

**Vespers Propers on the Evening of the
Second Sunday of the Great Fast
February 24, 2013**

Our holy father Tarasius, Archbishop of Constantinople, notable for learning and piety. He opened the Second Nicene Council, in which the Fathers vindicated the cult of holy Images. He was called the “father of the poor.” (806)

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

Psalm 140 and Stichera of Forgiveness in the tone of the week (Tone 6, p. 44)

Stichera of the second Sunday of the Great Fast, p. 65

Cantor: (Tone 2) Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

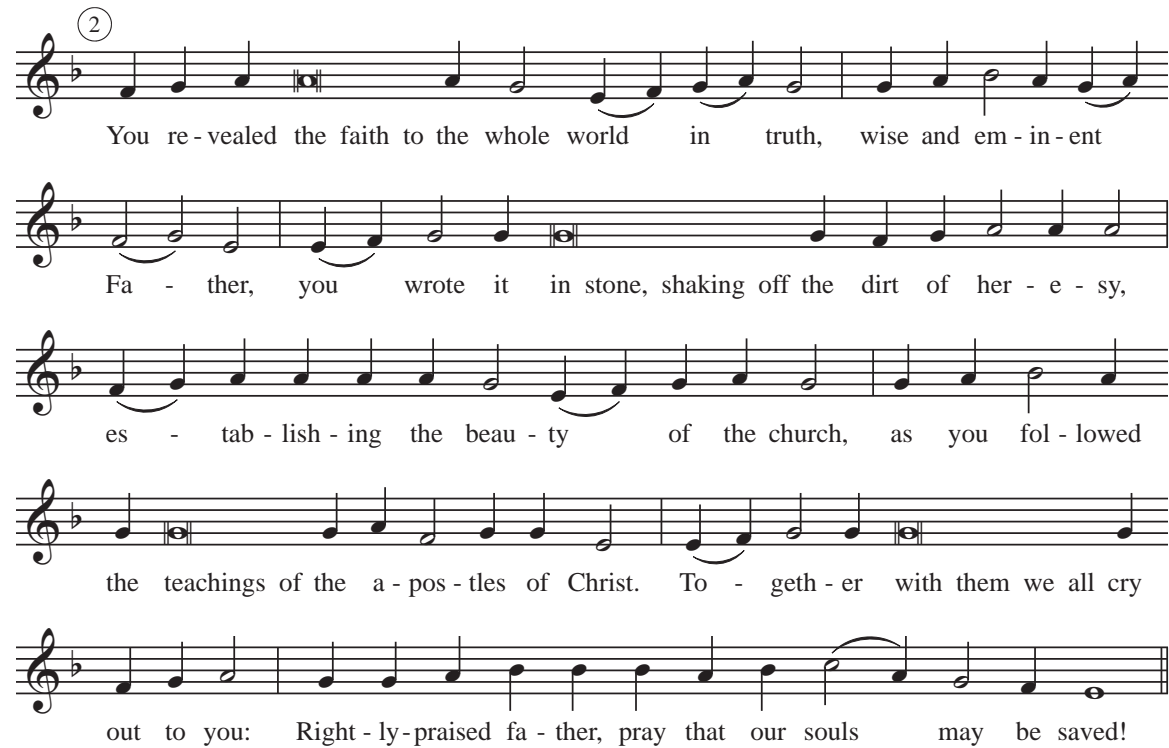
Stichera of our holy father Tarasius - Tone 2 samohlasen

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You that love the things of God, hon - or - ing those of the spir - it,
Come to-day and let us be-hold the ban-quet of the sweet sa-vor of ab-stin-ence
which Ta - ra - si - us, the god - ly host, by his im - ma - te - ri - al vir - tues,
has pre-pared for us in spir - it. Let us all cry out ea - ger - ly:
We en - treat you, pray that we may ob - tain for - give - ness of our sins!

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

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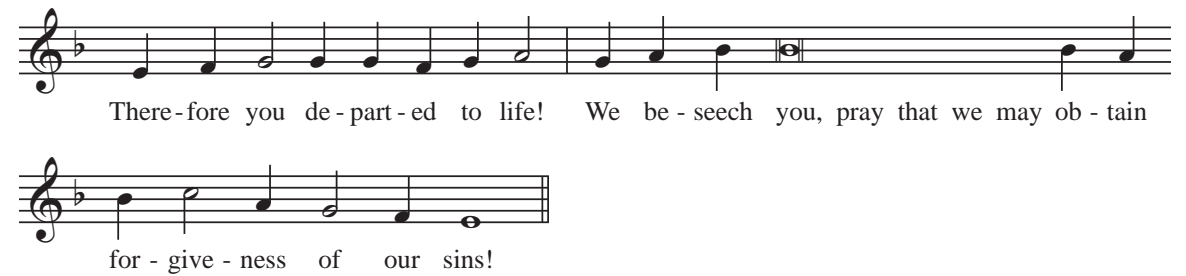
You re-vealed the faith to the whole world in truth, wise and em-in-ent
Fa-ther, you wrote it in stone, shaking off the dirt of her-e-sy,
es-tab-lish-ing the beau-ty of the church, as you fol-lowed
the teachings of the a-pos-tles of Christ. To-geth-er with them we all cry
out to you: Right-ly-praised fa-ther, pray that our souls may be saved!

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

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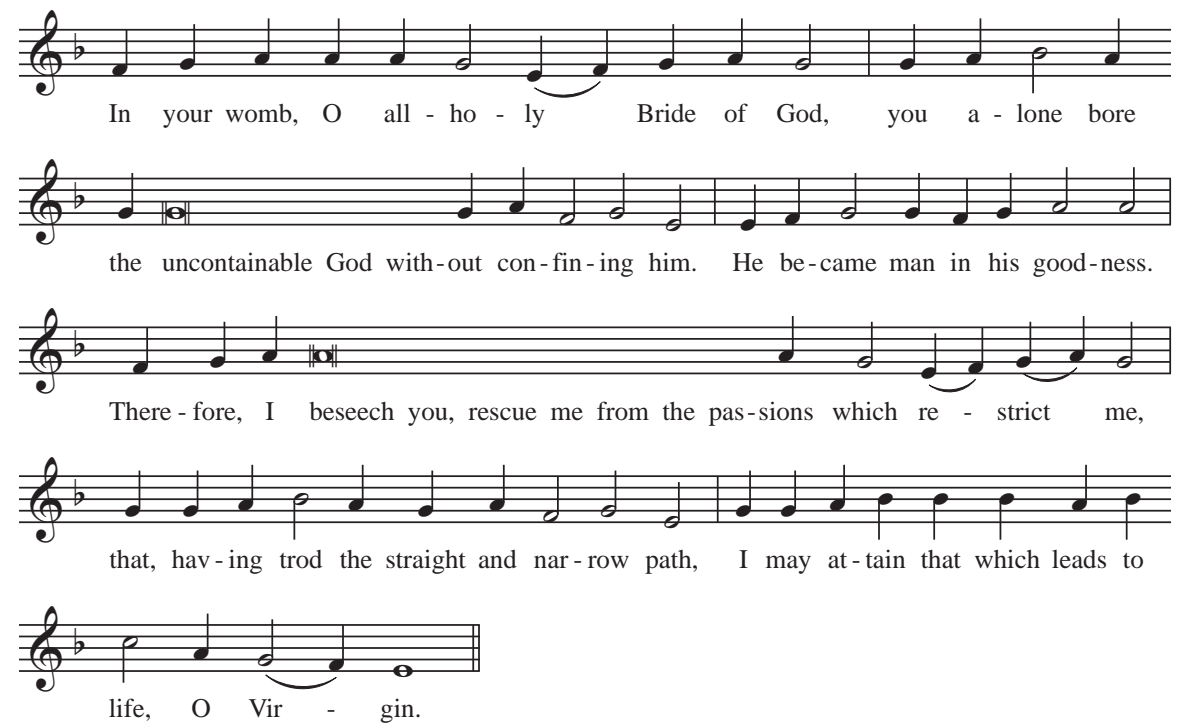
You re-ceived ev-'ry-thing of Christ and the bless-ed-ness of giving
alms in love for the poor. Pour-ing forth alms up-on them rich-ly, you re-ceived the
mer-cy of the prom-ise, for mer-cy will cry out to be praised at the judg-ment.



There-fore you de-part-ed to life! We be-seech you, pray that we may ob-tain
for-give-ness of our sins!

Cantor: (Tone 2) Glory...now and ever...

Theotokion - Tone 2 samohlasen



In your womb, O all-ho-ly Bride of God, you a-lone bore
the uncontainable God with-out con-fin-ing him. He be-came man in his good-ness.
There-fore, I beseech you, rescue me from the pas-sions which re-strict me,
that, hav-ing trod the straight and nar-row path, I may at-tain that which leads to
life, O Vir-gin.

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

Aposticha of the second Sunday of the Great Fast, p. 67