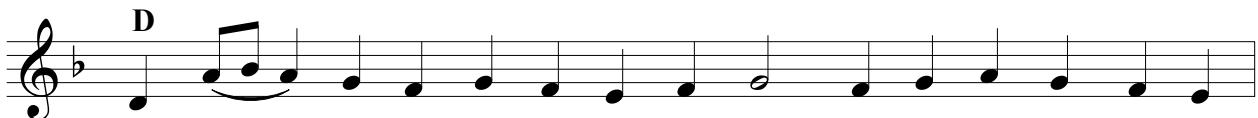


December 22nd
Anastasia the Great Martyr
Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Chant Tone 1
Special melody: *O all-lauded Martyrs*

Adapted by Dr. John El Massih



1) How great__ is the beau - ty past com-pare of thy vic - t'ries; how il -



- lus - tri - ous thy con - tests, O Mar - tyr An - a - sta - sia; how re-nowned



is thy good con - fes - sion! Man - y are thy mir - a - cles,



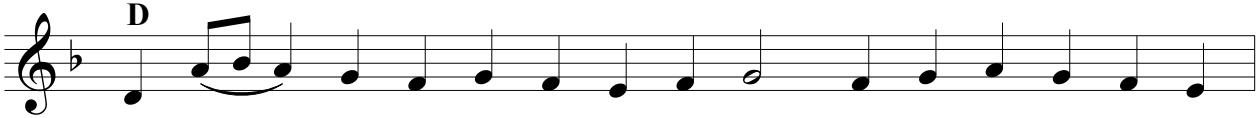
and bound - less the di - vine__ signs where - by thou art for



ev - er glo - ri - fied by the One__ Whom thou didst glo - ri - fy



in thy hal - - lowed mem-bers while con-tend - ing for__ Him.



2) For love__ of the glo - ry and re-noun of the Mar - tyrs in their



con - tests, thou didst show ev - 'ry dil - i - gence to im - i - tate their zeal;



hence, O hon - ored La - dy, thou didst bear most bit - ter pains;

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and now, famed An - a - sta - sia, by grace di - vine, thou
 light - en - est all pains of the bod - ies and the souls of us
 who re - vere thy con - tests and thy vic - to - ries.

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3) More brill - liant - ly than the noon-day sun didst thou o - pen - ly flash
 forth when thou hadst fin - ished thy con - test; and now with the shin-ing rays
 of thy man - y won - ders, thou en - light - en - est the minds
 of all that come with faith to thy god - ly shrine, which
 rich - ly well - eth forth with di - vine streams, O most glo - ri - ous
 An - a - sta - sia, Mar - tyr of ex - ceed - ing fame.