

November 12th

John the Almsgiver, Patriarch of Alexandria

Stichera at the Praises

Byzantine Chant Tone 5
Special Melody: *Rejoice*

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih



1) Re - joice, _____ thou shin - ing light _____ of the Church,
2) Re - joice, _____ giv - er most rich _____ to the poor;
3) Re - joice, _____ thou trust - y guide _____ of the blind,



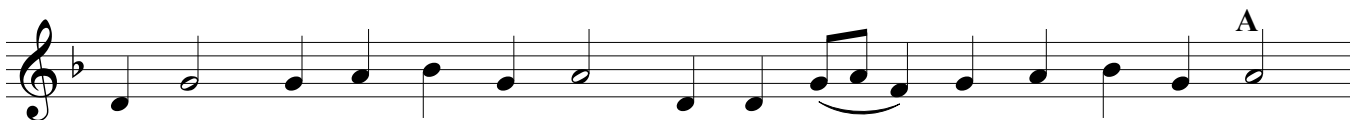
thou ū - ni - ver - sal - ly ad - mired _____ boast of all the world,
well-spring of mer - cy, o - ver - flow - ing of sym - pa - thy;
and wise in - struc - tor of the young, O our Fa - ther John,



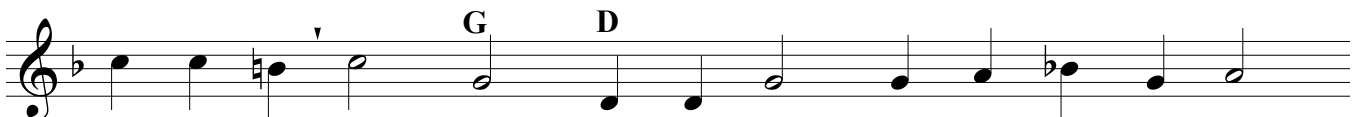
foun - da - tion of Or - tho - dox - y and Al - ex - an - dri - a's pride
swift up - right - ing of the fal - len, suc - cor of those in dis - tress,
a - mend - ment of hard - ened sin - ners, shep - herd of those gone a - stray,



rule of tem - p'rance, stand - ard _____ of as - cet - ic life;
feed - er of the hun - gry, _____ help of thē op - pressed;
and the staff of old _____ age, _____ strength - en - ing the weak;

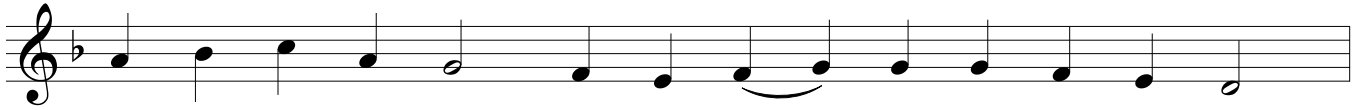


the ha - ven of those in storm, res - cue of _____ those in jeop - ard - y,
pro - tec - tor of wid - ows and vis - i - ta - tion of all the sick,
the mea - dow of sweet - est scents and the Spir - it's own ark of myrrh,

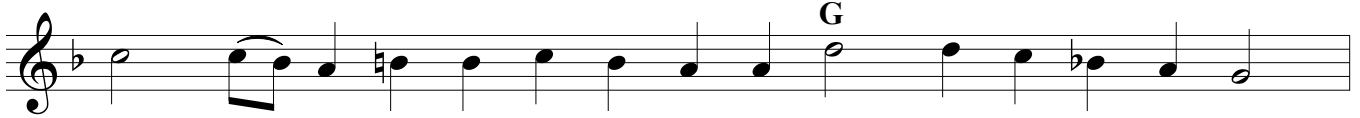


un - fail - ing guar - dian, and the tow - er of strength to all,
un - fail - ing cov - 'ring of the na - ked and mis - 'ra - ble:
thē ev - er - flow - ing stream of alms, deeds and kind - li - ness

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law of dil - i - gence, and the sea of be - nef - i - cence;
right - eous Fa - ther John, who dost stand in the Heav - ens' heights,
 and au - gust a - bode of the Most Ho - ly Trin - i - ty.



match - less - ly cheer - ful giv - er who dis - pens - est a - bun - dant - ly
look with thy gaze of mer - cy and at - tend to us from on high,
 Ev - er re - mem - ber us who sing thy praise, O most glo - ri - ous,



that which is need - ful and fit - ting to all that
and im - por - tune Christ the Sav - ior that He might
 and swift - ly res - cue us out of af - flic - tions,



faith - ful - ly run to thee. O all - bless - ed Fa - ther,
send down up - on our souls His rich and Great Mer - cy
 dan - gers, and sick - ness - es, and tor - ment ē - ter - nal,



in - ter - cede with Christ to grant His Great Mer - cy to our souls.
and a share in His di - vine and ē - ter - nal love for man.
 by en - treat - ing Christ, Who grant - eth Great Mer - cy to the world.