

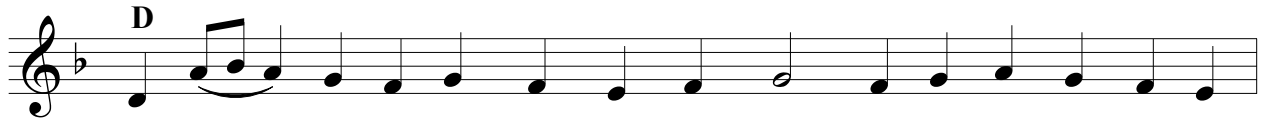
May 5th

Great-martyr Irene of Thessalonika

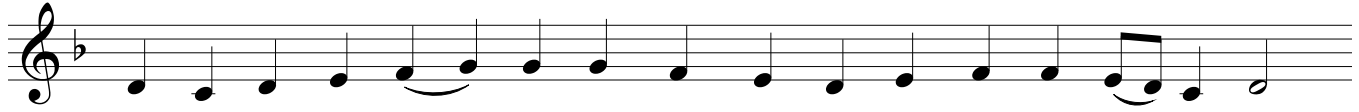
Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

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

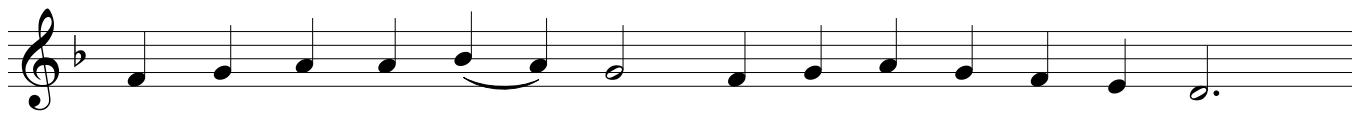
Adapted by Dn. John El Massih



1) O mod - est I - rene, when thou wast clothed in the bril - liant roy - al



pur - ple of thine own sa - cred blood, thou ran - nest swift - ly un - to Him



Whom thou didst long af - ter, thē Ar - tif - i - cer and King,



the Lord of all, from Whose hands thou hast re - ceived the



crown of vic - to - ry. Now for ev - er thou dost reign with Him



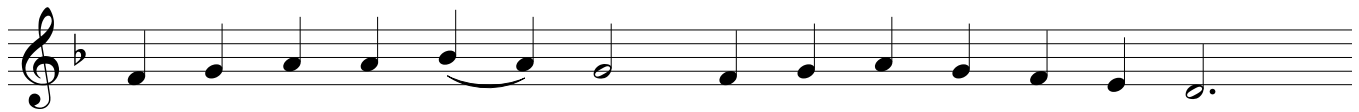
as a vir - gin and much - suf - fring Mar - tyr of Christ.



2) Thou bar - est the rag - ing heat of fire and all scrap - ings of thy

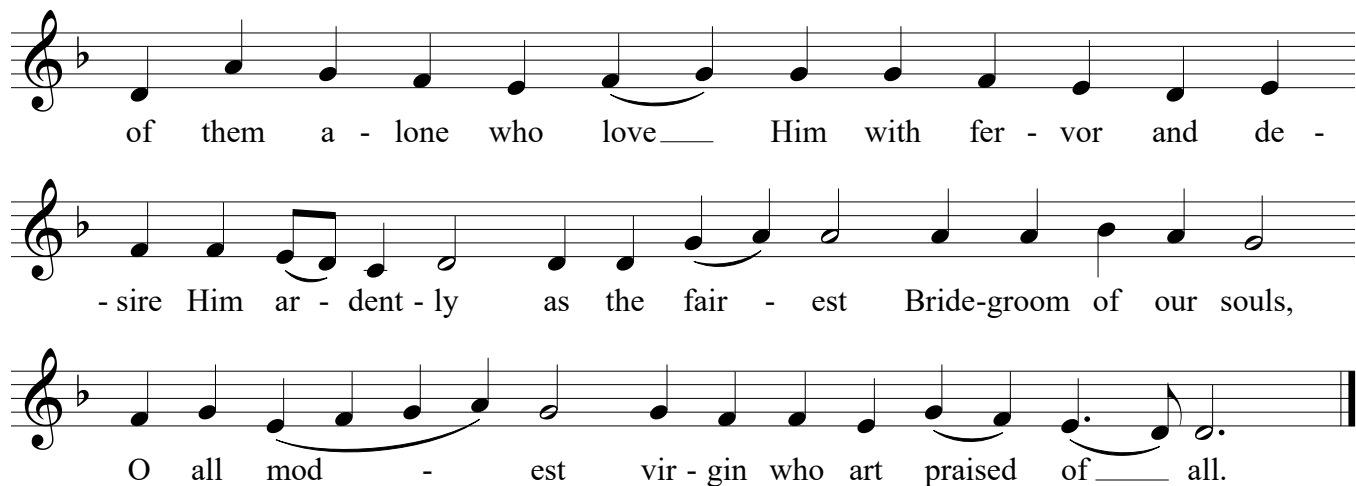


bo - dy, O I - rene, look - ing ear - nest - ly to those di - vine re - wards



which are read - ied yon - der by Christ Je - sus for the sake

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of them a - lone who love___ Him with fer - vor and de -
- sire Him ar - dent - ly as the fair - est Bride-groom of our souls,
O all mod - est vir - gin who art praised of___ all.

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3) En - thralled with the love of Christ our God, thou didst hate the life - less
i - dols and the gods_ of the hea - then, and be - fore the sight of all,
thou most man - i - fest - ly, O all - glo - ri - ous I - rene,
didst set thine own self up___ as a mon - u - ment of
knowl - edge of_ our God, by con - tend - ing, fin - ish - ing thy course,
and pre - serv - ing free of spot the blame - less___ Faith.