

Vespers Propers on the Evening of the  
First Sunday of the Great Fast  
February 26, 2012

**Our venerable father and confessor Procopius the Decapolite**, who, at the time of emperor Leo III Isaurus [c.680-740] vigorously contended for the cult of holy Images. (741)

*Supplement for The Order of Vespers on Sunday Afternoons in the Great Fast.*

*Psalm 140 and Stichera of Forgiveness in the tone of the week (Tone 4, p. 36)*  
*Stichera of the first Sunday of the Great Fast, p. 61*

**Cantor:** (Tone 4) 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 venerable father Procopius the Decapolite** - *Tone 4 samohlasen*

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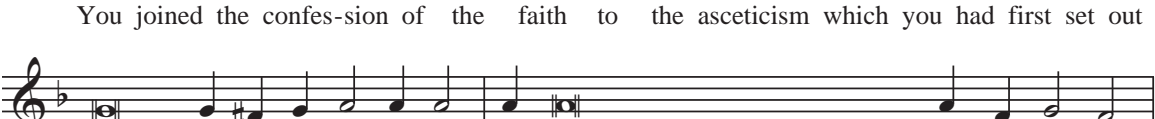
By virtue of cre - a - tion, you were made in the image and like - ness of God,  
O blessed fa-ther Pro-co - pi - us. You made e - very effort to preserve the dignity of  
the i - mage by your pi - ety, the pu-ri - ty of your soul, chas - tity,  
temperance in restrain-ing the pas - sions, per - se - ver - ence in the true faith,  
and the manner in which you ob - served the pre - cepts of Christ.

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

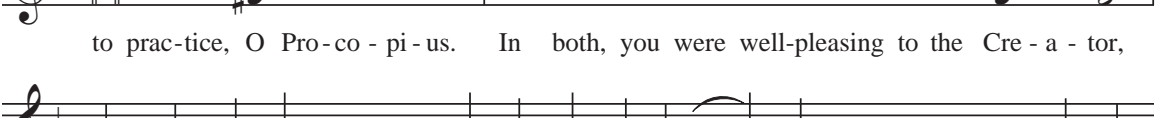
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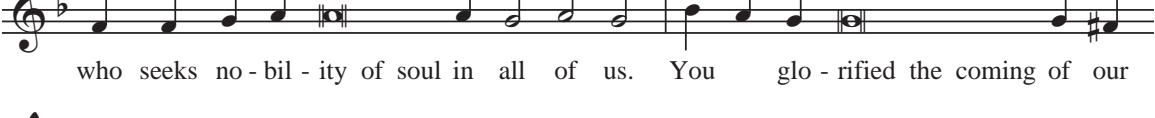
You joined the confes-sion of the faith to the asceticism which you had first set out



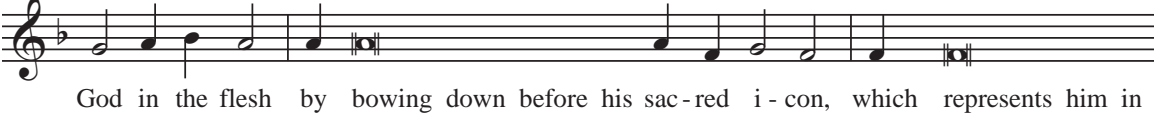
to prac-tice, O Pro-co - pi - us. In both, you were well-pleasing to the Cre - a - tor,



who seeks no - bil - ity of soul in all of us. You glo - rified the coming of our




God in the flesh by bowing down before his sac - red i - con, which represents him in



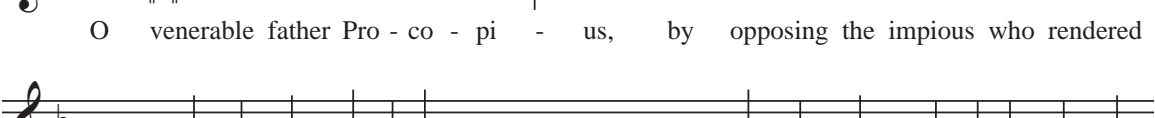
his hu - man con - di - - - tion.

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

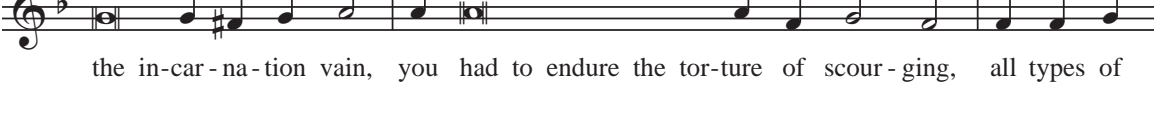
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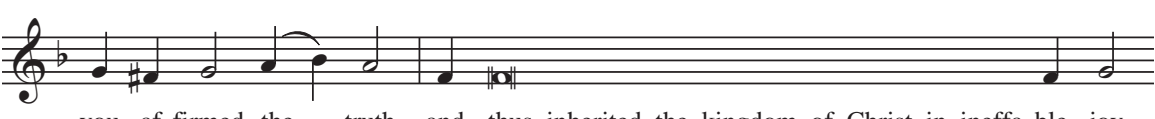
O venerable father Pro - co - pi - us, by opposing the impious who rendered



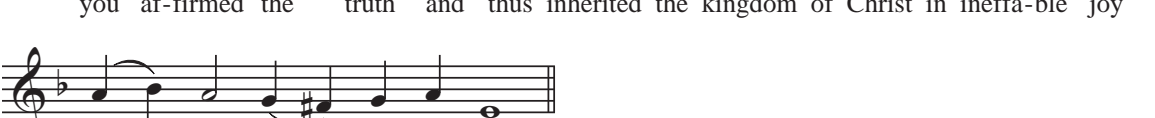
the in-car-na-tion vain, you had to endure the tor-ture of scour-ging, all types of



vile mistreatment, sufferings in chains and im - pris - on - ment. Nev - er - the-less,



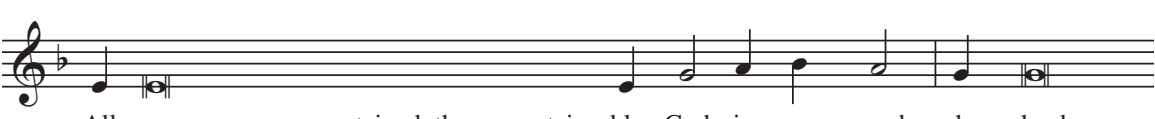
you af-firmed the truth and thus inherited the kingdom of Christ in ineffa-ble joy




and e - ter - nal de-light.

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

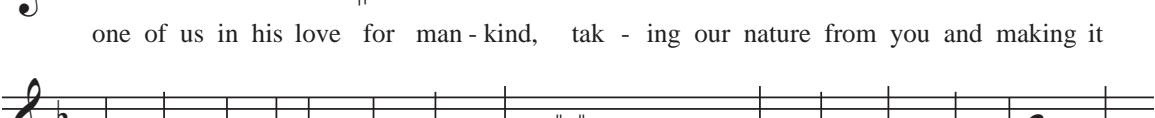
**Theotokion** - *Tone 4 samohlasen*



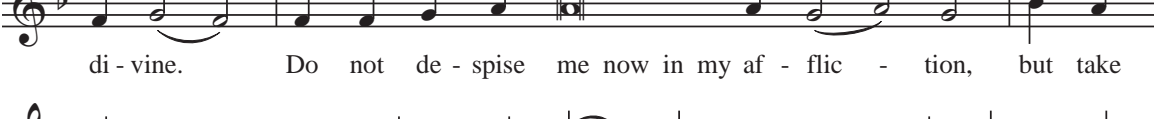
All - pure one, you contained the uncontaina-ble God in your womb when he became



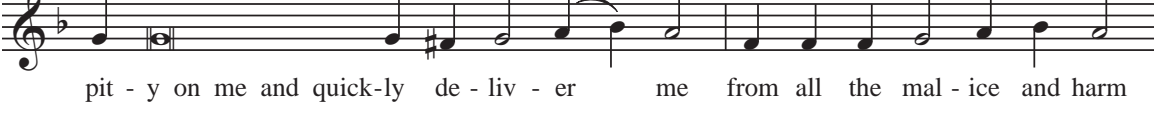
one of us in his love for man - kind, tak - ing our nature from you and making it



di - vine. Do not de - spise me now in my af - flic - tion, but take



pit - y on me and quick-ly de - liv - er me from all the mal - ice and harm



of the E - vil One.

*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. 63*