

**Vespers Propers on the Evening of the  
Second Sunday of the Great Fast  
March 12, 2017**

**The translation of the relics of our holy father Nicephor, patriarch of Constantinople.** Nicephor died in exile on the island of Prochonis in the year 827. After the death of the last iconoclast emperor, the relics of the holy father were brought back to Constantinople, first to the church of Hagia Sophia and then finally to the Church of the Holy Apostles in the year 846.

*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 2, p. 28)*

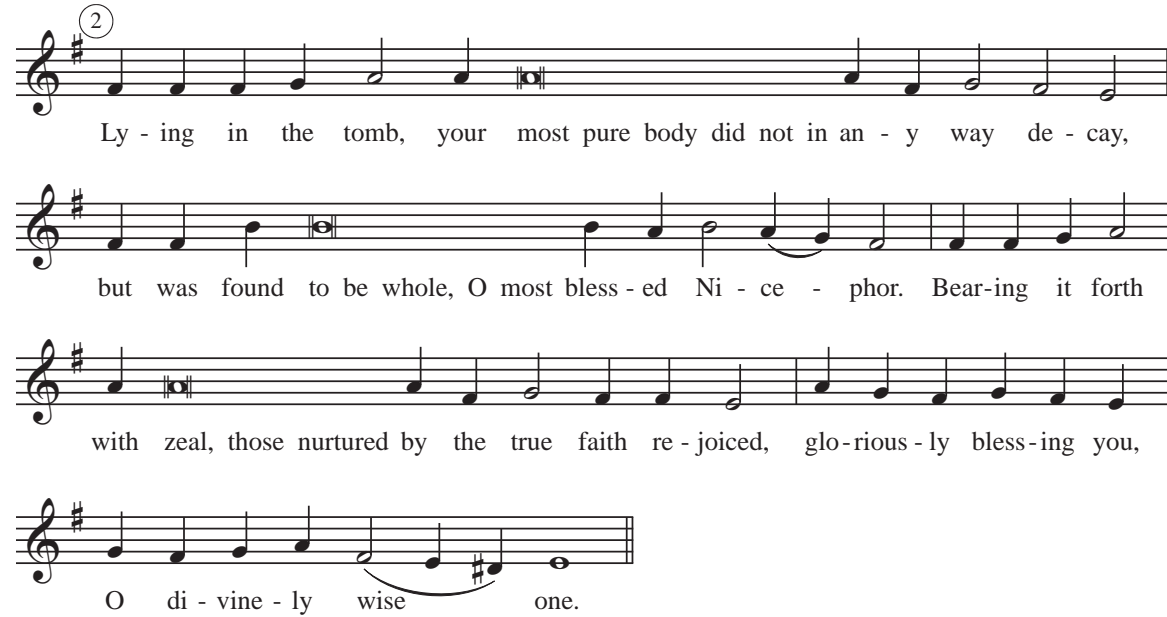
*Stichera of the second Sunday of the Great Fast, p. 65*

**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 our holy father Nicephor - Tone 1 samohlasen**

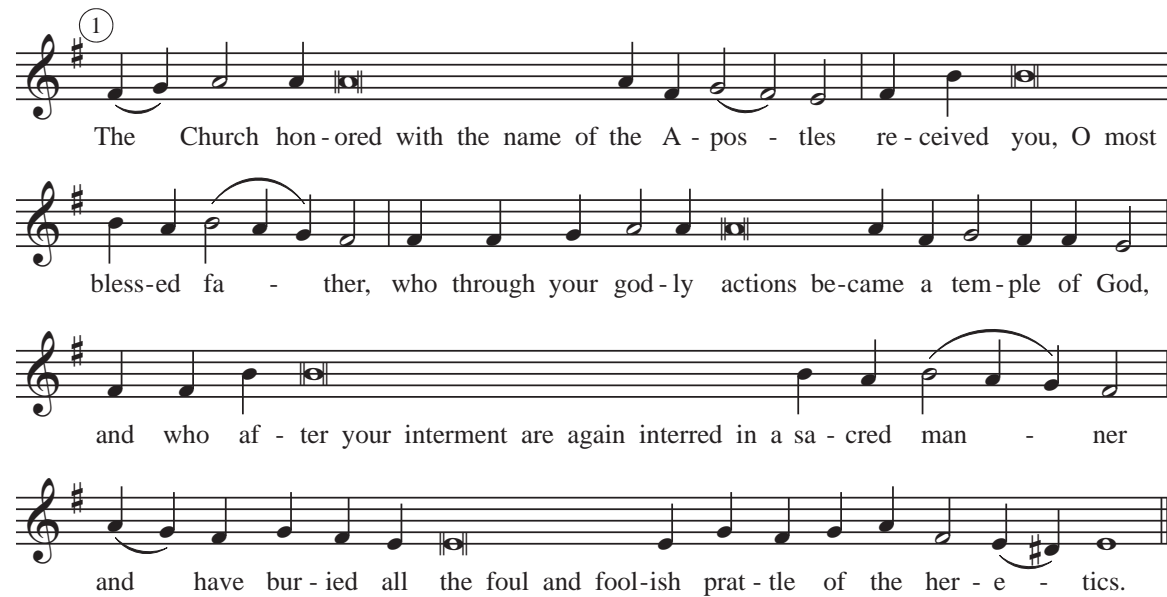
The streams of your wisdom, drawn from the spir - it - ual clouds, pour forth  
a fountain of true faith up - on the world. We, the faith - ful, draw - ing forth this  
sweet - ness, turn a - way from the outpour - ings of her - e - sy  
as from the bit - ter wa - ters of Mar - ah.

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



Ly - ing in the tomb, your most pure body did not in an - y way de - cay,  
but was found to be whole, O most bless - ed Ni - ce - phor. Bear - ing it forth  
with zeal, those nurtured by the true faith re - joiced, glo - rious - ly bless - ing you,  
O di - vine - ly wise one.

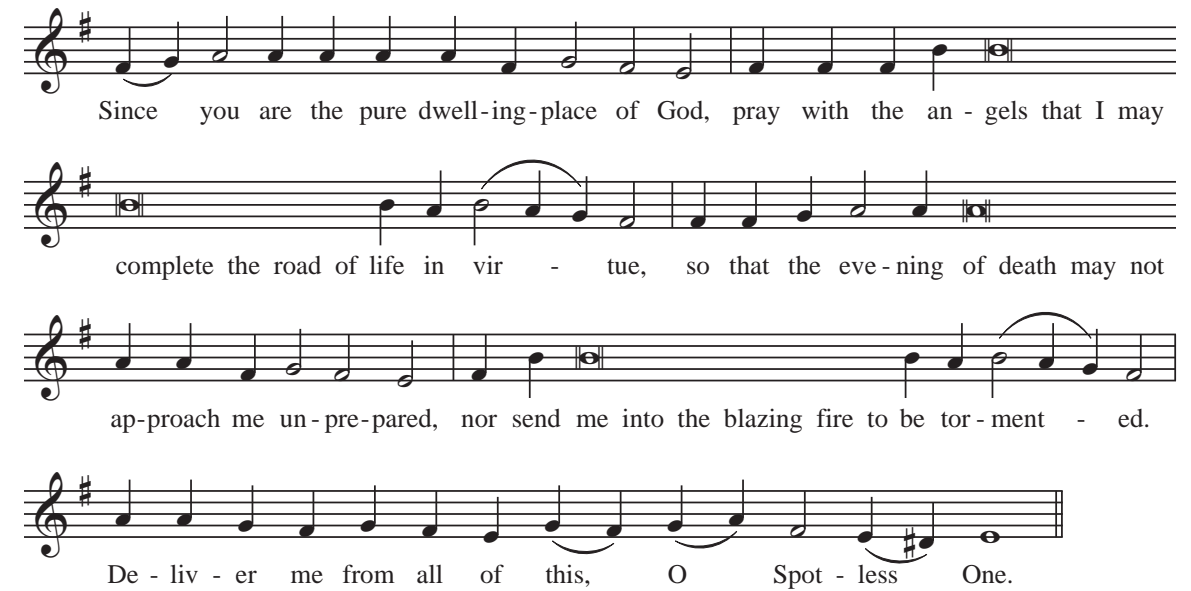
**Cantor:** Strong is the love of the Lord for us;  
(on 1) he is faithful forever.



The Church hon - ored with the name of the A - pos - tles re - ceived you, O most  
bless - ed fa - ther, who through your god - ly actions be - came a tem - ple of God,  
and who af - ter your interment are again interred in a sa - cred man - ner  
and have bur - ied all the foul and fool - ish prat - tle of the her - e - tics.

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

**Theotokion - Tone 1 samohlasen**



Since you are the pure dwell - ing - place of God, pray with the an - gels that I may  
complete the road of life in vir - tue, so that the eve - ning of death may not  
ap - proach me un - pre - pared, nor send me into the blazing fire to be tor - ment - ed.  
De - liv - er me from all of this, O Spot - less One.

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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*