

**Vespers Propers on the Evening of the
First Sunday of the Great Fast
March 9, 2025**

The holy martyr Codratus and his companions Emmanuel, Sabine, and Theodosius in Anatolia, martyrs in the reign of the emperor Licinius. (250)

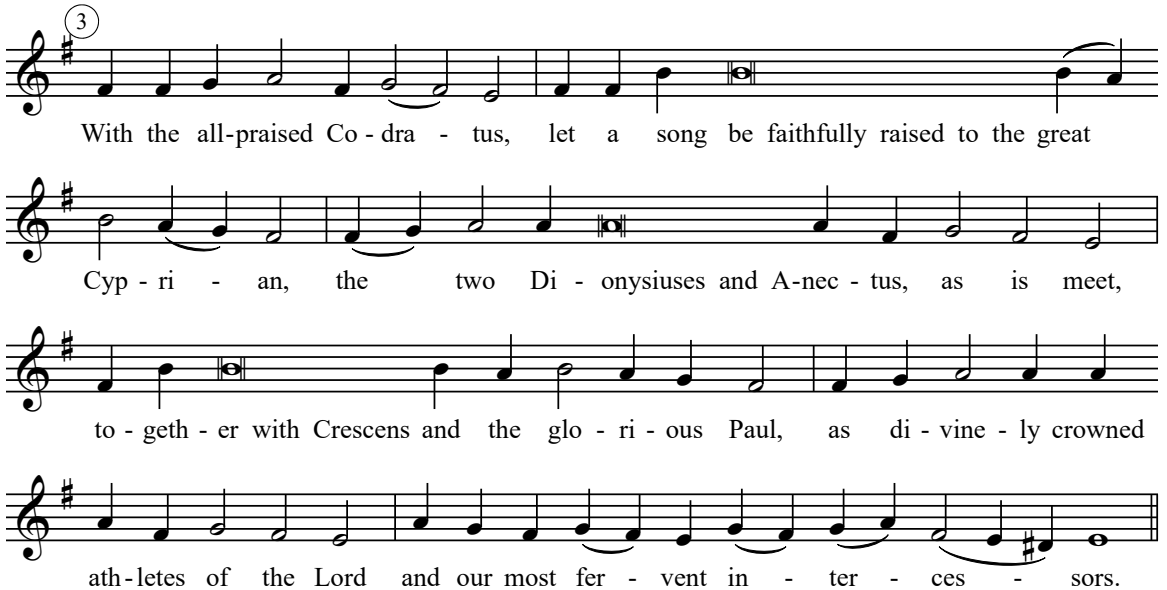
Supplement for The Order of Vespers on the Sunday of Forgiveness (Cheesefare Sunday) and the Sundays of the Great Fast.

Psalm 140 and Stichera of Forgiveness in the Tone of the Week (Tone 1, p. 22)

Stichera of the First Sunday of the Great Fast, p. 62.

Cantor: (Tone 1) Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

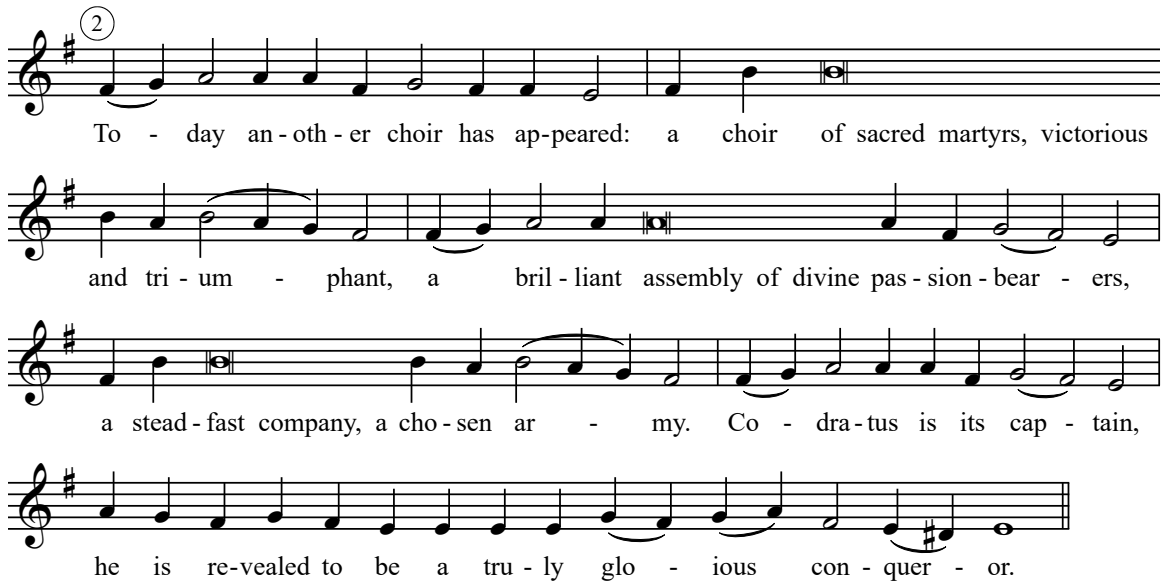
Stichera of the holy martyr Codratus and companions - Tone 1 samohlasen



With the all-praised Co - dra - tus, let a song be faithfully raised to the great
Cyp - ri - an, the two Di - onysiuses and A - nec - tus, as is meet,
to - geth - er with Crescens and the glo - ri - ous Paul, as di - vine - ly crowned
ath - letes of the Lord and our most fer - vent in - ter - ces - sors.

Cantor: Praise the Lord, all you nations; **Psalm 116**
(on 2) acclaim him, all you peoples!

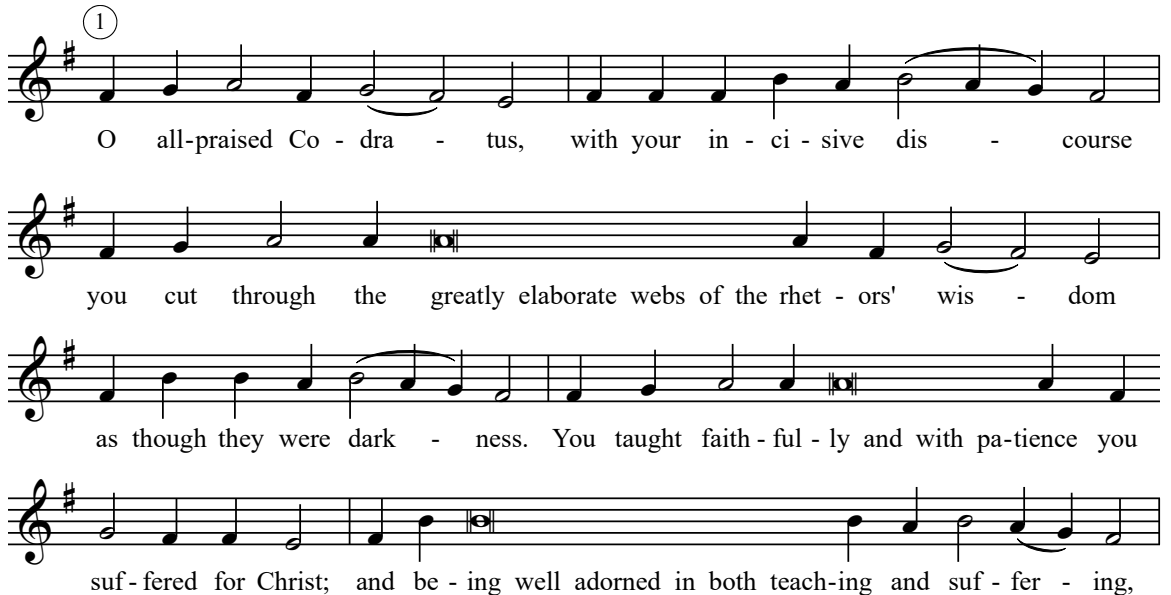
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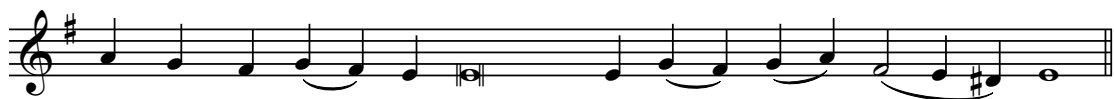
To - day an - oth - er choir has ap - peared: a choir of sacred martyrs, victorious
and tri - um - phant, a bril - liant assembly of divine pas - sion - bear - ers,
a stead - fast company, a cho - sen ar - my. Co - dra - tus is its cap - tain,
he is re - vealed to be a tru - ly glo - ious con - quer - or.

Cantor: Strong is the love of the Lord for us;
(on 1) he is faithful forever.

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O all - praised Co - dra - tus, with your in - ci - sive dis - course
you cut through the greatly elaborate webs of the rhet - ors' wis - dom
as though they were dark - ness. You taught faith - ful - ly and with pa - tience you
suf - fered for Christ; and be - ing well adorned in both teach - ing and suf - fer - ing,




you have been crowned to - gether with the pas - sion - bear - ers.

Cantor: Glory...now and ever...

Theotokion - Tone 1 samohlasen




Held fast by hope - less transgressions, O pure Vir - gin, we cry out in



thanks-giv - ing, hav - ing ac - quired you as our sole in - ter - ces - sor:



Cleanse us, O all-ho - ly Bride of God, for you are the ref - uge of the world and



the help of the hu - man race.

The service continues on page 9.

Prokeimenon for the First Sunday of the Great Fast, p.10

Aposticha of the First Sunday of the Great Fast, p. 65