

**Third Sunday of the Great Fast**  
**February 24, 2008**

**Our holy father Tarasius, Archbishop of Constantinople**, notable for learning and piety. He opened the Second Nicene Council, in which the Fathers vindicated the cult of holy Images. He was called the “father of the poor.” (806)

*All page references are to **The Order of Vespers on Sunday Afternoons in the Great Fast**  
**Psalm 140 and Stichera of Forgiveness, Tone 6, p. 44**  
**Stichera of the Third Sunday, p. 69***

**Cantor:** (Tone 2) Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.  
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

**Stichera of Tarasius - Tone 2 samohlasen**

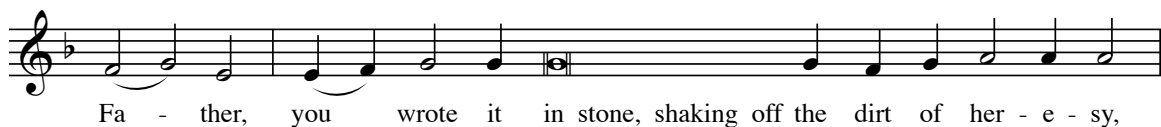
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You that love the things of God, hon - or - ing those of the spir - it,  
Come to - day and let us be - hold the ban - quet of the sweet sa - vor of ab - stin - ence  
which Ta - ra - si - us, the god - ly host, by his im - ma - te - ri - al vir - tues,  
has pre - pared for us in spir - it. Let us all cry out ea - ger - ly:  
We en - treat you, pray that we may ob - tain for - give - ness of our sins!

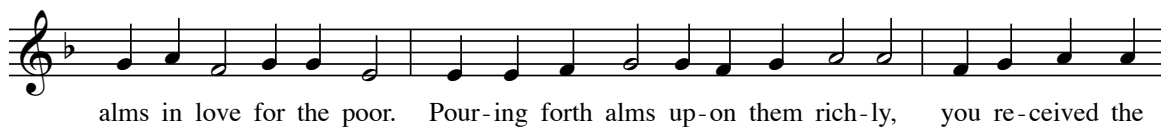
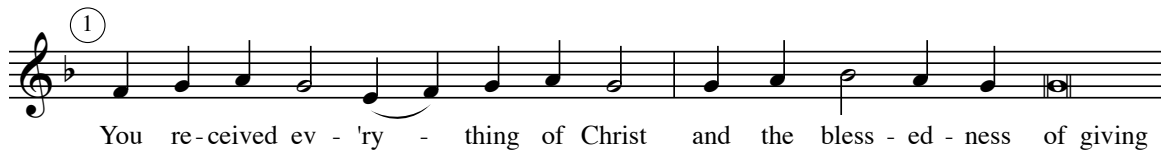
**Cantor:** Praise the Lord, all you nations; **Psalm 116**  
(on 2) acclaim him, all you peoples!

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You re - vealed the faith to the whole world in truth, wise and em - in - ent

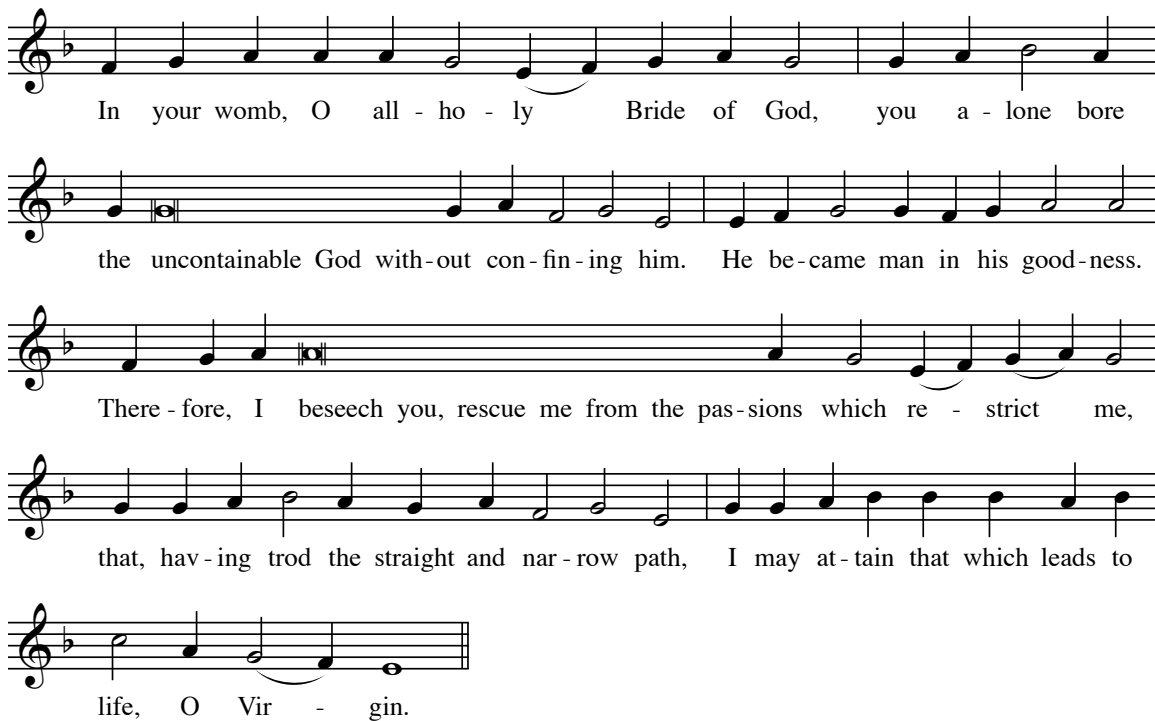


**Cantor:** Strong is the love of the Lord for us;  
(on 1) he is faithful forever.



**Cantor:** (Tone 2) 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.

*The service continues on page 9.*

*Prokeimenon for the Third Sunday, "You have granted me..." p.10*

*Aposticha of the Third Sunday, p. 71*