

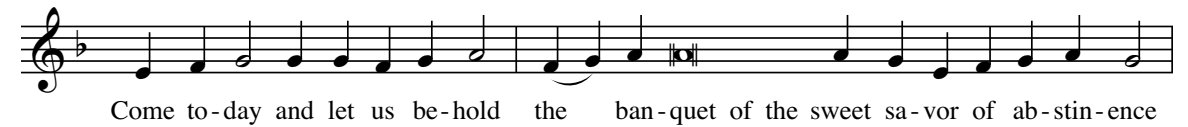
Third Sunday of the Great Fast
February 24, 2008

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



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



Fa - ther, you wrote it in stone, shaking off the dirt of her - e - sy,
 es - tab - lish - ing the beau - ty of the church, as you fol - lowed
 the teachings of the a - pos - tles of Christ. To - geth - er with them we all cry
 out to you: Right - ly-praised fa - ther, pray that our souls may be saved!

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

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 You re-ceived ev - 'ry - thing of Christ and the bless - ed - ness of giving
 alms in love for the poor. Pour-ing forth alms up-on them rich-ly, you re-ceived the
 mer-cy of the prom - ise, for mer-cy will cry out to be praised at the judg-ment.
 There-fore you de-part-ed to life! We be - seech you, pray that we may ob - tain
 for - give - ness of our sins!

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.

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

Aposticha of the Third Sunday, p. 71