

January 25th

Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople

Stichera at the Praises

Byzantine Chant Tone 4

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

Adapted by Dr. John El Massih

E

G

E

D

E

G

E

D

E

1) When thou hadst part - ed the dark - ness of the let - ter,
thou in spir - it went - est in un - to the high - est Light;
and thou, re - ceiv - ing there - from the flood and stream - ing bright - ness
of true the - ol - ogy, mad - est all men rich,
lu - mi - nar - y of the Church, O all - wise Greg - o - ry;
then with the light - ning - bolts of thy words, thou didst di - min - ish
the gloom - y clouds of the wick - ed her - e - sies.
Where - fore, thou dwell - est where there is the joy
and the sound of all them that keep fes - ti - val,

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The musical score consists of eight staves of Gregorian chant notation, each with a treble clef and four horizontal lines. The notes are represented by short vertical strokes. The music is divided into sections by measure lines and rests. The lyrics are written below the notes, corresponding to the musical phrases. The modes indicated above the staves are G, E, and D.

Strophe 1:

O com - pan - ion of An - gels,
ev - er pray - ing that our souls be saved.

Strophe 2:

2) Thou who art tru - ly a sec - ond The - o - lo - gian,
and a wise in - i - ti - ate of God's en - light - en - ment,

Strophe 3:

the joy - ous scribe of the Trin - i - ty, thou past our na - ture
hast taught of God's na - ture, which tran - scand - eth speech.

Strophe 4:

And as thou en - joy - est God more clear - ly now in light
do thou re - mem - ber, O Greg - o - ry, them that re - vere thee;

Strophe 5:

de - fend the Church thou hast taught and dis - ci - plined;

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D

for in - to ev - ry quar - ter of th earth

hath thy sound gone a - broad and hath taught us all

G

to give glo - ry and wor - - - - ship

E

to the con - sub - stan - tial Trin - i - ty.

E

3) Till-ing the fur - - rows of heart and un - der - stand - ing

G

with thy tongue, O God - pro - claim - er, thou thus mad - est rich

all of the plen - i - tude of the Church with the di - vine seed

E

of the the - ol - o - gy com - ing from on high;

G

then thou whol - ly burnt - est up the tares of her - e - sies

with God the Spir - it's con - sum - ing fire, since thou wast nour - ished

with fer - vent love _____ of di - vine phi - los - o - phy,
 O light of priests _____ and boast of all the world,
 thou great Fa - ther of Fa - thers, blest Greg - o - ry,
 wis - est shep - herd of shep - - - herds,
 and the glo - ry of all faith - ful men.

4) Thine hon - ored mouth _____ didst thou bring, O bless - ed Fa - - - ther,
 to the cup of wis - dom, and thou drew - est forth there - from
 the god - ly draught of the - ol - o - gy, which thou didst free - ly
 share with the faith - ful, O right - eous Greg - o - ry,

G stop - ping up the soul - de - stroy - ing stream of her - e - sies,

which brim - meth o - ver with blas - phe - my. Then as a helms - man,

E the Ho - ly Spir - it found thee to be ap - proved,

D who didst drive off and ban - ish all as - assaults

of th im - pi - ous like emp - ty blasts of wind,

G by de - clar - ing one Es - - - - - sence

E of a Trin - i - ty in U - ni - ty.