

November 16th

The Holy Apostle & Evangelist Matthew

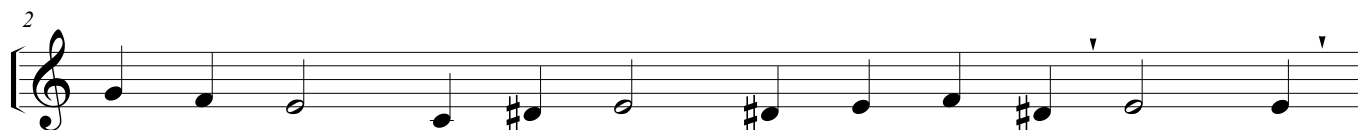
Stichera at the Praises

Byzantine Chant Tone/Mode 4
Special Melody: *Unto them that fear thee*

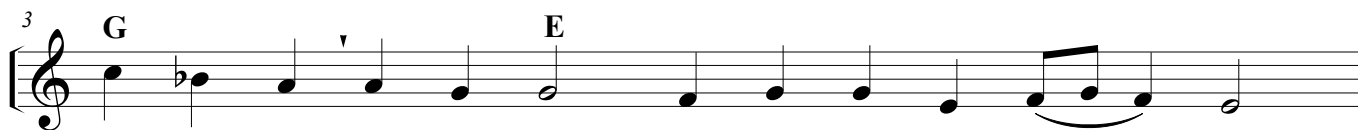
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1) Beam - ing like a bril - liant sun and set a - blaze with the
2) *Seat - ed at the loft - y sum - mit of di - vine knowl - edge*
3) Thou didst thun - der sav - ing and most sa - cred doc - trines to



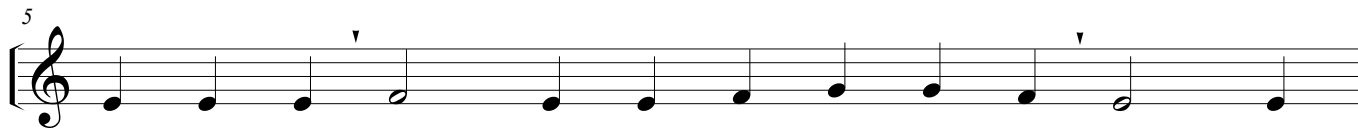
Spir - it's rays, thou didst make all the world to shine with
from on high, O A - pos - tle, thou didst re - ceive the
all the world, O wise Mat - thew, and thou didst cleanse cre -



knowl - edge of God the Lord, O all - wise A - pos - tle;
Spir - it's re - splen - dent light, which ap - peared un - to thee
- a - tion from end to end from its i - dol - mad - ness;




and, O bless - ed Mat - thew, thou al - so whol - ly drav - est out
in the form of fire, and with fier - y tongue thou burnt - est up
and thou didst il - lu - mine the tribes and peo - ples of thē earth



the gloom - y mist of the cult of man - y gods; and
pro - fane i - dol - a - try like a pile of wood. We
with the bright rays of the Gos - pel's shin - ing light. And


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so to - day we cel - e - brate thy light - trans - cend - ing me -
there - fore sing thy praise as an A - pos - tle her - ald - ing
hurl - ing down the tem - ples of the wick - ed i - dols by

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- mo - ri - al and thy mar - vel - ous fes - ti - val
things di - vine, as to - day we all cel - e - rate
grace di - vine, ho - ly church - es didst thou raise up

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as a well - spring of ho - li - ness.
this thine all - ho - ly fes - ti - val.
to the glo - ry and praise of God.