

September 7th

The Holy Martyr Sozon

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

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

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E Un. E

1) Strength-en - ing thy weak - ness with the might of Him that by

Un. E

will - ing choice had put on our in - fir - mi - ty, thou

G E

ran - nest the Mar - tyrs' race to thē end with glad - ness;

and, O bless - ed So - zon, with might thou ut - ter - ly didst crush

the strength - less foe un - der - neath thy come - ly feet. Hence,

di - a - dems of vic - to - ry were just - ly plait - ed for

G E

thee on high by Christ Je - sus, the Friend of man,

the di - vine Sav - ior of our souls.

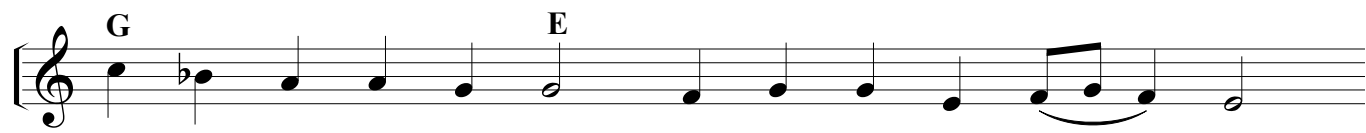
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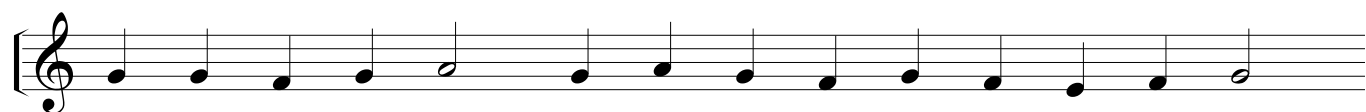
2) Thou didst wound thine en - e - mies when thou wast ri - ven with



pain - ful wounds, and didst dash them up - on thē earth, O



So - zon most glo - ri - ous, armed with the di - vine Cross,



wear - ing the whole ar - mor that noth - ing can de - stroy or pierce,



and bear - ing deep in thy heart a burn - ing love for



Him that hath trans - lat - ed thee un - to His roy - al no -



- et - ic realms as a Mar - tyr in - vin - ci - ble



and a man tru - ly heav - en - ly.

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3) Thou didst plain - ly im - i - tate thy Lord and Sav - ior, Who

Un. E

for thy sake un - der - went of His own free will His

G E

Pas - sion and sav - ing Death, O prize - win - ner So - zon;

for thou free - ly gav - est thy - self to pun - ish - ments and stripes

and in - sup - port - a - ble tor - ments of all kinds. For

this cause, with ce - les - tial gifts did He re - ward thee and

G E

show thee forth as a well - spring of won - drous cures

for those fer - vent - ly lov - ing thee.