

**Vespers Propers on the Evening of the
First Sunday of the Great Fast
March 5, 2017**

The holy forty-two martyrs of Ammorium in Syria. Captured in Phrygia and taken to the Euphrates River, they seized the palm of martyrdom by their surpassing spiritual struggle. (848)

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 1, p. 24)

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

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 the holy martyrs - Tone 4 samohlasen

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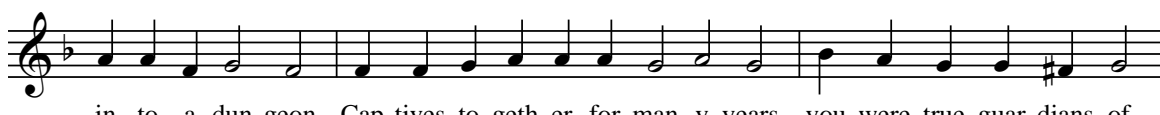
O vic-to-ri-ous mar - tyrs, in these latter days, you have risen like un-set-ting stars
in the firmament of the Church. With the splen-dor of your strug - gles, you have
giv - en light to the world, scat - tering the shad-ows of er - ror. Now you have
passed into the e - ter - nal Light. Thus, we the faithful celebrate your radiant and
ho - ly ex - ploits, for we are always enriched by your watch - ful
pro - tec - - - tion.

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

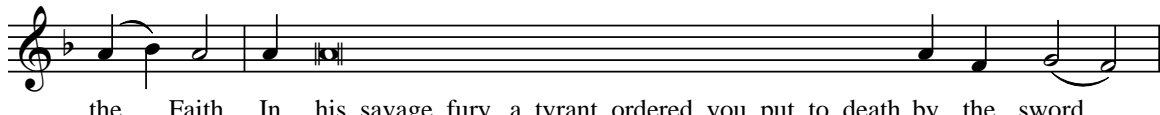
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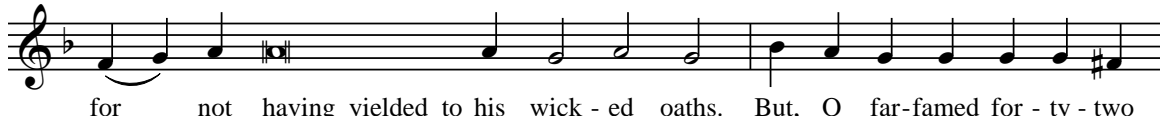
Dragged a-way by force, O wit-ness-es of Christ, you were shackled and thrown



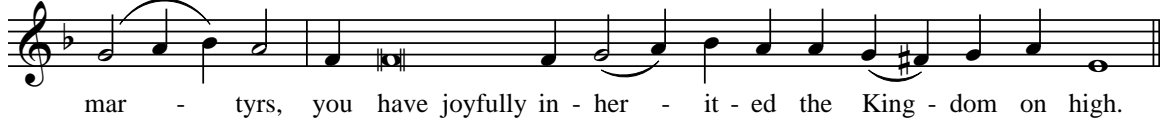
in-to a dun-geon. Cap-tives to-geth-er for man-y years, you were true guar-dians of



the Faith. In his savage fury, a tyrant ordered you put to death by the sword




for not having yielded to his wick-ed oaths. But, O far-famed for-ty-two




mar - tyrs, you have joyfully in - her - it - ed the King - dom on high.

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


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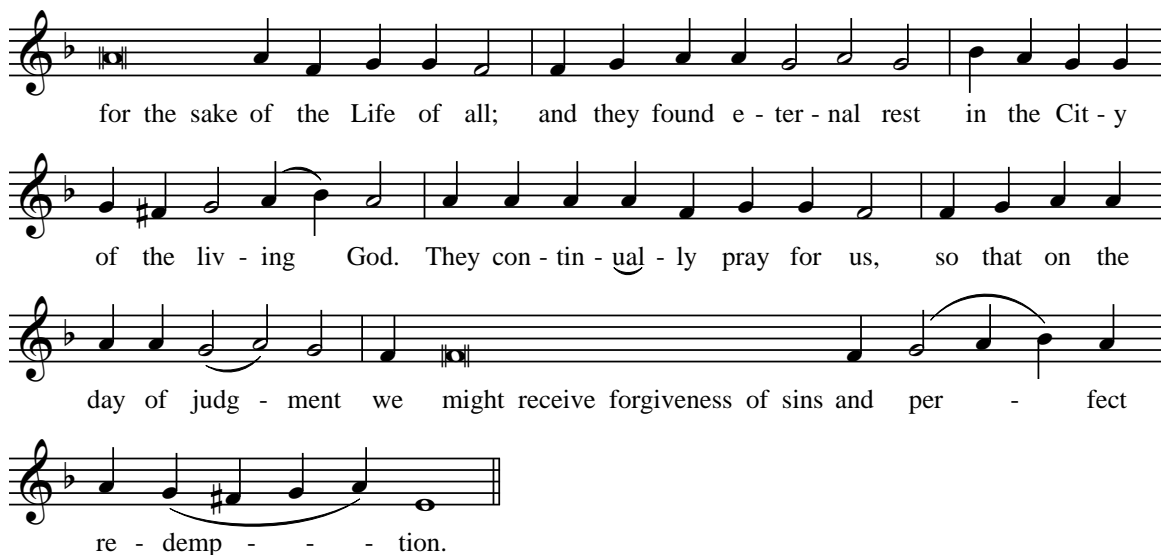
Let us loud - ly ac - claim the divine assem-bly of com - bat - ants:



in - cluding Constantine and Cal - lis - tus, as well as Bas-soi, The - o - phi - lus,



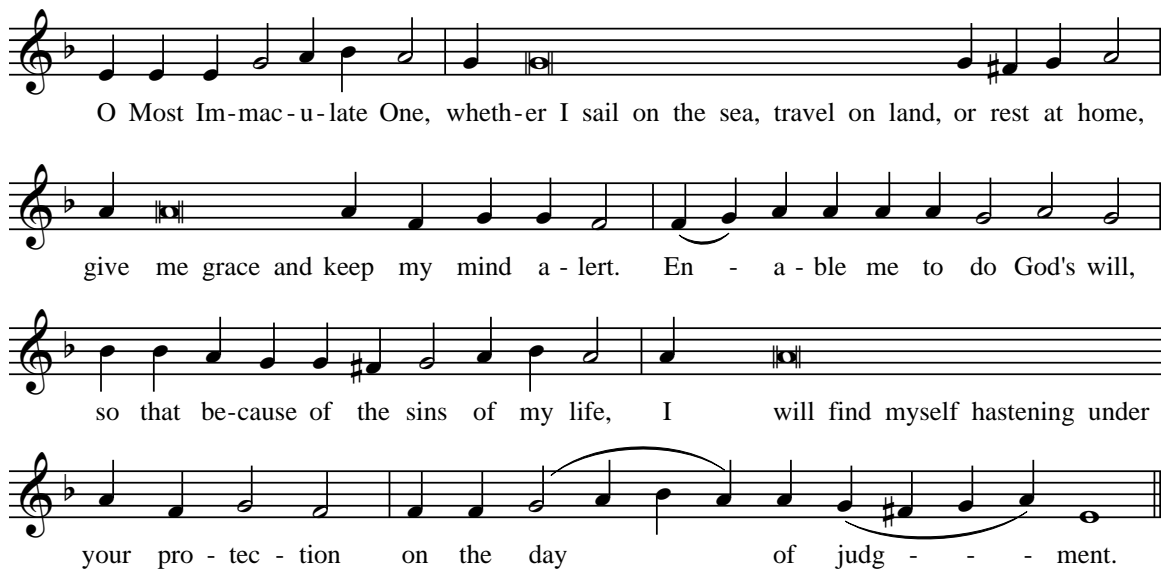
The - o - dore and the oth - er mar - tyrs, They preferred a joyous immolation



for the sake of the Life of all; and they found e - ter - nal rest in the Cit - y
of the liv - ing God. They con - tin - ual - ly pray for us, so that on the
day of judg - ment we might receive forgiveness of sins and per - fect
re - demp - - - tion.

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

Theotokion - Tone 4 samohlasen



O Most Im-mac-u-late One, wheth-er I sail on the sea, travel on land, or rest at home,
give me grace and keep my mind a - lert. En - a - ble me to do God's will,
so that be-cause of the sins of my life, I will find myself hastening under
your pro - tec - tion on the day of judg - - - ment.

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