

Vespers Propers on the Evening of the
First Sunday of the Great Fast
March 1, 2020

The holy martyr Theodotus, bishop of Cyrene, who suffered under the emperor Diocletian. (302)

Supplement for The Order of Vespers on the Sunday of Forgiveness (Cheesefare Sunday) and the Sundays of the Great Fast.

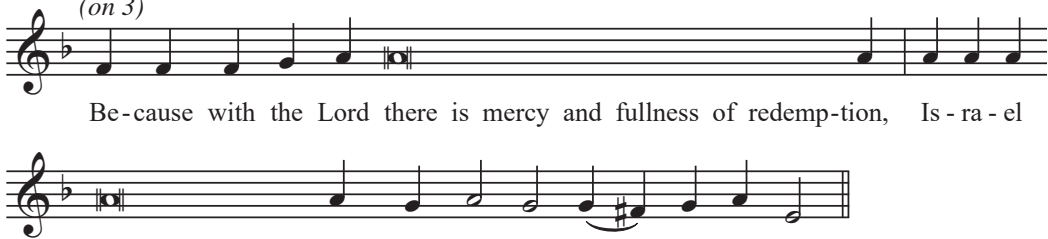
Psalm 140 and Stichera of Forgiveness in the tone of the week (Tone 5, p. 39)

Stichera of the first Sunday of the Great Fast, p. 62. Then:

Tone 4 samohlasen

(on 3)

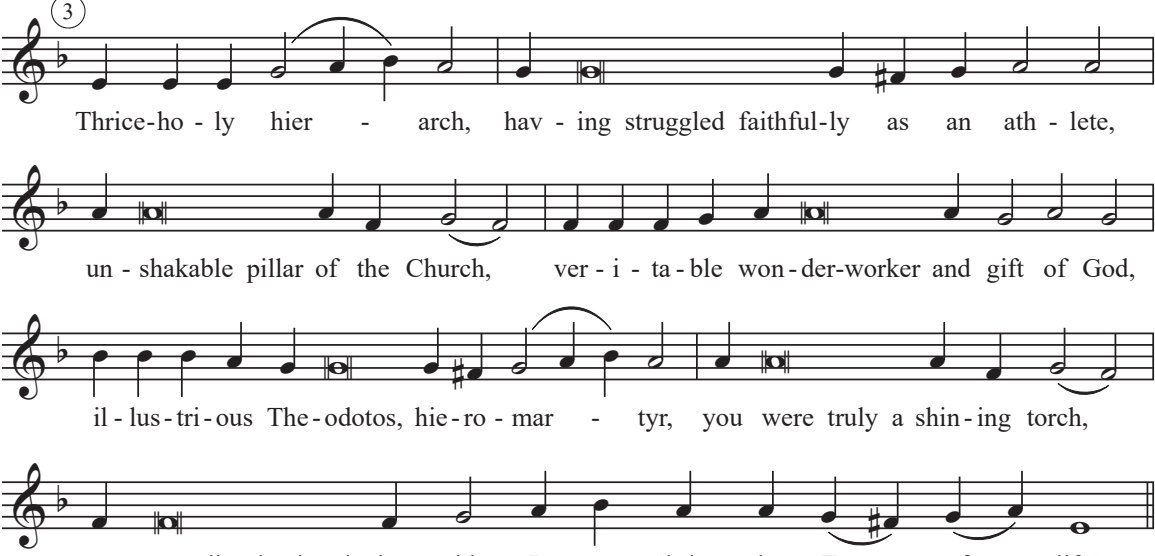
Cantor



Be-cause with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemp-tion, Is - ra - el
indeed he will re-deem from all its in - i - qui - ty.

Stichera of the holy martyr Theodotus - *Tone 4 samohlasen*

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Thrice-ho - ly hier - arch, hav - ing struggled faithful-ly as an ath - lete,
un - shakable pillar of the Church, ver - i - ta - ble won - der - worker and gift of God,
il - lus - tri - ous The - odotos, hie - ro - mar - tyr, you were truly a shin - ing torch,
a paradise having in its midst Je - sus Christ, the Tree of life!

Cantor *(on 2)*

Praise the Lord, all you na-tions, ac-claim him all you peo - ples!

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Scourged by leath - er whips, stretched on a tree and raked by i - ron hooks,

you were thrown in-to a dun-geon. En - dur-ing the horror of nails through your feet,

fas-ten-ing you to a heat-ed rack, you remained unshaken, O hieromartyr

The-o - do-tos, glo - rifying Him who gave you the strength to per - se - vere.

Cantor *(on 1)*

Strong is the love of the Lord for us; he is faith-ful for - ev - er.

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By the vigor of your strug - gles, you smothered the ene-my and his pow - er,

bring-ing him down to de-feat. Ris-ing up ra - dantly, you went to dwell in the

King-dom on high, bear-ing your crown, for you earned the light and joy of the fes-tive

as - sem - bly. Now, O Theodotos, you intercede for the salvation of those

who hon-or you, O illustri-ous glo - ry of mar - tyr.

The faithful STAND.

Cantor

Glo - ry to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir-it, now and

ev - er and for - ev - er. A-men.

Theotokion - *in the same tone*

All-pure Bride of God, de - liver my poor soul from the punishment de-served

by my sins. By your prayers, snatch me from death and grant that on the Day of

Judg - ment I may be jus - tified with the multi-tude of all the saints.

Be - fore the end, purify me through re - pent - ance and tears.

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

Aposticha of the first Sunday of the Great Fast, p. 65