

April 16th

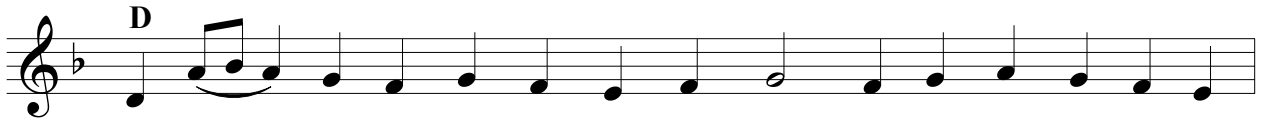
Martyrs Agape, Irene, and Chionia of Thessalonica

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Chant Tone 1

Special melody: *O all-lauded Martyrs*

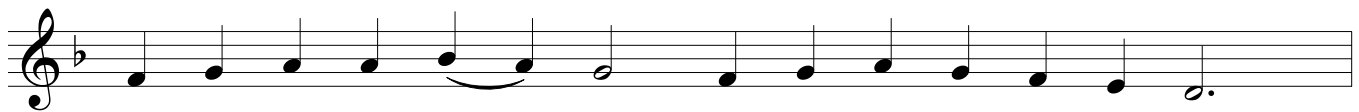
Adapted by Dn. John El Massih



1) O young vir - gin maid - ens, who were named for the great and ho - ly



vir - tues, and on vir - tues were brought up, ye have man - ful - ly at - tained



to the high - est meas - ure of ex - alt - ed pi - e - ty;



and now ye are as - cend - ed to Heav - en, O A -



- ga - pe and I - rene and Chi - o - ni - a, en - treat - ing Christ



that He grant peace and great mer - cy to our souls.



2) O young vir - gin maid - ens, in all truth, our first moth - er Eve's great

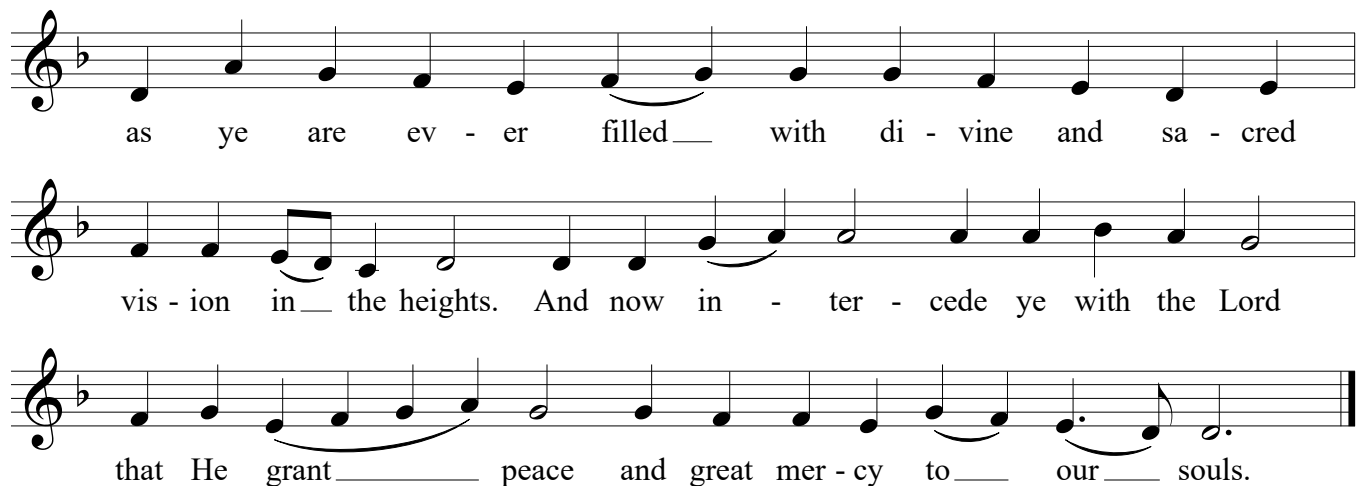


long - ing af - ter de - i - fi - ca - tion ye be - fit - ting - ly have gained,



de - i - fied through cease - less prayers and striv - ings af - ter God,

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as ye are ev - er filled with di - vine and sa - cred
vis - ion in the heights. And now in - ter - cede ye with the Lord
that He grant peace and great mer - cy to our souls.

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3) Since Christ was en - throned with - in their hearts, the cou - ra - geous Vir - gin
Mar - tyrs, with a spir - it of cou - rage, tram - pled down the might - y foe,
who had once be - guiled Eve with most treach - er - ous de - ceit;
and since they have de - feat - ed him might - i - ly and
cov - ered him with shame, they now bold - ly in - ter - cede with Christ
that He grant peace and great mer - cy to our souls.