

January 16th

Veneration of the Precious Chains of the Apostle Peter

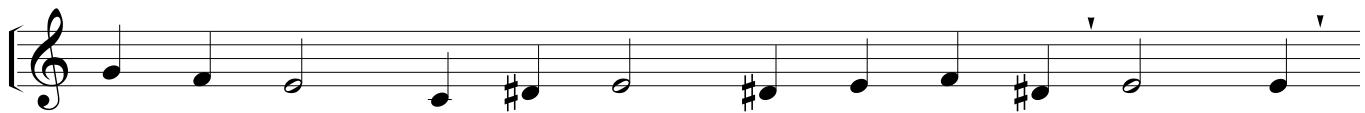
Stichera at the Aposticha at Vespers

Byzantine Chant Tone/Mode 4
Special Melody: *Unto them that fear thee*

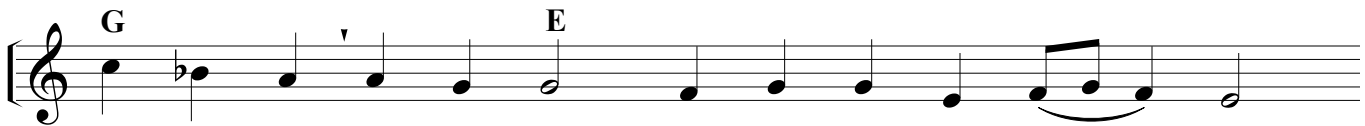
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1) Come ye, let us wor - ship now the pre - cious chains where - by
2) *O all - laud - ed Pe - ter, Chief of thē A - pos - tles, thy*
3) On this day the ranks of An - gels join with mor - tals and



all the bonds of the pas - sions have been de - stroyed; for
chain doth shine like a line reach - ing to the heights, by
joy - ous - ly sing thy prais - es with one ac - cord. For



through thē in - ef - fa - ble gifts of all - wise Pe - ter
which we are led from earth to the gates of Heav - en;
when the Lord's An - gel came, smote thy side, and woke thee,

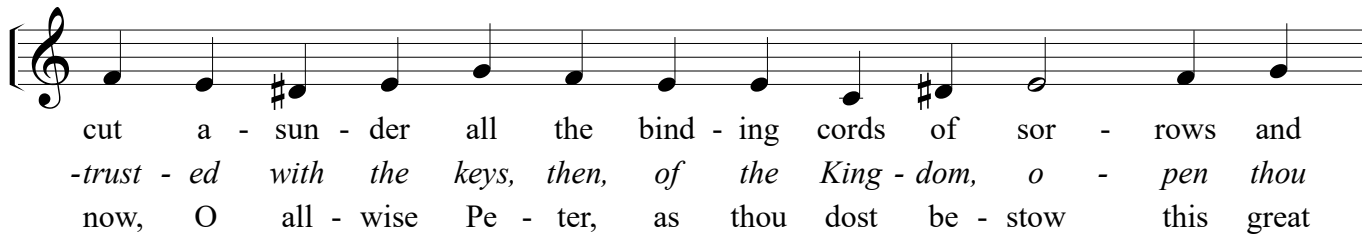


have his chains been sol - emn - ly sanc - ti - fied in ver - y truth
and in faith we come to thee, O thou won - drous and most wise,
thou didst flee the guard and the chain of thy cap - tiv - i - ty,

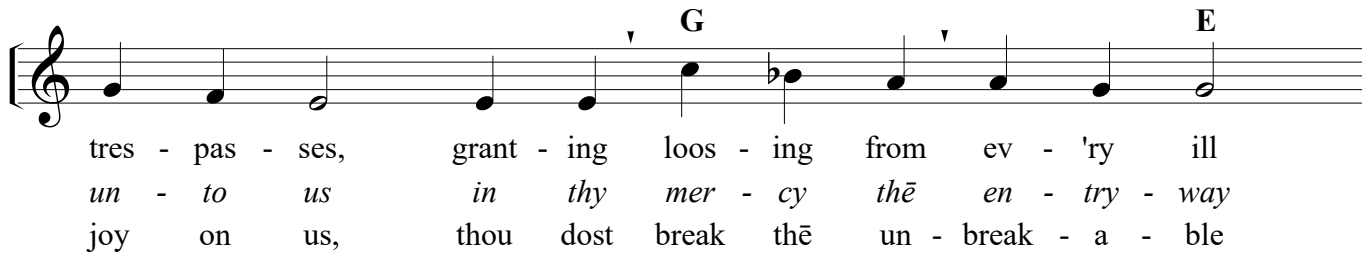


and have re - ceived from him ev - er - flow - ing grace. They
as thē il - lus - tri - ous keep - er of the keys. En -
leav - ing thy bonds un - to them that bound thee up. And

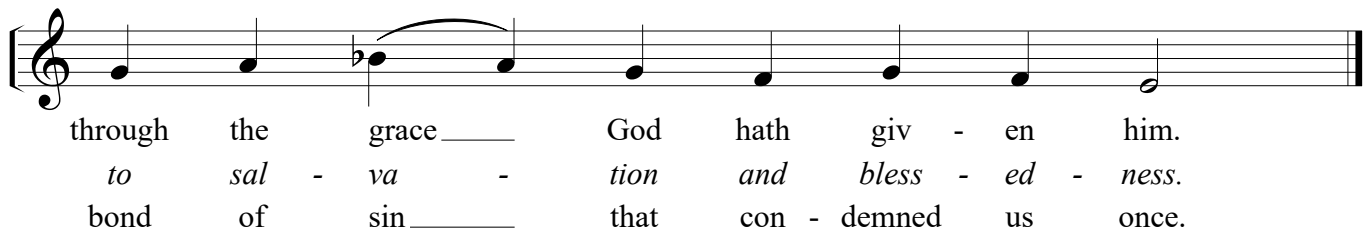
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cut a - sun - der all the bind - ing cords of sor - rows and
- trust - ed with the keys, then, of the King - dom, o - pen thou
now, O all - wise Pe - ter, as thou dost be - stow this great



tres - pas - ses, grant - ing loos - ing from ev - 'ry ill
un - to us in thy mer - cy thē en - try - way
joy on us, thou dost break thē un - break - a - ble



through the grace _____ God hath giv - en him.
to sal - va - tion and bless - ed - ness.
bond of sin _____ that con - demned us once.