

Vesper Propers, April 2, 2006
Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast
Our Venerable Father and Confessor Nicetas

Our venerable father and confessor Nicetas, Hegumen of Medikion on Mt. Olympus in Bithynia, who for his defense of the holy icons suffered patiently imprisonment and exile under Leo the Armenian. (824)

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Cantor: 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 Nicetas - Tone 2 podoben: Jehda ot dreva (samohlasen settings on page 4)

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Un-der the guid-ance of the Word, you be-came a faithful guide, O ho - ly
stew-ard Ni - ce - tas. Sow-ing the good seed of sal - va - tion, gath - ering in a
har - vest a hun - dred-fold, you brought it to the Lord in joy.
O bless - ed fa - ther, as you stand for-ev - er in his pres - ence,
be mind-ful of your flock which ceaselessly ven-er-ates your ho - ly mem - o - ry.

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

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Gen-tle and kind by na - ture, you be-came a warrior fired by zeal
for the faith. Clad in the ar - mor of faith, bearing the lance of ascetici-sm, O
Ni-ce - tas, you de-nounced the blas-phem-y of her - e - sy. God-bear-ing
fa - ther, you ven - erated the i - con of the Sav - - - ior
as you fol-lowed the rule giv - en by the Fa - thers.

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

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in the most ob - scure of places in the bit-ter-ness of ex - ile. But par - a - dise
dwelt with-in your heart, O blessed fa-ther Ni-ce - tas, and you suf - fered

joy - ful - ly. You have re - ceived the rec - om - pense for your la - bors,
and now you look up - on the splen - dor of God.

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

Theotokion - Tone 2 samohlasen

In your womb, O all - ho - ly Bride of God, you a - lone bore
the uncontainable God with - out con - fin - ing him. He be - came man in his good - ness.
There - fore, I beseech you, rescue me from the pas - sions which re - strict me,
that, hav - ing trod the straight and nar - row path, I may at - tain that which leads to
life, O Vir - gin.

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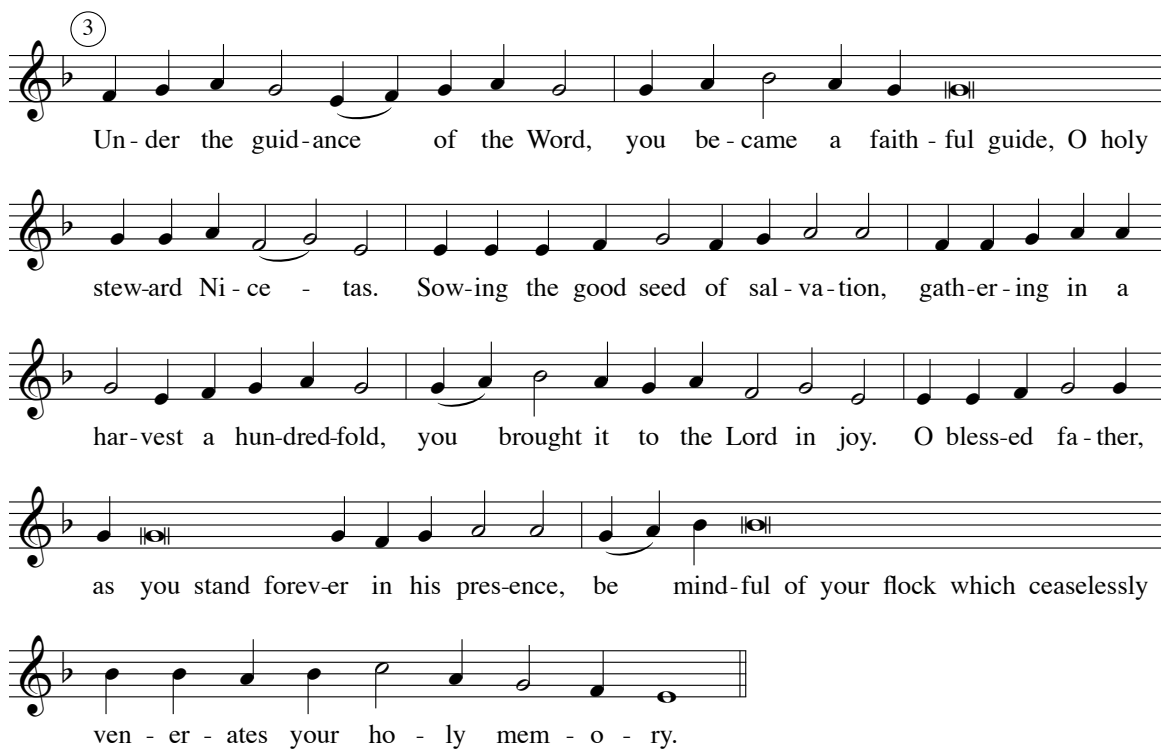
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Samohlasen settings

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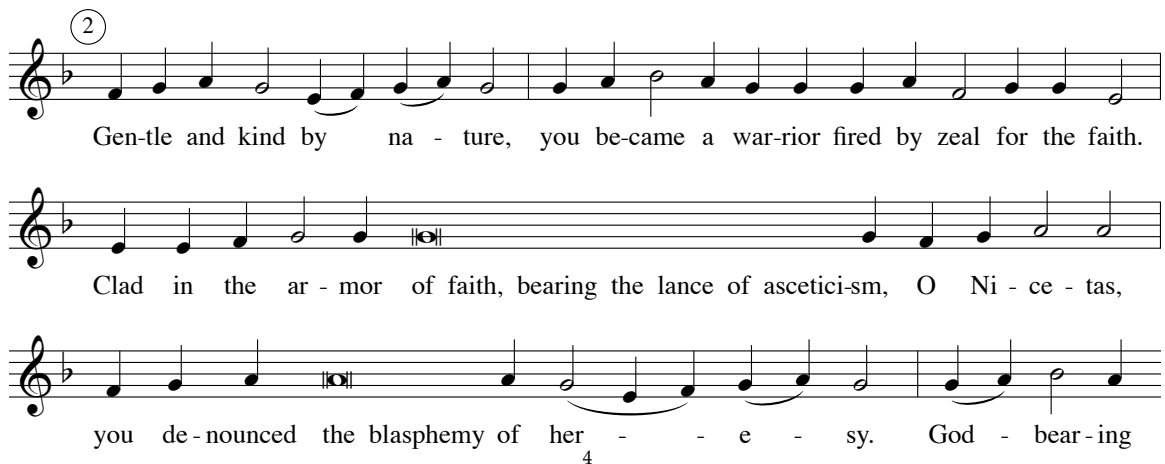
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