

**Vespers Propers on the Evening of the
Second Sunday of the Great Fast
March 5, 2023**

The holy forty-two martyrs of Ammorium in Syria. Captured in Phrygia and taken to the Euphrates River, they seized the palm of martyrdom by their surpassing spiritual struggle. (848)

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 6, p. 43)
Stichera of the Second Sunday of the Fast, p. 67. 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 martyrs - Tone 4 samohlasen

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O vic-to-ri-ous mar - tyrs, in these latter days, you have risen like un-set-ting stars
in the firmament of the Church. With the splen-dor of your strug - gles, you have
giv - en light to the world, scat - tering the shad-ows of er - ror. Now you have
passed into the e - ter-nal Light. Thus, we the faithful celebrate your radiant and ho-ly

ex - ploits, for we are always enriched by your watch - ful pro-tec - tion.

Cantor *(on 2)*

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

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Dragged a-way by force, O wit-ness-es of Christ, you were shackled and thrown

in - to a dun-geon. Cap-tives to-geth-er for man-y years, you were true guar-dians of

the Faith. In his savage fury, a tyrant ordered you put to death by the sword

for not having yielded to his wick - ed oaths. But, O far-famed for - ty - two

mar - tyrs, you have joyfully in - her - it - ed the King - dom on high.

Cantor *(on 1)*

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

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Let us loud - ly ac - claim the divine assem-bly of com - bat - ants:

in - cluding Constantine and Cal - lis - tus, as well as Bas-soi, The - o - phi - lus,
 The - o - dore and the oth - er mar - tyrs, They preferred a joyous immolation
 for the sake of the Life of all; and they found e - ter - nal rest in the Cit - y
 of the liv - ing God. They con - tin - ual - ly pray for us, so that on the
 day of judg - ment we might receive forgiveness of sins and per - fect
 re - demp - - tion.

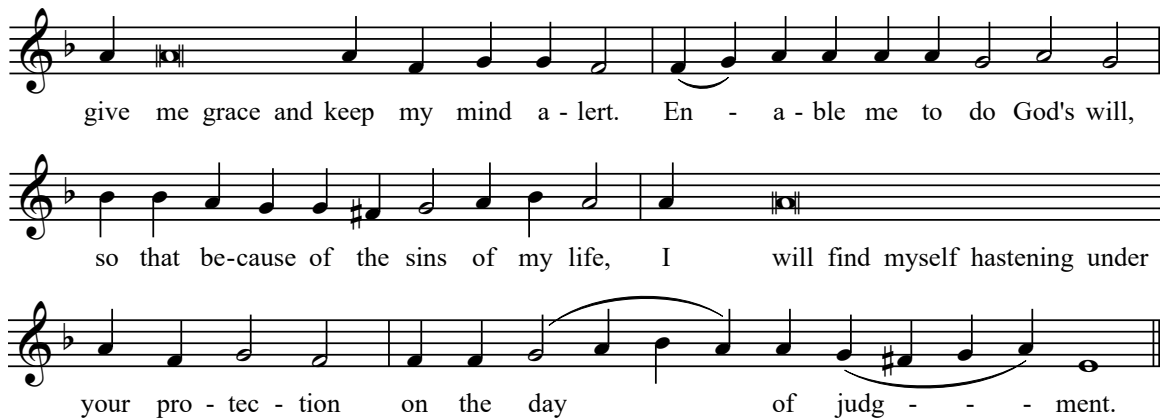
The faithful STAND.

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*

O Most Im-mac-u-late One, wheth-er I sail on the sea, travel on land, or rest at home,



give me grace and keep my mind a - lert. En - a - ble me to do God's will,
so that be-cause of the sins of my life, I will find myself hastening under
your pro - tec - tion on the day of judg - - - ment.

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

Prokeimenon for the Second Sunday of the Great Fast, page 10.

Aposticha of the Second Sunday of the Great Fast, page 70.