

**Vespers Propers on the Evening of
Cheesefare Sunday (Sunday of Forgiveness)
February 26, 2017**

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 8, p. 52)

Stichera of Cheesefare Sunday (Sunday of Forgiveness), p. 56

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.

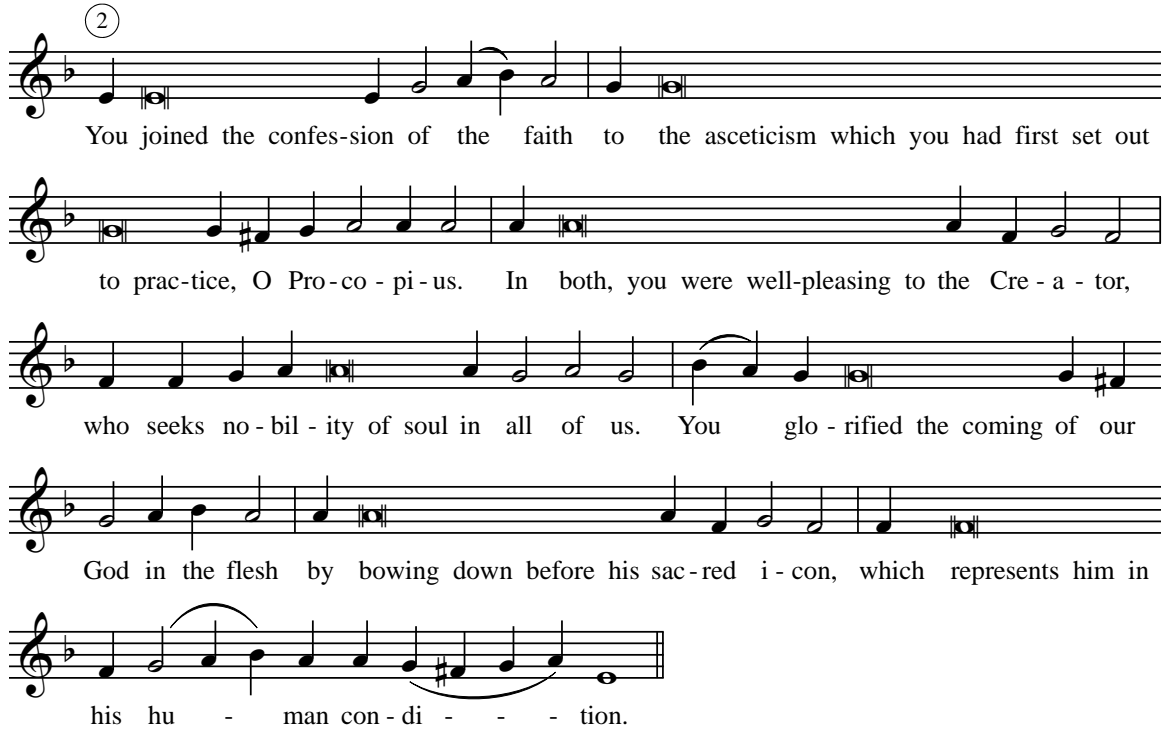
Stichera of our venerable father Procopius the Decapolite - Tone 4 samohlasen

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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!

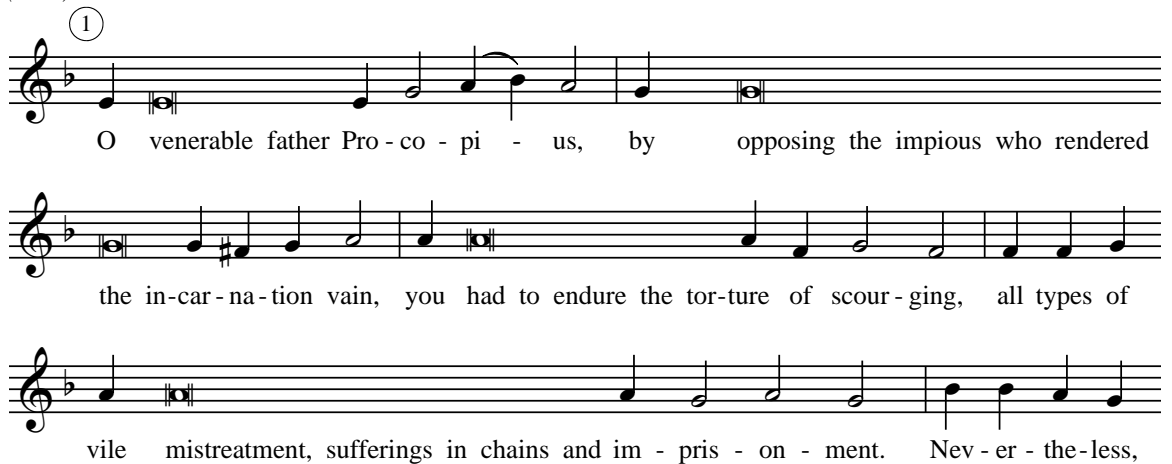
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You joined the confes-sion of the faith to the asceticism which you had first set out
to prac-tice, O Pro-co - pi - us. In both, you were well-pleasing to the Cre - a - tor,
who seeks no - bil - ity of soul in all of us. You glo - rified the coming 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.

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Prokeimenon for Cheesefare Sunday, p.10

Aposticha of Cheesefare Sunday, p. 59