

September 23rd

Conception of the Forerunner and Baptist John

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Chant Tone 4

Special melody: *Thou who wast called from on high*

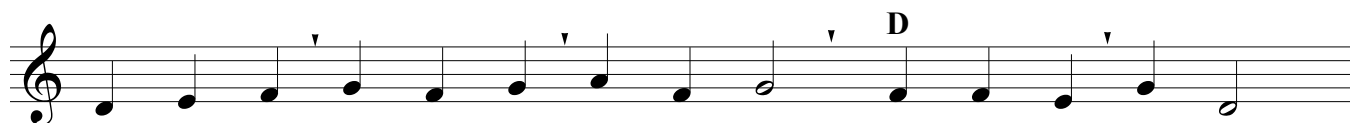
Adapted by Dn. John El Massih



1) While ex - e - cut - ing as priest the sa - cred of - fice



in the di - vine Tem - ple, off - 'ring up the peo - ple's prayers



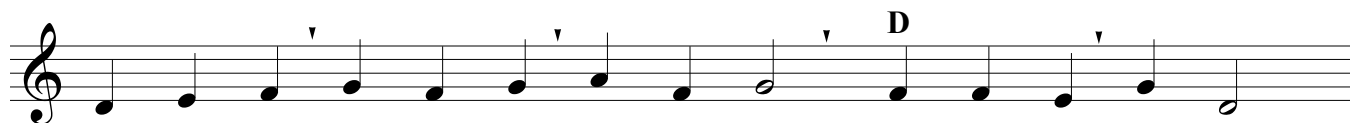
un - to the Lord All - com - pas - sion - ate and Ben - e - fac - tor,



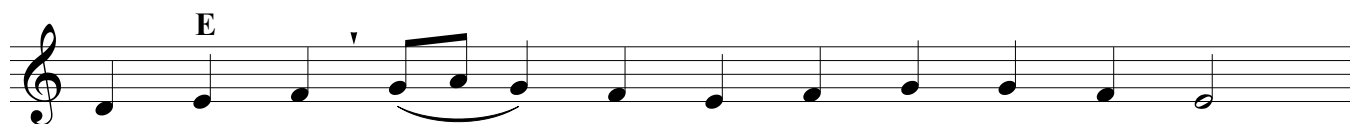
the most di - vine Zach - a - ri - as then be - held



a di - vine and ho - ly An - gel cry - ing un - to him:



Thy sup - pli - ca - tion and prayer is heard; take heart, O El - der,

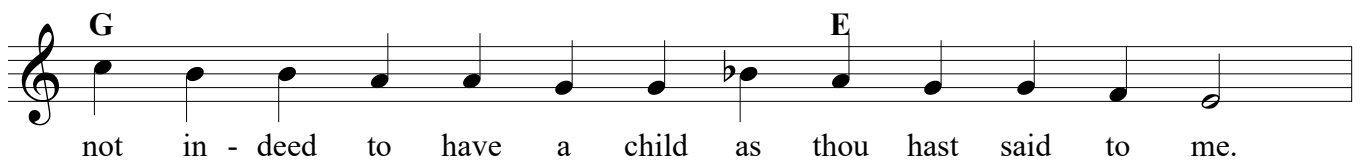
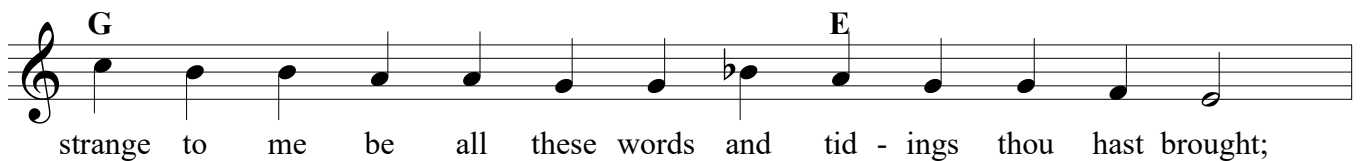
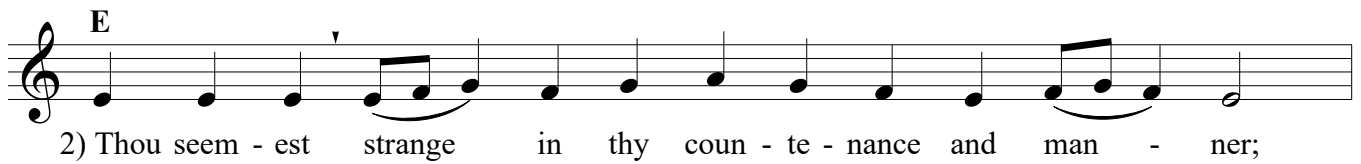
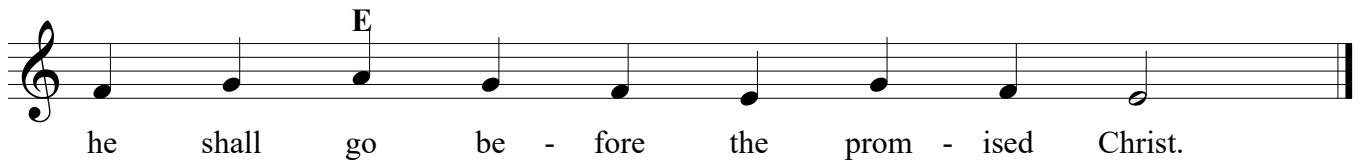
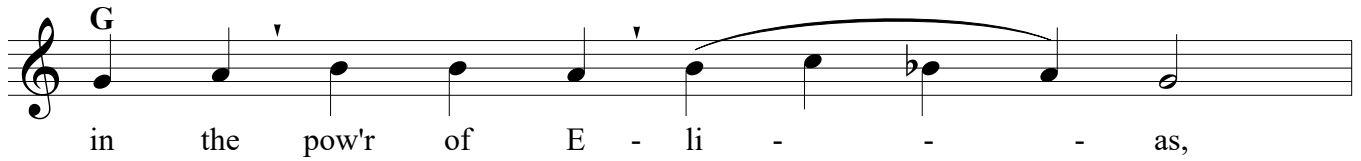
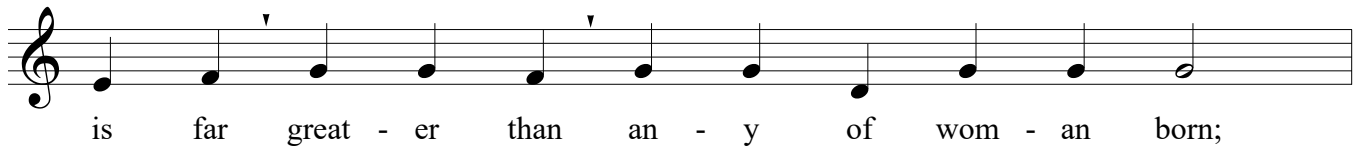


and doubt me not, for thou shalt be - get a child,

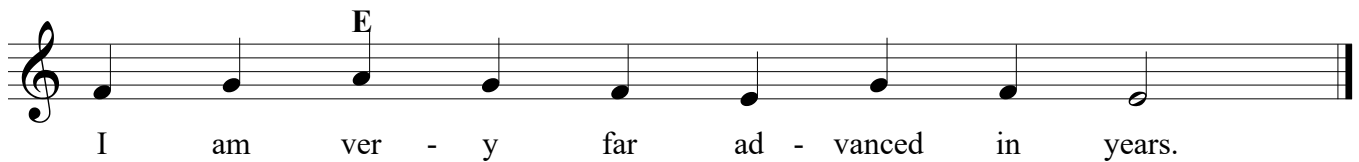
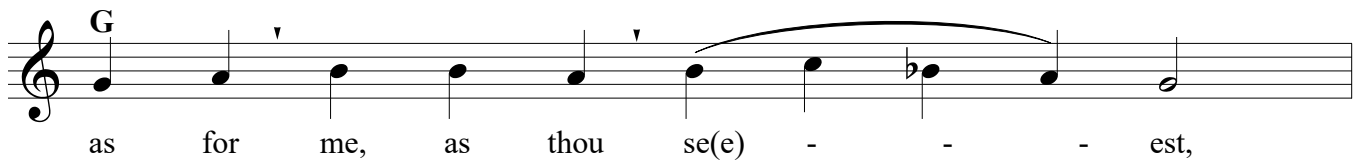
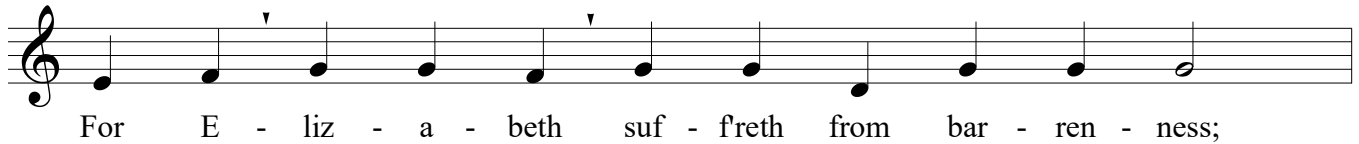
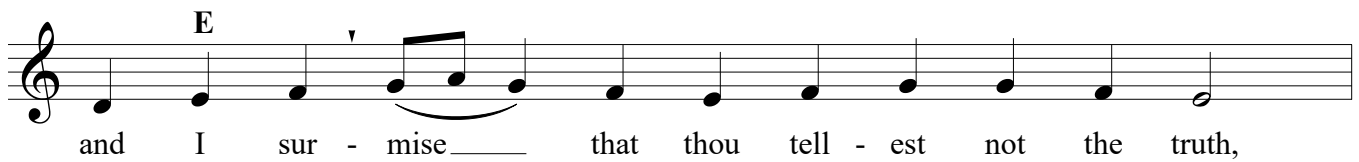


the Lord's di - vine Fore - run - ner, who in truth

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and since thou hast not be - lieved but rath - er dis - be - lieved,

E

thou shalt be dumb and shalt speak no more till thou be - hold - est

D

that what I say, God Him - self shall bring to pass;

E

and when E - liz - a - beth shall bear for thee

D

the great voice of the Word, the Fore - run - ner John,

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with thy tongue speak - ing plain - - - ly,

E

thou shalt bless the God of Is - ra - el.