

**Vespers Propers on the Evening of the  
Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast  
April 3, 2011**

**Our venerable father, Joseph the Hymnographer**, priest, who, as a monk, when the destroyers of holy icons were raging, was sent to Rome to seek the protection of the Apostolic See, and, after he had been afflicted with many trials, finally took custody of the holy vessels of the Church of Holy Wisdom. (883)

*Supplement for The Order of Vespers on Sunday Afternoons in the Great Fast.*

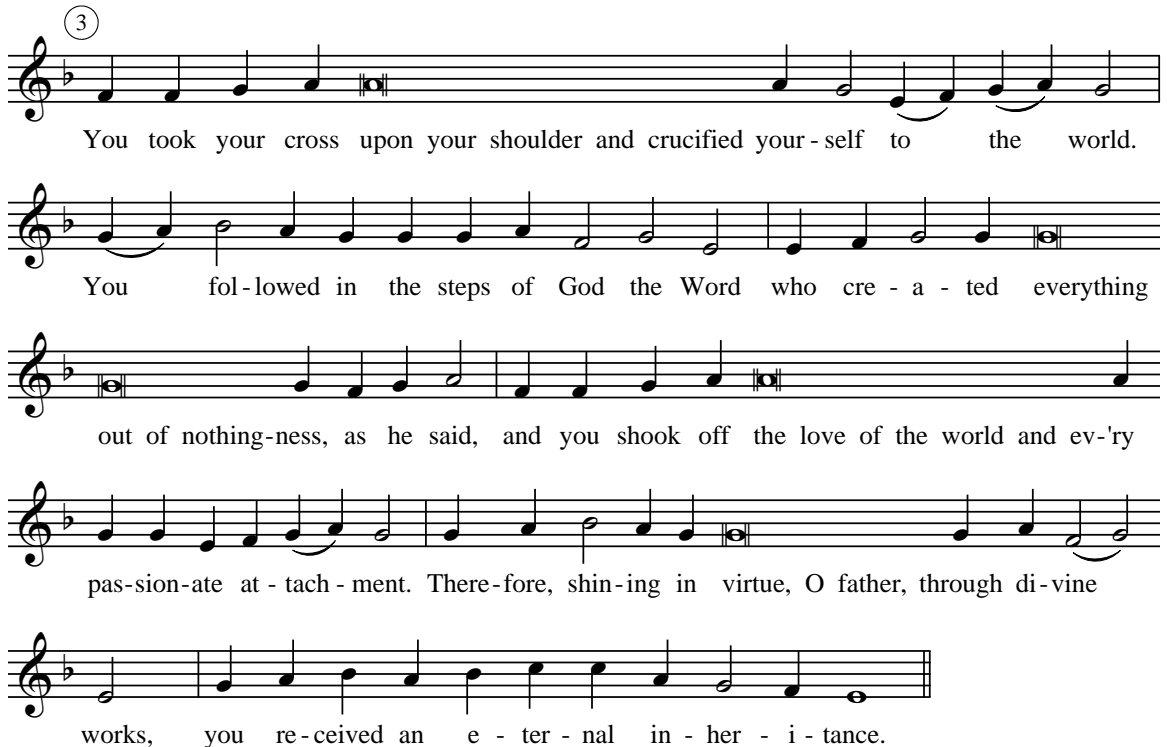
*Psalm 140 and Stichera of Forgiveness in the tone of the week (Tone 4, p. 36)*

*Stichera of the fourth Sunday of the Great Fast, p. 73*

**Cantor:** (Tone 2) Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.  
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

**Stichera of our venerable father Joseph the Hymnographer - Tone 2 samohlasen**

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You took your cross upon your shoulder and crucified your - self to the world.

You fol - lowed in the steps of God the Word who cre - a - ted everything

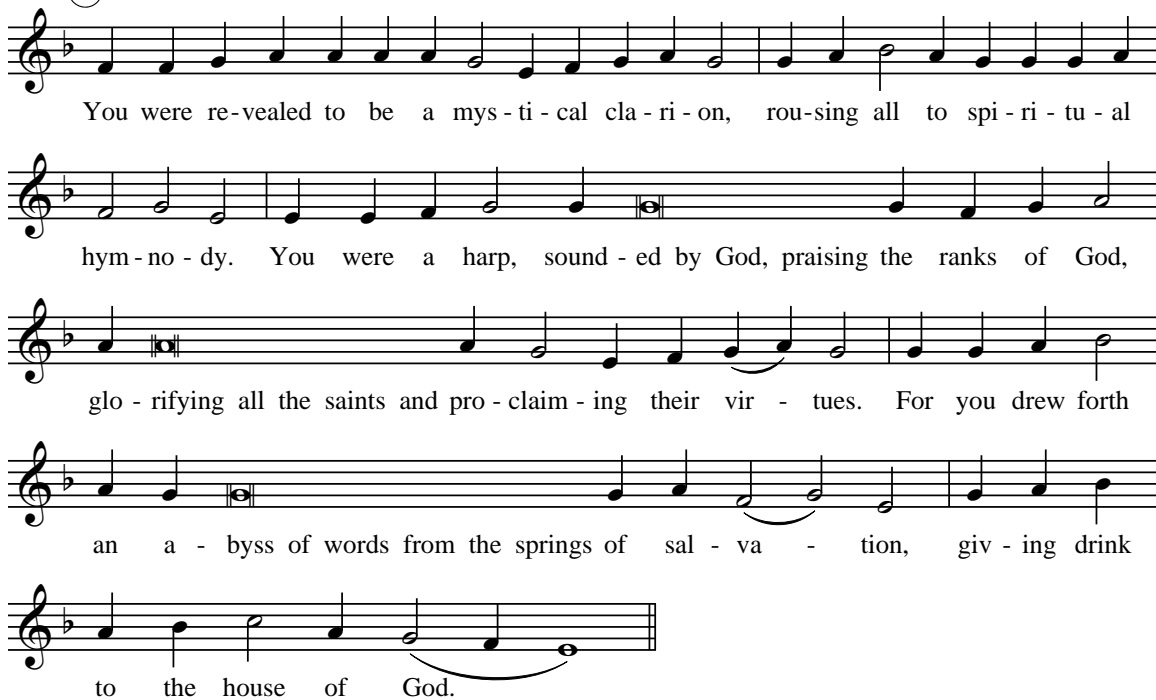
out of nothing - ness, as he said, and you shook off the love of the world and ev - 'ry

pas - sion - ate at - tach - ment. There - fore, shin - ing in virtue, O father, through di - vine

works, you re - ceived an e - ter - nal in - her - i - tance.

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

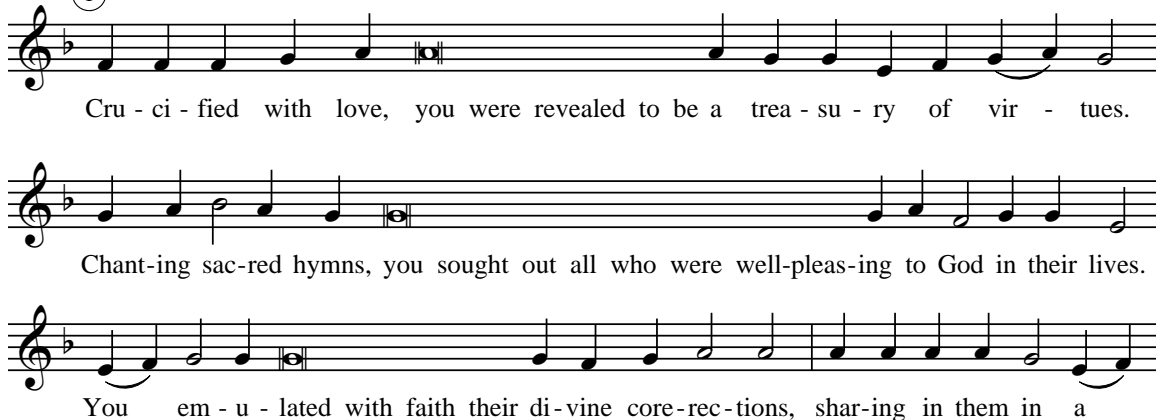
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You were re-vealed to be a mys-ti-cal cla-ri-on, rou-sing all to spi-ri-tu-al  
hym-no-dy. You were a harp, sound-ed by God, praising the ranks of God,  
glo-ri-fying all the saints and pro-claim-ing their vir-tues. For you drew forth  
an a-byss of words from the springs of sal-va-tion, giv-ing drink  
to the house of God.

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

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Cru-ci-fied with love, you were revealed to be a trea-su-ry of vir-tues.  
Chant-ing sac-red hymns, you sought out all who were well-pleas-ing to God in their lives.  
You em-u-lated with faith their di-vine core-rec-tions, shar-ing in them in a

god - ly way. You were re-vealed to be a par - tak - er of sweet - ness.

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

**Theotokion** - *Tone 2 samohlasen*

You are the help of the helpless, the hope of the hope - less, and a re-lease

from ev - ery cruel circumstance, O The - o - to - kos. Pure La - dy, be my help - er,

de - liv - er me from sin and tribu - la - tion, for you are mer - ci - ful.

*The service continues on page 9.*

*Prokeimenon for the fourth Sunday of the Great Fast, p.10*

*Aposticha of the fourth Sunday of the Great Fast, p. 75*