

**Vespers Propers on the Evening of the  
Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast  
March 31, 2019**

**Our holy mother Mary of Egypt** who, a notorious Alexandrian sinner, was converted to God in the Holy City. With the Blessed Virgin interceding for her, she led a penitential life across the Jordan. She died in Palestine after forty-seven years of penitence. (c.530)

*Supplement for The Order of Vespers on the Sunday of Forgiveness (Cheesefare Sunday) and the Sundays of the Great Fast.*

*Psalm 140 and Stichera of Repentance in the tone of the week (Tone 4).*

*Stichera of the fourth Sunday of the Great Fast. Then:*

Cantor: (on 3)  
Be - cause with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemp-tion,  
Is - rael indeed he will re - deem from all its in - i - qui - ty.

**Stichera of our holy mother Mary of Egypt - Tone 6 samohlasen**

③  
Hav - ing first dis - tanced yourself from the weight of the pas - sions by contemplating  
God, O Ma - ry, you then directed your desires and deeds to that which is on  
high. Gaz - ing at the icon of the all pure Vir - gin and resolute - ly re - noun - cing

all sin, you confidently went to wor - - ship the pre - cious Cross.

*Cantor:* *(on 2)*

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

②

You joy-ful-ly vis-ited the ho-ly pla-ces, nour-ished by virtue on the way of

sal-va-tion, rap-id-ly tra-velling a-long the way of ho-li-ness.

Cros-sing the streams of the Jor-dan and dwelling in the wilderness like John the

Bap-tist, you tamed the re-bel-lious-ness of the flesh, calm-ing

the wild nature of the passions, O venerable mo-ther Mar-ry, by your

ho - - - ly way of life.

*Cantor:* *(on 1)*

Strong is the love of the Lord for us; he is faith-ful for-ev - er.

①

As you dwelt in the wil-der-ness, you erased from your soul the fantasies of the

pas - sions in or - der to inscribe thereon the image of God by the light of the

vir - tues. You shone with such radiance that you lightly walked upon the wa - ters

and were lifted up from the earth in your prayer to God. Stan-ding now with

con - fi - dence be - fore Christ, O bles - sed Ma - ry,

in - tercede with him for the sal - va - - - tion of our souls.

*The faithful STAND.*

Cantor:

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spir-it,

now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A-men.

**Theotokion - in the same tone**

The her - alds an - nounce that the wedding feast of the heavenly Bridegroom is now

pre-pared. Why do you hold back, O sul - lied soul? In - deed, your garment is  
 stained by your wretch - ed deeds. A - las! How can you en - ter in?  
 Be - fore it is too late, bow down before the e - ver Vir - gin, cry - ing out  
 with all your heart: "Cleanse me, O ho - ly Vir - gin! Wash me with the hyssop  
 of your in - ter - ces - sion; make me wor - thy of the wedding ban - quet  
 of your Son, that I may cease - less - ly mag - ni - fy you."

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*Prokeimenon for the fourth Sunday of the Great Fast.*

*Aposticha of the fourth Sunday of the Great Fast.*