

**Vesper Propers on the Evening of the  
Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast  
March 10, 2013**

**Our holy father Sophronius, patriarch of Jerusalem.** He had John Moschus as a teacher and friend, with whom he visited monastic sites. He was elected patriarch of the see after Modestus. When the Holy City fell into the hands of the Saracens, he defended with vigor the faith and the safety of the people. (644)

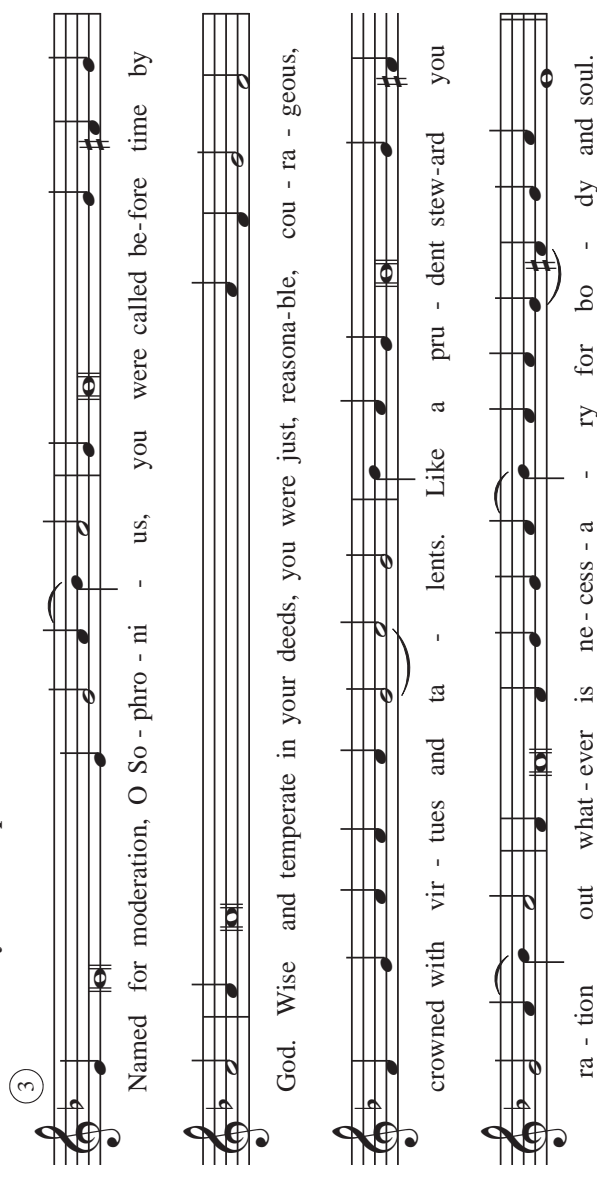
*Supplement for The Order of Vespers on Sunday Afternoons in the Great Fast, 2007.*

*Psalm 140 and Stichera of Forgiveness in the tone of the week (Tone 8, p. 52)*  
*Stichera of the fourth Sunday of the Great Fast, p. 73*

**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 holy father Sophronius - Tone 4 samohlasi**

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Named for moderation, O So - phro - ni - us, you were called be - fore time by  
God. Wise and temperate in your deeds, you were just, reasona - ble, cou - ra - geous,  
crowned with vir - tues and ta - lents. Like a pru - dent stew - ard you  
ra - tion out what - ever is ne - cess - a - ry for bo - dy and soul.

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

From your mouth as a the-o - lo - - gian, O bles-sed So-phro - ni - us,

you thundered forth the resounding doc-tri - nal tea - chings, clear - ly pro - claim - ing the

divinity of the unbogot-ten Fa - ther, the co - e - ter - nal Son and Holy Spi - rit,

one God, ha - ving the same Essence, one in Tri - ni - ty, and

Tri - ni - ty in U - ni - ty.

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

You wise - ly taught that the Word was coeter-nal with the Fa - ther,

bo - diless, united to the flesh in his Person, without confu-sion or change. He has

two na - tures, with two en - er - gies, of which He is com - posed,

and in both of which, in - div - i - si - bly, He can be con - tem - pla - ted  
by vir - tue of their real un - ion.

**Cantor:** (Tone 4) Glory...now and ever...

**Theotokion - Tone 4 samohlasen**

Be-dew my mind with showers of the All-holy Spi-rit, O all - pure one,

who ineffably gave birth to Christ, who with his compass-ions wash - es a - way

the count-less in - i - qui-ties of men; dry up the upwellings of my pas - sions

and grant to me a torrent of ever-liv-ing nour - ish - ment by your

sup - pli - ca - - - tions,

*The service continues on page 9.*

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

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