

**Vespers Propers on the Evening of the
First Sunday of the Great Fast
February 17, 2013**

Our holy father Leo, Pope of Rome who, born in Etruria [Tuscany], first stood out as a diligent deacon of Rome. He was then elevated to the chair of Peter, where rightly and by his merit he deserved to be called "the Great." He nourished his flock by his excellent and prudent discourse. Because of his orthodox teaching on the incarnation of God, the true faith was vigorously affirmed through his delegates to the Ecumenical Council of Chalcedon. He rested in the Lord at Rome, where he was buried on this day. (461)

*All page references are to **The Order of Vespers on Sunday Afternoons in the Great Fast***

Psalm 140 and Stichera of Forgiveness in the tone of the week (Tone 4, p. 40)

Stichera of the first Sunday of the Great Fast, p. 61

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.

Stichera of Leo the Great - Tone 8 samohlasen

What shall we name you, God-in-spired one? Head of the or-tho-dox Church
of Christ? Eye of pi-ety, clearly seeing hearts with spiritual un-der-stand-ing,
pour-ing out the word of life to all the ends of the earth? Di-vine-ly inscribed
scroll of the true faith? Pray that our souls may be saved!

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

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What shall we now call you, won - drous one? Preach - er of the truth and
firm foun - da - tion? Se - nior a - mong the hon - ored coun - cil?
Ex - cel - lent rule of teach - ings, pos - sess - ing the meas - ure of cor - rec - tion?
The one who cut down the division of Nes - to - ri - us and the con - fu - sion
of Eu - ty - ches with di - vine - ly - wrought rev - el - a - tions?

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

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What shall we now call you, mar - vel - ous one? Prince and rul - er in spir - it - ual
splen - dor, ex - er - cis - ing mastery over the passions of the bod - y?
Ves - sel of di - vine mer - - - cy; dwell - ing of per - fect love?

Lov - ing pas - tor, awaiting the repentance of sin - ners? Pray that our souls
 may be saved.

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

Theotokion - Tone 8 samohlasen

O wretch - ed soul, to whom do you lik - en your - self, for you have not risen to
 re - pent - ance in an - y way, and fear not the fire that awaits the e - vil.
 A - rise, and call upon her who is a - lone quick to help. Cry a - loud: -
 O Vir - gin Moth - er, en - treat your Son and our God to - de - liv - er me
 from the snare of the de - ceiv - - - er.

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Prokeimenon for the First Sunday of the Great Fast, p. 10

Aposticha of the First Sunday of the Great Fast, p. 63