

Theotokion - in the same tone

Trou-bled and in grief, we be - seech you, O all-pure one, our in - ter -
ces - sor: Do not allow your servants to per-ish ut - ter - ly;
but has - ten to rescue us from this pres - ent wrath and grief, O di - vine - ly
joy - ous, all-ho - ly and pure one, for you are our bul - wark and
un - as - sailed hope.

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

Prokeimenon for the Fourth Sunday, p.10

Aposticha of the Fourth Sunday, p. 79

**Vespers Propers on the Evening of the
Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast
March 14, 2021**

The holy martyr Agapius and his companions. The holy martyrs Timolaus, Dionysius, Pausis, Romulus, Alexander, and another Alexander at Caesarea in Palestine, who were led with bound hands to Urbanus the prefect in the persecution of Diocletian the emperor and confessed that they were Christians. A few days later, with their companions Agapius and another Dionysius, they were beheaded and earned the crowns of eternal life. (303)

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 8, p. 52)
Stichera of the Fourth Sunday of the Fast, p. 77. Then:*

Tone 8 samohlasen

Cantor
(on 3)
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 Agapius and companions - Tone 8 samohlasen

Hav - ing strug - gled for Christ, O mar - tyrs, you were not moved at all by
the torments of the per - se - cu - tors who in - flict - ed a violent death up - on you.
But with eag - er zeal and ho - ly con - vic - tion, all sev - en of you marched

in - to the com - bat. Put - ting on the crown of vic - tors,
 you were for - e - ver num - bered a - mong the just. With them, we continual - ly
 glo - ri - fy you and call you blest.

Cantor *(on 2)*

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

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O mar - tyred ath - lete A - ga - pi - us, seek - ing the Sum - mit of all desires

and the Source of all good, you has - tened to drink from the cup of mar - tyr - dom,

as you called upon the name of the liv - ing God. What de - ter - mination and

what cou - rage you dis - played! By them you attained your merit - ed glo - ry

and splen - - - dor.

Cantor *(on 1)*

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

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O praise - wor - thy mar - tyrs, you vol - untarily handed yourselves over for

im - mo - la - tion. You sanc - ti - fied the earth by your blood;

you gave light to the heavens as you passed to them. You dwell there now for all

a - ges, pray - ing with - out cease for us to the nev - er -

set - ting Light.

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.