

**Vesper Propers: Second Sunday of the Great Fast:  
Memory of our Holy Father Gregory, Archbishop of Thessalonica**

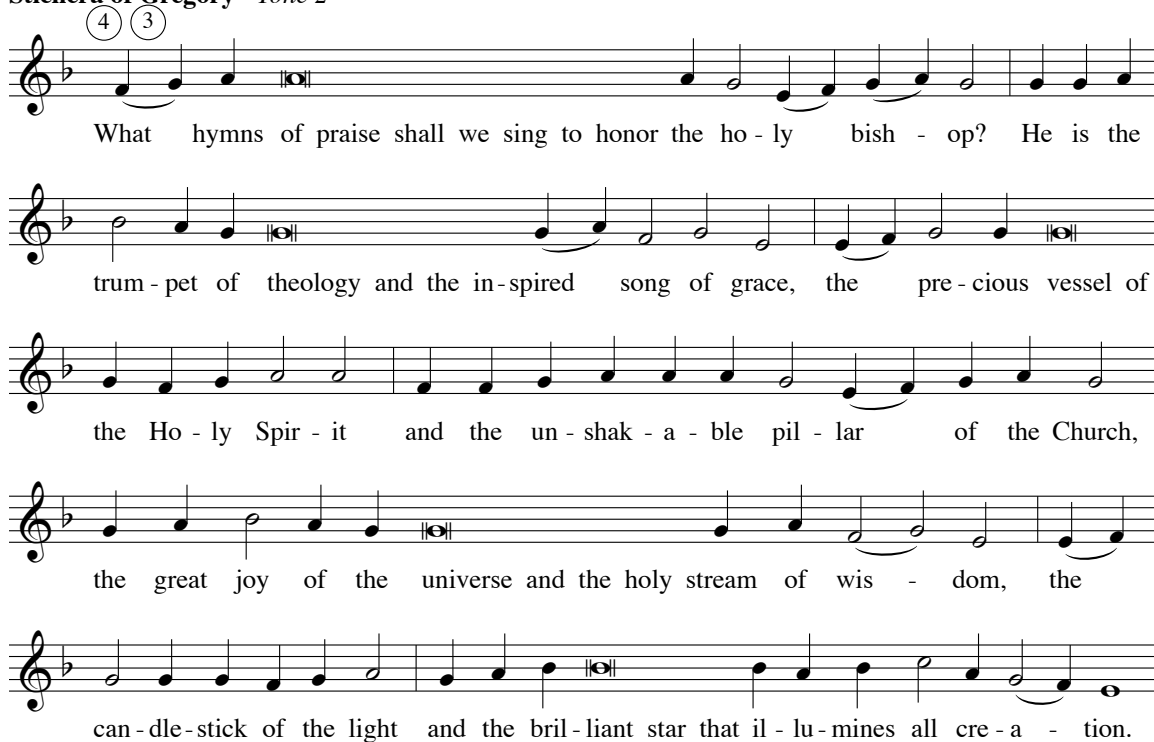
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2. *Psalm 103, p. 2 (chant) or p. 6 (melodic)*
3. *Litany of Peace, p. 8*
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5. *Lamplighting Psalms Tone 5 p. 69*  
*10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5 for the Resurrection, Tone 5, p. 70-74*

**Cantor:** Let the watchman count on daybreak  
(on 4) and Israel on the Lord.

**Stichera of Gregory - Tone 2**

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What hymns of praise shall we sing to honor the ho-ly bish-op? He is the  
trum-pet of theology and the in-spired song of grace, the pre-cious vessel of  
the Ho-ly Spir-it and the un-shak-a-ble pil-lar of the Church,  
the great joy of the universe and the holy stream of wis-dom, the  
can-dle-stick of the light and the bril-liant star that il-lu-mines all cre-a-tion.

**Cantor:** Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,  
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. *Repeat "What hymns of praise..."*

**Cantor:** Praise the Lord, all you nations; **Psalm 116**  
(on 3) acclaim him, all you peoples!

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With what wreaths of hymns shall we crown this ho - ly bish - op? He is the  
in - vincible support of de - vo - tion and the a - vowed en - e - my of god - less - ness,  
the zeal - ous de - fend - er of the faith and the teach - er and mas - ter  
of ho - ly monks, the har - mon - i - ous lyre of the Spirit and the gold - en tongue,  
the foun - tain from which the faithful draw heal - ing wa - ters, ho - ly  
Gre - gory, who is wor - thy of all ad - mir - a - tion.

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

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With what lips shall we mortals praise this ho - ly bish - op? He is the teach - er  
of the Church and the herald of the di - vine light, the one who is im - mersed

in the Trin - i - ty, the most beau - ti - ful a - dorn - ment of ho - ly monks, re - nowned  
 for his divine contemplation and the brightness of his vir - tues; the pride  
 and glo - ry of Thes - sa - lo - ni - ca; and the ho - ly Demetrius, whose rel - ics  
 flow with ho - ly oil, shares with him the king - dom of heav - en.

**Cantor:** Glory...

**Doxastikon**

*Tone 6*

O most ho - ly and thrice - bless - ed fa - ther, you are a disciple of Christ the high priest  
 as well as a good shep - herd; you have giv - en your life for your sheep.  
 And now, O holy and God - bear - ing Gre - go - ry, in - tercede with him to  
 grant us his great mer - - - cy.

**Cantor:** Now and ever...

*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week*

*Hymn of the Evening, p. 12*  
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*Apostichera in the Tone of the Week*

**Cantor:** Glory...

**Aposticha Doxastikon**

*Tone 8*

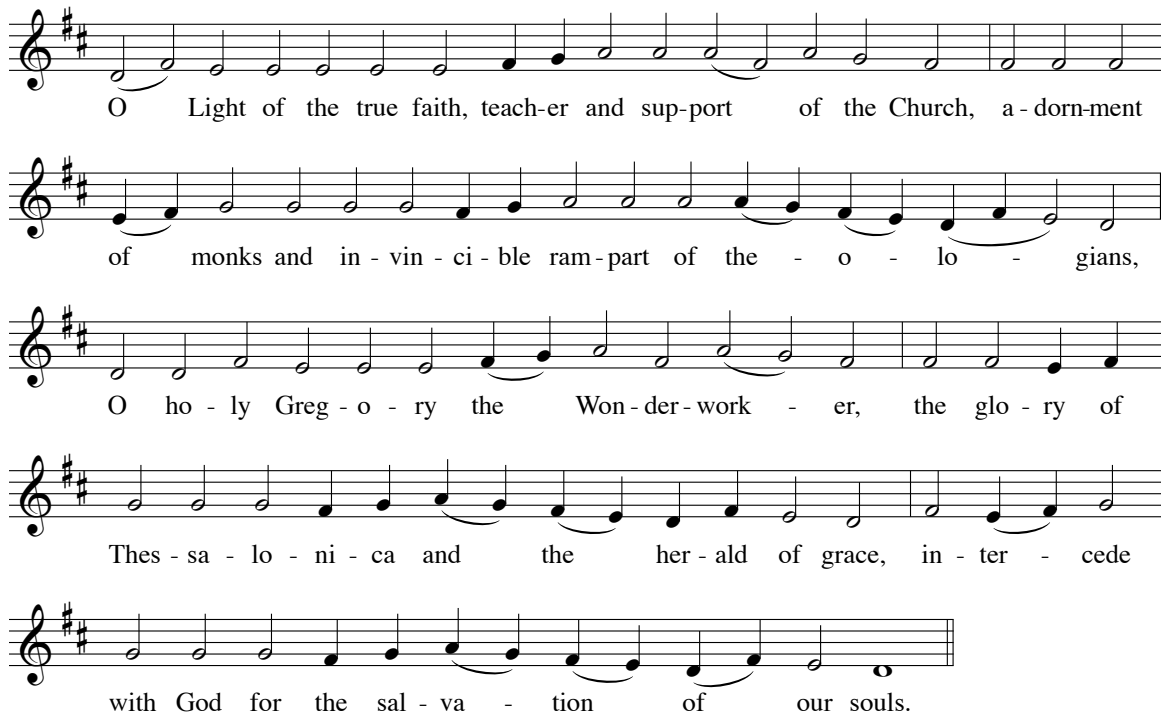
Your voice, which is al-ways read - y to teach, re-sounds in the ears of our hearts;  
it a-wak-ens even the most sloth-ful souls. And by your in-spired words,  
you show us the steps of the ladder which leads us from earth to God. O  
ho - ly Gregory. wonder of Thes-sa - lo - ni - ca, in - ter - cede with Christ, that with  
his di - vine bright - ness, he may enlighten those who hon - or your  
mem - o - ry.

**Cantor:** Now and ever...

*Aposticha Theotokion, Tone 8, p. 110*

*Prayer of St. Simeon, p. 19*  
*Trisagion Prayers, p. 19*  
*Troparion in the Tone of the Week*

**Troparion of our Holy Father Gregory - Tone 8**



O Light of the true faith, teach-er and sup-port of the Church, a-dorn-ment  
of monks and in-vin-ci-ble ram-part of the - o - lo - gians,  
O ho-ly Greg-o-ry the Won-der-work-er, the glo-ry of  
Thes-sa-lo-ni-ca and the her-ald of grace, in-ter-cede  
with God for the sal-va-tion of our souls.

*Glory...now and ever...*

*Festal Theotokion, Tone 8, p 111*

*Dismissal, p 21*