

Vesper Propers, December 6
OUR HOLY FATHER NICHOLAS THE WONDER-WORKER,
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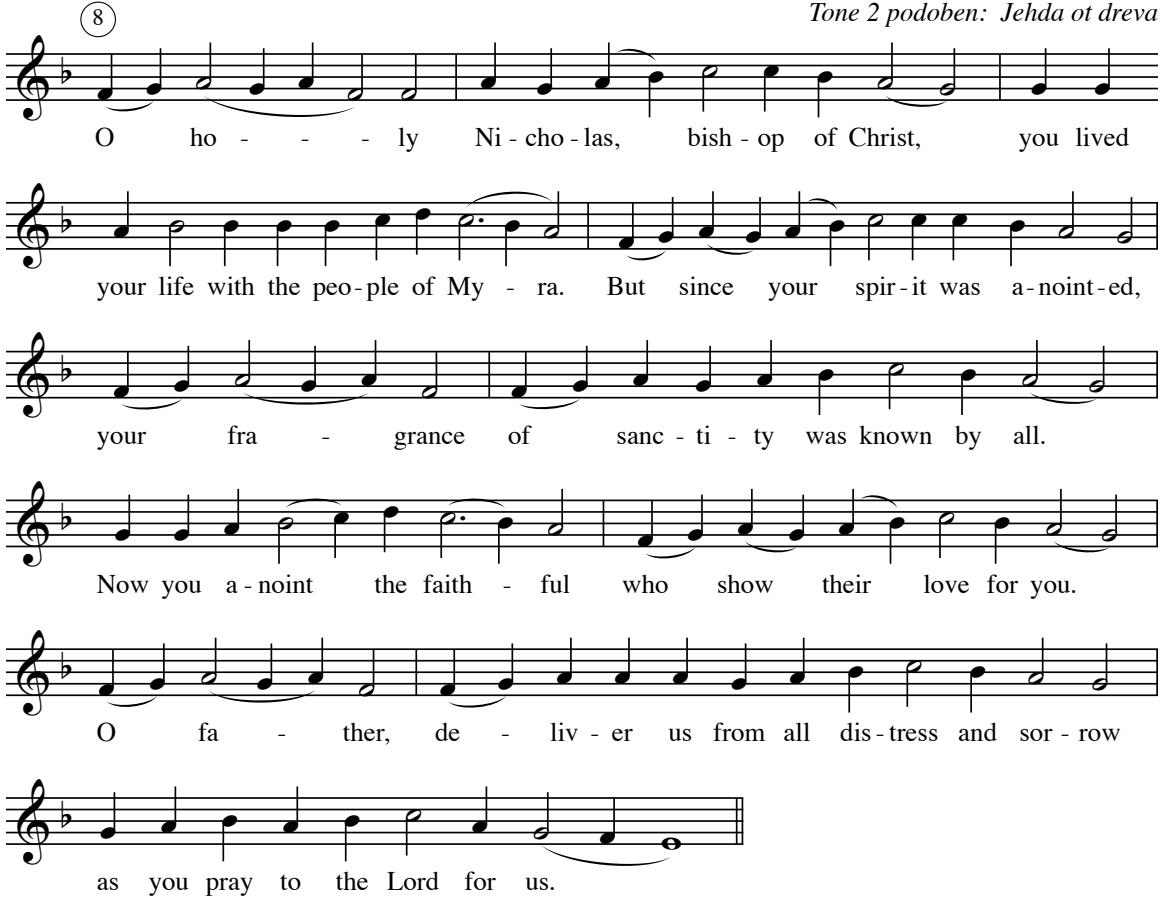
Supplement for *The Order of Vespers for Sundays After Pentecost, 2005*

"O Lord, I have cried" is sung in Tone 2, page 36.

Cantor: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; **Psalm 129**
(on 8) Lord, hear my voice!

Tone 2 podoben: Jehda ot dreva

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O ho - - - ly Ni - cho - las, bish - op of Christ, you lived
your life with the peo - ple of My - ra. But since your spir - it was a - noint - ed,
your fra - - grance of sanc - ti - ty was known by all.
Now you a - noint the faith - ful who show their love for you.
O fa - ther, de - liv - er us from all dis - tress and sor - row
as you pray to the Lord for us.

Cantor: Let your ears be attentive
(on 7) to the voice of my pleading.

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O ho - ly Ni-cho-las, true serv-ant of Christ, you are tru-ly a

pro - tec - tor of your faith - ful flock, and when - ev - er you were asked for help,

you glad - ly as - sist-ed those who sought your aid. Now you are

al - so read-y by day or night to de - liv - er us from all dis - tress and sor - row.

Cantor: If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord who would survive?
(on 6) But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.

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When you ap - peared in a dream to Con - stan - tine the King,

you gave him this warn - ing: Re - lease at once from prison those

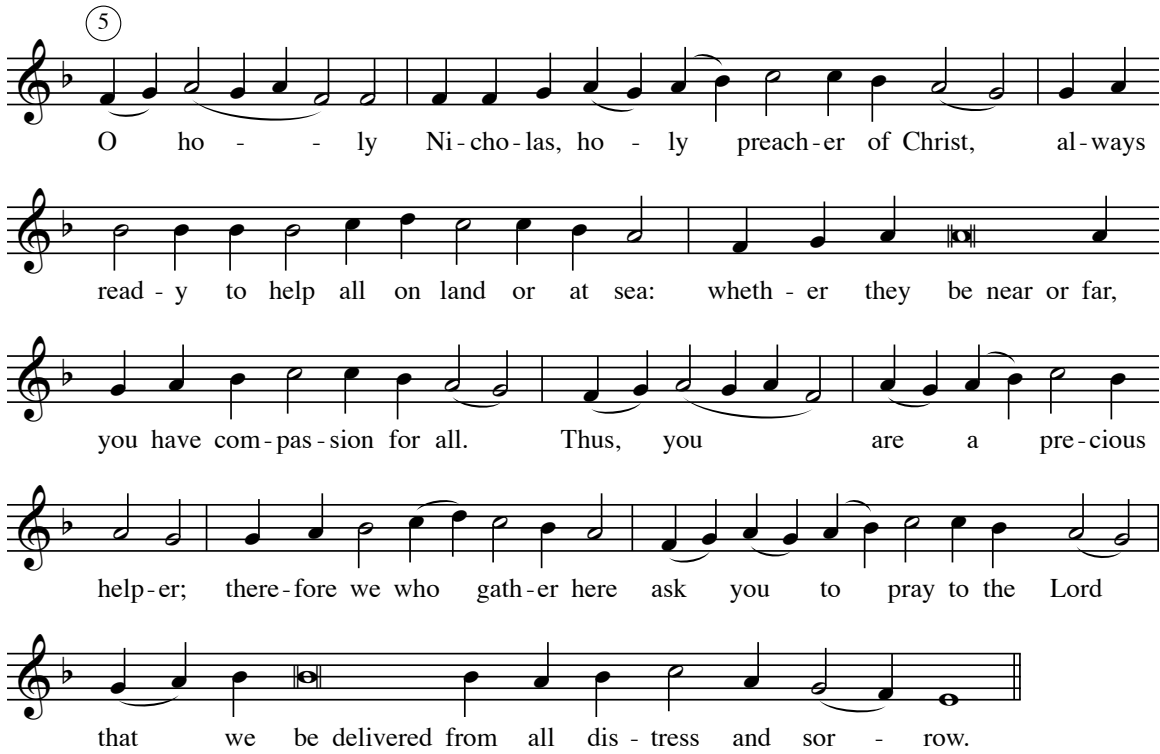
you have un - just - ly con - fined, for they are

in - no - cent; no mur - der did they com - mit as you claim. O King,

lis - ten to me, or else I shall call up - on the Lord.

Cantor: My soul is longing for the Lord. I count on his word.
(on 5) My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.

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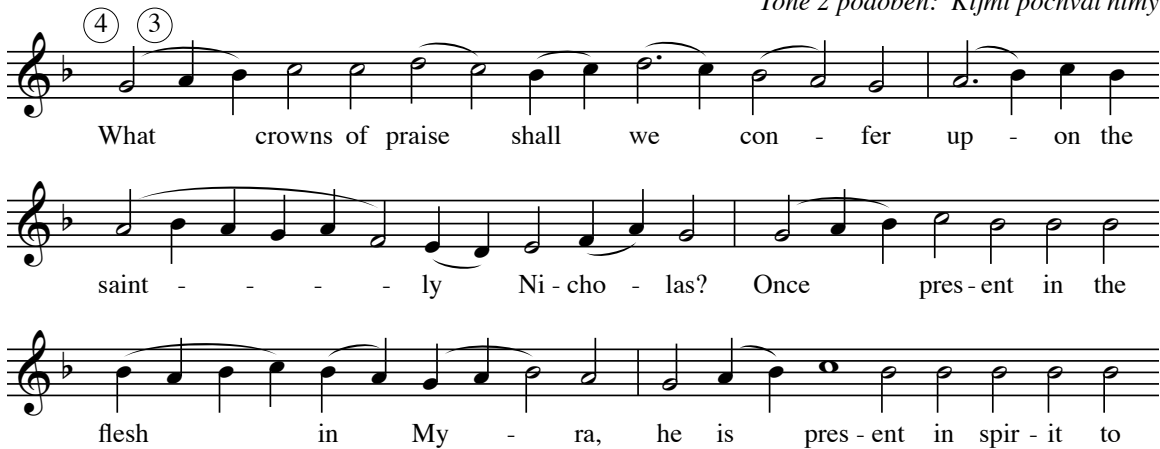


O ho - - ly Ni-cho-las, ho - ly preach-er of Christ, al-ways
read - y to help all on land or at sea: wheth - er they be near or far,
you have com-pas-sion for all. Thus, you are a pre-cious
help-er; there-fore we who gath-er here ask you to pray to the Lord
that we be delivered from all dis - tress and sor - row.

Cantor: Let the watchman count on daybreak
(on 4) and Israel on the Lord.

Tone 2 podoben: Kijmi pochval'nimy

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What crowns of praise shall we con - fer up - - on the
saint - - - - ly Ni - cho - las? Once pres - ent in the
flesh in My - ra, he is pres - ent in spir - it to



all who love him pure - ly. He is the lead - er and
de - fend - er of ev' - ry one, a com - - - fort -
-er in dis - tress, and a ha - ven of
all in dan - ger; a pil - lar of pi - - - e - ty,
and con - quer - or for be - liev - - - ers. For his sake,
Christ o - ver - came en - e - mies and shows
us great mer - cy.

Cantor: Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. (*Repeat "What crowns of praise..."*)

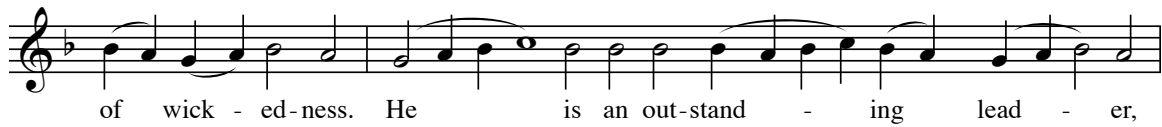
Cantor: Praise the Lord, all you nations,
(on 2) acclaim him all you peoples!



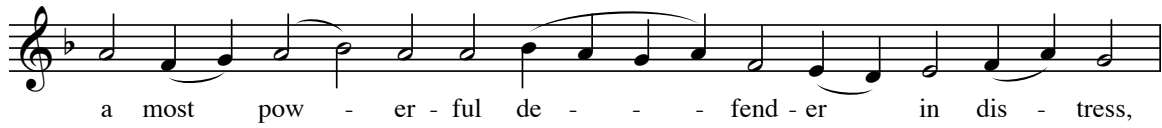
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With what songs of praise shall we ex - tol the most



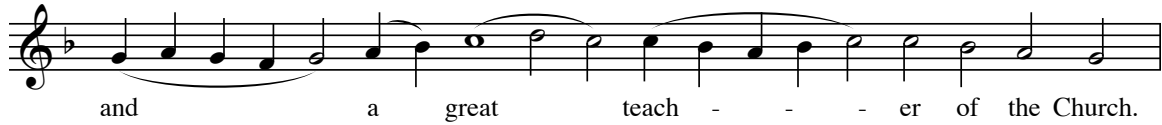
saint - - - ly Ni-cho - las? He is the foe



of wick - ed-ness. He is an out-stand - ing lead - er,



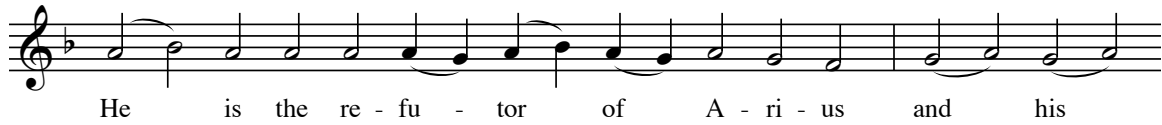
a most pow - er - ful de - - - fend - er in dis - tress,



and a great teach - - - er of the Church.



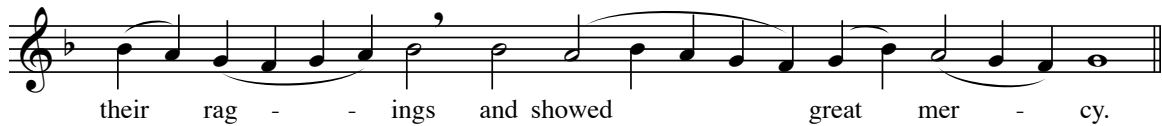
He con - founds all those who show dis - hon - or.



He is the re - fu - tor of A - ri - us and his

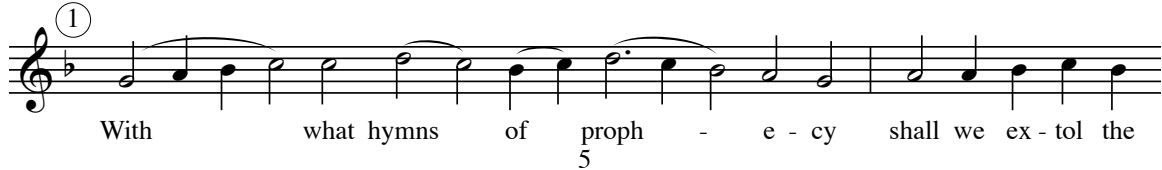


com-pan - - - ions. Be - cause of him, Christ put down



their rag - - - ings and showed great mer - cy.

Cantor: Strong is the love of the Lord for us;
(on 1) he is faithful forever.



With what hymns of proph - e - cy shall we ex - tol the

saint - - - ly Nich-o las? Liv - - - ing in
the pres - ent he saw far in - to the fu - ture.
He spoke tru - ly a - bout far - a - way things as though they were near.
He o - ver - sees the whole world,
and de - liv - ers the af - flic - ted.
He ap - peared in a dream to the God - wise king. He
de - liv - ered pris - - - on - ers who were un - just - ly ac - cused of
mur - - - der To - day he grants us the mer - cy of Christ.

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...

Doxastikon - Tone 6 samohlasen

We have gath - ered to celebrate and to praise with song the model of bishops and

a glory to the fa - thers, a foun - tain of miracles and a great help - er of
 be - liev - ers. Let us sing to the saint - ly Ni - cho - las: Re - joice, O
 Pro - tec - tor of My - ra who was re - vered as its leader and strong - est
 pil - lar. Re - joice, O radiant star, whose light of miracles shines through - out the
 world. Re - joice, O divine joy to those in sor - row. Re - joice, O defender of
 those who are op - pressed; for e - ven now, all - ho - ly Ni - cho - las,
 you still pray to God for us who cele - brate your feast with faith and who
 hon - or you with zeal and joy.

Cantor: Now and ever...

Theotokion

O cave, pre - pare yourself to re - ceive the Moth - er who bears Christ with - in

her womb. O man-ger, receive the Word who de-royed the sins of all.

O shep-herds, keep watch and then bear witness to the awe-some won-der.

O ma-gi, from Per-sia now come, and bring your gifts of gold, frank-in-cense, and

myrrh to the King. For the Lord has appeared from a Vir-gin Moth-er;

yet she bowed to him as a serv-ant and spoke to him in her bos-om,

say-ing: "How were you con-ceived in me? How did you grow in me, my

God and Sav-ior?"

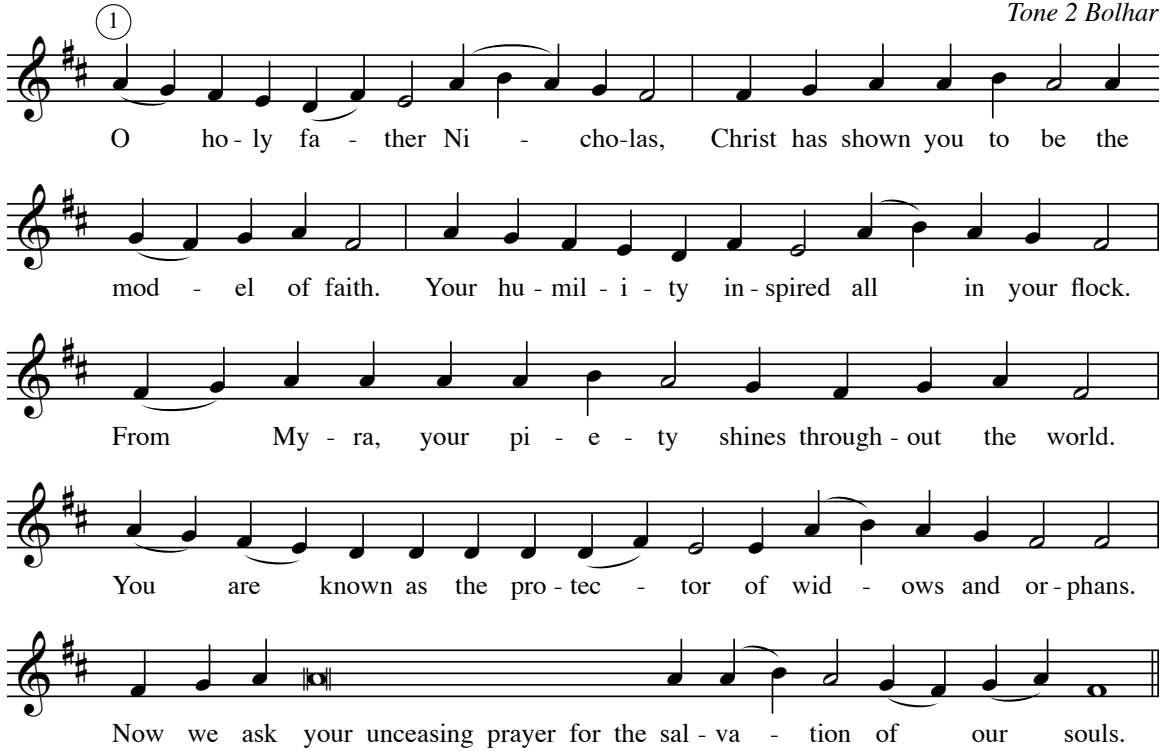
Prokeimenon for the day of the week, page 114

Readings: Composite 1
 Proverbs 10: 31 through 11: 12
 Wisdom 4: 7-15

Litija

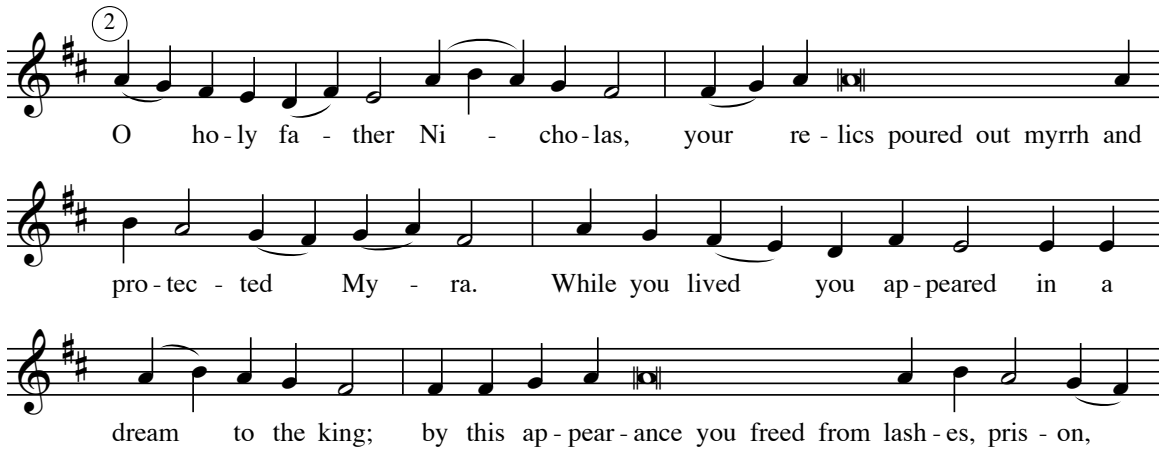
Tone 2 Bolhar

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O ho-ly fa - ther Ni - cho-las, Christ has shown you to be the
mod - el of faith. Your hu - mil - i - ty in - spired all in your flock.
From My - ra, your pi - e - ty shines through - out the world.
You are known as the pro - tec - tor of wid - ows and or - phans.
Now we ask your unceasing prayer for the sal - va - tion of our souls.

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O ho-ly fa - ther Ni - cho-las, your re - lics poured out myrrh and
pro - tec - ted My - ra. While you lived you ap - peared in a
dream to the king; by this ap - pear - ance you freed from lash - es, pris - on,

and death, those who were con-demned un - just - ly;
 now man - ifest yourself as then, im-plor - ing Christ to save our souls.

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...

Doxastikon - Tone 6 samohlasen

O good and faith - ful worker in the vine - yard of Christ, you endured the hardships of
 dai - ly la - bors; you did not complain of those who worked less than you.
 You in - creased the tal - ent giv - en you. There - fore, the gates of heav - en
 o - pened to you, and now you share in the joy of the Lord.
 O ho - ly Ni - cho - las, pray for us.

Cantor: Now and ever...

Theotokion

O Zi - on, be hap - py; re - joice, O Je - ru - sa - lem, the cit - y

of Christ, our God; bid wel - come to the Creator who rests in a man - ger in a cave.

O - pen your gates, Jerusalem, and I will en - ter so that I may see him, who

holds all cre - a - tion in his hands, e - ven though he lies in a manger, wrapped

in swad - dling clothes. The angels ever praise this life - giv - ing Lord, who is

the on - ly Sav - ior of all.

Litija Litany, page 116

Aposticha

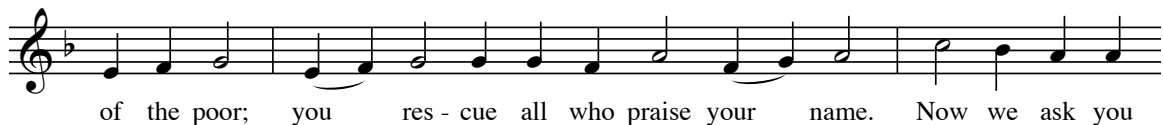
Tone 5 podoben: Radujsja živosnyj Kreste

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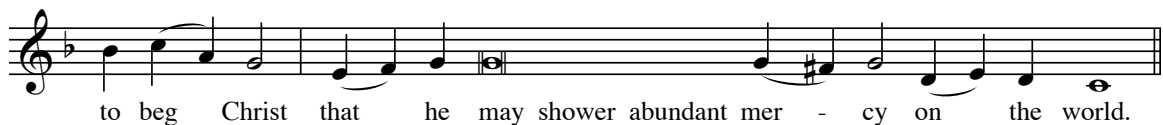
Re - joice, O priestly leader, spotless ves - sel of vir - tue, mod - el

of divine priest - hood, great shep - herd of your flock, bear - er of vic - to - ry's torch;

you hear the prayers of those who call on you. You grant the pe - ti - tions



of the poor; you res-cue all who praise your name. Now we ask you



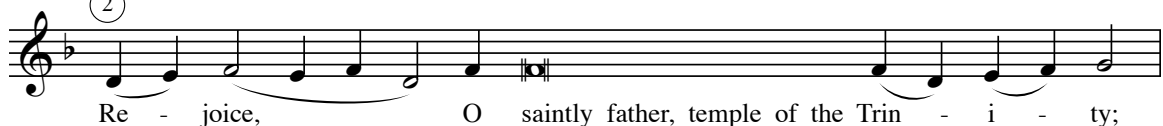
to beg Christ that he may shower abundant mer-cy on the world.

Cantor



Pre-cious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faith-ful.

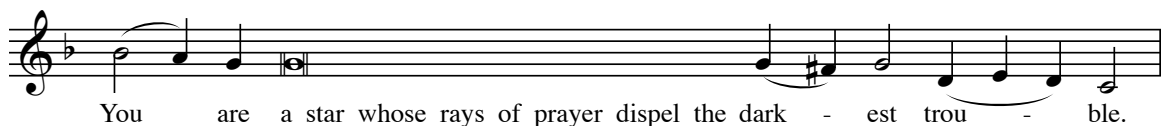
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Re-joice, O saintly father, temple of the Trin-i-ty;



pil-lar of the Church, protector of the faith-ful, help of all in trou-ble.



You are a star whose rays of prayer dispel the dark-est trou-ble.

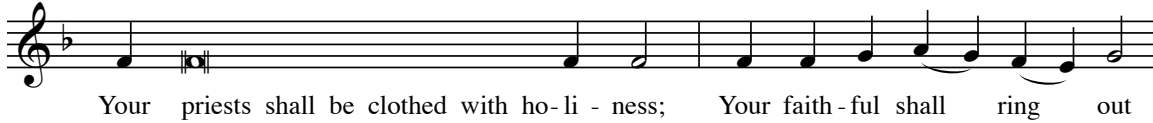


You are a qui-et harbor for the storm-tossed, for all those a-drift

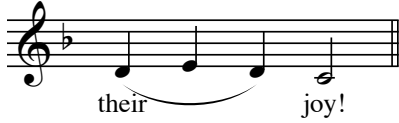


in the sea of life. Pray to Christ to save our souls with his great mer-cy.

Cantor



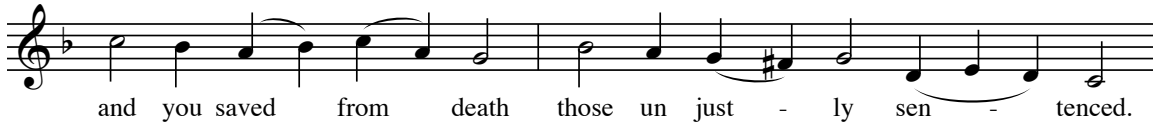
Your priests shall be clothed with ho-li - ness; Your faith - ful shall ring out



their joy!




③ Re - joice, O zeal - ous man of God! You ap - peared in a dream,



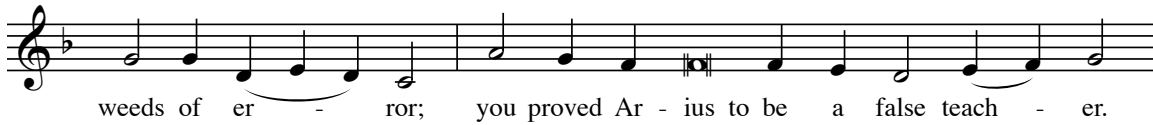
and you saved from death those un just - ly sen - tenced.



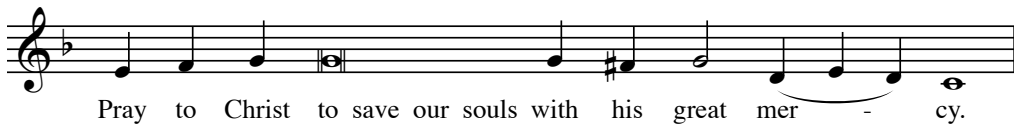
You are a foun - tain in My - ra o - ver - flow - ing with scent - ed myrrh.



You in - spire us to keep us from sin. You are a sword that cuts the



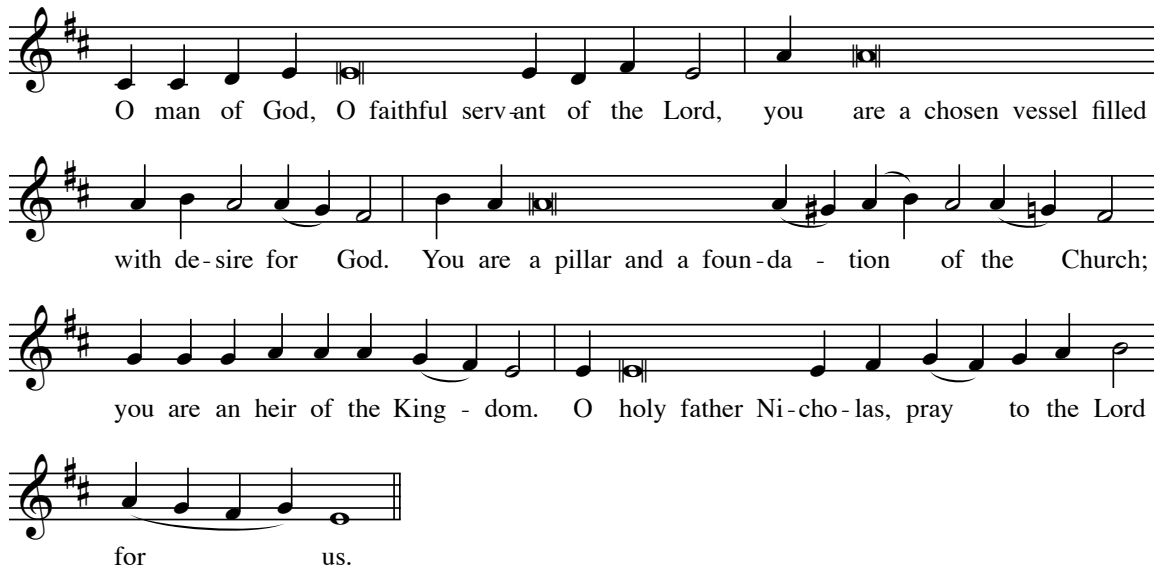
weeds of er - ror; you proved Ar - ius to be a false teach - er.



Pray to Christ to save our souls with his great mer - cy.

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...

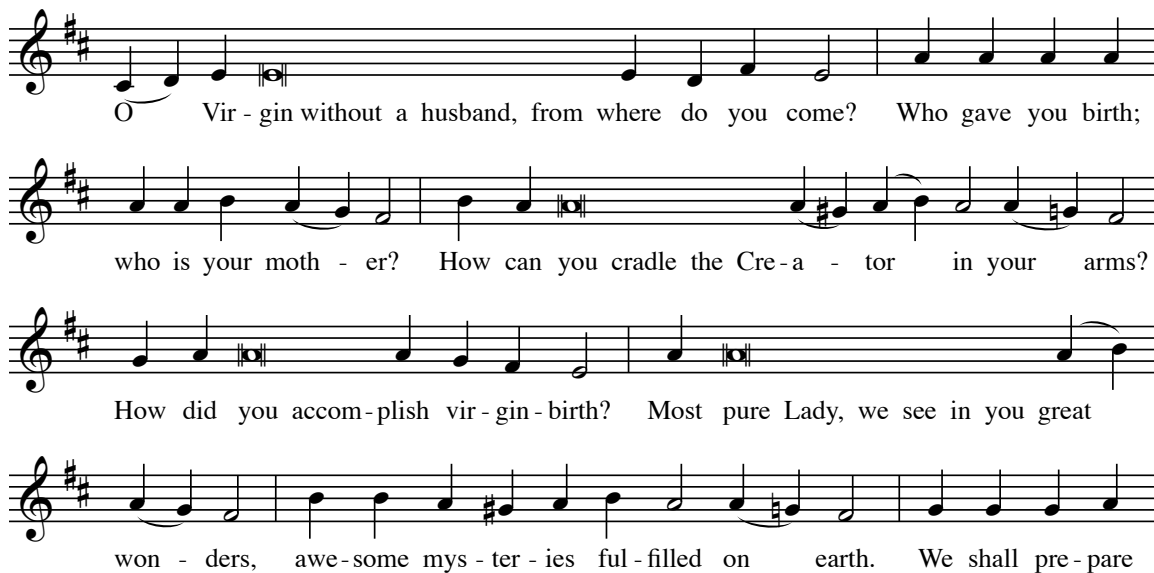
Doxastikon - Tone 6 samohlasen



O man of God, O faithful servant of the Lord, you are a chosen vessel filled
with desire for God. You are a pillar and a foundation of the Church;
you are an heir of the Kingdom. O holy father Ni-cho-las, pray to the Lord
for us.

Cantor: Now and ever...

Theotokion



O Vir-gin without a husband, from where do you come? Who gave you birth;
who is your moth-er? How can you cradle the Cre-a-tor in your arms?
How did you accom-plish vir-gin-birth? Most pure Lady, we see in you great
won-ders, awe-some mys-ter-ies ful-filled on earth. We shall pre-pare

a wor-thy cave for you. We shall ask the heav - ens for a star. We shall ask
the Magi to come from the east to the west to be - hold your newborn child in
a man - ger, to be - hold the Sav - ior of all.

Troparion

Tone 4

Your life has shown you to your flock as a rule of faith, an im - age
of gentleness, and a teacher of mod - er - a - - tion. You ac - quired great - ness through
hu - mil - i - ty and wealth through pov - er - ty. O fa - ther and arch - bish - op
Nich - o - las, in - tercede with Christ our God to save our souls.

Troparion "Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos," page 119, followed by the Blessing of Bread.