

The service continues with the Hymn of the Evening, "O joyful light," on page 9.

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

Aposticha of the Third Sunday of the Great Fast, p. 75.

**Vespers Propers on the Evening of the
Third Sunday of the Great Fast
March 12, 2023**

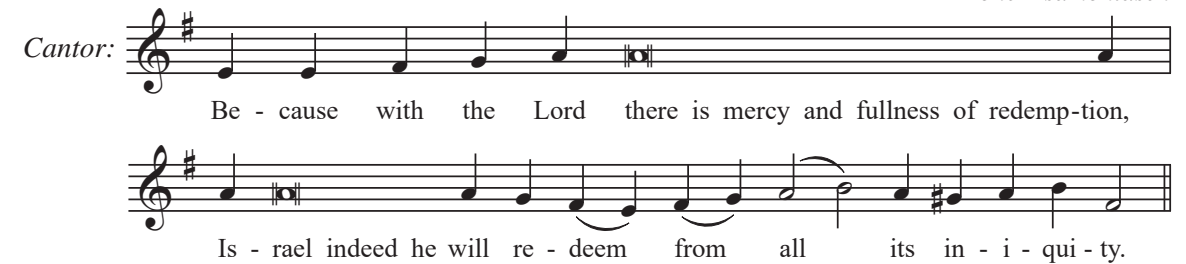
The translation of the relics of our holy father Nicephor, patriarch of Constantinople. Nicephor died in exile on the island of Prochonis in the year 827. After the death of the last iconoclast emperor, the relics of the holy father were brought back to Constantinople, first to the church of Hagia Sophia and then finally to the Church of the Holy Apostles in the year 846.

Supplement for The Order of Vespers on Sunday Evening for the Sunday of Forgiveness (Cheesefare Sunday) and the Sundays of the Great Fast.

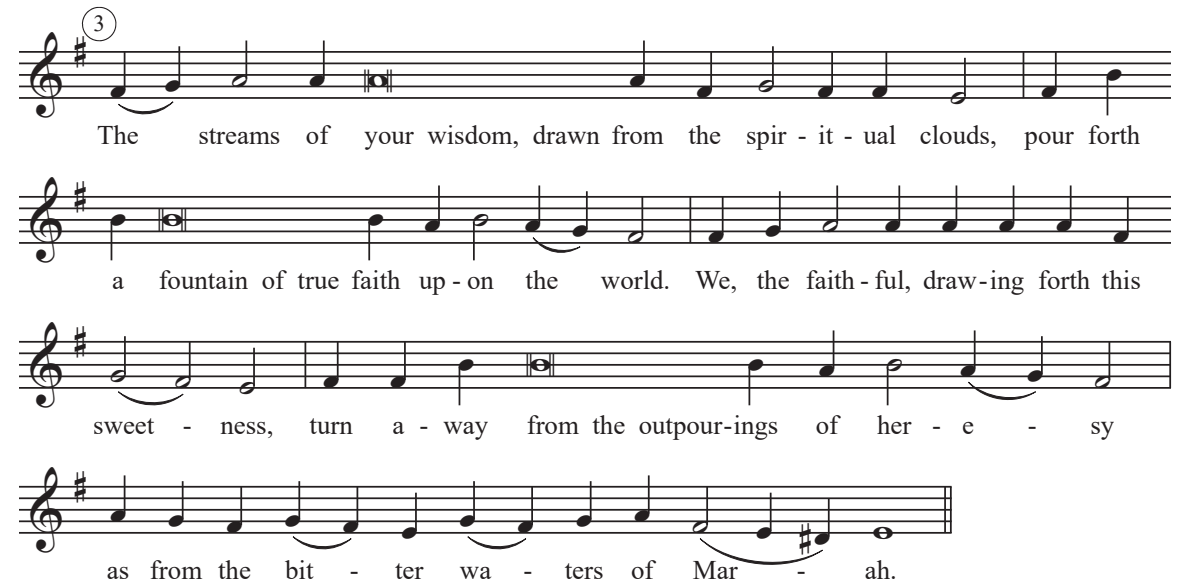
Psalm 140 and Stichera of Forgiveness in the tone of the week (Tone 7, p. 48)

Stichera of the Third Sunday of the Fast, p. 72. Then:

Tone 1 samohlasen



Stichera of our holy father Nicephor - Tone 1 samohlasen



Cantor:

Praise the Lord, all you na-tions, ac-claim him all you
peo - - - ples!

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Ly - ing in the tomb, your most pure body did not in an - y way de - cay,

but was found to be whole, O most bless - ed Ni - ce - phor. Bear-ing it forth

with zeal, those nurtured by the true faith re - joiced, glo-rious - ly bless-ing you,

O di - vine - ly wise one.

Cantor:

Strong is the love of the Lord for us; he is faith - ful
for - ev - - - er.

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The Church hon - ored with the name of the A - pos - tles re - ceived you, O most

bless-ed fa - ther, who through your god - ly actions be-came a tem-ple of God,

and who af - ter your interment are again interred in a sa - cred man - ner

and have bur - ied all the foul and fool-ish prat - tle of the her - e - tics.

The faithful STAND.

Cantor:

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spir-it,
now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - - - men.

Theotokion - in the same tone

Since you are the pure dwell-ing-place of God, pray with the an - gels that I may

complete the road of life in vir - tue, so that the eve-ning of death may not

ap-proach me un-pre-pared, nor send me into the blazing fire to be tor-ment - ed.