

December 13th

Herman of Alaska, Enlightener of the Aleuts

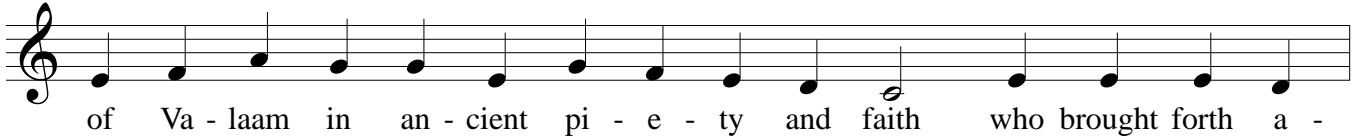
Stichera at the Praises

Byzantine Tone 8 (Plagal 4th Mode-C)
Special Melody: *What shall we now call you*

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih



1) What shall we now call thee, O man of God? Bless - ed sci - on



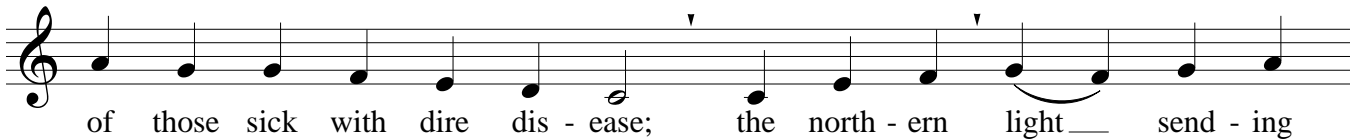
of Va - laam in an - cient pi - e - ty and faith who brought forth a -



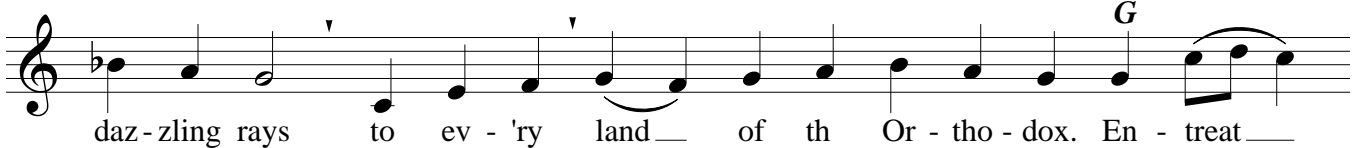
- bun - dant fruit in new ter - rain not sown be - fore; the sow - er



from whose plant - ing ho - ly Mar - tyrs sprang; the fear - less ten - der



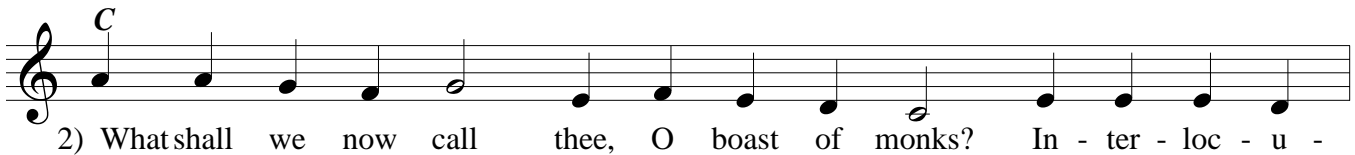
of those sick with dire dis - ease; the north - ern light send - ing



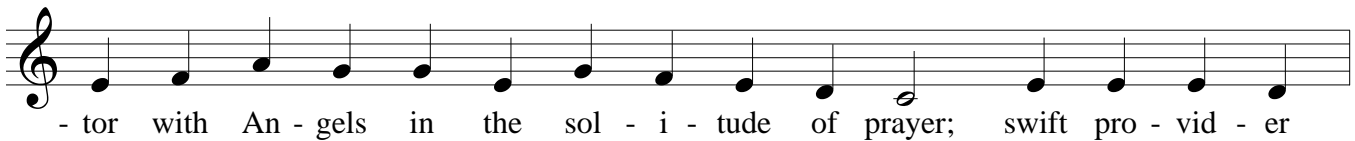
daz - zling rays to ev - 'ry land of th Or - tho - dox. En - treat



Christ God, Fa - ther Her - man, that we all be saved.



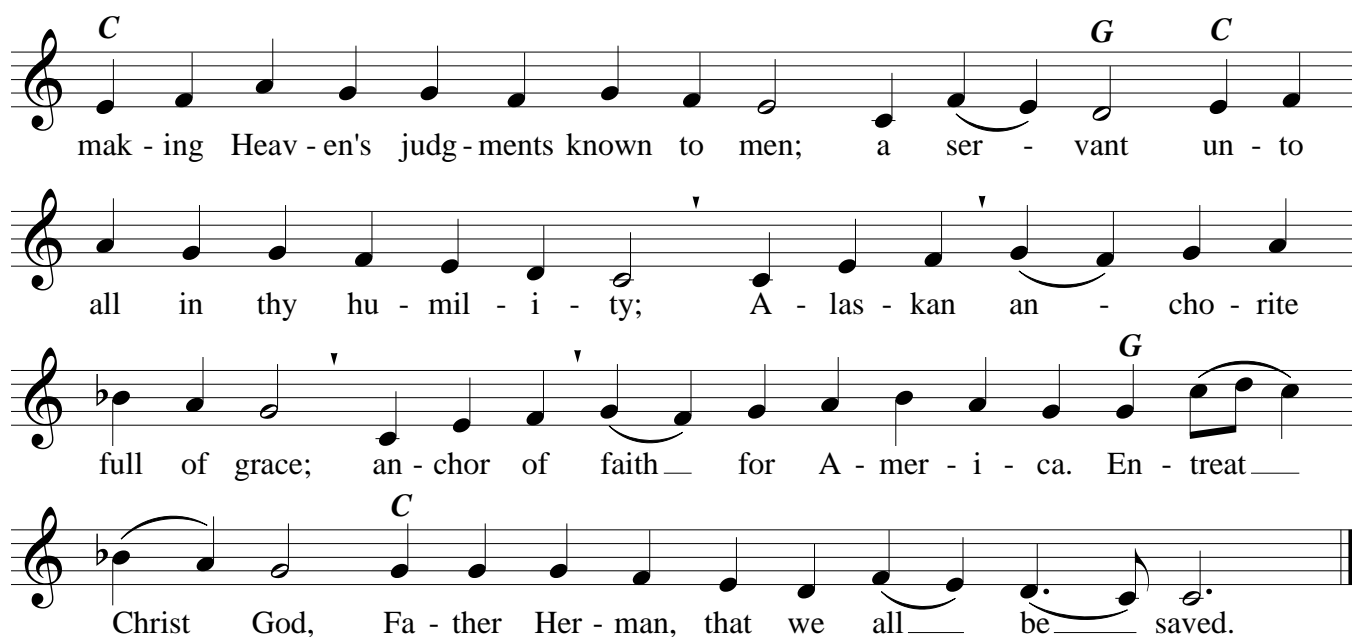
2) What shall we now call thee, O boast of monks? In - ter - loc - u -



- tor with An - gels in the sol - i - tude of prayer; swift pro - vid - er



for the need - y in their sor - row and dis - tress; a Proph - et



mak - ing Heav - en's judg - ments known to men; a ser - vant un - to
all in thy hu - mil - i - ty; A - las - kan an - cho - rite
full of grace; an - chor of faith for A - mer - i - ca. En - treat
Christ God, Fa - ther Her - man, that we all be saved.



3) Will - ing - ly poor - er than th Al - eut braves, thou didst make them
ver - y rich in sav - ing pi - e - ty towards God, and the fish - er -
men were caught in thy wide nets of love un - feigned. Th i - dols
were de - stroyed by those who set them up and church - es ringed A -
las - ka like a gold - en chain. And hav - ing ris - en on
high in light, thou dost for - ev - er il - lu - mi - nate the faith -
ful flock in thy fa - ther - ly so - lic - i - tude.