

**Vespers Propers on the Evening of the
Second Sunday of the Great Fast
March 4, 2012**

The holy martyr Conon, who was a gardener during the reign of the emperor Decian. He was ordered to run in front of a chariot after having his feet pierced with nails. He sank down to his knees and surrendered his spirit in prayer. (251)

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 5, p. 40)
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Cantor: (Tone 8) Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

Tone 8 samohlasen

O di-vine, un-wan - ing ray, lu-min-ous ra - diance of the com-mand-ments of God,
ev - er-mem-'ra - ble ath - lete, most ex - cel - lent of mar - - - tyrs!
You dis-pelled the gloom of dark - ness like a bril-liant star, O bless-ed one!
O good of - fring, and un - blem-ish-ed sac - ri - fice! There-fore, un - ceas - ing - ly
en - treat Christ, that he may save our souls.

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

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You pro - claim the truth! Show-ing your-self to be a sword-wielding oppon-ent
of un-god-li - ness, you brought down the en - e - my by the suf-fer-ing
your head en - dured, O all-wise mar - tyr, and you clear-ly proclaimed the
com-mand of God, say - ing good things to the un - learn - ed peo - ple.
O Co - non, dweller with the mar - tyr: en - treat the Redeemer that he deliver
from pas - sions your ser - vants who praise you.

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

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O won-drous trans-for-ma - - - tion which the Lord of our fathers made
up - on you by the right hand of the Most High, O most glo-rious

ath - lete! You were re-vealed as a fruit blossoming forth from the root of
 un - be - lief, O most bless - ed and all-praised Co - non. Hav - ing
 Christ as your most ex-cel - lent Lead - - - er, you mightily o-ver - threw
 the hordes of the de - mons.

Cantor: (Tone 8) Glory...now and ever...

Theotokion - Tone 8 samohlasen

Re-joyce, bearer of the di-vine light, most bright star, taberna-cle of
 ho - li - ness. From your all - pure womb, light shone forth up - on us,
 il - lu-min-ing the ends of the earth and en-light-en-ing them with his grace.
 Re - joyce, all-pure Lady, origin of sal-va - tion! Re-joyce, good news and awe-some



tid - - ings to those who trust in you.

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