

**Vespers Propers on the Evening of the
Second Sunday of the Great Fast
March 1, 2015**

The holy martyr Theodotus, bishop of Cyrene, who suffered under the emperor Diocletian. (302)

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)

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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 Theodotus - Tone 4 samohlasen


Thrice-ho - ly hier - arch, hav - ing struggled faithful-ly as an ath - lete,
un - shakable pillar of the Church, ver - i - ta - ble won - der - worker and gift of God,
il - lus - tri - ous The - odotos, hie - ro - mar - tyr, you were truly a shin - ing torch,
a paradise having in its midst Je - sus Christ, the Tree of life!

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


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Scoured by leath - er whips, stretched on a tree and raked by i - ron hooks,



you were thrown in-to a dun-geon. En - dur-ing the horror of nails through your feet,




fas - ten - ing you to a heat - ed rack, you remained unshaken, O hieromartyr




The - o - do - tos, glo - rifying Him who gave you the strength to per - se - vere.

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


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By the vigor of your strug - gles, you smothered the ene-my and his pow - er,



bring - ing him down to de - feat. Ris - ing up ra - diantly, you went to dwell in the



King - dom on high, bear - ing your crown, for you earned the light and joy of the fes - tive



as - sem - bly. Now, O Theodotos, you intercede for the salvation of those

who hon-or you, O illustri-ous glo - ry of mar - tyrs.

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

Theotokion - *Tone 5 samohlasen*

All-pure Bride of God, de - liver my poor soul from the punishment de-served

by my sins. By your prayers, snatch me from death and grant that on the Day of

Judg - ment I may be jus - tified with the multi-tude of all the saints.

Be - fore the end, purify me through re - pent - ance and tears.

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