

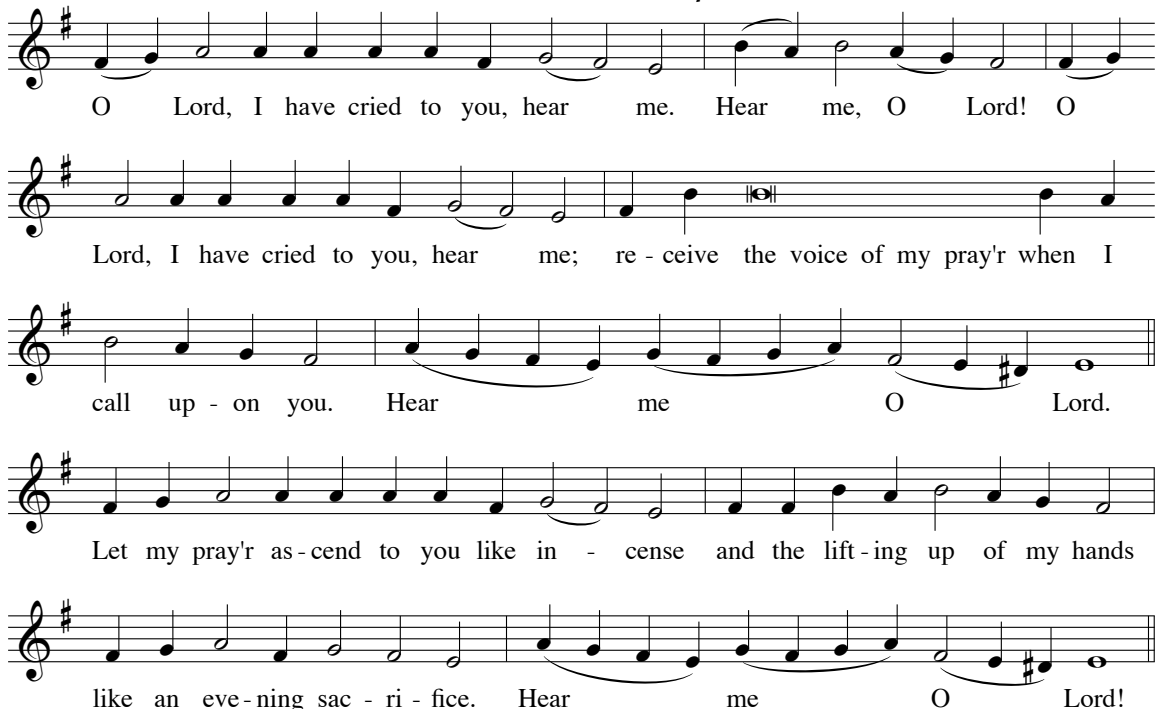
VESPERS PROPER FOR MARCH 22ND, 2021

from the Menaion

FIFTH SUNDAY EVENING OF THE GREAT FAST

¹The holy martyr Basilides, priest of Ancyra in Galatia, priest and martyr. When Constantius held the office of emperor, Basilides most courageously opposed the Arians. Soon after, under the emperor Julian, he implored God that none of the Christians leave the faith. For this reason he was captured and handed over to the governor of the province. Having suffered many tortures, he consummated his martyrdom. (363)

Psalm 140 (*Tone 1*) – (p.8)



O Lord, I have cried to you, hear me. Hear me, O Lord! O

Lord, I have cried to you, hear me; re - ceive the voice of my pray'r when I

call up - on you. Hear me O Lord.

Let my pray'r as - cend to you like in - cense and the lift - ing up of my hands


like an eve - ning sac - ri - fice. Hear me O Lord!

Continue with Psalm 140: "O Lord, set a guard before my mouth..." (p.8).

Stichera at the Lamplighting Psalms – (p.9)

4 stichera in the tone of the week from the Triodion:


Cantor - (Tone 1):



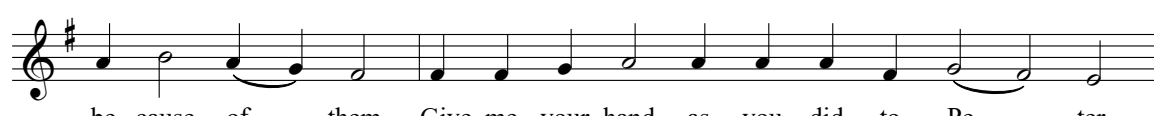
Bring my soul out of this pris - on and then I shall praise your name.

Sticheron


(10)



My sins are like a great gulf, O Savior, and I am sinking hopelessly



be-cause of them. Give me your hand as you did to Pe - ter.



Save me, O God, and have mer - cy on me.


Cantor:




A-round me the just will assem-ble be-cause of your good-ness to me.

Sticheron


(9)



O Sav-ior, by my sinful thoughts and e - vil deeds, I have brought judg-ment on



my-self. Grant me the grace of con-ver-sion, O God, so that I may call out



to you: Save me, O gra-cious Benefac-tor, and have mer - cy on me.


Cantor:




Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice!

Sticheron


(8)



An-oth-er world a-waits you, O my soul, and the Judge shall bring out your hid-den




se - crets and sins; do not per - sist in doing evil but has-ten to cry out:



O my Judge and my God, spare me and save me.

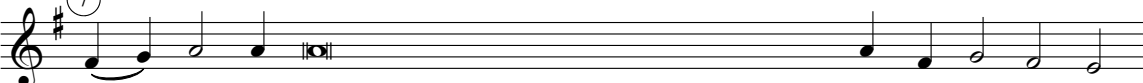
Cantor:




Let your ears be at - ten - tive to the voice of my plead - ing.

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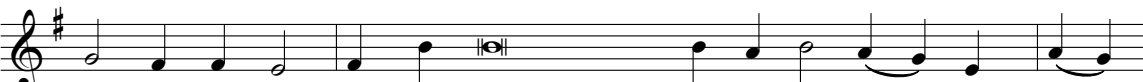
(7)




O Sav - ior, do not despise your servant who is a slave to sin and la - zi - ness,



but stir my heart to re - pent - ance. Make me a la - bor - er in your



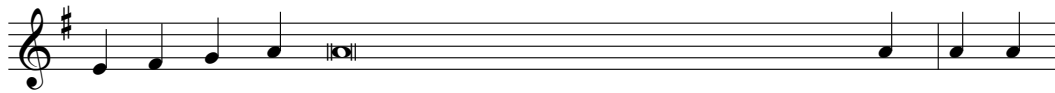
vine-yard, O Lord, and grant me the wages of the e - lev - enth hour and



your great mer - cy.

3 stichera for the Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast from the Triodion:

Cantor – (Tone 1):



If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would sur-vive? But with



you is found for - give - ness: for this we re - vere you.

Sticheron

Tone 1 podoben: Prechvalnyj mučenicy



E - ven though you were rich, O Christ, you be - came poor to en - rich us mor - tals



with the treas - ure of your im - mor - tal light. And e - ven though I have been



impoverished by the pleas - ures of this life, grant me the abun - dance of vir - tues;



give me a place with Laz - a - rus the poor and spare me from the punishment



of the rich man and from the tor - ments that my deeds de - serve.

Cantor:




My soul is wait - ing for the Lord. I count on his word. My soul is



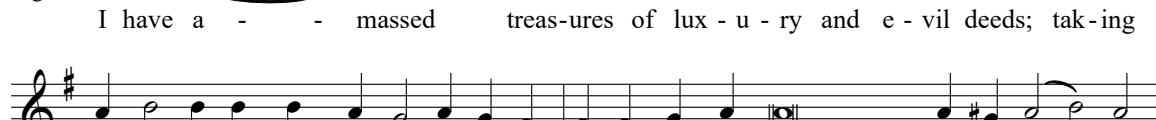
longing for the Lord more than watch - man for day - break.

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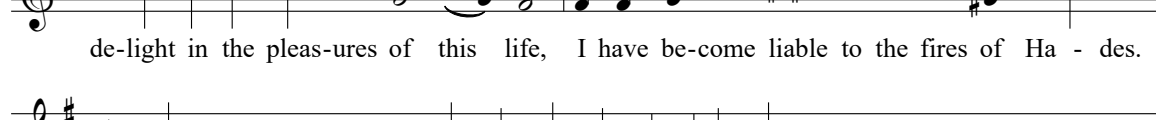
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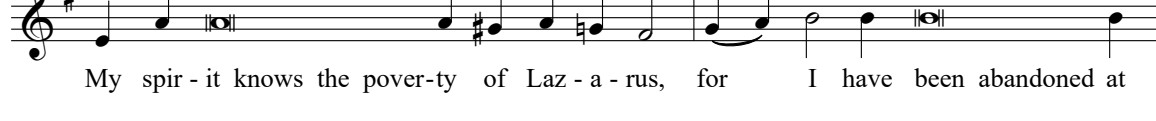
I have a - - massed treas-ures of lux - u - ry and e - vil deeds; tak-ing



de-light in the pleas-ures of this life, I have be-come liable to the fires of Ha - des.



My spir - it knows the pover-ty of Laz - a - rus, for I have been abandoned at



the gate of good deeds. Have mer-cy on me, O Lord, wretch that I am.

Cantor:



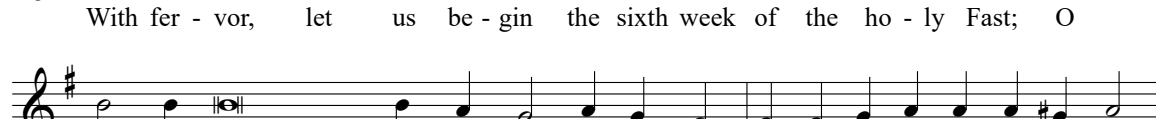
Let the watch-man count on day - break and Is - ra - el on the Lord.

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With fer - vor, let us be - gin the sixth week of the ho - ly Fast; O



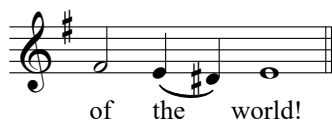
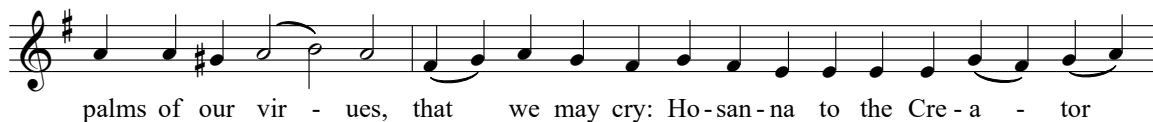
faith - ful, let us sing a hymn of praise to the Lord in prep - a - ra - tion for the feast



of Palms. For he comes in glory and the power of his di - vin - i - ty; he draws near

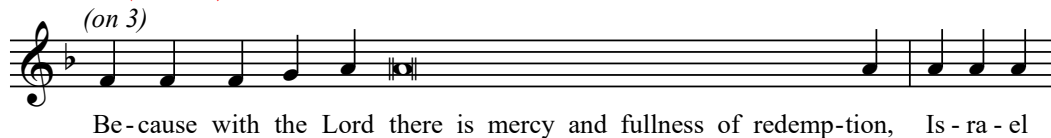


to Jerusa-lem to van - quish death. There - fore, let us prepare symbols of victory, the



3 stichera for the holy martyr Basilides from the Menaion:

Cantor - (Tone 4):



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that our souls may be saved.

Cantor:

(on 2)



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

Sticheron

(2)



Stripped of your skin by an un-just judg - ment, you suffered torments as you



contemplated the pain-less life to come and the reward for those who strug - gle.



Tem-pered like ir - on in the fire, you be - came a sword forged by God



to cut in pieces the en-e - my host. Thus today, all the faithful honor you with



joyful voices, O bless-ed mar - tyr, and ask you to pray to God



for your flock.

Cantor:


(on 1)



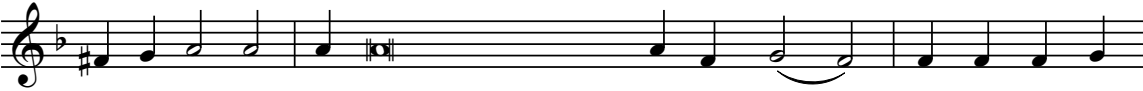
Strong is the love of the Lord for us; he is faith-ful for - ev - er.

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A - dorned with wounds for the sake of God, you were dragged from town to town



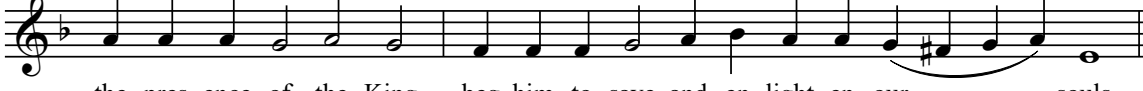
as a cap-tive, in order to put the Tyrant in - to chains. Di - rect-ting your



foot-steps toward Cae-sa - re - a, you were giv-en a bless-ed end. Then,

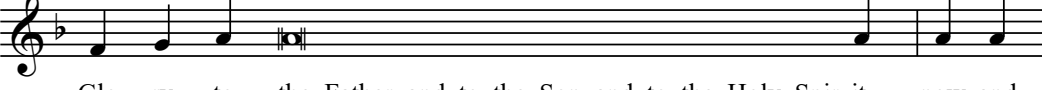


bearing your crown, you arrived at the heavenly city-of our God. For - ev - er in




the pres-ence of the King, beg him to save and en-light-en our souls.

Cantor:

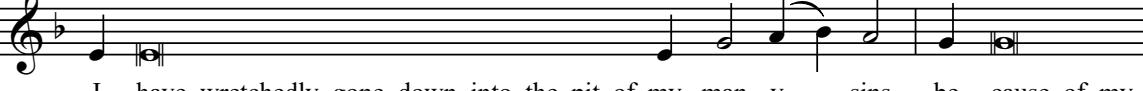


Glo - ry to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir-it, now and

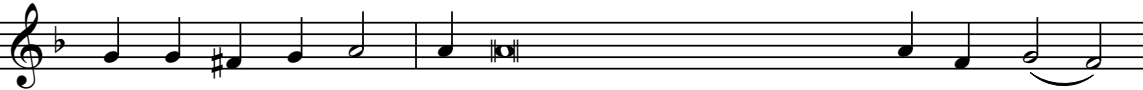


ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men.

Theotokion



I have wretchedly gone down into the pit of my man - y sins be - cause of my



care-less-ness and sloth. In my shame, I am prey to anguish and de - spair.

Be my aid, my help and propitiation, O all - pure - one, and grant me your
 watch - ful pro - tec - tion. I beg and pray, prostrate before you, and cry - ing out:
 Do not allow me to be the laughingstock of the e - ne - my to the end.

Continue with "Wisdom..." and the Hymn of the Evening (p. 12)

The Prokeimenon for the Fifth Sunday (p. 13).

Aposticha – (p.18)

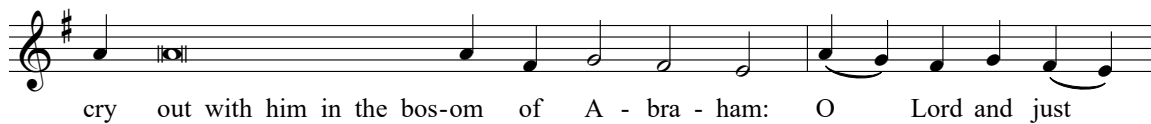
The aposticha are from the Triodion:

(Tone 1)

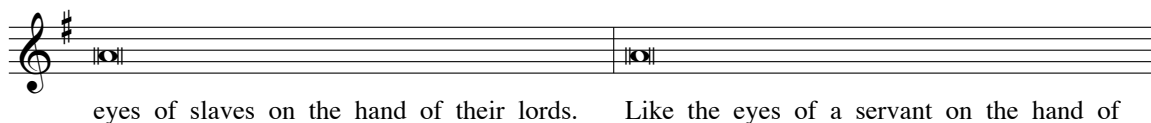
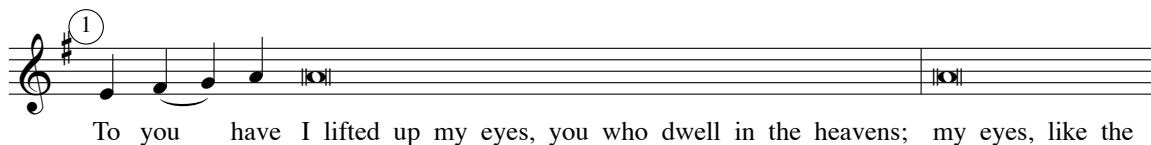
Aposticheron:

Tone 1 samohlasen

Tru - ly wond - rous is the benevolence of the Lord for us; fore - see - ing the future
 as though it were al - read - y pres - ent. He set be - fore us the parable of
 Lazarus and the wick - ed rich man. Con - sid - ering the end of each of them,
 let us a - void the selfishness and hard - heartedness of the lat - ter,
 and im - itate the strength and endurance of the form - er, so that we may

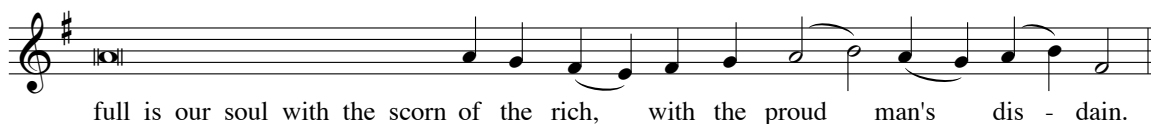
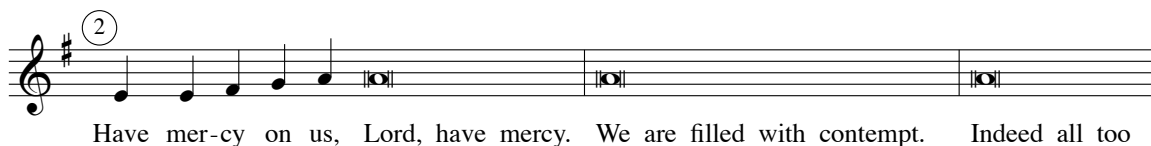


Cantor – (Tone 1):

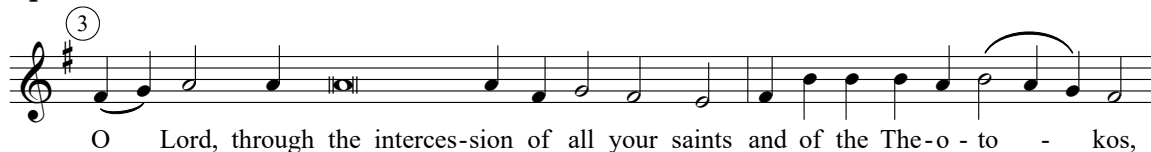


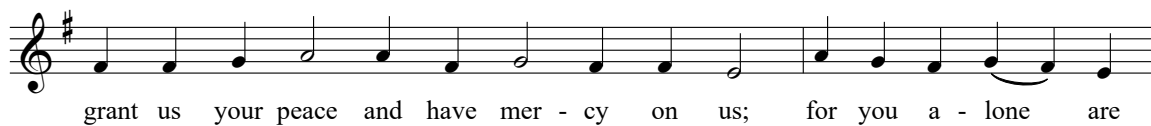
Repeat: "Truly wondrous..."

Cantor:

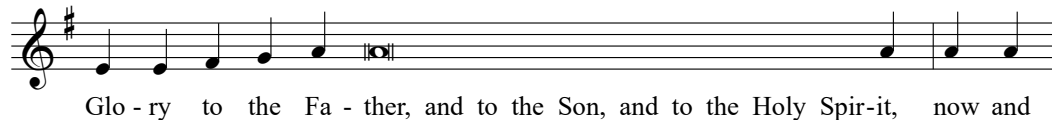


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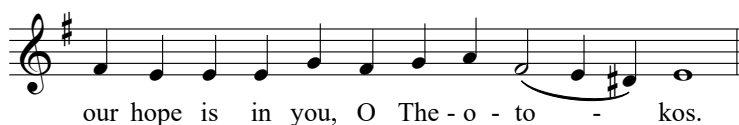
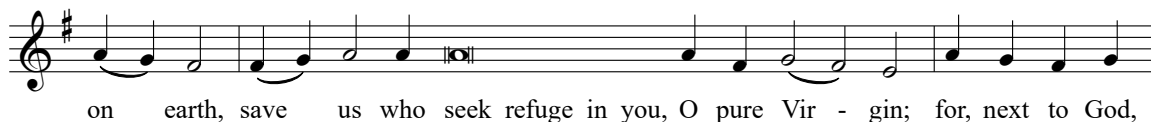




Cantor:



Theotokion



Continue with the Prayer of the Holy Prophet Simeon (p. 18).

¹Format 23: Sundays During the Triodion