

June 11th

The Synaxis of the Icon of Our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary Called "It is Truly Meet"

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Chant Tone 1
Special Melody: O strange wonder



1) O strange won - der! God, Who deigned to be born of thee, O



Vir - gin, and in - car - nate for our sakes, was pleased now to give a



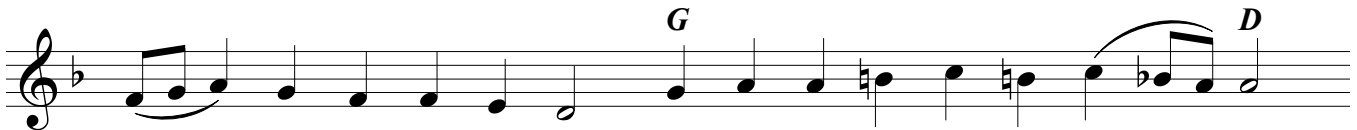
fit - ting pre - lude to thy hymn. He there - fore sent



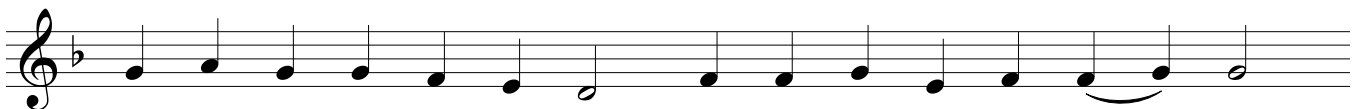
Ga - bri - el un - to a monk in the form of a fel - low monk



to teach him thy hymn of praise by means of him who be -



- fore - time cried out to thee: Maid - en Full of Grace, re - joice thou,



with thee is the Lord our God, Who a - bun - dant - ly grant - eth



His Great Mer - cy to the world through thee.

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2) Who can tell thy won - ders, O pure Maid! Thou hast borne the
Most High as a moth - er doth a son. And now, by thy prov - i -
dence, Arch - an - gel Ga - bri - el from Heav - en was
sent to earth in a stange form to in - struct us more per - fect - ly
in sing - ing thy praise in hymns; for he him - self had a -
fore - time cried out to thee: Maid - en Full of Grace, re - joice thou,
with thee is the Lord our God, Who a - bun - dant - ly grant - eth
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3) We all glo - ri - fy thy prov - i - dence, as God's Vir - gin

Moth - er, for thou taught-est un - to us the tru - ly most won-drous

pre - lude to thy ho - ly hymn by Ga - bri - el,

who came down in a strange form on the earth, O all-blame-less one;

with joy, there - fore we fall down and the the Arch - an - gel

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faith - ful - ly cry to thee: Maid-en Full of Grace, re - joice thou,

with thee is the Lord our God, Who a - bun - dant - ly grant - eth

His Great Mer - cy to the world through thee.

4) O strange won - der! Shin - ing Ga - bri - el, com - ing in the
like - ness of a monk ap - pear - eth to an el - der's dis - ci - ple
in his cell a - lone by night and won - drous - ly
doth be - gin to chant the pre - lude, O La - dy, un - to thy hymn;
he al - so then doth in - scribe up - on a slate with his
hand that which he had sung. Then he straight - way dis - ap - pear - eth,
to the monk's a - ston - ish - ment, that he might glo - ri - fy thee,
O all - laud - ed La - dy full of grace.