

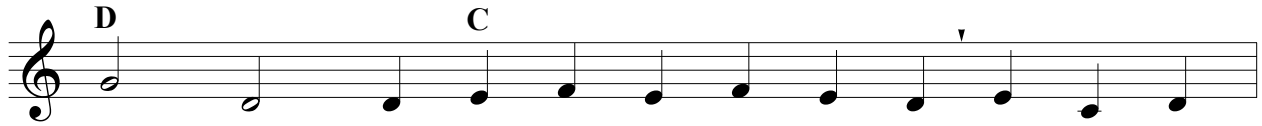
January 17th

Venerable and God-bearing Father Anthony the Great

Stichera at the Praises

Byzantine Chant Tone 8
Special melody: *O strange wonder*

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih
from various sources



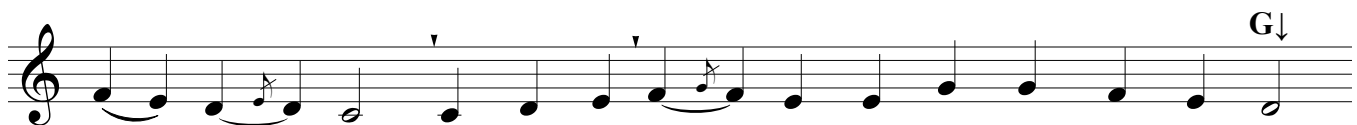
1) O our right - eous Fa - ther An - tho - ny, tak - ing the
2) *O our right - eous Fa - ther An - tho - ny, seek - ing to*
3) Gath - ered in faith, we all hon - or thee as an as -
4) *Fa - ther of Fa - thers, great An - tho - ny, moved in thy*



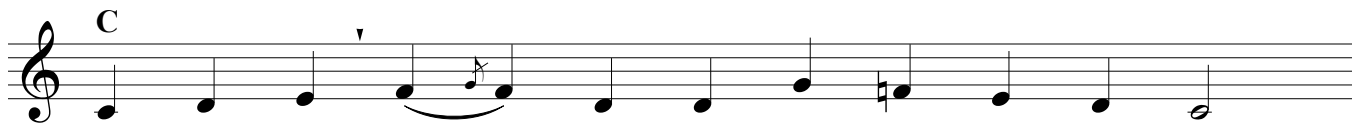
yoke__ of Christ God on thy shoul - ders with for - ti - tude,
gain__ the true life, thou wast shut__ up with - in a tomb,
- cet - ic of Christ, great and God - bear - ing An - tho - ny,
soul__ with de - sire and in - sa - tia - ble love for Christ,



thou didst cast down Sa - tans pride, o - ver - throw - ing it
fear - ing no as - saults or blows of the mur - der - ous
who didst jour - ney joy - ous - ly in the wil - der - ness
thou didst go in search of Him in thē ut - ter - most



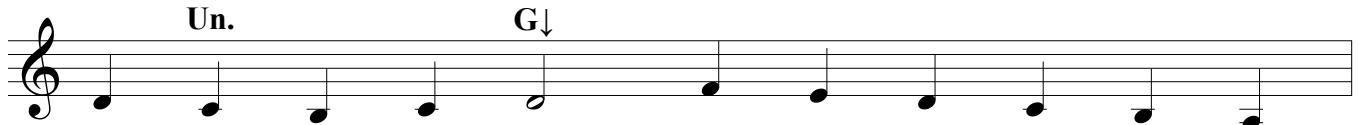
by__ the__ Cross. Thou mad - est cit - ies of bar - ren wil - der - ness
en - e - my with cries and tu - mult, with dash - ing sounds of war,
no - ta - bly. Its faith - ful teach - er thou tru - ly didst be - come;
wil - der - ness; thou fled - dest far__ from the tu - mults of the world,



through the di - vine__ way of life that thou didst lead.
which by thy prayers thou didst drive a - way like smoke.
where - fore, with great__ voice we all cry out to thee:
con - vers - ing sole - ly with God in sol - i - tude,



O _____ man most blest of God, boast of all as - cet - ics,
 O _____ *man of stal - wart soul!* As the chief and lead - er
 O _____ man most blest of God, joy and boast of monks, cease
 joined _____ un - to Him in mind and com - plete - ly filled with



Un. G↓
 cease - less - ly en - treat Christ our God that we find
 of the wil - der - ness, we all call thee blest, O
 nev - er to en - treat our Di - vine De - liv - er -
 light, where - with do thou make our souls to shine as



C
 mer - cy through thy ho - ly _____ prayers.
 Saint, as we now hon - or _____ thee.
 - er that we may all _____ be _____ saved.
 we now sing thy praise _____ in _____ hymns.