

Theotokion - in the same tone

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.

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

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

Aposticha of the Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast, p. 79.

**Vespers Propers on the Evening of the
Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast
March 19, 2023**

Our venerable fathers of the St. Sabbas Monastery, killed by Saracens in 796. The monks refused to flee from the Muslim invasion, saying "We have fled from the world into this wilderness for the love of Christ; it would be shame to us now to flee from the wilderness for fear of men. If we are killed here, we shall be killed through love of Christ, for whose sake we have come here to live."

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 8, p. 52)
Stichera of the Fourth Sunday of the Fast, p. 77. Then:*

Tone 4 samohlasen

Cantor *(on 3)*

Be-cause with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemp-tion, Is - ra - el
 indeed he will re-deem from all its in - i - qui - ty.

Stichera for our Venerable Fathers of the St. Sabbas Monastery - *Tone 4 samohlasen*

O venera-ble fa - thers, since you cherished the object of your desires with your
 whole heart, you considered the pleasures of this life to be ash-es and dust.
 You were en - am - ored only of the goods that endure for ev - er. In the midst

of vigils and prayers, in spite of the cold and burn-ing heat, in the caverns which
served as your dwell-ings, you became fellow-citizens with the an - gels through the
grace of God.

(on 2)
Cantor

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

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Struck by clods of dirt, stones, and fists, O holy martyrs, you all maintained the same
sen - ti-ments to-geth-er, u - nited by fraternal love and af - fec - tion. Sent to-geth-er
to death, your limbs cut off, you vic - to - rious ath - letes were off - ered
as accepta-ble vic - tims at the ta - ble of God!

(on 1)
Cantor

Strong is the love of the Lord for us; he is faith-ful for - ev - er.
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Suf - focated and burned a - live in the fire, O illustrious martyrs, you com-mend - ed
your souls in - to the hands of the Almighty as spot - less vic - tims, in or - der
to be united to the choirs of bodi-less Pow - ers and re - ceive the inheritance
of e - ter - nal bliss: pray unceasingly that those who sing to you
may share your lot.

The faithful STAND.

Cantor

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