

**Vespers Propers on the Evening of the  
First Sunday of the Great Fast  
March 1, 2020**

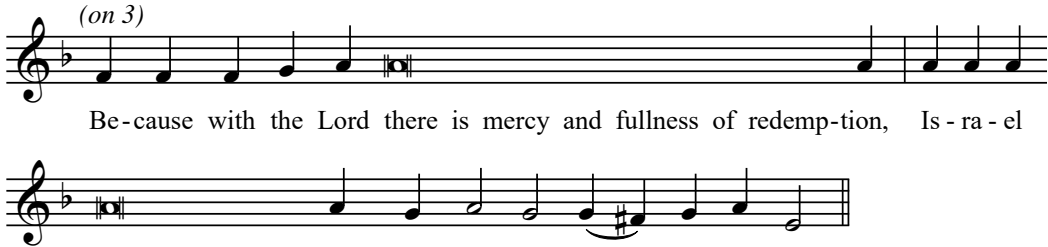
**The holy martyr Theodotus, bishop of Cyrene, who suffered under the emperor Diocletian. (302)**

*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 Forgiveness in the tone of the week (Tone 5, p. 39)  
Stichera of the first Sunday of the Great Fast, p. 62. Then:*

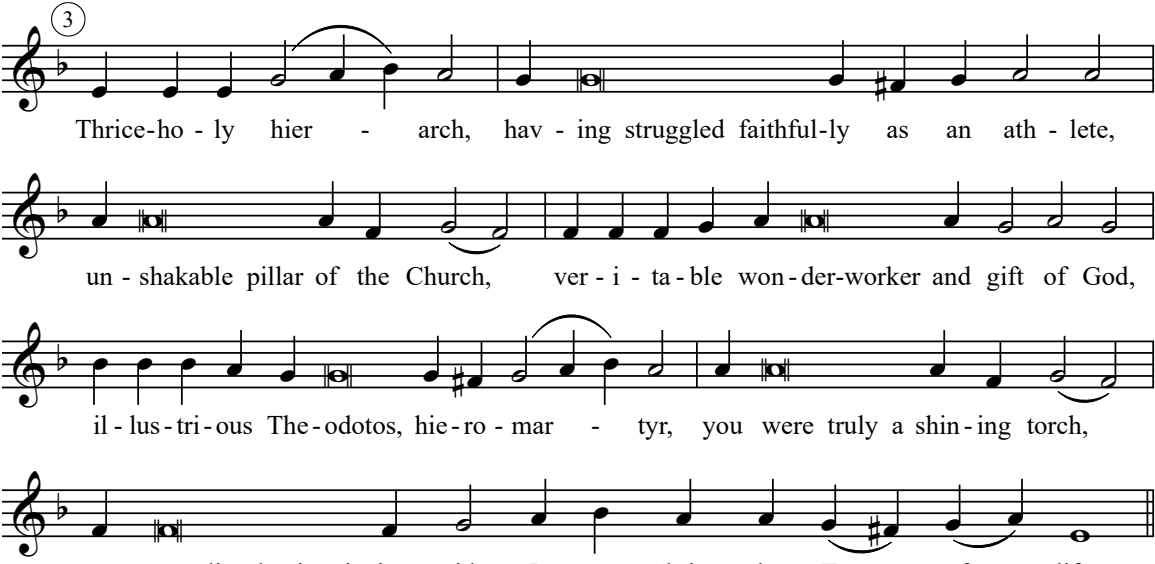
*Tone 4 samohlasen*

Cantor *(on 3)*



Be-cause with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemp-tion, Is - ra - el  
indeed he will re-deem from all its in - i - qui - ty.

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




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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* *(on 2)*



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

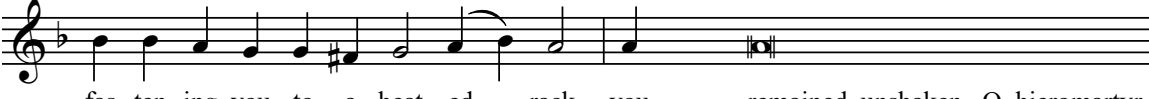
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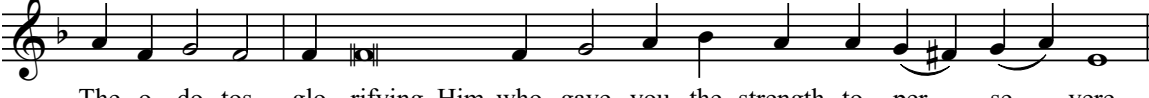
Scourged by leath - er whips, stretched on a tree and raked by i - ron hooks,



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* *(on 1)*



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


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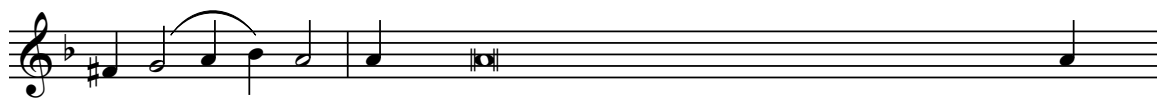
By the vigor of your strug - gles, you smothered the ene-my and his pow - er,



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

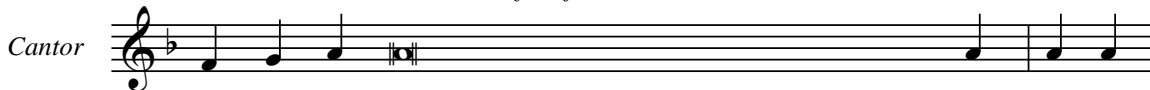


as - sem - bly. Now, O Theodotos, you intercede for the salvation of those



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

*The faithful STAND.*



Glo - ry to the Father 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*



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.

*The service continues on page 9.*

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

*Aposticha of the first Sunday of the Great Fast, p. 65*