

**Vespers Propers on the Evening of the
Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast
April 2, 2017**

Our venerable father and confessor Nicetas, Hegumen of Medikion on Mt. Olympus in Bithynia, who for his defense of the holy icons patiently suffered imprisonment and exile under Leo the Armenian. (824)

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 5, p. 40)

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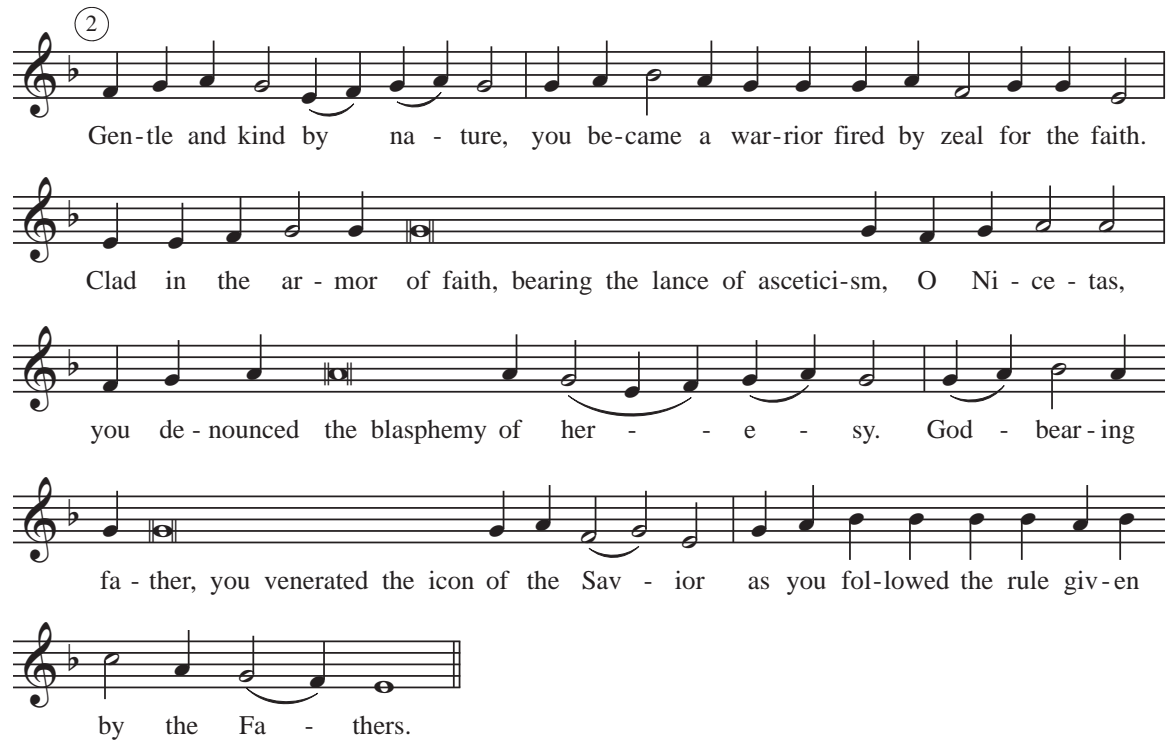
Cantor: (Tone 2) Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

Stichera of our venerable father Nicetas - Tone 2 samohlasen

Un - der the guid - ance of the Word, you be - came a faith - ful guide, O holy
stew - ard Ni - ce - tas. Sow - ing the good seed of sal - va - tion, gath - er - ing in a
har - vest a hun - dred - fold, you brought it to the Lord in joy. O bless - ed fa - ther,
as you stand forev - er in his pres - ence, be mind - ful of your flock which ceaselessly
ven - er - ates your ho - ly mem - o - ry.

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

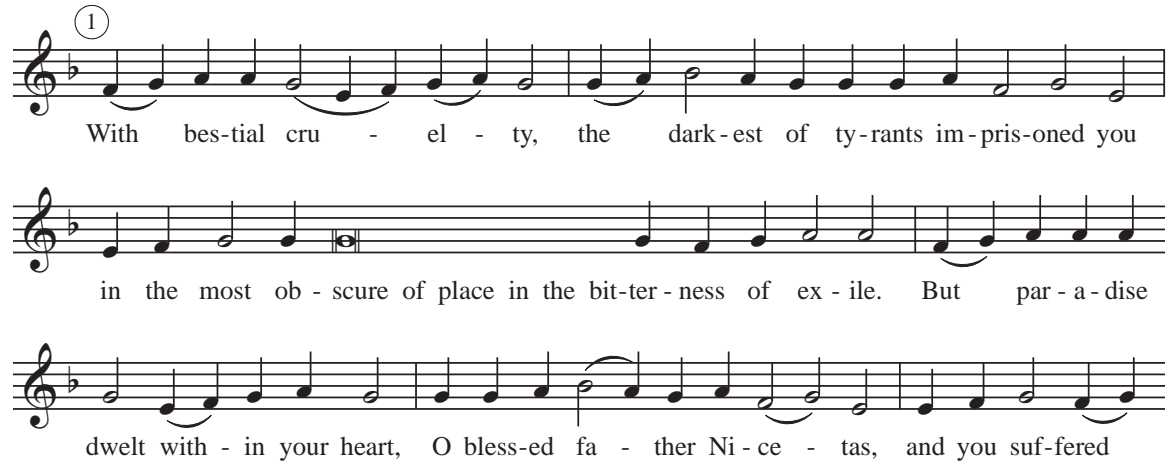
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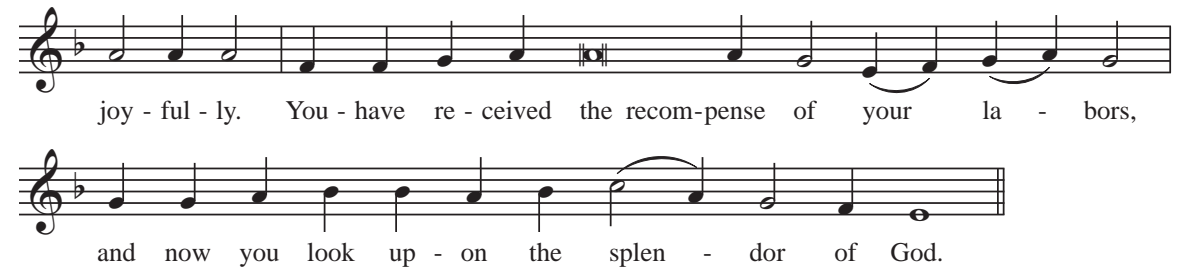
Gen-tle and kind by na - ture, you be-came a war-rior fired by zeal for the faith.
Clad in the ar - mor of faith, bearing the lance of ascetici-sm, O Ni - ce - tas,
you de - nounced the blasphemy of her - e - sy. God - bear - ing
fa - ther, you venerated the icon of the Sav - ior as you fol-lowed the rule giv-en
by the Fa - thers.

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

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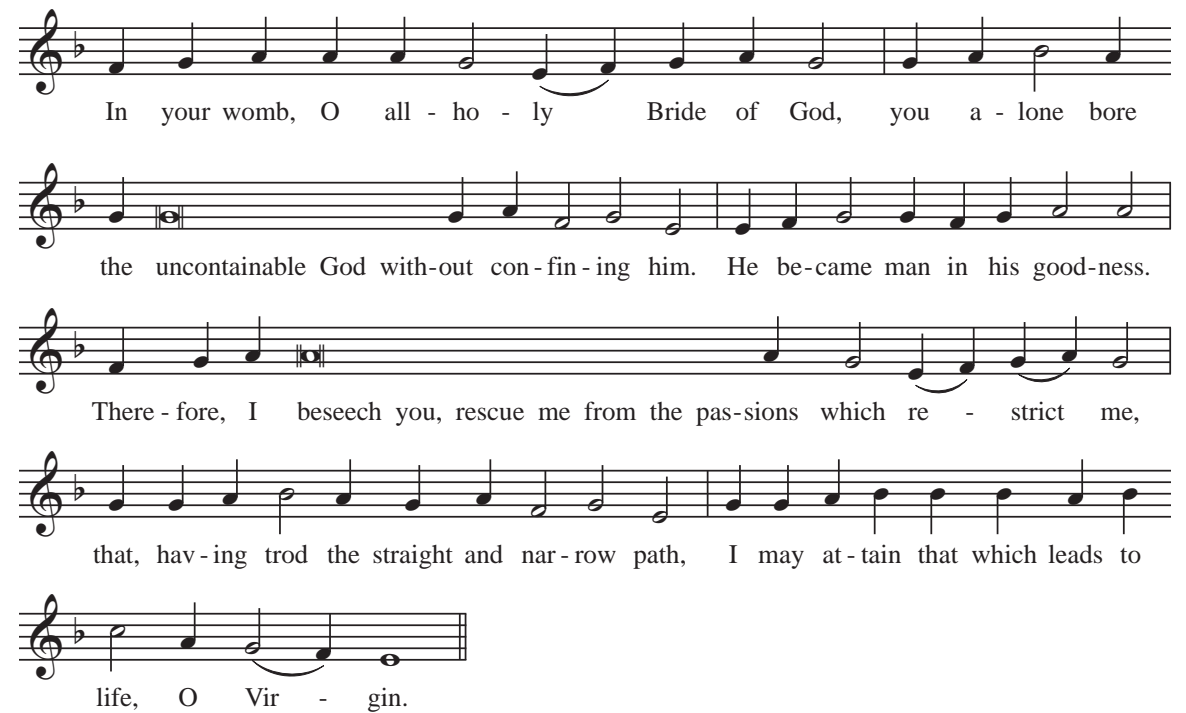
With bes-tial cru - el - ty, the dark-est of ty-rants im-pris-oned you
in the most ob - scure of place in the bit-ter - ness of ex - ile. But par - a - dise
dwelt with - in your heart, O bless-ed fa - ther Ni - ce - tas, and you suf-fered



joy - ful - ly. You - have re - ceived the recom-pense of your la - bors,
and now you look up - on the splen - dor of God.

Cantor: 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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