

May 14th

Martyr Isidore of Chios

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Chant Tone/Mode 4
Special Melody: *Unto them that fear thee*

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

1) Since thou wast a - flame with zeal for true re - li - gion, O

Is - i - dore, thou didst en - ter the sta - di - um of

con - test most fer - vent - ly; and thou wast tri - um - phant

with the prize of vic - to - ry o - ver er - ror and de - ceit,

a - dorned right fair with the doc - trines loved of God. Made

strong with the whole ar - mor of the Cross, O Mar - tyr, thou

threw - est down the ty - ran - ni - cal en - e - my

and wast shown forth vic - to - ri - ous.

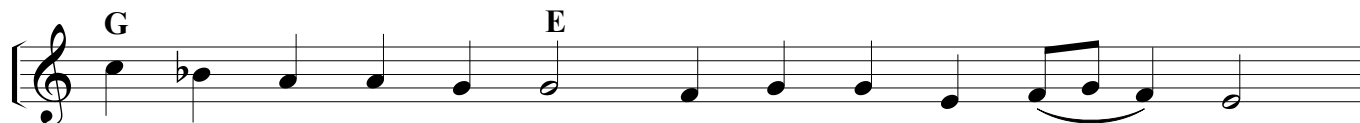
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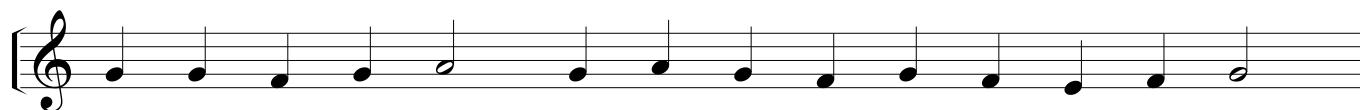
2) With the stripes that tore thy flesh, thou didst strip off thee the



coats of skin of our com - mon mor - tal - i - ty; and



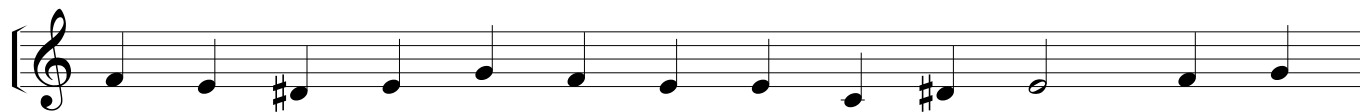
wear - ing a beau - ti - ful robe of in - cor - rup - tion



and a shin - ing gar - ment, O laud - ed Mar - tyr Is - i - dore,



thou wast re - stored swift - ly to the Tree of Life, while



reap - ing in - de - struc - ti - ble and tru - ly end - less ē -



- ter - nal life; and since thou art now filled there - with,



grant thy joy to those prais - ing thee.

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3) Ver - i - ly, the wres - tlings of the ho - ly Mar - tyrs ex -

Un. E

-ceed by far all the hymns we com - pose for them, out -

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-strip - ping our mind and speech; for those stead - fast tow - ers

of true god - ly wor - ship were clad like un - to all of us,

in mor - tal bod - ies that suf - fer and feel pain, and

yet they braved the fire and whol - ly scorned the wounds as though

G E

suf - fer - ing in the bod - ies of oth - er men,

and they right - ly are glo - ri - fied.