

**Vespers Propers on the Evening of the  
Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast  
April 10, 2011**

**The holy martyr Antipas, bishop of Pergamum in Asia** who, a faithful witness, just as blessed John says in the Apocalypse (cf Apoc. 2:13), consummated his martyrdom in the reign of Domitian. (c.92)

*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 5, p. 40)*

*Stichera of the fourth Sunday of the Great Fast, p. 77*

**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.

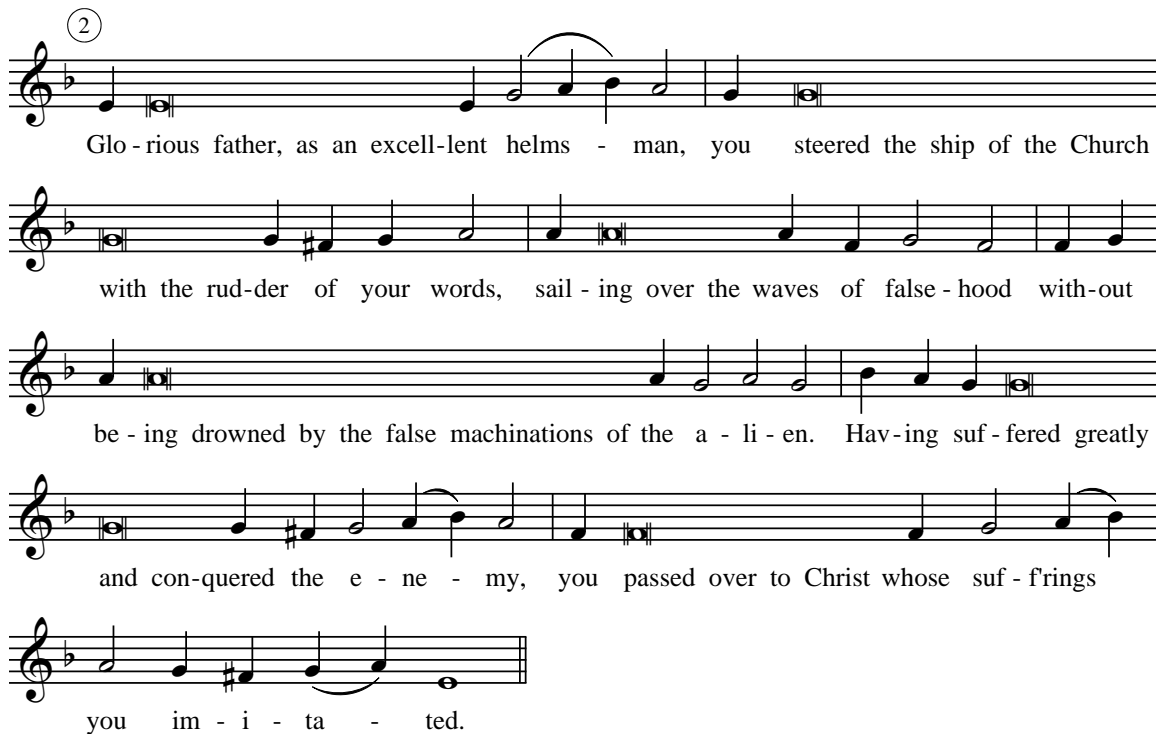
**Stichera of the holy martyr Antipas - Tone 4 samohlasen**

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You were a sacred martyr, O An - ti - pas, a truly acceptable bishop,  
a good shep-herd, a foundation of piety, a bulwark of the Church,  
the a - dorn - ment of hierarchs, a fountain of mir - a - cles. There-fore, we pi - ous - ly  
bless you with hymns, and celebrate your ho - ly feast to - day.

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

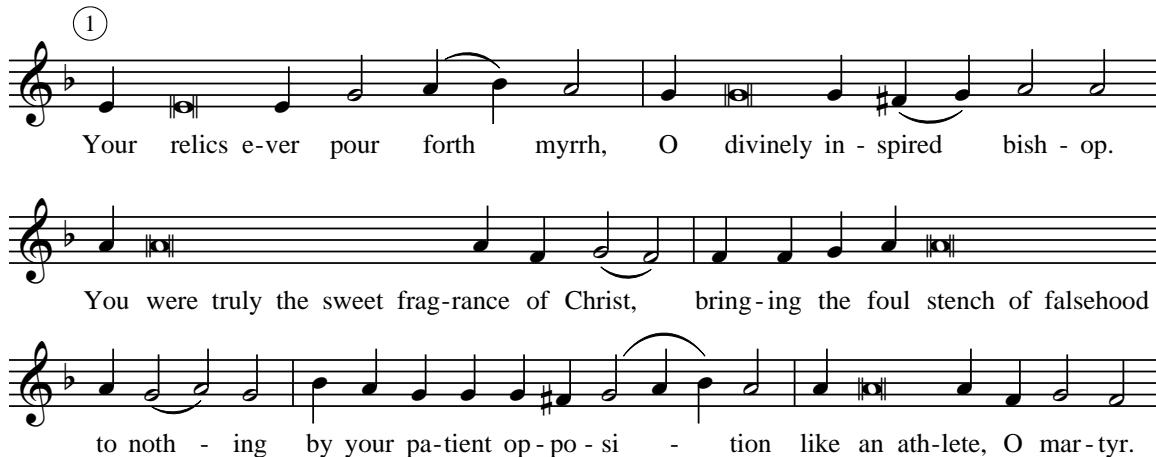
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Glo-rious father, as an excell-ent helms - man, you steered the ship of the Church  
with the rud-der of your words, sail - ing over the waves of false - hood with-out  
be - ing drowned by the false machinations of the a - li - en. Hav-ing suf - fered greatly  
and con-quired the e - ne - my, you passed over to Christ whose suf - frings  
you im - i - ta - ted.

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

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Your relics e-ver pour forth myrrh, O divinely in - spired bish - op.  
You were truly the sweet frag-rance of Christ, bring-ing the foul stench of falsehood  
to noth - ing by your pa-tient op-po-si - tion like an ath-lete, O mar-tyr.



There-fore, we pray: re-mem-ber-those who com-mem-or - ate you in faith.

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

**Theotokion** - *Tone 4 samohlasen*



Show-er upon me the depths of your mercy, O La - dy. As you are mer-ci-ful,



give drink to my heart consumed by the heat of the burning pas-sions, O maid - en.



Cause it to put forth drops of com - punc - tion, I pray, O pure one,



that thereby I may be given the con-so-la-tion which those who weep sin-cere - ly



shall re - ceive.

*The service continues on page 9.*

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

*Aposticha of the fifth Sunday of the Great Fast, p. 79*