

Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast
March 18, 2007
The Holy Martyrs Chrysanthus and Daria

The holy martyrs Chrysanthus and Daria, in the catacomb of Thraso on the Via Salaria Nova, whom Pope St. Damasus praised. (c.253)

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.

Tone 4 samohlasen

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Re - ceiving the illumination of the knowl - edge of God, which enlightened your
spir - it - ual vi - sion, you wisely left the shad - ows of er - ror and con - fessed
Christ to be the Lord of all, who took flesh. Then, O Chrys - an - thos, strengthened
by the power of the Spir - it, you were seen to be su - per - i - or to your
tor - - - ments.

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

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The seductions of the en - e - my and the at - trac - tions of pleas - ure

were nothing more than cob webs to you; en - dur-ing a dark dun - geon,

you were en light-ened by di vine ra - diance. In the midst of filth, you were

filled with a sweet spir it - ual fra - grance. When a wom-an tried to cor-rupt you,

as an ex - cel-lent teach - er, you led her to Christ as a spot-less bride.

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

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The love of the Cre - a - - tor pierced you with its gen - tle ar - rows.

Then you completely abandoned the false worship of the pa - gans, go-ing to the

di - vine bridegroom in his dwell - ing, u - nit-ed to him through countless torments

in your bod - y: O far famed Da-ri - a, di-vine tem ple of the Spir - it,


splen - dor of virgins and a - dorn - ment of mar - - - tyrs!

Cantor: (Tone 4) Glory...now and ever...


Theotokion - Tone 4 samohlasen



O most immaculate Vir gin Moth - er, trans - form the infirmity and impo tence



of my soul in - to might and pow - er, that, with fear and love, I may keep and observe



the stat utes of Christ, that I may a - void the un bear - a - ble fire, and, ev - er re joic ing,



may in - her - it through you the legacy of heav - en and life



un - sur - passed.