

September 4th

Hieromartyr Babylas, Bishop of Antioch


Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Tone 6/Plagal Second Mode
Special Melody: *Having laid up all their hope*

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1) Thou art gone, O Bab - y - las, in - to the Ho - ly__ of



Ho - lies; hav - ing stained thy sa - cred robe

E




in the dye of thine own blood, thou wast sanc - ti - fied;

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and thou now__ dost de - light in de - i - fi - ca - - - tion

F




man - i - fest - - - ly and in ev - 'ry hour,

G E



made fair and shin - ing bright with the ho - ly beau - ty of mar - tyr - dom;

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and thou, O right - ly bless - ed Saint,

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art a ver - y An - gel by vir - tue of

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pure par - tic - i - pa - - - tion. We there - fore all now

cel - e - brate with love thy sa - cred feast_ as we hon - or thee,

F E

who art tru - ly_ glo - ri - ous._____

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2) I - rons bound thy feet a - bout, yet thou didst trav - el_ un -

- hind - ered on that path, O right - eous one,

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lead - ing to the heav - en - ly cit - y in the heights,

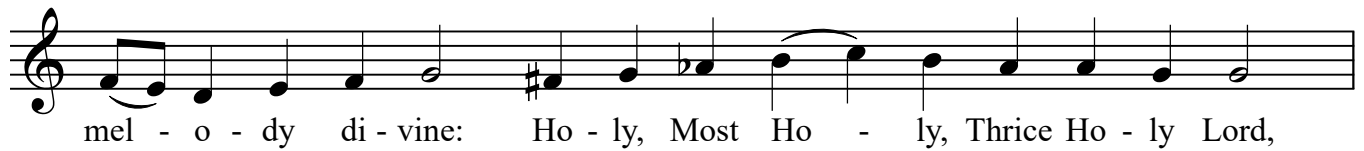
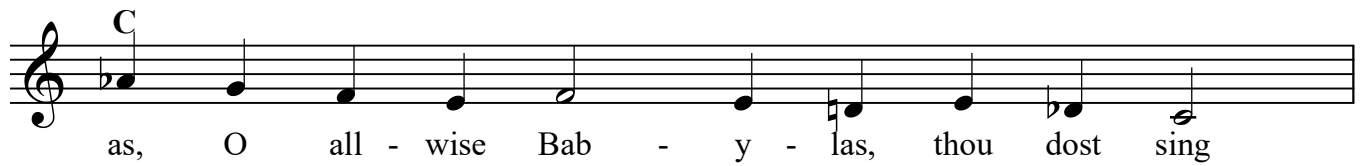
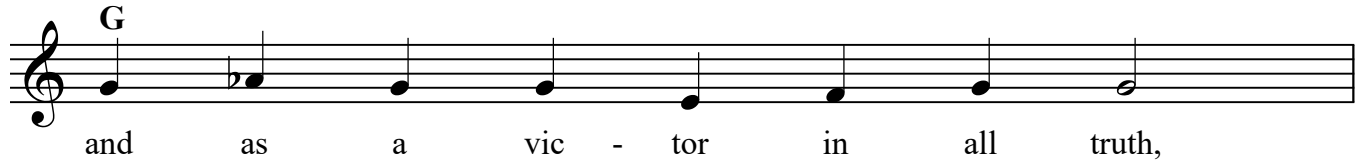
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wear - ing thy_ sa - cred wounds as a fair a - dorn - - - ment;

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in that cit - - - y dost thou now a - bide

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on the ver - dure of the Faith, wondrous Bab - y - las;

sav - ing it from the beasts, thou didst give great glad - - - ness

un - to God, thy Shep - herd from a - bove;

preach - ing Him o - pen - ly in the face of most god - less en - e - mies,

thou joy - ful - ly wast sac - ri - ficed

as a guile - less lamb free of ev - 'ry spot,

with the guile - less chil - - - dren; and with them, thou wast

of - fered up to Christ as a sweet - smell - ing whole of - fer - ing

and a fra - grant sac - ri - fice.