

January 17th

Venerable and God-bearing Father Anthony the Great

Stichera at the Aposticha at Vespers

Byzantine Chant Tone 5
Special Melody: *Rejoice*

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

1) Re - joice, _____ prince of as - cet - ics and monks

thou who be - cam - est their in - vin - ci - ble cham - pi - on;

for cut - ting the roots of pas - sions and brave - ly bear - ing the blows

of the de - mons' on - slaughts, thou didst o - ver - come

their ut - ter in - fir - mi - ty and their er - ror, which slay - eth souls;

and thou didst show forth the great strength of the Sav - ior's Cross,

mak - ing man - i - fest that its might is in - vin - ci - ble.

Gird - ing thy - self there - with, thou o - ver - cam - est all that re - ject

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Christ God's di - vine and most hon - ored ap - pear - ance

un - to us in the flesh. To Him, right - eous Fa - ther,

make en - treat - y that He grant_ His Great Mer - cy to our souls.

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2) Thou wast _____ a shin - ing pil - lar of light

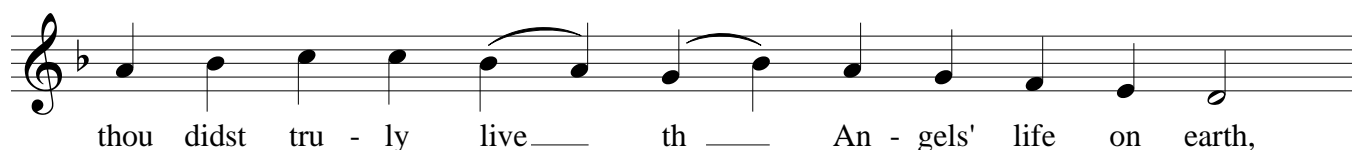
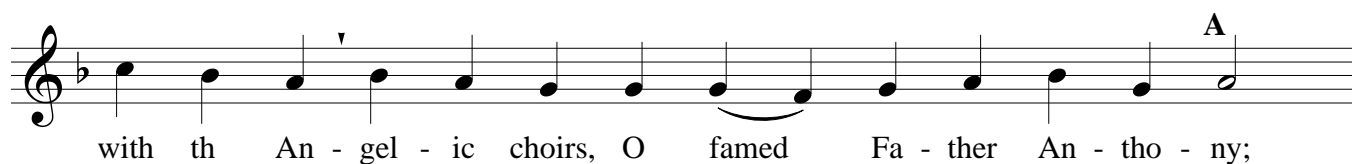
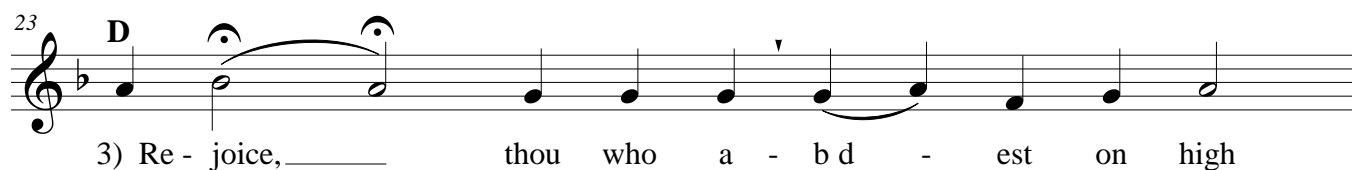
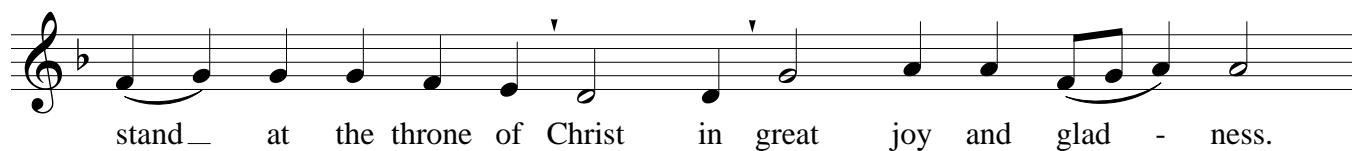
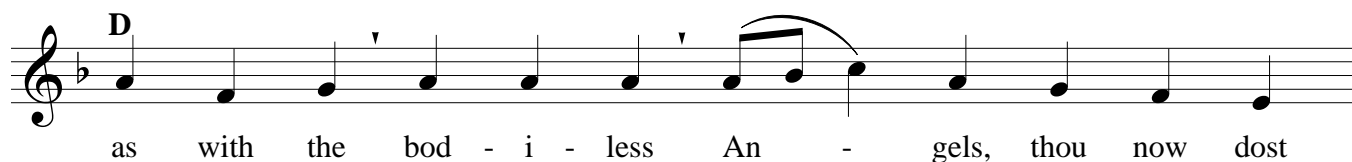
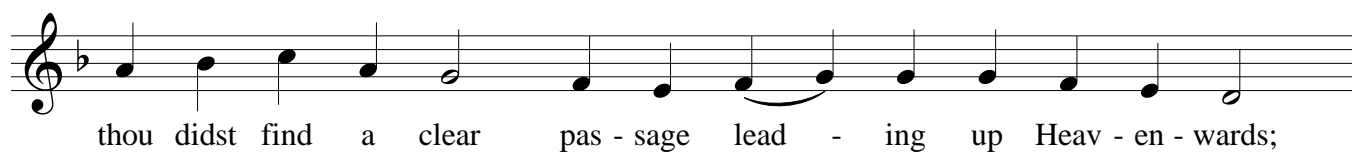
raised up in vir - tues and a cloud_ o - ver - sha - dow - ing

all them that were in the wil - der - ness, and thou went - est be - fore,

lead - ing seers of God_ from_ earth to Heav - en's heights.

By part - ing the pas - sions' sea with the rod_ of the Sav - ior's Cross

and o - ver - com - ing th in - vis - i - ble A - ma - lek,



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