

After "O Lord, I have cried...", sing the Verses and Stichera as on pages 89 thru 92.

Then sing "Glory" in Tone 6 as on pages 93 and 94.

Then sing "Both now and ever" in Tone 6 as on pages 94 through 96.

Follow the normal Vesper Service through to the Aposticha; then sing the Aposticha in Tone 1 as on pages 97 through the top of page 99.

Now sing the "Glory and Both now" as on pages 99-102.

Then the Troparion in Tone 4 as on page 103 of this book.

Then "Both now" in Tone 4 as on page 104 of this book.

MATINS - MENAION
PAGES 105 thru 112

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SAINT THEKLA

Follow the Matins Service as in the Kazan Byzantine Matins Music Book.

(The Kontakion in Tone 3, on page 105, may also be read.)

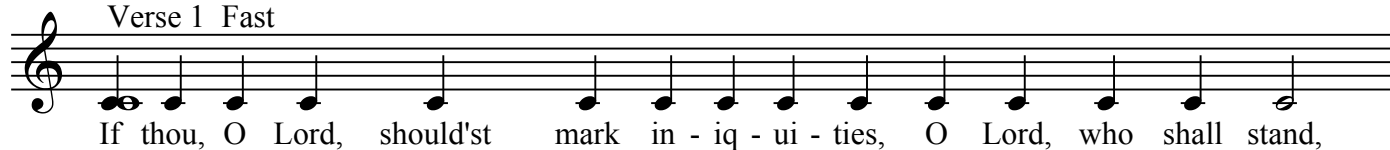
Sing the Exaposteilarion in Tone 2 as on page 106, and the Theotokion on page 107.

The Praises in Tone 1 as on pages 108 through 113.

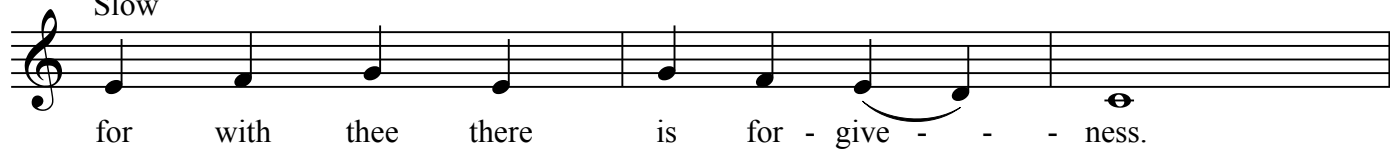
The "Glory" as on page 113 and 114.

Instructions on "Both now" on bottom of page 114.

Verse 1 Fast

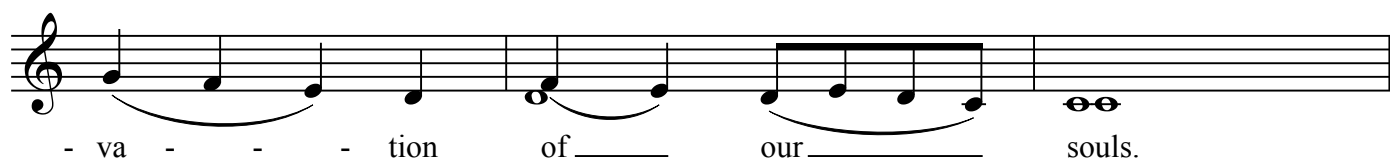
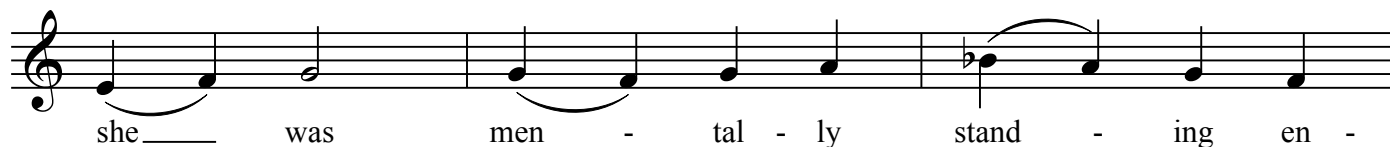


Slow



Stichera 1 & 2

To the melody: *O Lord, though Thou didst stand*



Verse 2 Fast

Be - cause of thy name have I wait - ed for
thee O Lord, my soul hath wait - ed up - on thy word, my
soul _____ hath hoped _____ in the Lord.

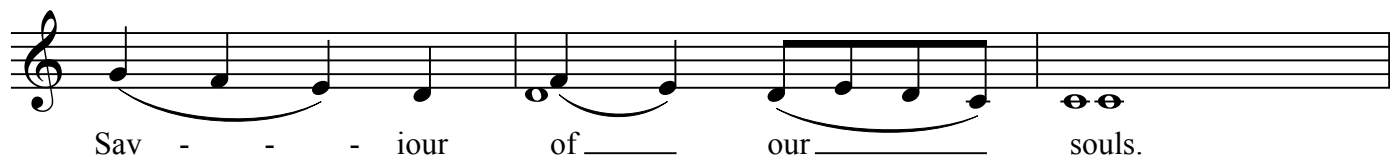
After singing Verse 2 repeat Stichera 1, then sing Verse 3 and continue with Stichera 3.

Verse 3 Fast

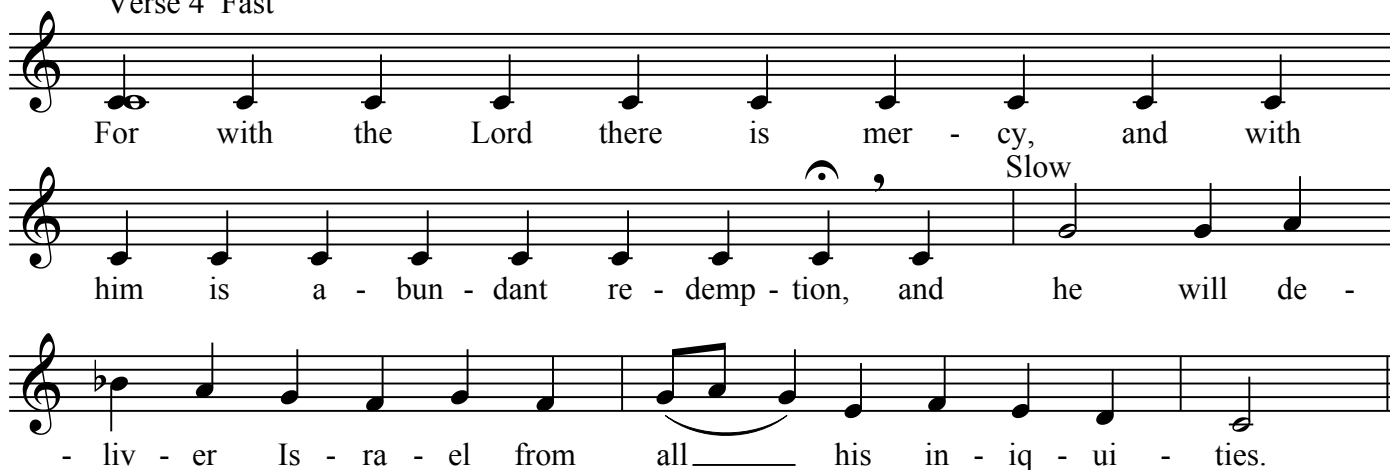
From the morn - ing watch un - til night, from the morn - ing watch, let
Is - ra - el trust _____ in the Lord.

Stichera 3 & 4

O Lord, Thek - la ran af - ter thē A - pos - tles
and she was _____ bound, but she _____ freed her - self from the
chains _____ of con - cern _____ for earth - ly things.
She be - came so tru - ly con - sumed _____ by thy love that
she _____ was bound in ob - li - ga - tion to thee, O

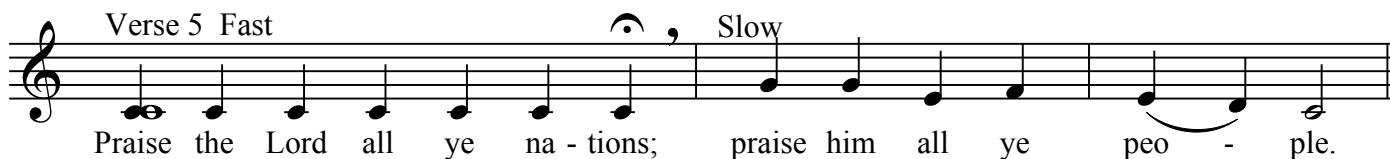


Verse 4 Fast

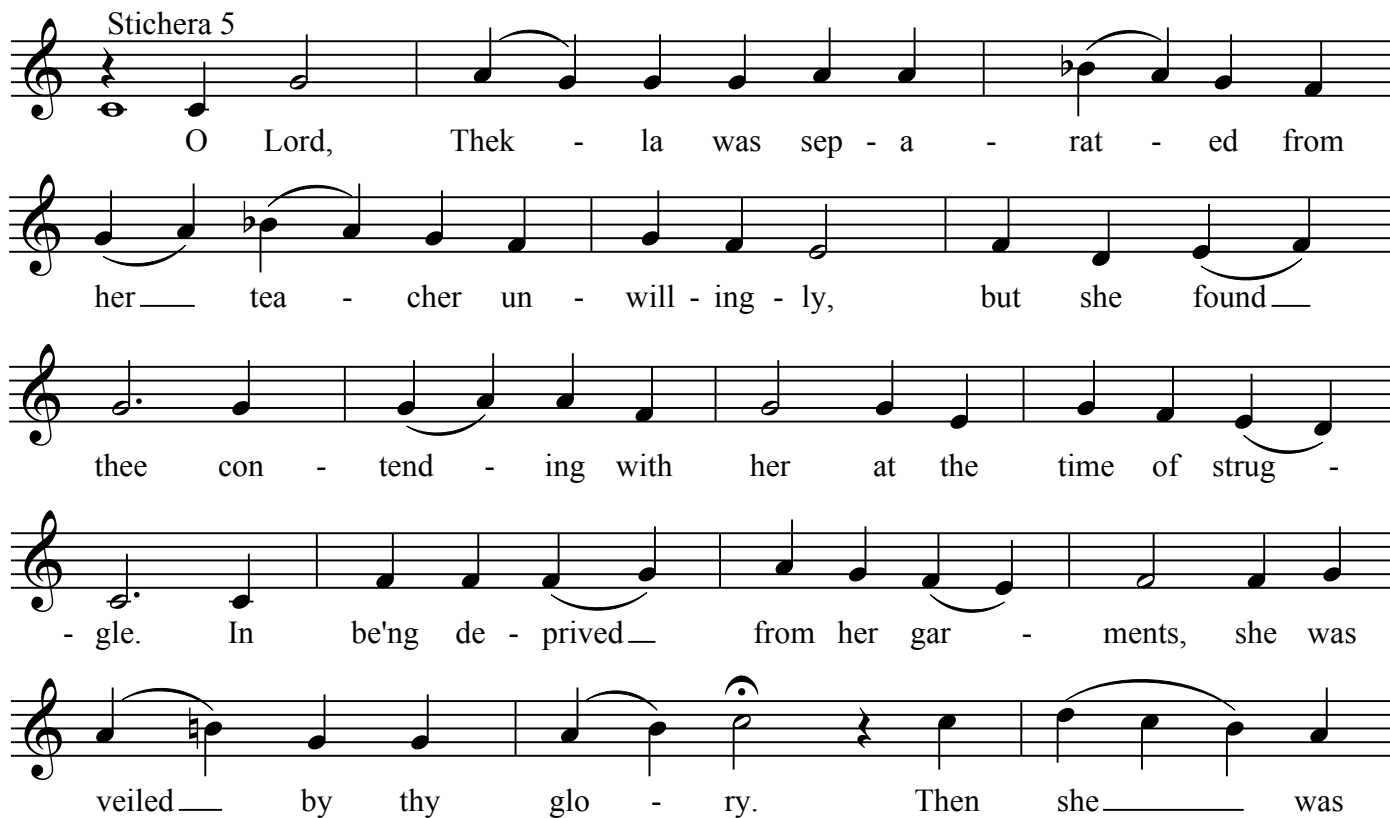


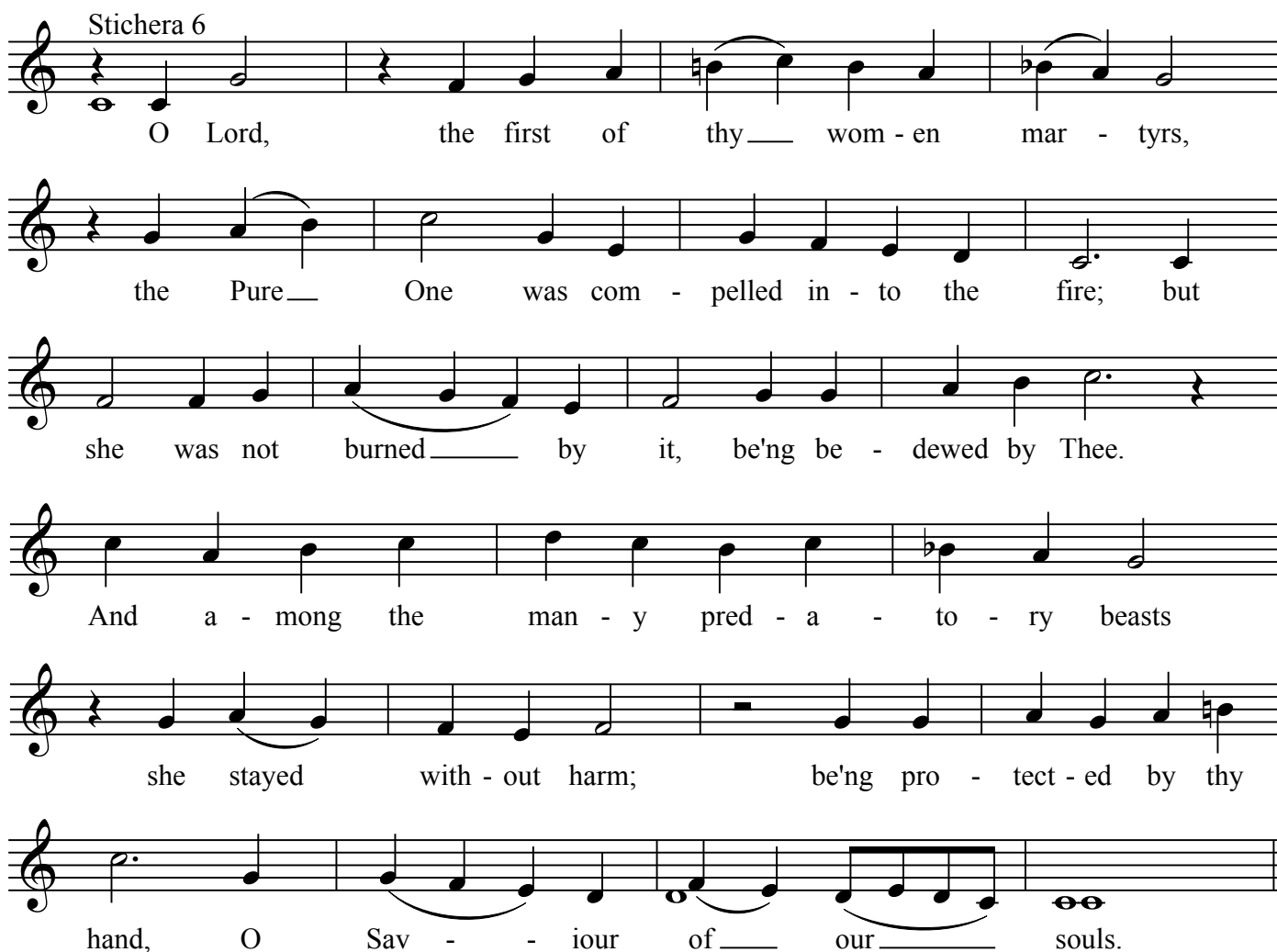
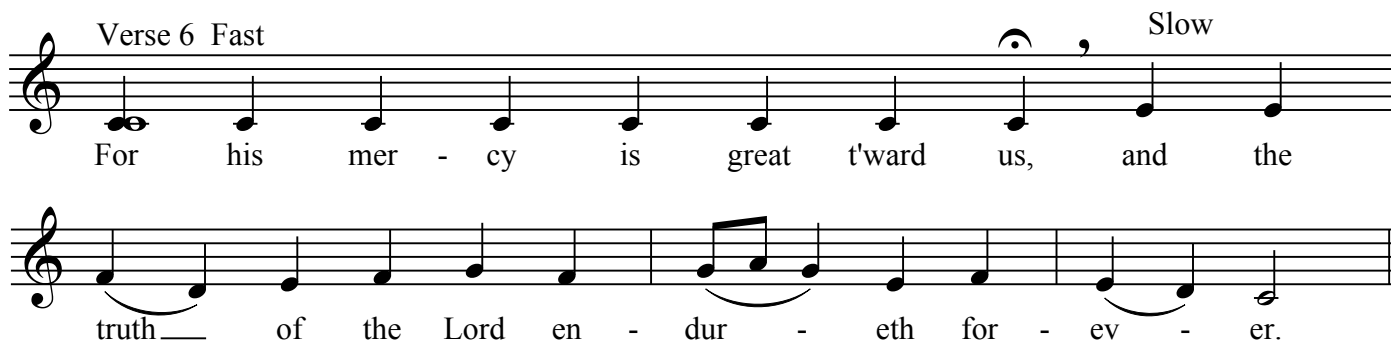
After singing Verse 4, repeat Stichera 3, then continue with Verse 5 and Stichera 5.

Verse 5 Fast



Stichera 5





O Glo - - - ry to the Fa - ther and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - - - it.
Kazan/Holwey
O Thek - la the most bless - - - ed,
thou hast tram - pled the en - - - e - - - my in the
wres-tlings of thy strug - - - gle; crush - ing his
tricks by thy mar - - - tyr - dom. Thou didst es-cape by
run - ning from Tha - my - - - ris and didst be-come a
bride of Christ, thy tru - ly de -
sired One. Con - fi - dant of
Paul, e - qual to Ste - phen in the

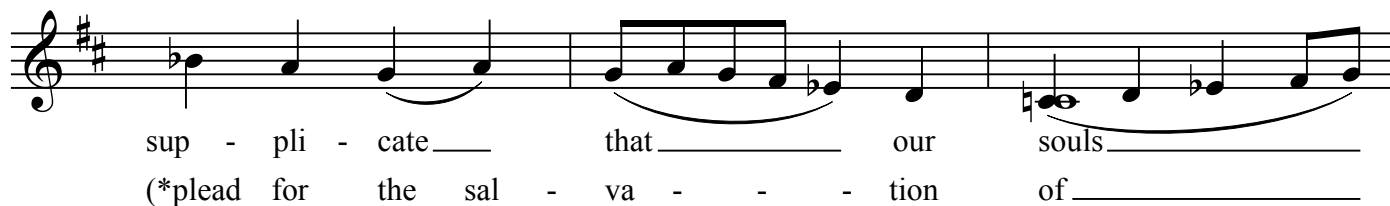


strug - - - - gle, O first a - mong - - - -
wom - - - - en - - - - mar - - - - tyrs of - - - - Christ: - - - -
There - fore, thou hast bold - ness with him; save our souls from
dan - gers; we who keep thy mem - o - ry most
joy - ful - ly as a most - high - feast - - - - day.
Both - - - - now - - - - and - - - - ev - - - - er, and un - to
a - ges of a - ges. - - - - A - - - - - - - men.

Theotokion Tone 6



Who shall not mag - ni - fy - - - - thee, most - - - - Ho - ly - - - -
Vir - gin? And who shall not praise - - - - thy - - - -



**Often, Kazan would change the wording of various hymns for some reason. If you wish to sing the ending as it is in The Divine Prayers and Services by Nassar, use this second verse.*

Prosimion 1

To the melody: *Thou art the joy*



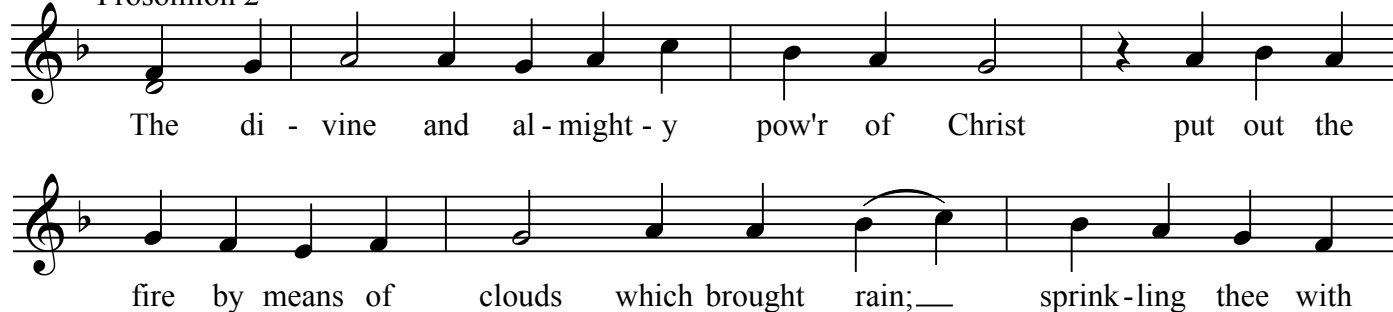
O first a - mong wom - en mar - tyrs,
E - qual to thē A - pos - tles of un - i - ver - sal re - noun,
Glo - ry of wo - men strug - glers, and beau - ty of vir -
gins; now I cry un - to thee: heal my
suf - fer - ings and the wounds of my soul through thy
pray'rs which are an - swered by God, and
snatch me from thē un - dy - ing flames.

Stichos

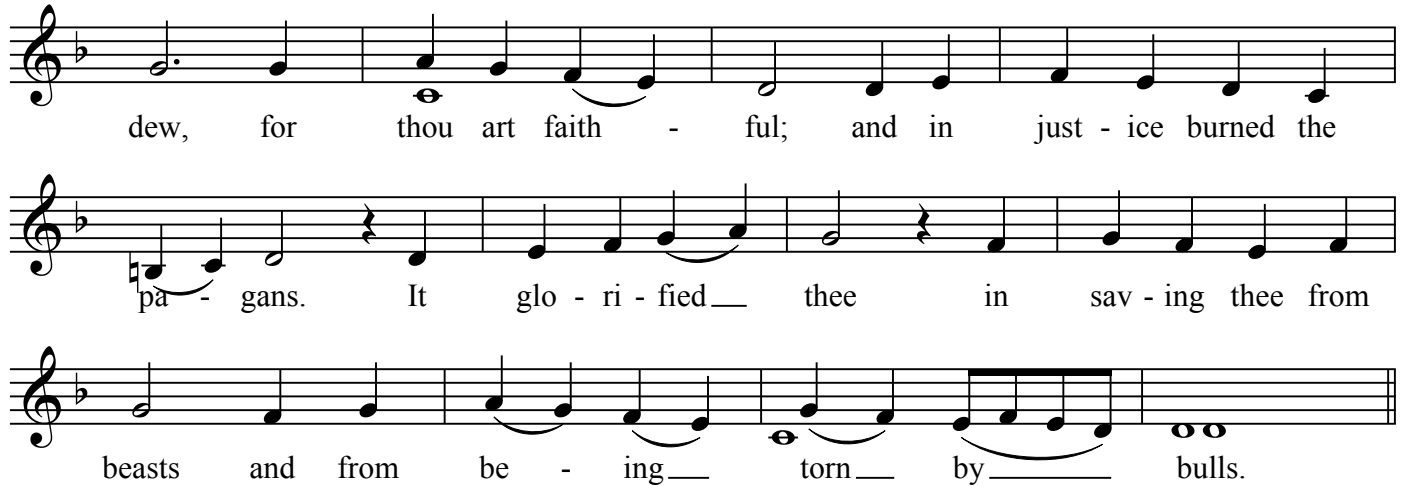


Her proc - la - ma - tion hath gone out in - to all thē earth.

Prosimion 2

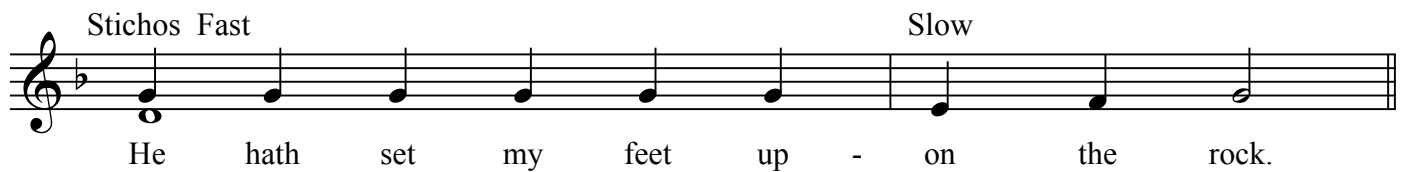


The di - vine and al - might - y pow'r of Christ put out the
fire by means of clouds which brought rain; sprink - ling thee with



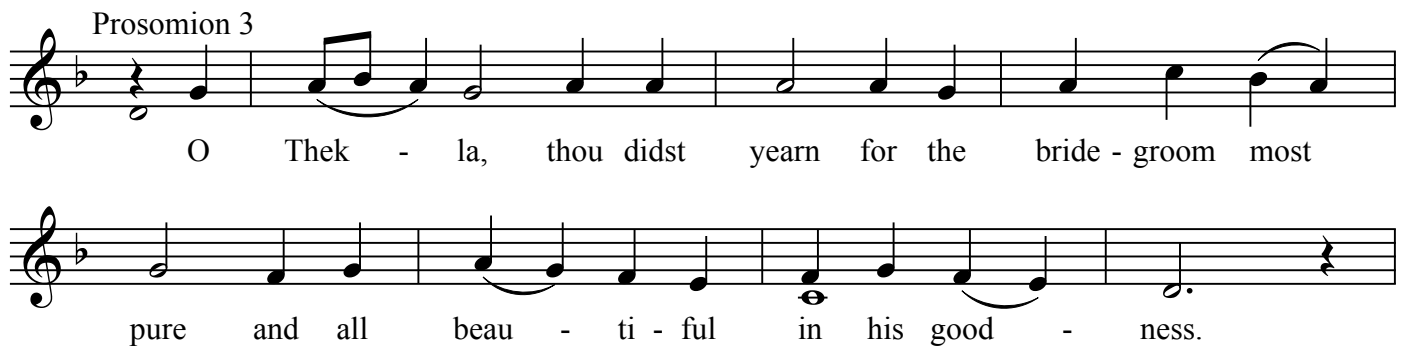
dew, for thou art faith - ful; and in just - ice burned the
pa - gans. It glo - ri - fied thee in sav - ing thee from
beasts and from be - ing torn by bulls.

Stichos Fast Slow



He hath set my feet up - on the rock.

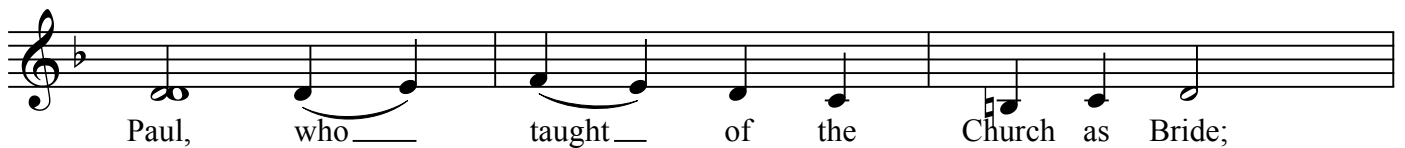
Prosimion 3



O Thek - la, thou didst yearn for the bride - groom most
pure and all beau - ti - ful in his good - ness.



Thou didst re - ject thy be-trothed fol - low - ing the words of



Paul, who taught of the Church as Bride;



with whom thou didst as - cend to the most joy - ful



goal. And so thou didst be - come be - trothed to the

Slow



Glo - ry to the Fa - - ther and to the Son and

to _____ the Ho - ly _____ Spir - - - - it.

li - ons. Thou didst em - bar - rass Tha -

- low the Bride - groom cry - ing out: O Christ, I

ran af - ter thy _____ fra - - - - - grance.

Be - cause thou didst fol - low Paul, thou didst ac - cept the gift of

Heav - - - en; and thou_ didst in - her - it a
crown from the pres - ence of God, thē
au - - - thor of the strug - - - gle.
Thou dost in - - - ter - - - cede in thē
eas - y_ yoke, that for - give - ness of sins be
giv - - - en to those_ who_ keep thy
no - - - ble mem - o - ry_ with_ faith.

Both now and ev - er, and un - to a - - ges of

a - - ges. A - - men.

O Vir - - gin with - - out

groom, blame - - less One, Moth - er of

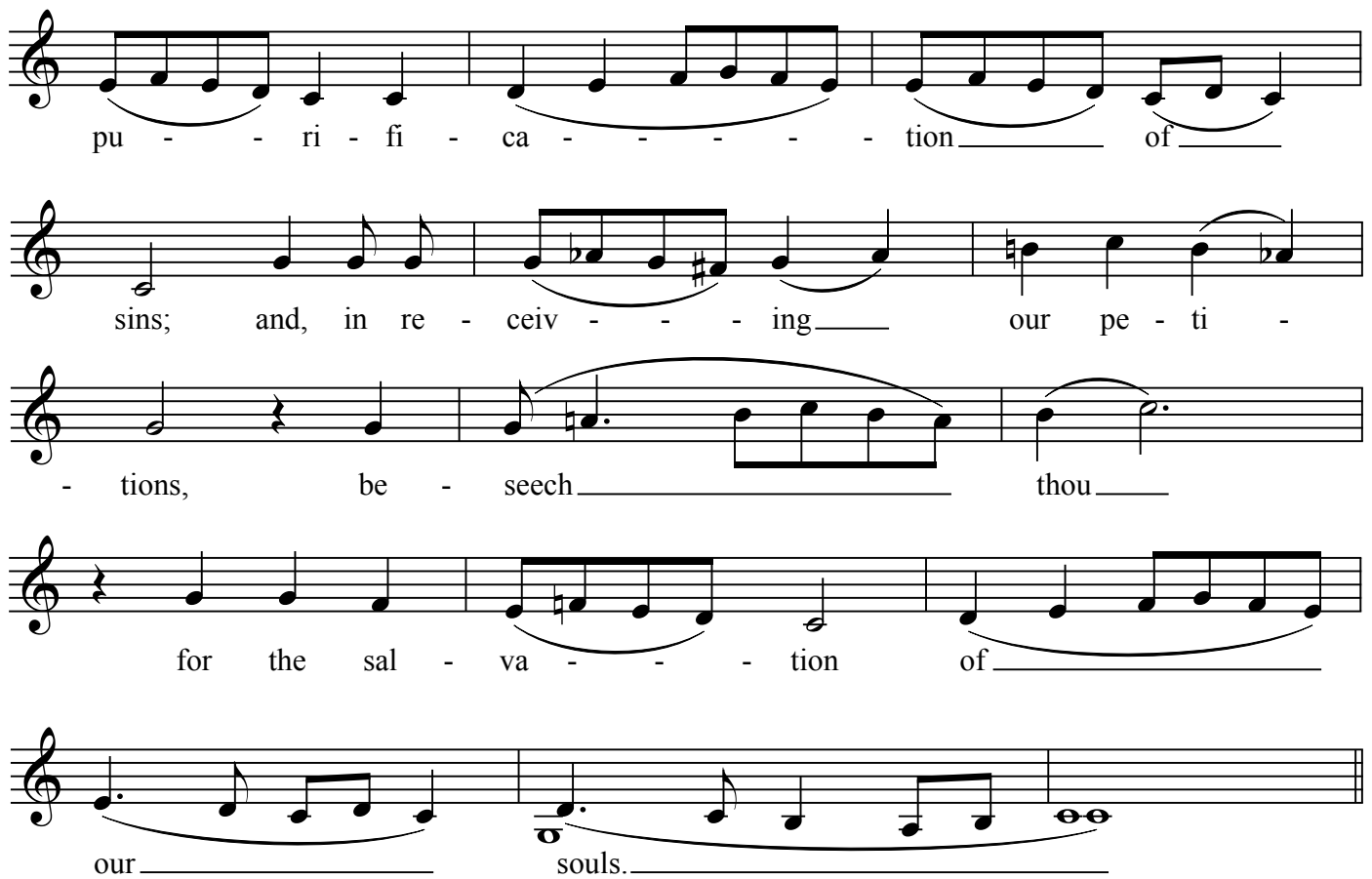
the high God; O thou who

didst con - ceive in the flesh

in a way that can - not be ex - plained, re -

- ceive the sup - pli - ca - tions of thy ser -

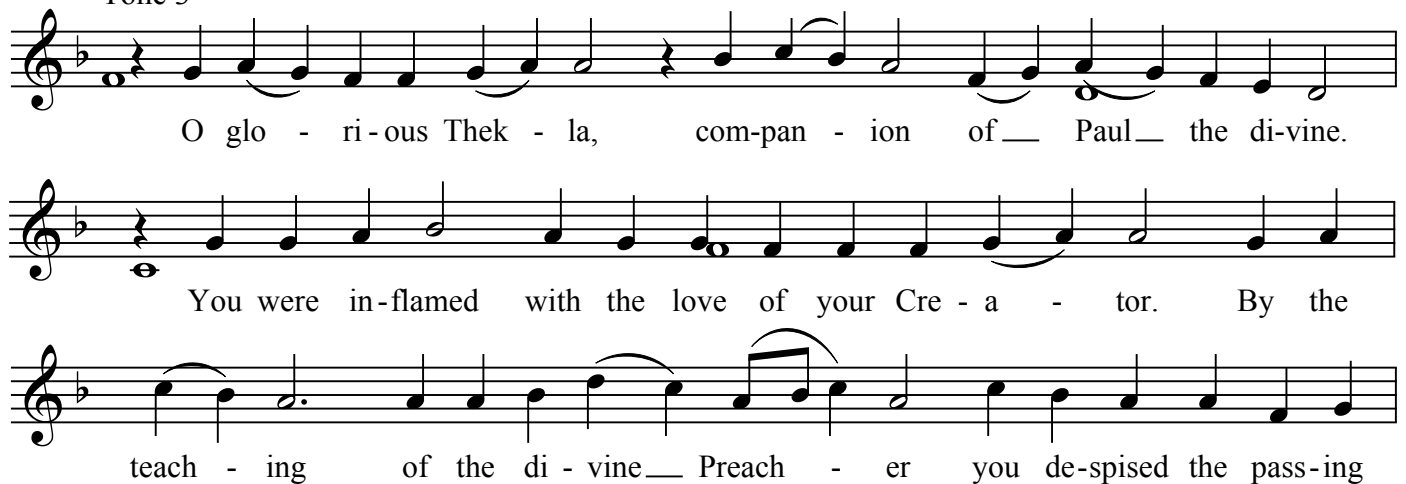
- vants, O thou who be - stow - est on all the



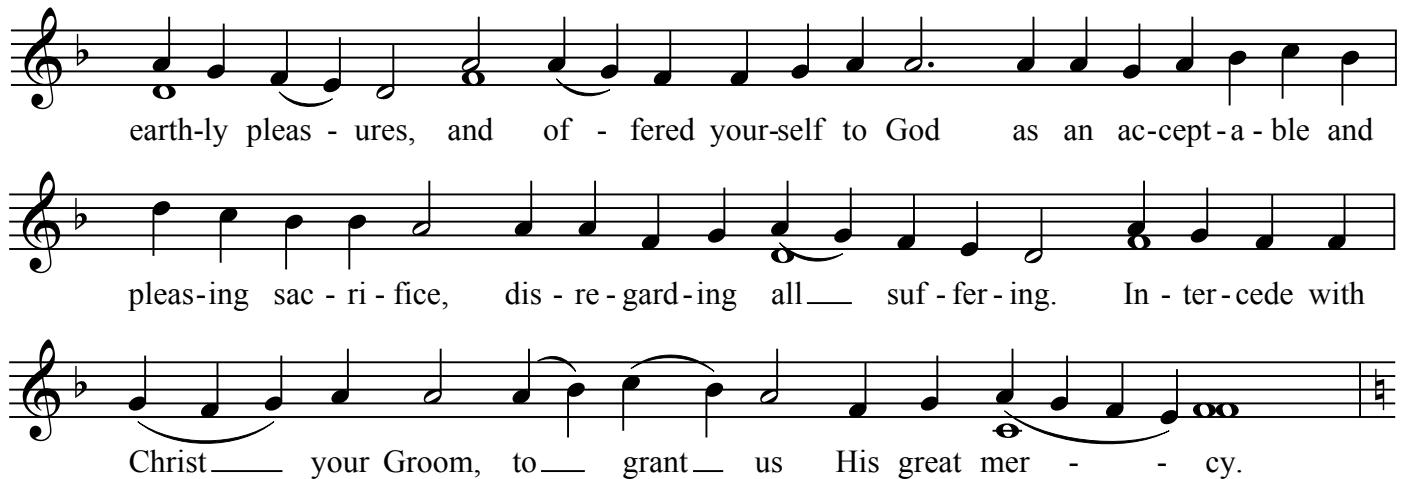
pu - ri - fi - ca - tion of
sins; and, in re - ceiv - ing our pe - ti -
- tions, be - seech thou
for the sal - va - tion of
our souls.

The following is the standard Troparion of St. Thekla sung at the Antiochian Village, and throughout our Archdiocese. It was written by Patriarch Cyril of Constantinople in 1813.

Tone 3



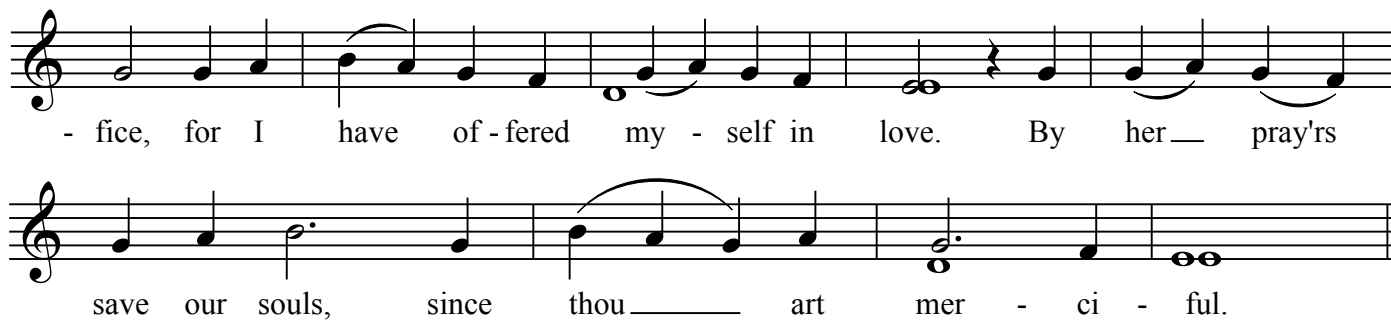
O glo - ri - ous Thek - la, com-pan - ion of Paul the di-vine.
You were in-flamed with the love of your Cre - a - tor. By the
teach - ing of the di - vine Preach - er you de-spised the pass-ing



The following is Kazan's version of the standard Troparion of a Woman Martyr.

Tone 4

Thy Lamb, O Je - sus, cries — out to thee in a
loud — voice: I love thee — O my bride - groom, and in
seek - ing thee, I en - dured — suf - fer - ings
in bap - tis - m, I was cru - ci - fied and bur - ied with thee
suf - fer - ing for thy — sake so that
I may reign with thee, and dy - - ing so that
I may live with thee. Do thou ac - cept — me as a pure — sac - ri -



Now read or intone "Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit" and repeat the Troparion as on Page 102 (or 103). After completing that, read or intone "Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen." Then sing the Theotokion as below.



Typically, the Kontakion is not chanted in Orthros, but rather, if it is done, is read along with the Oikos and Synaxarion. It is, however, chanted in the Divine Liturgy as written below.

O Virgin, Thekla, thou dost sparkle with the beauty of virginity; thou art adorned with the crown of martyrdom; and thou wert entrusted with Apostleship; because thou art Glorious. Thou didst change the flame of fire into dew; and the fierceness of the bull thou didst soften with thy prayer. Therefore, thou art the first of the martyrs.

O Vir - gin, Thek - la, thou dost spar - kle with the
beau - ty of vir - gin - i - - - ty; thou art a -
dorned with the crown of mar - try - dom; and thou wert en -
trust - ed with A - pos - tle - ship; be - cause thou art
Glo - ri - ous. Thou didst change the flame of fire in - to
dew; and the fierce - ness of the bull thou didst soft - en with thy
pray'r, There - - - fore, thou art the first of the
mar - - - - - tyrs.

O first of mar - tyrs, Thek - la of man - y
strug - gles and e - qual of thē A - pos - - -
-tles, the beau - ti - ful vir - gin: Thou didst hold
stead - fast ly to the di - vine teach - ings of Paul
the di - vine preach - er. Thou didst fol - low
him and kept a - way from thine earth - ly be -
trothed. Where - fore, thou didst gain from the
pres - ence of Christ
the tri - um - - - - phal crown.

O La - dy: we who are saved in thee con -
- fess that thou art tru - ly the The - o - to -
- kos. For thou didst give birth in an in - de -
- scrib - a - ble man - ner to Him, who through His
Cross a - bol - ished death; and drew to
Him - self the mul - ti - tude of mar -
tyrs. With them, O Vir - gin,
we do praise thee.

Verse 1 Fast

Praise him for his might - y acts, praise him ac - cord - ing to his

Slow

ex - - - cel - lent great - - - - - ness.

Idiomelon 1

Re - joice— O ye peo - ple, for to - day is pre -

pared the bat - tle - ground for the strug - - - - gle; and

we— shall see the strange things which oc - curred—

there. The pure— lamb and the beau - ty of vir -

- gin - - - i - - - ty, Thek - la, the bride of

God is thrown— to the slaugh - ter

for the sake of Christ our God; for she thwart - ed the

god - less - ness of the vi - o - lent ones by her

faith in the Trin - i - ty.
Now she en - joy - eth rest with thē an - gels, in - ter -
-ceed - ing with the Sav - ior for the sal -
- va - - tion of our souls.

Verse 2 Fast

Praise him with the sound of the trum - pet, praise him with the
psal - - - ter - y and harp.

Slow

Idiomelon 2

O Thek - la, first of strug - glers,
thou didst take Je - sus our God as a bride - groom in the Heav -
- ens, be - lit - - - tling thine earth - ly
bride - groom and be - trothed. For the sake of thine in - tel - li - gence,

thou didst not suc - cumb to thy moth - er's vain__ bab - blings.

Thou didst fol - low Paul, car - ry - ing the sign__ of the

Cross on thy should - ers. Thou wast not a - fraid of

fire; the fierce - ness of the beasts thou__ didst

change to gen - tle - ness. Thou didst kill the seals by thine im -

- mer - sion in Ho - ly bap - tis - m in Christ.

There - fore, thou dost shine__ in the great__ strug - gle.

Thou dost still en - treat the Lord__ fer - vent - ly

for the sake of those who__ keep__ thy__

mem - o - ry in faith__ for - ev - er.

Verse 3 Fast - Tone 2

Slow

Praise him with the tim - brel and dance, praise — him

with the stringed — in - stru - ments and or - gans.

Idiomelon 3

O A - pos - tle Thek - la, thou didst give — thy - self to the

all - pow - er - ful com - mand of God, be - ing strength -

-ened in — Christ since thou art the first — of —

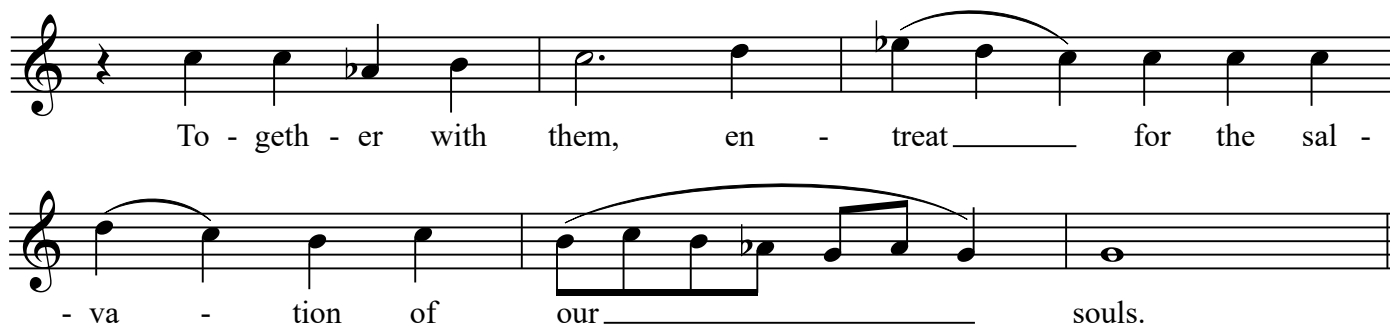
strug - - - glers. — Ig - nor - ing earth - ly e -

- mo - tions, thou didst ac - cept the lamp of e -

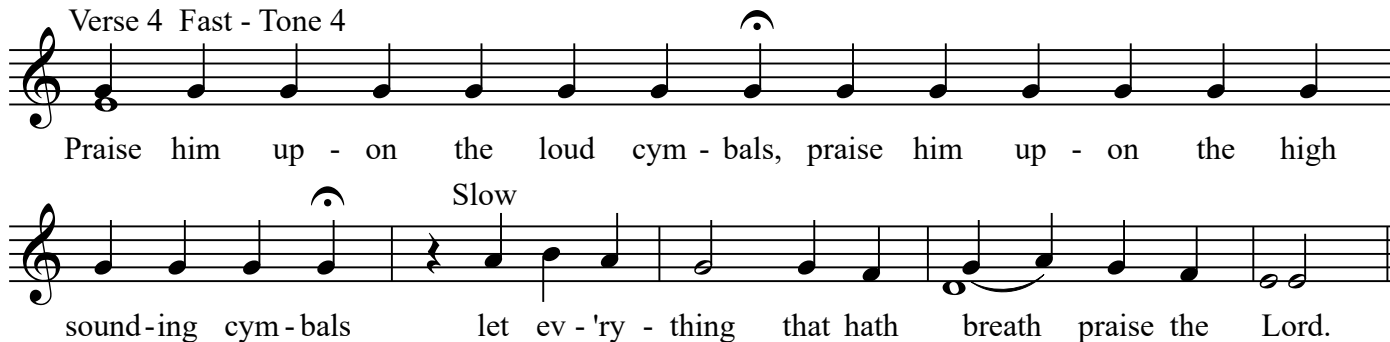
- ter - nal life. — Thou didst ac - quire a love - ly and se -

- clud - ed spot, and didst set - tle there a flock of wom - en who

found there a door — to e - ter - nal — life.

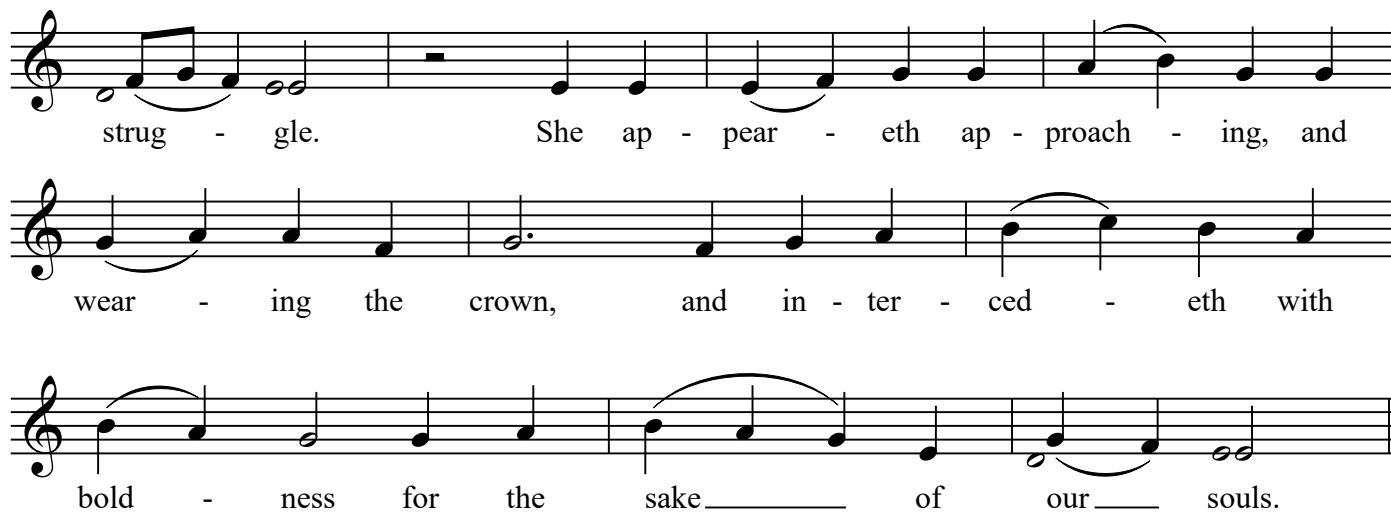


Verse 4 Fast - Tone 4



Idiomelon 4





strug - gle. She ap - pear - eth ap - proach - ing, and
wear - ing the crown, and in - ter - ced - eth with
bold - ness for the sake of our souls.

After completing The Praises, continue as below singing the "Glory" in Tone 4.



Slow
Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to the Son, and to the
(or stay on D*)
Ho - - - ly Spir - - - it.
O Thek - - - la, thou beau - - - ti - ful
vir - - - gin, first a - mong mar - tyrs of
Christ; thy strug - gle be - yond wom - an - ly en -
- dur - - - ance a - maz - - - eth all

*(*For Tone 4, it is more proper for the ison to stay on D
at the end of this type of phrase, instead of going from D to E.)*

(or stay on D*)

man - - - kind. E - ven the beasts were a -
mazed, for thou didst not count the fire as
flame, for the sake of Christ thy bride - - -
- groom; but for His sake re - joiced ex - ceed - ing - ly
ev - en in thy suf - fer - ing, and
sep - a - rat - ed from the
world in or - der to gain the bless - ed - ness of Heav -
- en. In - ter - cede with bold - ness for the
sake of our souls.
Both now and ev - er, and un - to a - ges of a - ges. A - men.

(Sing verse 1 as the normal Theotokion. Sing verse 2 as the Theotokion of the Cross.)

Special Melody: *As one valiant*

HTM*



1. O pure Vir - gin, be - dew my mind with thē All - ho - ly
2. When Thy Moth - er, the blame - less Ewe, saw Thee nailed to the



Spir - it's rains, for thou gav - est birth_ to the Rain-drop, Christ our God,
Cross, O Lord, she was seized with sor - row and strick - en with dis - may;

D



Who with His ten - der com - pas - sions wiped a - way thē im -
and in a - maze - ment, she cried: What is this sight, O be -



- meas - 'ra - ble wick - ed - ness of mor - tal men; O im - mac - u - late
- lov - ed Son? Doth this law - less mul - ti - tude, be - ing hard - ened in



Vir - gin Maid, come dry up the spring of my pas - sions; and by thine
un - be - lief, rec - om - pense Thee thus, af - ter hav - ing en - joyed Thy



in - ter - ces - sions, make me wor - thy of the tor - rent
man - y won - ders? But, O Mas - ter, glo - ry be_ to



of ev - er - liv - - - ing de - light and joy.
Thy con - de - scen - sion, which pas - seth speech.

Now sing the "Great Doxology" in Tone 4 as on Page 215 of the Matins Byzantine Project.

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Kontakion of St. Thekla

O Vir - gin, Thek - la, thou dost spar - kle with the
beau - ty of vir - gin - i - - - ty; thou art a -
dorned with the crown of mar - try - dom; and thou wert en -
trust - ed with A - pos - tle - ship; be - cause thou art
Glo - ri - ous. Thou didst change the flame of fire in - to
dew; and the fierce - ness of the bull thou didst soft - en with thy
pray'r, There - fore, thou art the first of the
mar - - - - - tyrs.