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**Vespers Propers on the Afternoon of  
The Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast  
March 30, 2020**

**Our venerable father John Climacus, author of “The Ladder”** was born in Palestine. At the age of sixteen, he entered a monastery on Mount Sinai, where (in his later years) he wrote “The Ladder of Perfection.” (649)

**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 1, p. 22)*

*Stichera of the Fifth Sunday of the Fast, p. 82. Then:*

*Tone 8 samohlasen*

Cantor 

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 our venerble Father John Climacus - *Tone 8 samohlasen***

O ven-er - a - ble fa - ther John, you tru - ly bore the praises of the Lord al - ways  
on your lips, and with great wisdom you studied the words of the Scrip - tures  
that teach us how to live the as - cet - ic life. Be - cause of this, you were  
en - riched and blessed with an out - pour - ing of grace on high.

Cantor *(on 2)*

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

*(2)*

O most glo - ri - ous fa - ther John, you cleansed your soul with a

foun-tain of tears and gained God's mercy in your all-night vig - ils. You were

drawn to his love and beau-ty, O bless - ed one, and are right-ly sat - is - fied

by it now. You re-joice end-less - ly in bliss.

Cantor *(on 1)*

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

*(1)*

O ho - ly fa - ther John, by your faith you have lifted up your mind

to God. Re - ject-ing the restless confu-sion of the world, you took up your cross

and fol - lowed Christ. Your bod - y was kept un - der the rein

of the he - ro - ic deeds of your as - cet - i - cism, by the power that flows

from the Ho - ly Spir - - - it.

*The faithful STAND.*

Cantor:

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*

Most hon - ored Lady, vessel of vir - gin - i - ty. Pure and beau - ti - ful

dwell-ing place of God, I be - seech you: Com - fort my soul which has

been tormented by the ven - om of the ser - pent and mor - ti - fied

by sins, so that I may glorify you who are ex - alt - ed by all the