

**Vespers Propers on the Evening of the
Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast
April 6, 2025**

Our venerable father George, bishop of Mitylene on the island of Lesbos, who suffered many things for the cult of holy icons under emperor Leo the Armenian. (816)

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 5, p. 39)

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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 our venerable father George - Tone 1 samohlasen

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You will - ing - ly venerated the holy icon of Christ, O fa - ther George, with-out

fear-ing the en - e - mies of God, for you were strength-ened by his pow - er.

En - treat him now to grant our souls peace and great mer - cy.

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

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You en-dured the rage of haught - y fools. You saw them first exalted with the

arrogance of im - pi - e - ty, then cast down when the providence of God
 be - gan to act to o - pen - ly pun - ish the sense - - - less ones.

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

Work - ing with God as a priest, O fa - ther George, you of - fered also
 to the Mas - ter the souls of the faithful saved by your preach - ing,
 the har - vest bearing fruit a hun - dred - fold. Now en - treat him to strength - en the
 Church by the teach - ing of the true faith.

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

Theotokion - Tone 1 samohlasen

Re - joice, O bush un - burnt! Re - joice, for you alone gave birth to the angel

of great coun - sel! Re - joice, will of the ador-a - ble Trin - i - ty!

Re - joice, confirma-tion of mor - tals! Re - joice, for you caused the

uncultivated grain of para-dise to spring forth; he is the King and Lord

who cau-ses the off-shoots of e - vil to with - er.

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Aposticha of the fifth Sunday of the Great Fast, p. 85