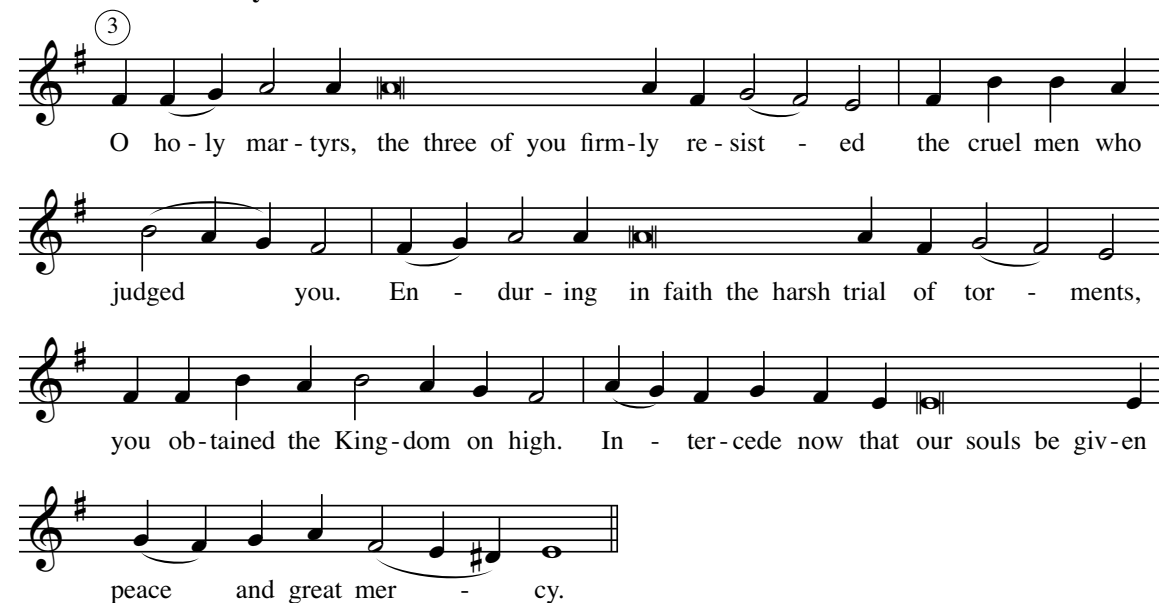
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Psalm 140 and Stichera of Forgiveness, Tone 7, p. 48

Stichera of the Fourth Sunday, p. 73

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 martyrs - Tone 1 samohlasen



O ho - ly mar - tyrs, the three of you firm - ly re - sist - ed the cruel men who
judged you. En - dur - ing in faith the harsh trial of tor - ments,
you ob - tained the King - dom on high. In - ter - cede now that our souls be giv - en
peace and great mer - cy.

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



With spir - it - ual can - ti - cles, let us ac - claim Eutropius, Cleonicus, and

Ba - si - lis - cus, those mar - tyrs who, by grace, consumed in the fire of their
 pi - e - ty the dry wood of the god - less. With their di - vine
 ra - diance, they now illu - mine the ends of the earth, hav - ing e - clised all er - ror,
 like flam - ing torch - es.

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

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 When you were be - head - ed, you crushed the head of the en - e - my
 un - der your feet, which had an - nounced the Good News, O ho - ly martyrs,
 sure - guid - ing stars, liv - ing sac - ri - fices and treasures of the heav - en - ly
 tem - ple, Eu - tro - pius, Cleonicus, and Ba - si - lis - cus. Now
 ask for peace for our souls.

Cantor: *(Tone 1)* Glory...now and ever...

Theotokion - Tone 1 samohlasen

Re - joice, pure Lady, O u - nique mes - sage; re - joice, holy tree of par - a - dise,
 plant - ed by God; re - joice, de - struction of e - vil de - mons;
 re - joice, two - edged sword destroying the enemy by your birth - giv - ing. O most ho - ly
 and all - immac - u - late La - dy, call us back who have gone a - stray.

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Prokeimenon for the Fourth Sunday, "Hide not your face..." p.10

Aposticha of the Fourth Sunday, p. 73