

December 29th

# The Holy Fourteen Thousand Infants Slain by Herod

## Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Mode 4  
Special Melody: *As one valiant*

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E Un.

1) The trans - gres - sor, in seek - ing out the great Treas - ure con -

E

- cealed from him, sac - ri - ficed this day the small

chil - dren free of guile; and Ra - chel would not be

com - fort - ed, be - hold - ing that most un - just

slaugh - ter that was come to pass and thē In - fants' un -

- time - ly death, whom she did la - ment, be - ing stirred in her

G

bow - els of com - pas - sion; but with joy doth she be -

E

- hold them now in the bos - om of A - bra - ham.

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E Un.



2) The trans-gress-ing and wick-ed\_ king sought with zeal for the

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Time-less King, Who had now Him-self\_\_\_ been made




sub-ject un-to time; and no-where find-ing Him



that he\_\_\_ might de-stroy\_\_\_ Him, he har-vest-ed




mul-ti-tudes of guile-less babes, mak-ing mar-tyrs of



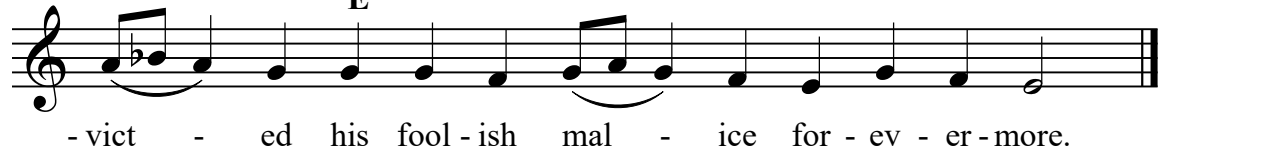
those he slew, which he pur-posed not, yea, and cit-i-zens

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of\_\_\_ the King-dom found on high, where-in they have con-

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-vict-ed his fool-ish mal-ice for-ev-er-more.

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E Un.



3) When the Vir - gin had brought Thee forth, O e - ter - nal and

E



change - less Lord; when in Thy great good - ness Thou



hadst be - come a babe, to Thee was of - fered a



choir of ho - ly babes in mar - tyr - ic blood,



hav - ing pure and stain - less souls and made shin - ing in



right - eous - ness; whom Thou took - est up to a - bide in Thine

G



ev - er - last - ing man - sions, where they pil - lo - ry the

E



mal - ice of ruth - less Her - od's in - san - i - ty.