

**Vespers Propers on the Evening of the  
Third Sunday of the Great Fast  
March 7, 2021**


**Our venerable father and confessor Theophylact** of Nicomedia in Bythinia, who was exiled for the sake of the veneration of the holy icons and died at Strobilis in Caria. (845)

*Supplement for The Order of Vespers on Sunday Evening for 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 7, p. 48)*

*Stichera of the Third Sunday of the Fast, p. 72. Then:*

*Tone 1 samohlasen*


Cantor: 

Be - cause with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemp-tion,




Is - rael indeed he will re - deem from all its in - i - qui - ty.


**Stichera of our venerable father Theophylact - Tone 1 samohlasen**




Ho - ly fa - ther The - o - phy - lact, pro - tect - ed by the con - stant care of God,



you were kept safe and sound, be - com - ing an unshakable ram - part for the Church.



The or - deals and intrigues of the heretics could not dis - turb you. In - ter - cede now that



our souls be giv - en peace and great mer - cy.

*Cantor:*

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

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Ho - ly fa - ther The - o - phy - lact, see - ing God face to face and en - joy - ing  
 u - nion with him now, you are di - vin - ized by a - dop - tion.  
 You joy - fully found that u - nique bless - ed - ness for which you aspired, O  
 bless - ed hier - arch, who dwell at home with the an - gels.

*Cantor:*

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

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Ho - ly fa - ther The - o - phy - lact, leav - ing earth, you hastened toward heav - en:

you were wor - thy, O bless - ed one, to in - hab - it the ce - les - tial dwell - ings,  
 be - cause of the exile that you en - dured for Christ. In - ter - cede now that  
 our souls be giv - en peace and great mer - cy.

*The faithful STAND.*

*Cantor:*

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, 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*

O Wom - an wor - thy of our praise, heal my soul, cruelly afflicted by the  
 pas - sions. O Vir - gin, you have given birth to Christ our Sav - ior,  
 the Phys - i - cian of all, who heals ev - 'ry dis - ease. For he has crushed

the head of the ene-my, the de - mon, and de-liv-ers us all  
from death.

*The service continues with the Hymn of the Evening, “O joyful light,” on page 9.*

*Prokeimenon for the Third Sunday, p.10*

*Aposticha of the Third Sunday, p. 75*