

March 24th

## Forefeast of the Annunciation

### Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Mode 4 (These may also be sung at the Praises)  
Special Melody: As one valiant

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The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff. It begins with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a time signature of 4/4. The melody is marked with 'E' and 'Un.' above the staff. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words underlined. The score consists of eight lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The lyrics are: 1) The great mys - ter - y that was hid and un - known un - to an - gel - kind is en - trust - ed to the Arch - an - gel Ga - bri - el; and now he com - eth to thee, the on - ly fair and un - spot - ted dove, the re - call - ing of our race; and to thee shall he cry: Re-joyce, O all - ho - ly Maid, bless - ed Vir - gin, thou Full of Grace, pre - pare now to re - ceive in thy most pure womb the Word of God by a word a - lone.

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E Un.




2) As a pal - ace of shin - ing light, the pure womb of the


E




Child of God hath now been pre - pared for Thee:



Come, de - scend there - to; show Thy com - pas - sion, O



Mas - ter, to the crea - ture that Thou hast formed,

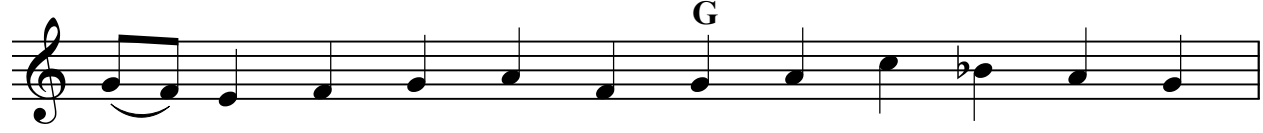


which by en - vy is be - sieged and held cap - tive in



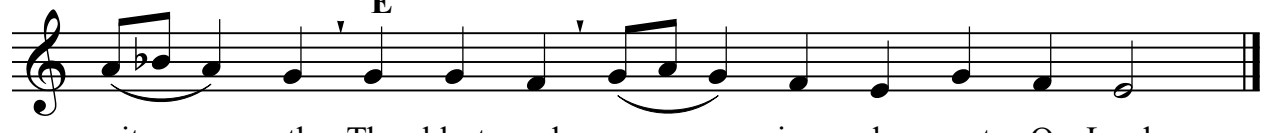
slav - er - y to thē en - e - my. Af - ter los - ing its

G



beau - ty in time past, it now most earn - est - ly a -

E



-wait - eth Thy blest and sav - ing de - scent, O Lord.

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E Un.

3) The great Arch - an - gel Ga - bri - el man - i - fest - ly shall

E

come to thee, cry - ing out: Re - joice, — thou re -

-demp - tion from the curse; re - joice, up - right - ing of

them that — fell; re - joice, — who a - lone art she

who was cho - sen by our God; liv - ing cloud — of the

Sun, re - joice; O all - blame - less Maid, bless - ed Vir - gin, re -

G

- ceive Him Who, while be - ing in - cor - po - re - al, yet

E

will - eth to come to dwell — in thy spot - less womb.