

January 17th
Venerable and God-bearing Father Anthony the Great
Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Chant Tone 4

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

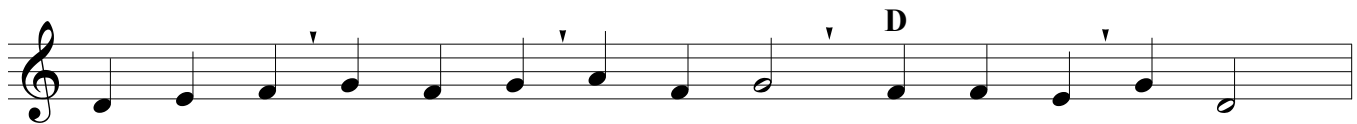
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1) Thou who didst shine with the splen - dor of the Spir - it,,
 2) O thou who brak - est the de - mons' darts and bow - strings
 3) Thou who wast filled with di - vine - ly giv - en grac - es,
 4) O pure of soul and of heart and un - der - stand - ing,



when thou wast en - kin - dled with in - tense de - sire for God
 with the Ho - ly Spir - it's grace, O Fa - ther An - tho - ny,
 since Christ God found thee to be a spot - less look - ing - glass
 An - gel born of earth and mor - tal tru - ly heav - en - ly,



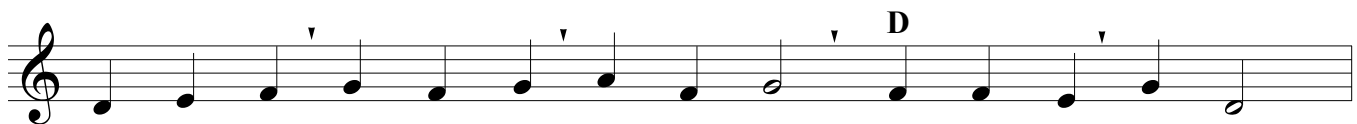
and giv - en wings to soar up in soul to seek with yearn - ing
 thou didst re - veal their deep wick - ed - ness and snares to all men
 for the re - flec - tions of things di - vine, He made His own light
 thou per - fect meas - ure of tem - per - ance and wise in - struc - tor



the ver - y sum - mit and pin - na - cle of love,
 through the di - vine teach - ings of thy bless - ed mouth;
 to flash with - in thee like light - ning with its beams.
 of true vir - gin - i - ty, bless - ed An - tho - ny,



then didst thou com - plete - ly set at naught all flesh and blood;
 shin - ing bright as light - ning with di - vine mag - nif - i - cence,
 Where - fore, thou be - cam - est an un - fail - ing spring of cures;
 since thou art ū - nit - ed with thy Mas - ter ev - er - more



and thou didst rise far be - yond this world by toil - some la - bors
 thou didst be - come the most splen - did star of all mo - nas - tics,
 for them that hun - gered, their sus - te - nance; for them that thirst - ed,
 and glo - ri - fi - est Him cease - less - ly in hymns of glo - ry

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and join - ing still - ness to pure and fer - vent love.
the des - ert's fore - most and fair - est or - na - ment,
 thou didst re - fresh — them with rains that quenched de - sire;
 with An - gels, Mar - tyrs, and all the choirs of Saints,

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Hence, as thou sought - est, so hast thou been filled
the skilled and hal - lowed heal - er of the sick,
 and thou, as see - ing what was in men's souls,
 O Fa - ther res - cue them that ev - er keep

with the good things found yon - der, and thou dost shine
the pre - em - i - nent pat - tern and ar - che - type
 with wise coun - sels didst make of them bet - ter men
thy most sa - cred me - mo - ri - al joy - ous - ly,

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as a star that doth bright - - - en
of the prac - tice of vir - - - tue
 un - to God, Whom en - treat — now
 and re - deem them from fail - - - ings,

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and doth cheer our souls, O An - tho - ny.
and the dis - ci - pline of ex - cel - lence.
 to en - light - en and to save our souls.
 bit - ter dan - gers, and ad - ver - si - ties.