

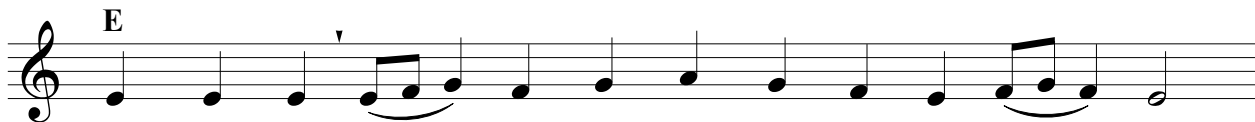
Season or Date
Saint or Feast

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Chant Tone 4

Special melody: *Thou who wast called from on high*

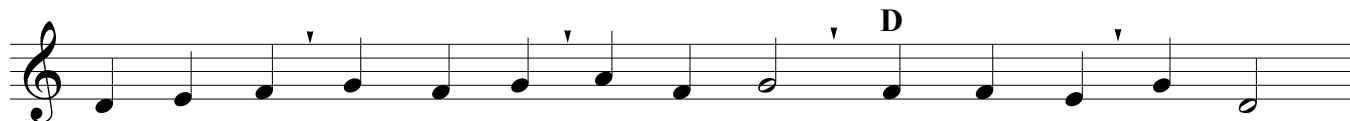
Adapted by Dn. John El Massih



- 1) When thou hadst part - ed the dark - ness of the let - ter,
- 2) *Thou who art tru - ly a sec - ond The - o - lo - gian,*
- 3) Till - ing the fur - rows of heart and un - der - stand - ing
- 4) *Thine hon - ored mouth didst thou bring, O bless - ed Fa - ther;*



thou in spir - it went - est in un - to the high - est Light;
and a wise in - i - ti - ate of God's en - light - en - ment,
with thy tongue, O God - pro - claim - er, thou thus mad - est rich
to the cup of wis - dom, *and thou drew - est forth there - from*



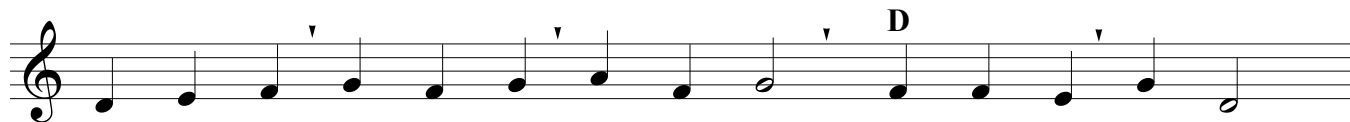
and thou, re - ceiv - ing there - from the flood and stream - ing bright - ness
the joy - ous scribe of the Trin - i - ty, thou past our na - ture
all of the plen - i - tude of the Church with the di - vine seed
the god - ly draught of the - ol - o - gy, which thou didst free - ly



of true the - ol - o - gy, mad - est all men rich,
hast taught of God's na - ture, which tran - scend - eth speech.
of the the - ol - o - gy com - ing from on high;
share with the faith - ful, O right - eous Greg - o - ry,



lu - mi - nar - y of the Church, O all - wise Greg - o - ry;
And as thou en - joy - est God more clear - ly now in light
then thou whol - ly burnt - est up the tares of her - e - sies
stop - ping up the soul - de - stroy - ing stream of her - e - sies,



then with the light - ning - bolts of thy words, thou didst di - min - ish
do thou re - mem - ber, O Greg - o - ry, them that re - vere thee;
with God the Spir - it's con - sum - ing fire, since thou wast nour - ished
which brim - meth o - ver with blas - phe - my. Then as a helms - man,



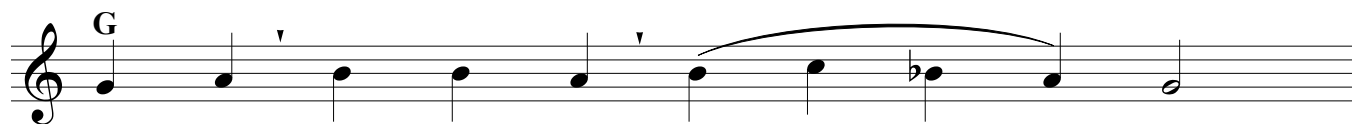
the gloom - y clouds of the wick - ed her - e - sies.
de - fend the Church thou hast taught and dis - ci - plined;
 with fer - vent love of di - vine phi - los - o - phy,
the Ho - ly Spir - it found thee to be ap - proved,



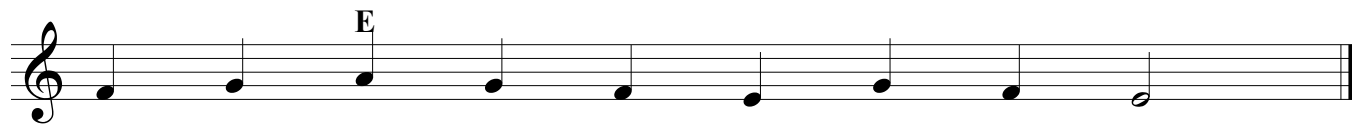
Where - fore, thou dwell - est where there is the joy
for in - to ev - 'ry quar - ter of thē earth
 O light of priests and boast of all the world,
who didst drive off and ban - ish all as - saults



and the sound of all them that keep fes - ti - val,
hath thy sound gone a - broad and hath taught us all
 thou great Fa - ther of Fa - thers, blest Greg - o - ry,
of thē im - pi - ous like emp - ty blasts of wind,



O com - pan - ion of An - gels,
to give glo - ry and wor - ship
 wis - est shep - herd of shep - herds,
by de - clar - ing one Es - sence



ev - er pray - ing that our souls be saved.
to the con - sub - stan - tial Trin - i - ty.
 and the glo - ry of all faith - ful men.
of a Trin - i - ty in U - ni - ty.