

**Theotokion - in the same tone**

I have wretchedly gone down into the pit of my man - y sins be - cause of my  
care - less - ness and sloth. In my shame, I am prey to anguish and de - spair.  
Be my aid, my help and propitiation, O all - pure - one, and grant me your  
watch - ful pro - tec - tion. I beg and pray, prostrate before you, and cry - ing out:  
Do not allow me to be the laughingstock of the e - ne - my to the end.

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

*Prokeimenon for the Fifth Sunday, p.10*

*Aposticha of the Fifth Sunday, p. 85*

**Vespers Propers on the Evening of the  
Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast  
March 21, 2021**

**The holy martyr Basilides, priest of Ancyra** in Galatia, priest and martyr. When Constantius held the office of emperor, Basilides most courageously opposed the Arians. Soon after, under the emperor Julian, he implored God that none of the Christians leave the faith. For this reason he was captured and handed over to the governor of the province. Having suffered many tortures, he consummated his martyrdom. (363)

**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 1, p. 22)  
Stichera of the Fifth Sunday of the Fast, p. 82. Then:*

*Tone 4 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 Basilides - Tone 4 samohlasen**

③

O Basilides, of the roy - al name, ar - rayed in your priest - ly vest - ments, you served  
God like an an - gel, of - fring the sac - rifice to him who for our sake was made visible  
in a bod - y. Then like a spot - less lamb, you were slaughtered as a

per-fect sac - ri - fice, to be of-fered on the al - tar on high. Thus with

joy - ful voice, we call you bless-ed and sing to you: In - tercede constant-ly

that our souls may be saved.

*Cantor* *(on 2)*

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

②

Stripped of your skin by an un-just judg - ment, you suffered torments as you

contemplated the pain-less life to come and the reward for those who strug - gle.

Tem-pered like ir - on in the fire, you be - came a sword forged by God

to cut in pieces the en-e - my host. Thus today, all the faithful honor you with

joyful voices, O bless-ed mar - tyr, and ask you to pray to God

for your flock.

*Cantor* *(on 1)*

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

①

A - dorned with wounds for the sake of God, you were dragged from town to town

as a cap-tive, in order to put the Tyrant in - to chains. Di-rect-ting your

foot-steps toward Cae-sa - re - a, you were giv-en a bless-ed end. Then,

bearing your crown, you arrived at the heavenly city-of our God. For - ev - er in

the pres-ence of the King, beg him to save and en-light-en our souls.

*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.