

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*

**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!


 <sup>2</sup> 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.

 <sup>1</sup> 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