

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.

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:

(on 3)
Cantor: 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