

September 17th

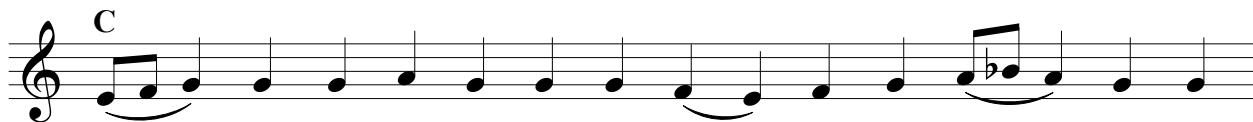
Martyrs Sophia and Her Daughters Faith, Love and Hope

Stichera at the Praises

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Special melody: *O Lord, though Thou didst stand*

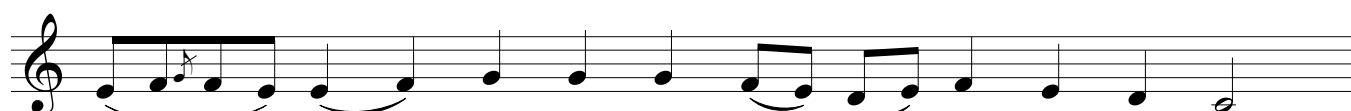
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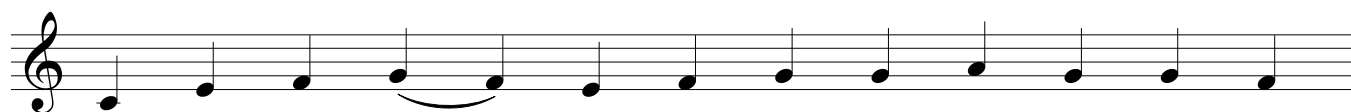
1) Lord, — though So - phi - a's ten - der fledg - lings were tor - tured and



died a vi - o - lent death on earth, Thou hast gath - ered them in the



Heav - ens — un - der the wings of — Thy love for man,



hav - ing re - ceived — with de - light the suf - frings they en -



- dured for Thee; and glo - ri - fy - ing them to thē ag - es,



Thou dost hear - ken to their prayers for — us.



2) Lord, — though the sword was not brought near — to So - phi - a, her



heart was cut with the keen - est pains look - ing on her in - no - cent



daugh - ters — slain one by one in — pro - longed dis - tress;

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