

March 8th

Venerable Theophylact the Confessor, Bishop of Nicomedia

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried

Byzantine Chant Tone 1
Special melody: O all-lauded Martyrs

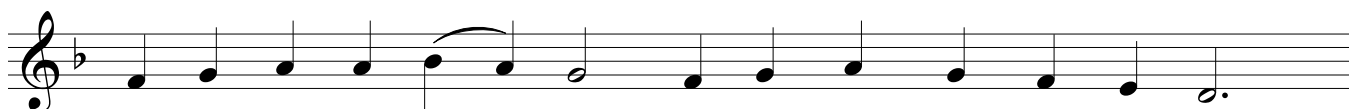
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1) Though kept in a pris-on un-der guard, thou wast guard-ed from all



harm by God, O Fa - ther The-oph - y - lact; and thou wast seen to be



an un - shak - en tow - er of the Church, while stand - ing firm,



un - bend - ing in temp - ta - tions and all the plots that



her - e - tics de - vided. In - ter - cede now with the Lord our God



that He grant peace and Great Mer - cy to our souls.

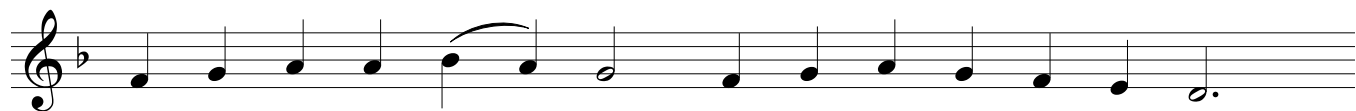
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2) De - part - ing from earth, thou didst as - cend un - to Heav - en, and in



heav-'nly tab - er - nac - les wast thou ac - count - ed wor - thy to a - bide



for the sake, O Fa - ther, of thē ex - iles thou didst bear



with brav - er - y and pa - tience for Christ our God, O

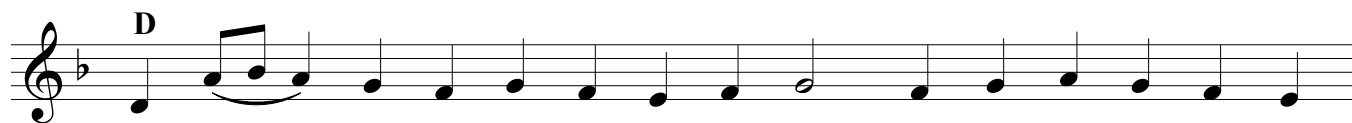


blest The - oph - y - lact; and do thou now in - ter - cede with Him

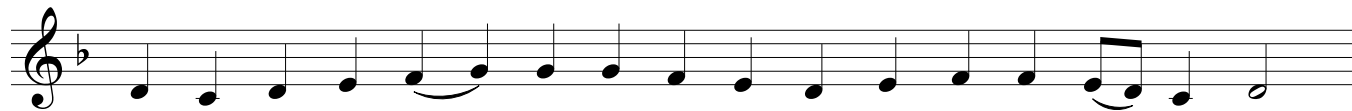


that He grant _____ peace and Great Mer - cy to _____ our _____ souls.

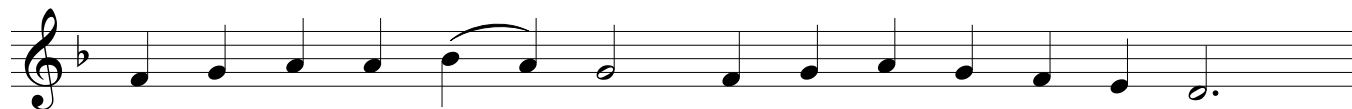
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3) As far _____ as is pos - si - ble for man, thou now see - st God while



seen of Him, en - joy - ing a un - ion with Him clos - er and more great;



made God by a - dop - tion, thou with in - fi - nite de - light



hast found that which a - lone _____ is de - sir - a - ble and



bles - ed, as _____ thou now dwell - est with _____ thē An - gels in the heights,



O wise Hier - arch, blest Fa - ther The - oph - y - lact.