

**Vespers Propers on the Evening of
Cheesefare Sunday (Sunday of Forgiveness)
March 6, 2011**

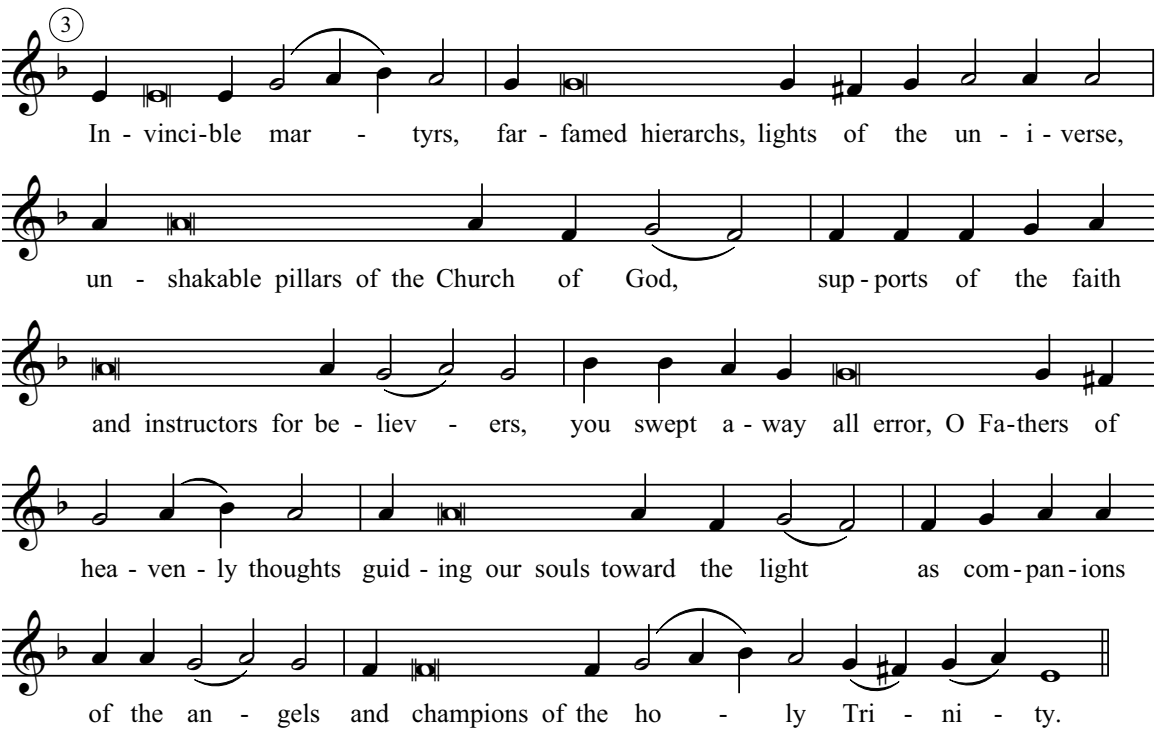
The holy martyrs and bishops of Cherson: Basil, Eugene, Agathadore, Elpidius, Etherius, Capiton, and Ephrem, who preached in the Crimea and gave their lives for the Faith. (4th century)

Supplement for The Order of Vespers on Sunday Afternoons in the Great Fast.

*Psalm 140 and Stichera of Forgiveness in the tone of the week (Tone 8, p. 52)
Stichera of Cheesefare Sunday (Sunday of Forgiveness), 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.

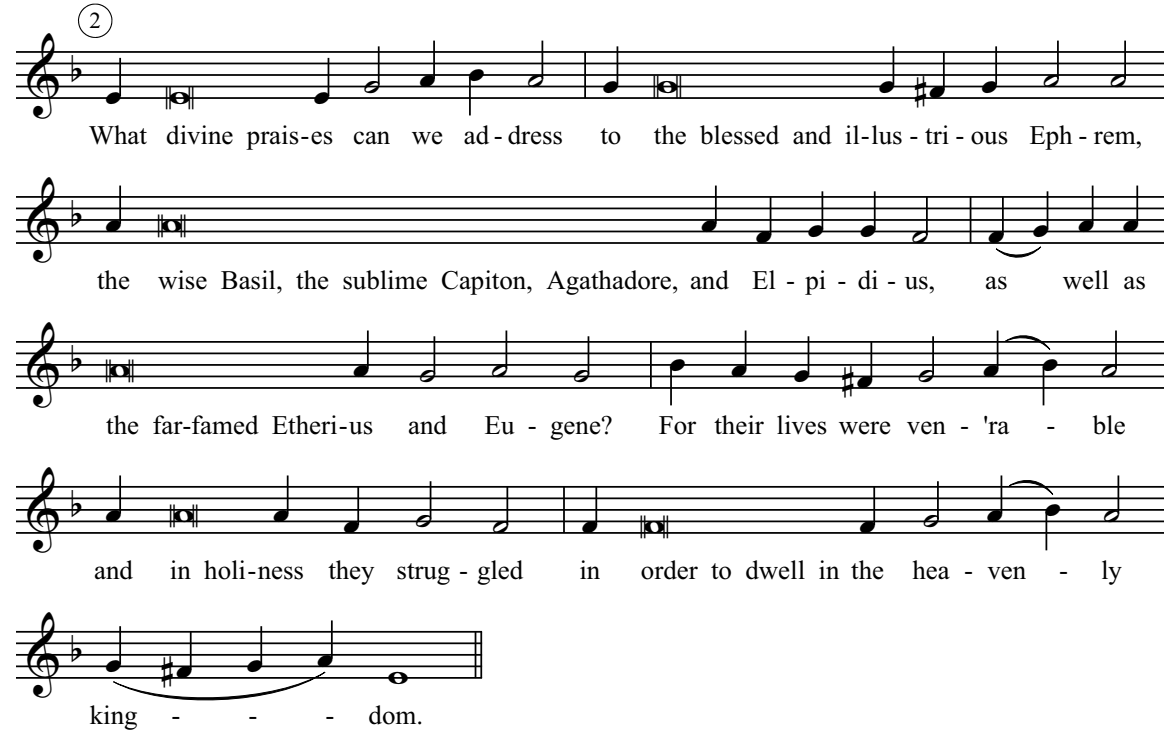
Stichera of holy martyrs of Cherson - Tone 4 samohlasen



In - vinci-ble mar - tyrs, far - famed hierarchs, lights of the un - i - verse,
un - shakable pillars of the Church of God, sup - ports of the faith
and instructors for be - liev - ers, you swept a - way all error, O Fa - thers of
hea - ven - ly thoughts guid - ing our souls toward the light as com - pan - ions
of the an - gels and champions of the ho - ly Tri - ni - ty.

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

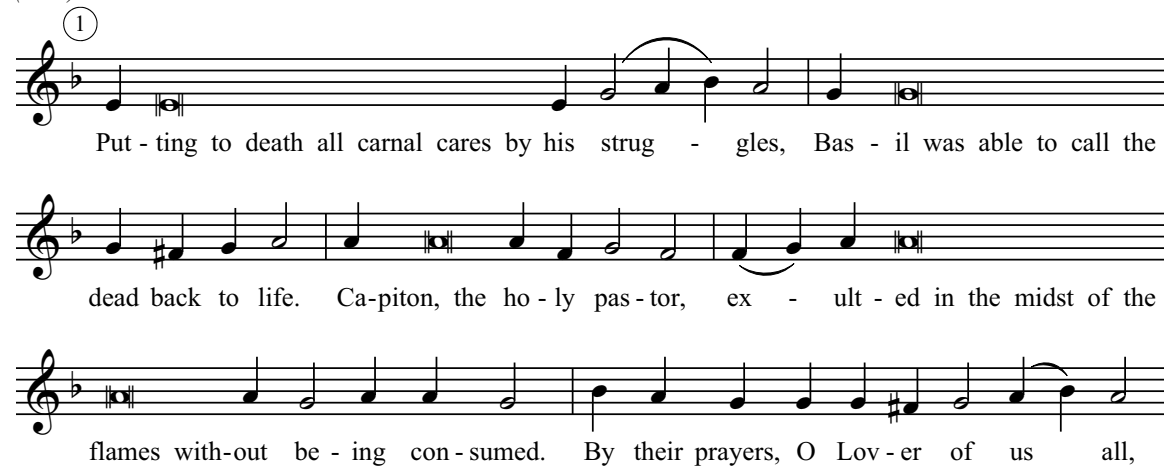
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What divine prais-es can we ad-dress to the blessed and il-lus-tri-ous Eph-rem,
the wise Basil, the sublime Capiton, Agathadore, and El-pi-di-us, as well as
the far-famed Etheri-us and Eu-gene? For their lives were ven-'ra-ble
and in holi-ness they strug-gled in order to dwell in the hea-ven-ly
king-dom.

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

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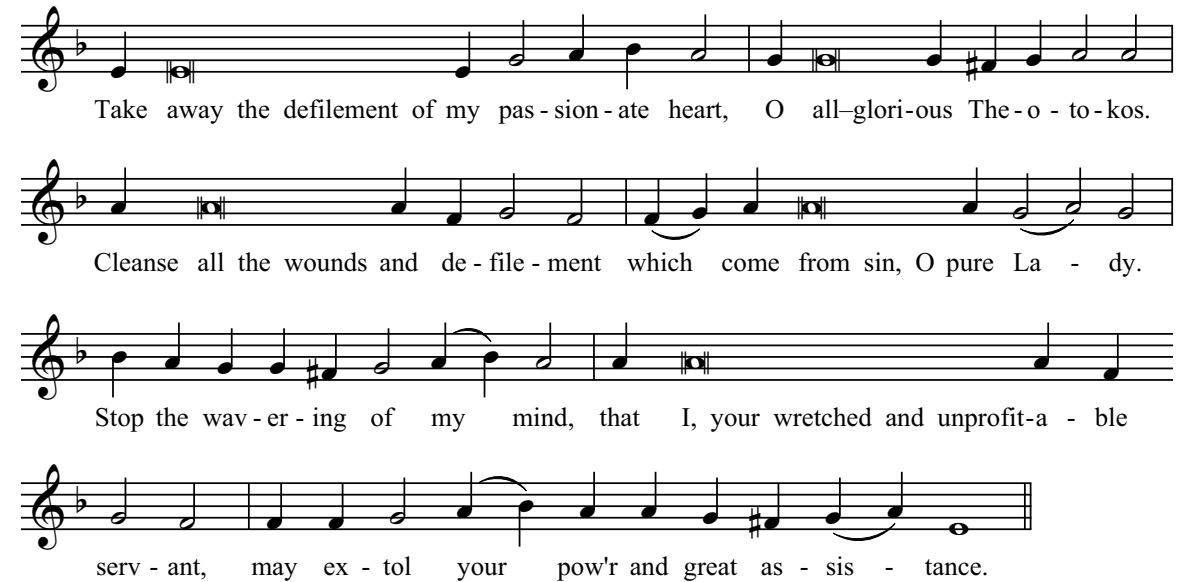
Put-ting to death all carnal cares by his strug-gles, Bas-il was able to call the
dead back to life. Ca-piton, the ho-ly pas-tor, ex-ult-ed in the midst of the
flames with-out be-ing con-sumed. By their prayers, O Lov-er of us all,



grant us par-don and great mer-cy.

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

Theotokion - *Tone 4 samohlasen*



Take away the defilement of my pas-sion-ate heart, O all-glori-ous The-o-to-kos.
Cleanse all the wounds and de-file-ment which come from sin, O pure La-dy.
Stop the wav-er-ing of my mind, that I, your wretched and unprofit-a-ble
serv-ant, may ex-tol your pow'r and great as-sis-tance.

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Prokeimenon for Cheesefare Sunday, p.10

Aposticha of Cheesefare Sunday, p. 59