

Theotokion - Tone 3 samohlasen



O Most Pure One, you reign over all crea-tures. By your warm intercession  
and your moth-er-ly prayer, free me because I am ruled by my pas-sions  
be-yond all com-pre-hen-sion. Free me that I may serve your Son and God.

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Aposticha of Cheesefare Sunday, p. 59

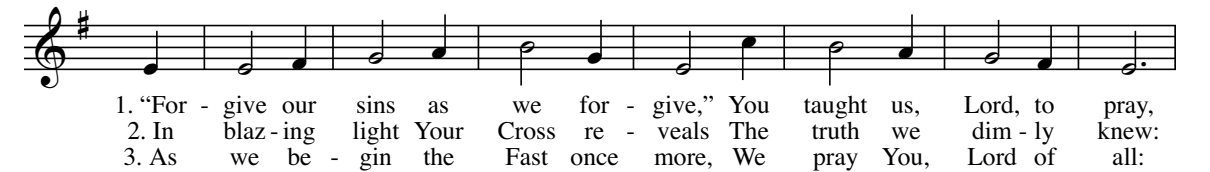
Vespers Propers, February 3, 2008  
Cheesefare Sunday (Sunday of Forgiveness)

Our venerable father **Isidore of Pelusium**, in Egypt, priest, who, notable in his teaching, spurning the world and riches, preferred to imitate the life of John the Baptist in the desert, having taken up the monastic state, founded a monastery at Pelusium, and was held in much esteem as a theologian and a guide of souls. (c. 450)

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Hymn

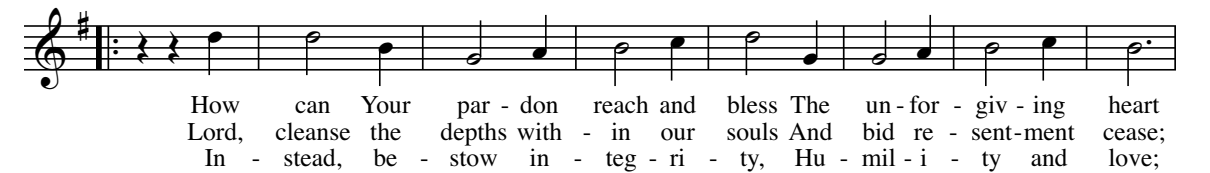
melody: Pod tvoj pokrov/We Hasten to Your Patronage



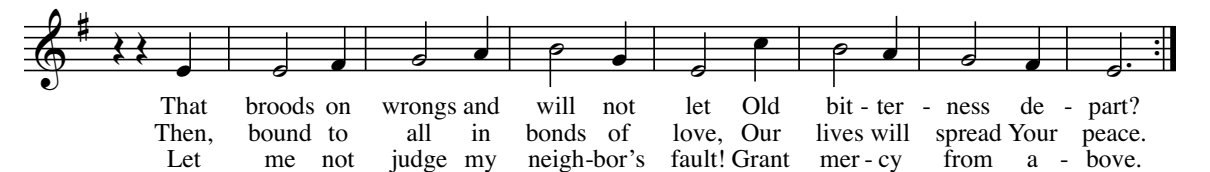
1. "For-give our sins as we for-give," You taught us, Lord, to pray,  
2. In blaz-ing light Your Cross re-veals The truth we dim-ly knew:  
3. As we be-gin the Fast once more, We pray You, Lord of all:



But You a-lone can grant us grace To live the words we say.  
What triv-ial debts are owed to us, How great our debt to You!  
Take far from us in-dif-fer-ence, De-spair, and pow-er's call.



How can Your par-don reach and bless The un-for-giv-ing heart  
Lord, cleanse the depths with-in our souls And bid re-sent-ment cease;  
In-stead, be-stow in-teg-ri-ty, Hu-mil-i-ty and love;



That broods on wrongs and will not let Old bit-ter-ness de-part?  
Then, bound to all in bonds of love, Our lives will spread Your peace.  
Let me not judge my neigh-bor's fault! Grant mer-cy from a-bove.

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stanza three: J. Michael Thompson

*Psalm 140 and Stichera of Forgiveness, Tone 3, p. 32*  
*Stichera of Cheesefare Sunday, p. 56*


**Cantor:** (Tone 4) 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 Venerable Father Isidore - Tone 4 samohlasen**

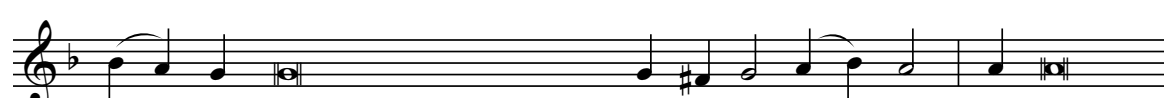
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Lift-ing your-self up to God by con-tem-ple-tion and the prac-tice of the vir-tues,




O bless-ed fa-ther Is-i-dore, you led a ho-ly life,



ap-proach-ing the vision of God by the lad-der of your works and cherishing



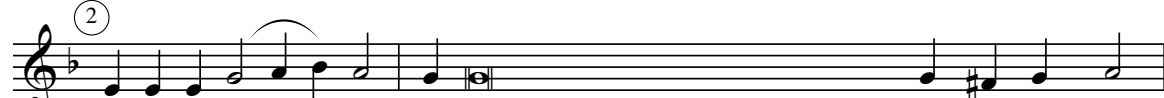
the supreme Object of all your de-sires. Now, pos-sess-ing forever that which you




de-sired, you enjoy the blessedness and the light of the Tri-ple Ra-di-ance.

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


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O ho-ly fa-ther, by the streams of grace and the rain of your sa-cred words,




you refresh all the faithful in the Lord. Ap-proach-ing the cup of Wis-dom



from on high, you drank from it in abun-dance, as from a well.



By your writings, your admonishing and your teach-ings, you spread your radiant



doc-trine ev-ry-where, O fa-ther Is-i-dore, wor-thy of our praise.

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


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By temperance, you mortified the arro-gance of the flesh, as you clothed yourself



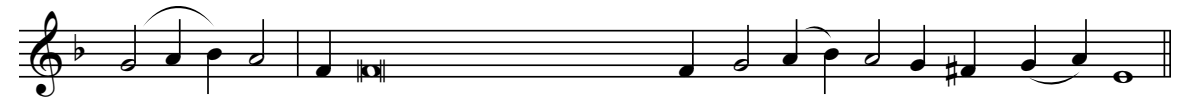
in the life-giv-ing cru-ci-fix-ion. Ex-panding the dispositions of your soul, O



bless-ed Is-i-dore, you have been a-ble to receive the graces of the Ho-ly



Spir-it; and you have be-come a repository of divinely-in-spired



doc-trine, a treasury of wisdom which sur-pass-es our un-der-stand-ing.

**Cantor:** (Tone 3) Glory...now and ever...