

Akathist Hymn to the Preeminent Apostles
Ss. Peter and Paul
June 29th

Byzantine Tone 8

Kontakion 1

arr. Basil Kazan
(1915 - 2001)

Ison **F**

The Lord Who said of Him - self:

2 **C**

I am the good Shep - herd, said un - to thee, O

3 **F**

first - en - throned Pe - - - ter:

4

If thou lov - est Me, feed My sheep. And

5 **C** **F**

He Who said: I am Je - sus, said of thee, O

6 **C**

pre - em - i - nent A - pos - - - - tle Paul:

7 **F**

He is a cho - sen ves - sel un - to Me,

8

to bear My name be - fore the Gen - tiles.


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9 C

Musical staff for line 9, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with a final half note on a C chord.

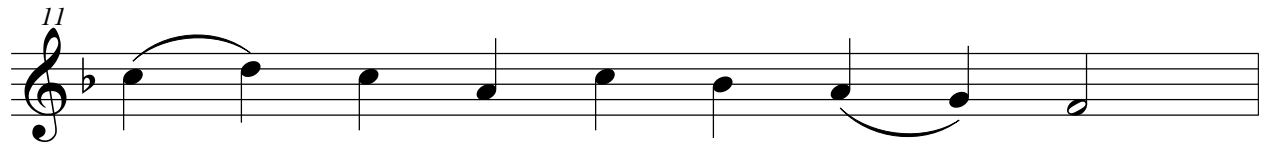
And like - wise to all your col - leagues, His a-pos - tles, He said:

10 F

Musical staff for line 10, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody continues with quarter and eighth notes, ending on a half note with an F chord.

As My Fa - ther hath sent Me, e - ven so send I — you;

11

Musical staff for line 11, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody features a long slur over the first two notes, followed by quarter and eighth notes, ending on a half note.

go ye, and teach all na - - - tions.

12

Musical staff for line 12, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody begins with a quarter rest, followed by quarter and eighth notes, ending on a half note.

And ye re-ceive - ing such grace from your good Chief Shep - herd,

13

Musical staff for line 13, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, ending on a half note.

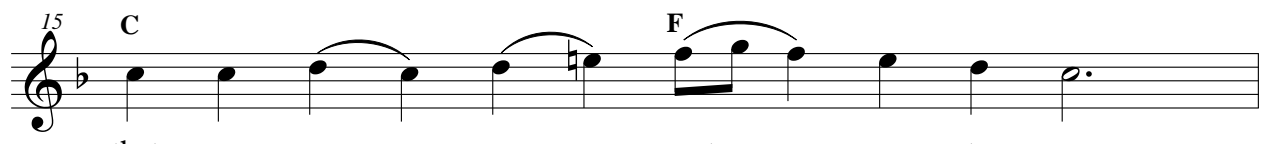
as the fore-most shep - herds and teach - ers of all the world,

14

Musical staff for line 14, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, ending on a half note.

from all mis-for-tunes pre-serve ye us on the pas-ture of sal-va - tion,

15 C F

Musical staff for line 15, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody features a C chord at the beginning and an F chord later, with quarter and eighth notes, ending on a half note.

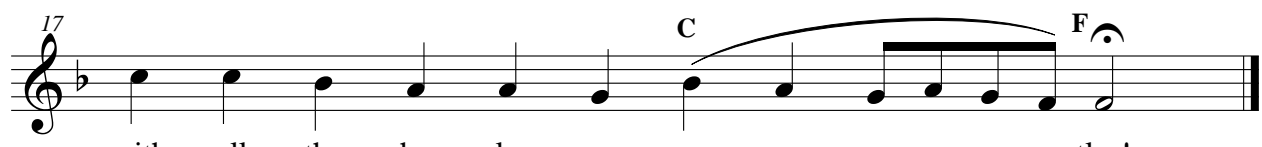
that we may — cry — out — un - to you:

16

Musical staff for line 16, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody begins with a half rest, followed by quarter and eighth notes, ending on a half note.

Re-joice, O ho - ly first - en - throned Pe - ter and Paul,

17 C F

Musical staff for line 17, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody features a C chord at the beginning and an F chord later, with quarter and eighth notes, ending on a half note with a double bar line.

with all the ho - ly a - pos - - - - tles!

Ikos 1

Blessed art thou, Simon, son of Jonas! Said Christ, the Son of the living God, unto thee, O right glorious Apostle Peter. How then can we worthily call thee blessed who hast been called blessed by God Himself? Yet drawn faithfully, by a debt of love alone, we cry out to thee thus:

Rejoice, first among the apostles, foundation of the holy Church;
Rejoice, mighty pillar and ground of the Orthodox faith!
Rejoice, ardent lover of the teaching of Christ;
Rejoice, first-seated among the council of the apostles!
Rejoice, good gate-keeper of the kingdom of heaven;
Rejoice, renowned physician for them that repent of their sins!
Rejoice, thou who spurned the vanity of the world and loved the spiritual life;
Rejoice, thou who did forsake corruptible nets and didst fish the whole world with incorruptible ones!
Rejoice with Peter, O Paul, for ye both shone forth like two great beacons;
Rejoice, O ye who like a pair of steeds were harnessed by God to His chariot of noetic light!
Rejoice, all ye holy apostles, beholders of God, for ye are the light of the world;
Rejoice, for through you the Faith which saveth us hath shone forth from Christ in every place!
Rejoice, O holy first-enthroned Peter and Paul, with all the holy apostles!

Chanter:

18 F
Re-joyce, O ho - ly first - en - throned Pe - ter and Paul,

19 C F
with all the ho - ly a - pos - - - - tles!

Kontakion 2

Byzantine Tone 7

20 **F** **C**
O Teach - er of the Gen - tiles, who re - ceived thy ti - tle won - drous - ly

22
from on high, thou _ didst be - lieve when Je - sus said un - to thee: Saul,

24 **D** **C** **F**
why _ per - se - cut - est thou _ me who can - not be touched by un - be - lief?

25 **C** **F**
Yet be - lieve _ _ _ thou _ _ _ _ _ hence - forth for

26 **C**
lo! Con - tra - ry au - dac - i - ty _ dark - ens thee, but I have cho - sen thee

28
to be a wit - ness to my judg - ments be - fore the rul - ers, the na - tions

30 **F** **C**
and the chil - dren of Is - ra - el. And thou, O A - pos - tle Paul,

32
called _ _ _ _ _ such things by God, didst cry _ _ _ out:

34 **F**
Al - le - lu - - - - - ia.

Chanter:

Al - le - lu - ia.

Ikos 2

Hearing a voice from heaven, O Saul, thou wast thereafter unable to see; for thou hadst adversely persecuted the Inaccessible One and didst receive blindness of thine eyes in return for thy zeal for the law; but, guided to the font, thou didst attain unto divine baptism, where, having been immersed with faith, the sight of thy bodily and spiritual eyes was restored. Wherefore, mindful of thy miraculous calling, we cry out to thee:

Rejoice, O apostles called by God, sent forth to preach to all the nations;
Rejoice, chosen vessel which pourest forth the sweetness of the Faith of Christ upon all men!
Rejoice, beholder of the divine Light which illumineth from on high;
Rejoice, thou who more than others wast enlightened by grace after the shadow of the Old Covenant!
Rejoice, thou who on earth didst converse with the Lord Jesus Who appeared to thee;
Rejoice, thou who with His strength didst dare to denounce them that were adamant in their unbelief!
Rejoice, thou who hast enlightened the whole world with thy divinely wise writings;
Rejoice, thou who, following Christ, didst labor more than others for the salvation of man!
Rejoice with Paul, O Peter, for ye overshadow the holy Church as the two cherubim did the ark;
Rejoice, ye who stand before the throne of the Most High like two seraphim!
Rejoice, all ye holy apostles, for ye are like the heavens which proclaim the glory of God;
Rejoice, for ye are the stars which crown the Church, the Bride of Christ!
Rejoice, O holy first-enthroned Peter and Paul, with all the holy apostles!

Chanter:

Re-joyce, O ho - ly first - en - throned Pe - ter and Paul,
with all the ho - ly a - pos - tles!

Kontakion 3

Byzantine Tone 8

38 F C F
Thou wast stuck with hor-ror, O Ho-ly A-pos - tle__ Pe - ter,

40 Ċ D
be - hold - ing the sheet de - scend - ing from on high,

41 F C F
filled with all man - ner of liv - ing crea - - - tures,

43 C D
more - o - ver with un - clean beasts, where - in was set__ forth a

45 C
par - a - ble of God's love for man, sig - ni - fy - ing

47 D C
that it is not fit - ting to re - ject__ them that, from all the na - tions, de - sire

50 F C
to be - lieve in Christ Je - sus. And un - der - stand - ing this mys - ter - y,

52 F
thou didst cry__ out to God: Al - le - lu - - - ia.

Chanter:

Al - le - lu - - - - - ia.

Ikos 3

Naught that is vile or unclean has ever passed my lips! Thou didst say, O most blessed Apostle Peter. But divine Providence answered thee with a voice from heaven, saying: What God hath cleansed, that do thou not revile, calling it unclean; for the Savior cameth not to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance! And we, knowing what was revealed to thee, cry out:

Rejoice, O apostle; who mercifully openest the kingdom of heaven;
 Rejoice, thou who not only watchest over men, but over the affairs of all the nations!
 Rejoice, thou who with thy love coverest the multitude of our sins;
 Rejoice, thou who perfectest our meager repentance with thy mercy!
 Rejoice, speedy helper for them that call upon thee amid spiritual tribulations;
 Rejoice, thou who by thy supplication raisest up those dead of body and soul!
 Rejoice, thou who strengthenest with the Holy Spirit the faithful who hearken unto thy word;
 Rejoice, thou who woundest the unbelieving with thy words, as with darts!
 Rejoice with Peter, O Paul, in that ye are as the two eyes of the Church, endued with divine sight;
 Rejoice, ever-vigilant guides watching over the new Israel!
 Rejoice, all ye holy apostles, for ye are as a guard upon the walls of Jerusalem;
 Rejoice, O our instructors, who keep watch over the souls of Christians!
 Rejoice, O holy first-enthroned Peter and Paul, with all the holy apostles!

Chanter:

Re-joice, O ho - ly first - en - throned Pe - ter and Paul,
 with all the ho - ly a - pos - - - - - tles!

Kontakion 4

Byzantine Tone 5

57 **A**
To the Jews liv - ing in Da - mas - cus didst thou be - gin to preach,

58 **G**
O A - pos - tle Paul, en - light - ened of God

60 **A**
that they might be - lieve in Christ Je - sus, the Son of God;

61
and they — were as - ton - ished at how one —

62 **G**
who be - fore had per - se - cut - ed them that be - lieved in the Name of Christ,

63 **A**
- O, the won - der! - had him - self been trans - formed in - to a be - liev - er!

65 **G**
Where - fore, they took coun - sel to - geth - er to slay — — — — — thee;

66 **D**
but know - ing their in - tent and the hard - ness of their hearts,

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67 A G A
thou didst leave— them in the blind - ness of their un - be - lief

68 G A
and, let down o - ver the wall in a bas - ket by the faith - ful,

69 G A
thou didst cry— out to God: Al - le - lu - ia!

Chanter:

71 G A
Al - le - lu - ia!

Ikos 4

With great zeal, O holy Paul, thou didst preach to turn away from the prescriptions of the old law and circumcision and to make haste to the laver of divine baptism, proclaiming this not only to the Jews, but also to the Gentiles whose most loving teacher thou wast. Wherefore, we exclaim unto thee thus:

Rejoice, preacher sent by God to announce repentance unto sinners;
Rejoice, teacher of piety with thunderous voice, denouncer of ungodliness!
Rejoice, merciful inviter of them among the Gentiles that are astray, yet hasten to the Faith of Christ;
Rejoice, true guide to the straight path!
Rejoice, ship which keepeth the faithful from drowning in sin;
Rejoice, helmsman who guidest us to the haven of the pleasing of God!
Rejoice, quickly interceding comforter of the sorrowful;
Rejoice, healer who acceptest no recompense for curing ailments of body and soul!
Rejoice with Paul, O Peter, for ye are like two wings furnished unto the Church by Christ, the great Eagle;
Rejoice, for ye are like two wings given to her, the dove, by the Holy Spirit!
Rejoice, all ye holy apostles, who are whole as doves and through hope have been furnished with wings like eagles;
Rejoice, for where Christ was in the body, there were ye gathered together!
Rejoice, O holy first-enthroned Peter and Paul, with all the holy apostles!

Chanter:

Kontakion 5

74 **F** **C**
Sweat - ing from thine earth - ly la - bors

75
and pro - vid - ing for thy - self by fish - ing,

76 **F** **C** **F**
O ho - ly A - pos - tle Pe - ter,

77 **C**
thou wast called and didst be - lieve_____ in Christ

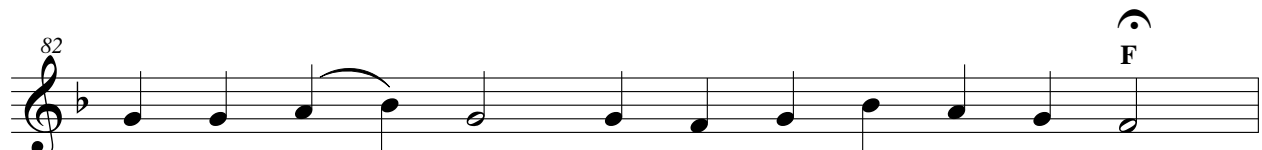
78 **F** **C**
Who nur - tur - eth a - bun - dant - ly,


79 **F**
Who fed a thou - sand peo - ple with five___ loaves;

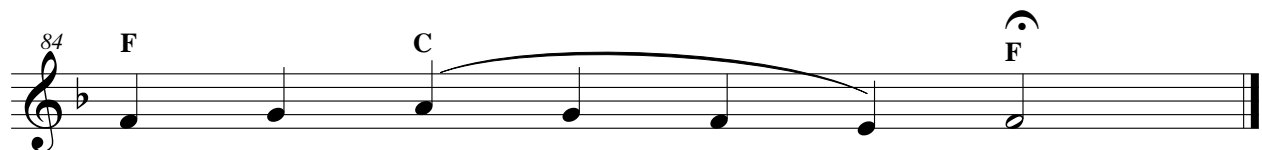
80 **C**
and thou_____ didst fol - low him,

81 **D** **C**
la - bor - ing for food which per - ish - eth not,

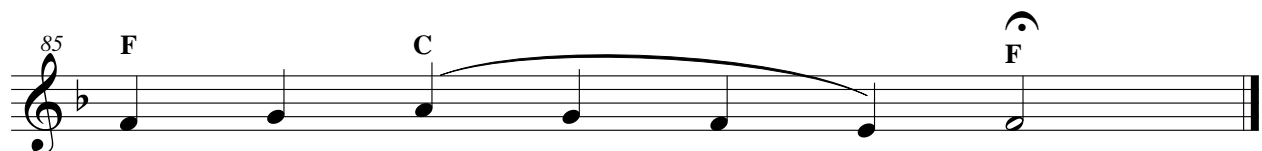
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82 
but a - bid - eth un - to ev - er - last - ing life;

83 
and thou _____ didst cry ___ out to him as God:

84 
Al - le - lu - - - - - ia!

Chanter:

85 
Al - le - lu - - - - - ia!

Ikos 5

Forbidden by the chief priests and elders of the Jews to teach the name of the Lord Jesus, O blessed Apostle Peter, arming thyself with steadfast faith, thou didst answer: We ought to obey God rather than man! And having endured imprisonment and stripes for this, thou didst depart from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for the name of the Lord. Wherefore, we also offer to thee exclamations of joy, saying:

Rejoice, thou who didst put the council of the Jews to shame by the writings of the prophets concerning Christ;

Rejoice, thou who didst rend asunder the false threats of the Pharisees and Sadducees like a spider's web!

Rejoice, thou who didst work many miracles through the grace of the Holy Spirit;

Rejoice, thou who grantest sight to the blind and the ability to walk to the lame!

Rejoice, thou who by thy shadow didst raise the sick from their beds of pain;

Rejoice, thou who didst heal them that suffered from many unclean spirits!

Rejoice, thou who summonest fishermen to a wondrous catch;

Rejoice, thou who drawest the unbelieving to faith as if they were voiceless fish!

Rejoice with Peter, O Paul, for ye are like two breasts of the Church, the Bride of Christ, our Mother;

Rejoice, for ye are like two grapes of the vine, which nourish us and make us glad!

Rejoice, all ye holy apostles, for ye are branches of Christ, the true Vine;

Rejoice, for ye are good husbandmen of the vineyard of Christ!

Rejoice, O holy first-enthroned Peter and Paul, with all the holy apostles!

Chanter:

86 F
Re-joyce, O ho - ly first - en - throned Pe - ter and Paul,

87 C F
with all the ho - ly a - pos - - - - tles!

Kontakion 6

Byzantine Tone 1

88 **D**
An Is - ra - el - ite of the tribe of Ben - ja - min,

89 **C** **D**
a Phar - i - see ac - cord - ing to the law

90
a per - se - cu - tor of the Church of God in thy zeal,

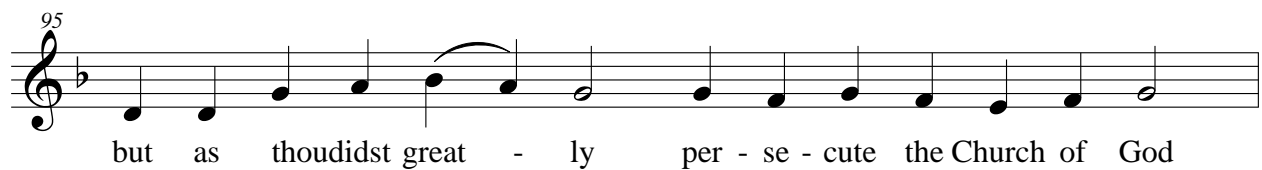
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didst thou call thy - self,

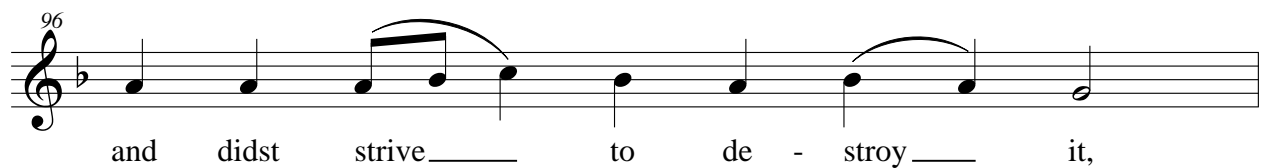
92 **C** **D**
O Ho - - - ly A - pos - tle Paul,

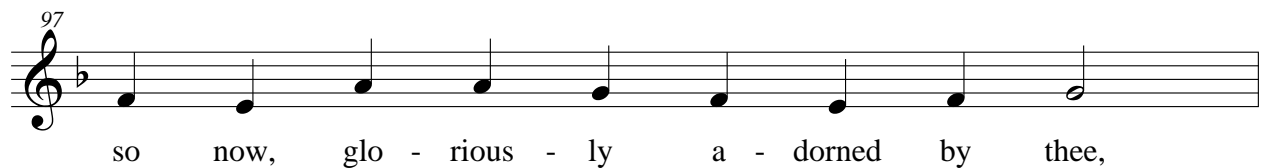
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not hid - ing thy for - mer hot tem - per a - gainst them

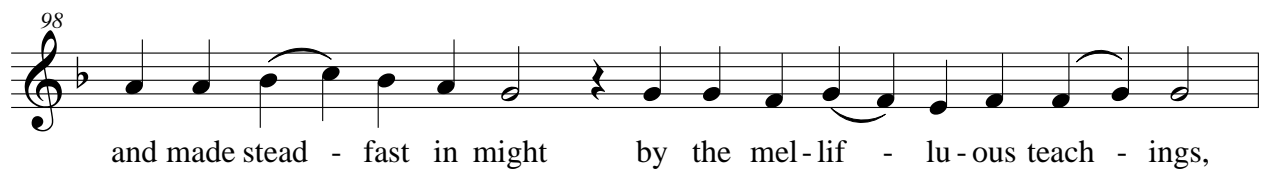
94 **C** **D**
that be - lieved in Christ Je - - - sus;

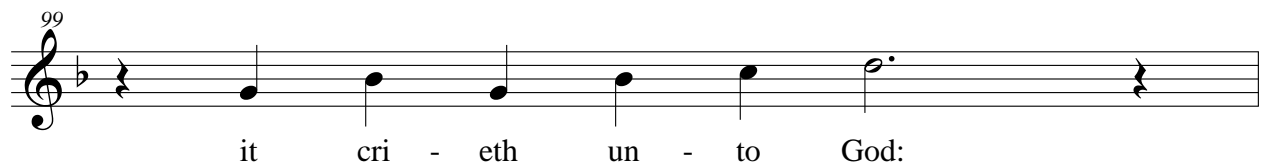
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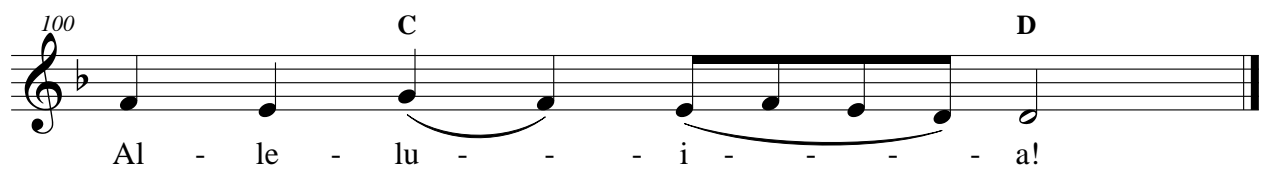
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but as thou didst great - ly per - se - cute the Church of God

96

and didst strive to de - stroy it,

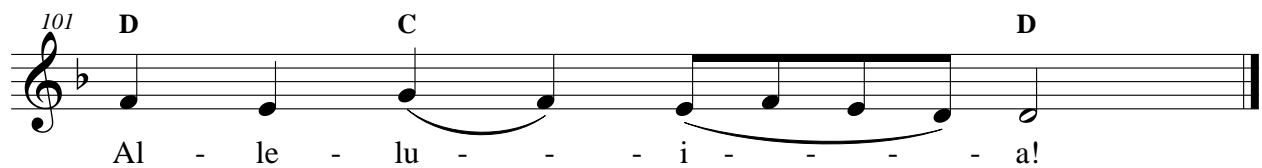
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so now, glo - rious - ly a - dorned by thee,

98

and made steadfast in might by the mel - lif - lu - ous teach - ings,

99

it cri - eth un - to God:

100

Al - le - lu - i - a!

Chanter:

101

Al - le - lu - i - a!

Kontakion 7

Byzantine Tone 1

104 **D**

On thine ar - ri - - val on Lyd - da,

105

O Bless - ed A - pos - tle Pe - ter,

106 **C** **D**

thou _____ didst a - maze the peo - ple liv - ing there

107

when, by the Name of Je - sus Christ,

108

thou _____ didst raise up Ae - ne - as, who had lain a - bed,

109 **C** **D**

sick of the pal - sy for eight _____ years,


110 **C** **D**


and didst cause _____ him to walk;


111

in Jop - pa thou _____ didst like - wise,

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112

by thy sup - pli - ca - tion, re - turn to life the dead__ Ta - bi - tha;

113

and, sum - moned to Caes - a - re - - a,

114

thou__ didst en - light - en with di - vine__ bap - tis - m

115

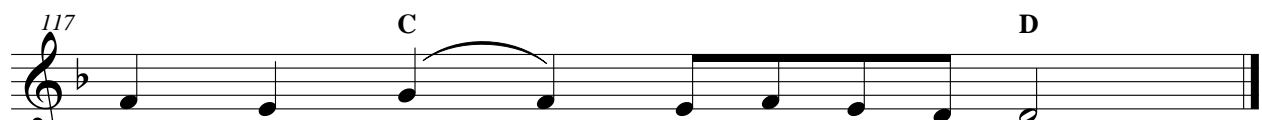
Cor - ne - li - us the cen - tu - ri - on with all__ in his house - hold.

116


Where - fore, we all straight - way cry a - loud to

rit.

God in u - ni - ty of soul:_____

117

Al - le - lu - - - i - - - a!

Chanter:

118

Al - le - lu - - - i - - - a!

Ikos 7

Simon Magus thought to acquire the grace of the Holy Spirit with silver; but thou, O blessed Apostle Peter, didst condemn him to inherit damnation with his silver and didst sternly forbid both the avaricious practice of simony and the theft of sacred things. Wherefore, we exclaim unto thee thus:

Rejoice, thou who enriched the Church of Christ with the grace of the Spirit;
Rejoice, thou who didst forbid the reception of recompense for holy things in the church!
Rejoice, thou by whom avarice was cut off, as the root of all evils, through the grace of the Spirit;
Rejoice, thou by whom covetousness is cast away by sanctity as a type of idolatry!
Rejoice, thou who didst lead a hard life for the sake of Christ;
Rejoice, thou who didst fulfil well the commandment of Christ: ye cannot serve God and Mammon!
Rejoice, thou who didst sternly punish the sacrilege of Ananias with death;
Rejoice, thou who didst likewise commit Sapphira., who was guilty of that sin, to the same punishment!
Rejoice with Peter, O Paul, for ye are like two olive trees which pour forth mercy;
Rejoice, for ye are like two lamps radiating wisdom!
Rejoice, all ye holy apostles, as tender olive shoots;
Rejoice, for because of you is all like a fruitful olive tree in the house of God!
Rejoice, O holy first-enthroned Peter and Paul, with all the holy apostles!

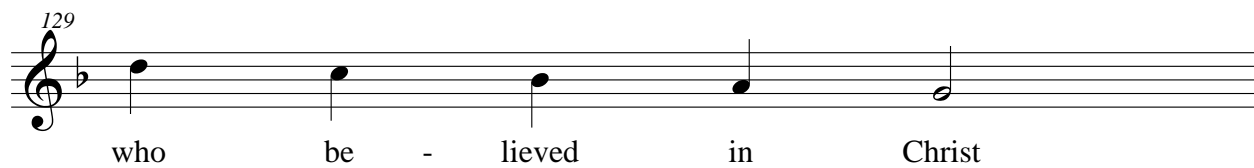
Chanter:

119 F
Re-joice, O ho - ly first - en - throned Pe - ter and Paul,

120 C F
with all the ho - ly a - pos - - - - - tles!

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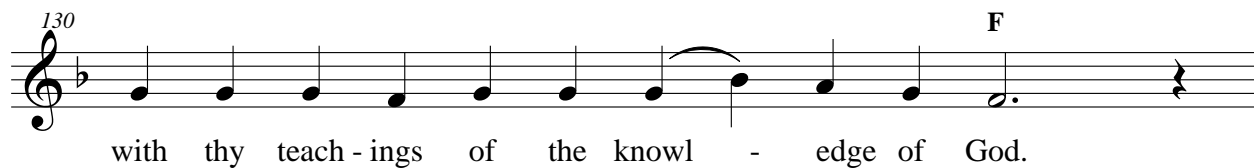
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who be - lieved in Christ

Detailed description: A single musical staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It contains five measures of music. The notes are G4, A4, B4, C5, and B4. The lyrics are 'who be - lieved in Christ'.

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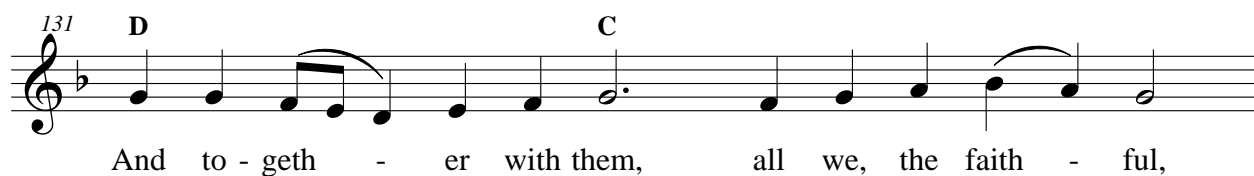


with thy teach - ings of the knowl - edge of God.

F

Detailed description: A single musical staff in G major. It contains six measures of music. The notes are G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The lyrics are 'with thy teach - ings of the knowl - edge of God.' A fermata is placed over the final G4. A chord symbol 'F' is written above the staff.

131




And to - geth - er with them, all we, the faith - ful,

D C

Detailed description: A single musical staff in G major. It contains six measures of music. The notes are G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The lyrics are 'And to - geth - er with them, all we, the faith - ful,'. Chord symbols 'D' and 'C' are written above the staff.

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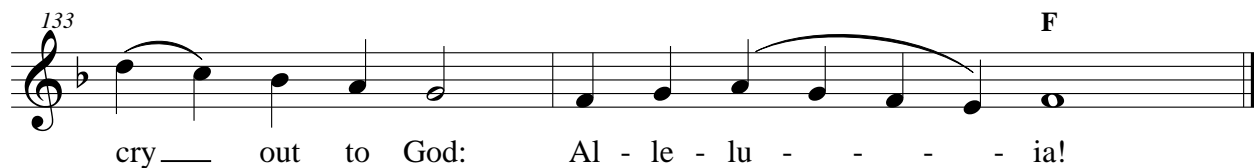


who have a share of thine heav'n - ly teach - ing,

F C

Detailed description: A single musical staff in G major. It contains six measures of music. The notes are G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The lyrics are 'who have a share of thine heav'n - ly teach - ing,'. Chord symbols 'F' and 'C' are written above the staff.

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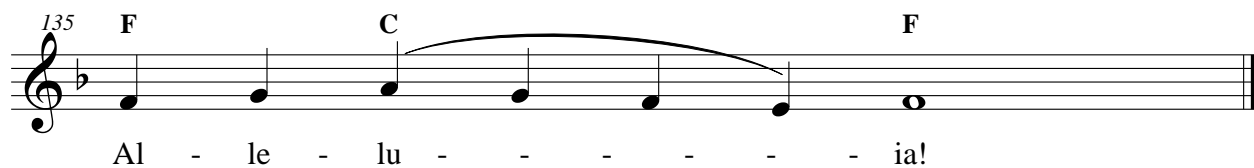
cry out to God: Al - le - lu - - - - ia!

F

Detailed description: A single musical staff in G major. It contains six measures of music. The notes are G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The lyrics are 'cry out to God: Al - le - lu - - - - ia!'. A fermata is placed over the final G4. A chord symbol 'F' is written above the staff.

Chanter:

135



Al - le - lu - - - - ia!

F C F

Detailed description: A single musical staff in G major. It contains six measures of music. The notes are G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The lyrics are 'Al - le - lu - - - - ia!'. Chord symbols 'F', 'C', and 'F' are written above the staff.

Ikos 8

A model for the faithful, thou didst joyfully endure many stripes, beatings and stonings of thy body for the sake of sweet Jesus, O Apostle Paul, called by God, manifestly indicating that it is the part of them that believe in Christ Jesus to undergo all manner of tribulations thankfully, for His sake. Wherefore, we also cry out to thee, using such exclamations as these:

Rejoice, thou who didst joyfully bear the wounds of the Lord on thy body;
 Rejoice, adamant firm of body and soul, who mightily endured all manner of tribulation!
 Rejoice, insuperable confessor of Christ before the nations and their rulers;
 Rejoice, teacher invincible in the face of the Israelite teachers of the law!
 Rejoice, luminous star which shone forth from the third heaven;
 Rejoice, greatly fruifful branch which buddest forth from paradise, full of spiritual food!
 Rejoice, thou who by thy teaching hast illumined all the earth as with an unwaning light;
 Rejoice, thou who hast fed the faithful throughout the world with the produce of thy works as with most comely fruits!

Rejoice with Paul, O Peter, for ye are as two trees in the midst of the garden of the Church;

Rejoice, ye who put forth the fruit of life and good understanding!

Rejoice, all ye holy apostles, who are like noetic palm trees and cedars;

Rejoice, ye who have been transplanted to heaven as the garden of the heavenly Father!

Rejoice, O holy first-enthroned Peter and Paul, with all the holy apostles!

Chanter:

136 **F**
 Re-joice, O ho - ly first - en - throned Pe - ter and Paul,

137 **C** **F**
 with all the ho - ly a - pos - - - - tles!

Kontakion 9

Byzantine Tone 5

138 A
Thou wast pos-sessed of an all em-brac - ing con-cern for

139 G A
all _____ who _____ came to the faith of Christ,

140
O Bless - - ed A - pos - tle Pe - - - ter,

141 G A
that their heart and soul be - come _____ one.

142 G A
Where-fore, thou _____ didst ap-point for their _____ needs a min - is - ter,

143 G A
the chaste Ste - phen, and six oth - er dea - cons;

145
and thou _____ thy-self, to-geth - er with the rest of the A - pos - tles,

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146 **G**

didst ded - i - cate — thy - - self to pray'r

147 **D**

and the preach - ing of the Word,

148 **A**

in - struct - ing all the faith - ful, who cried — out with

149 **G** **A**

one - ness of mind to God: Al - le - lu - - - ia!

Chanter:

151 **G** **A**

Al - le - lu - - - - - ia!

Ikos 9

Aflame with zeal for thy Lord, thou didst cut off the ear of Malchus, for he seemed to thee as one disinclined to heed the writings of the prophets concerning Jesus Christ. But, reprov'd for such audacity by thy Teacher, O blessed Apostle Peter, thou didst thankfully bear His reproach and all its contrary results. Wherefore, mindful of thy zeal, we cry aloud to thee thus:

Rejoice, thou who didst surpass the rest of the disciples in thy zeal for Christ;
Rejoice, manful sword-bearer of Christ in the garden!
Rejoice, thou who didst follow Christ, Who was being led to His suffering, even to the house of Caiaphas;
Rejoice, thou who was prepared for prison and death for the sake of the Lord!
Rejoice, thou who with bitter lamentation didst heal thy weakness in denying thy Master;
Rejoice, thou who after the Lord's resurrection wast summoned to thy former dignity!
Rejoice, thou who hast provided a model of repentance for the rest of us sinners;
Rejoice, thou who didst vow to forgive the weakness of the penitent many times over!
Rejoice with Peter, O Paul, for ye are like the tables of the law of the Lord;
Rejoice, teachers of love for God and neighbor!
Rejoice, all ye holy apostles, who perfectly kept all the commandments of the Lord;
Rejoice, ye who left all and followed after Christ, and found all in Him!
Rejoice, O holy first-enthroned Peter and Paul, with all the holy apostles!

Chanter:

152 F
Re-joice, O ho - ly first - en - throned Pe - ter and Paul,

153 C F
with all the ho - ly a - pos - - - - - tles!

Kontakion 10

Byzantine Tone 7

154 **F** **C**
Great tes - ti - mo - ny didst thou pro - duce

155 **D**
from the say - ing of the proph - ets con - cern - ing Christ

156 **C** **F**
in the face of the lead - ers of the Jews,

157 **C** **F**
and be - fore the Proc - u - ra - tor Fes - tus and King A - grip - pa,

158 **C**
O A - pos - tle Paul, who had been called of God,

159 **F**
and all were ut - ter - ly set at naught;

160 **D** **C**
for man - y of the Jews quot - ed books to thee in their fren - zy,

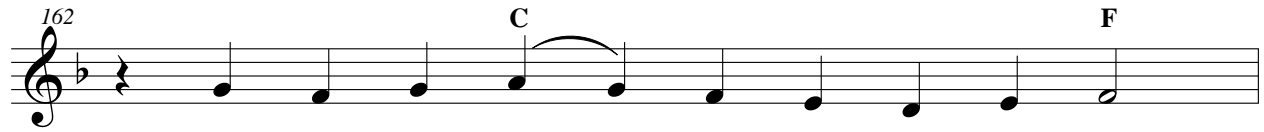
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161 F C F



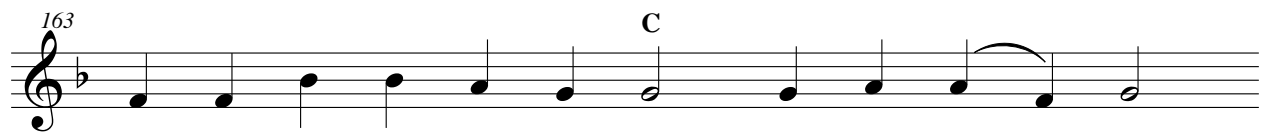
and thou ___ wast answered by ___ both Fes-tus and A-grip-pa false - ly,

162 C F



and wast con - demned to be sent to Rome.

163 C



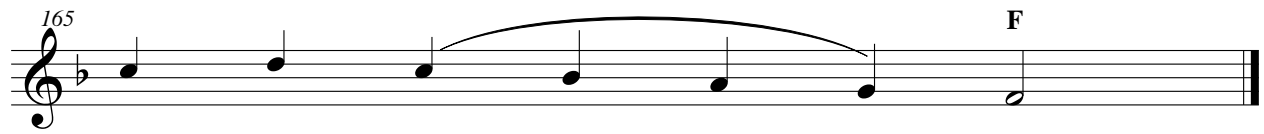
But, en - dur - ing ev' - ry thing with thanks - giv - ing,

164 F C



thou didst cry out ___ with the faith - ful to God:

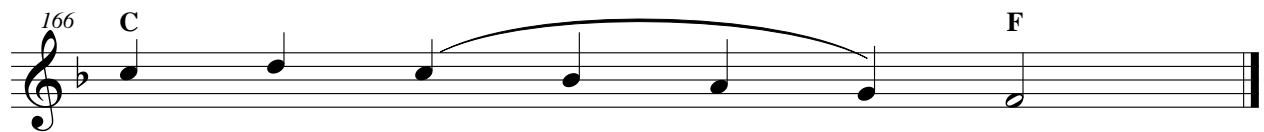
165 F



Al - le - lu - - - - - ia!

Chanter:

166 C F



Al - le - lu - - - - - ia!

Ikos 10

Apostle Paul, who was led to proclaim the life-creating Trinity in the third heaven, most elect vessel of the great mysteries of God: declaring the good news before the Gentiles, the judges and rulers, thou didst promise salvation unto them that desire to believe in Christ Jesus and receive holy baptism in the name of the Trinity. Wherefore, all we the faithful, being of good hope concerning that salvation, cry out to thee thus:

Rejoice, mystagogue of great understanding of the revelation of the Lord;
 Rejoice, confessor of the one God in three Persons!
 Rejoice, thou who didst proclaim Christ to be the one Foundation of the faithful;
 Rejoice, thou who hast made all the pious steadfast in that confession!
 Rejoice, thou who didst endure raging reproaches from the unbelieving Festus;
 Rejoice, thou who didst utter words of truth and chastity in this presence!
 Rejoice, thou who didst most clearly recount thine heavenly vision to King Agrippa;
 Rejoice, thou who didst manifestly denounce his error which is not consonant with the Faith of Christ!

Rejoice, O Paul, with Peter, for ye are like two silver trumpets of Moses;
 Rejoice, ye who call those of earth and beneath the earth to battle against evil!
 Rejoice, all ye holy apostles, who have suffered cruelly as valiant warriors of Christ;
 Rejoice, ye who have vanquished the kingdoms of the earth by faith and have received heavenly things!

Rejoice, O holy first-enthroned Peter and Paul, with all the holy apostles!

Chanter:

167 F
 Re-joice, O ho - ly first - en - throned Pe - ter and Paul,

168 C F
 with all the ho - ly a - pos - - - - tles!

Kontakion 11

Byzantine Tone 1

169 **D**
Hav - ing slain — James, the broth - er of John,

170
Her - od went — on to seize — thee as well,

171 **C** **D**
O Di - vine — Bless - ed A - pos - tle Pe - ter;

172
and he placed thee un - der heav - y guard in pris - on

173 **C** **D**
to a - wait — ex - e - cu - - - tion.

174
Yet while fer - vent pray'r was be - ing of - fered up by the

175
Church for thy de - liv' - - - rance,

176 **G**
the an - gel of the Lord loosed thy — bonds

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177 D C D
and led thee through the gates, which

178 Un. D
o - pened of them - selves,

179 C D
and thou didst think that thou wast be - hold - ing a dream.

180
But when the an - gel de - part - ed, thou didst come to thy sens - es

181 C D
and didst tru - ly re - al - ize that thou hadst been freed;

182
and thou didst cry out to God in thanks - giv - ing:

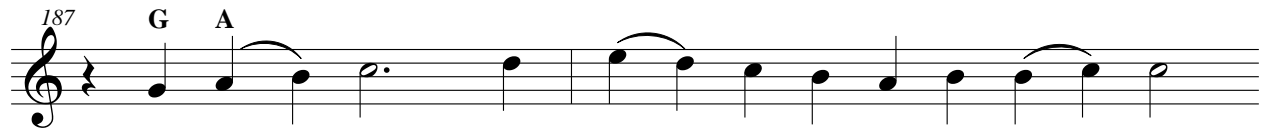
183 C D
Al - le - lu - ia!

Chanter:

184 D C D
Al - le - lu - ia!

Kontakion 12

Byzantine Tone 5


187 G A

We hymn thee who stand - est on e - qual foot - ing


189 G A G A


with the cher - u - bim, O most bless - ed A - pos - tle Paul,


191 G A G A

who wast en-light - ened by di-vine_ wis - dom in the third heav - en;

192 G A

for, hear - ing in - ef - fa - ble words there__

G A

which it is not law - ful for a man to ut - ter,

193

thou didst trav - el the whole__ world there - with,

194 G A

teach-ing all__ to be-lieve in the cru-ci-fied Christ,__ the Son of God,

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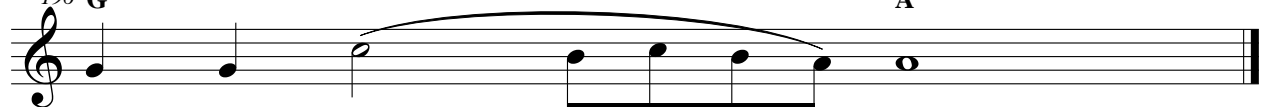
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and to chant un - ceas - ing - ly un - to Him as the true ___ God:

Detailed description: This musical staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

196 G A

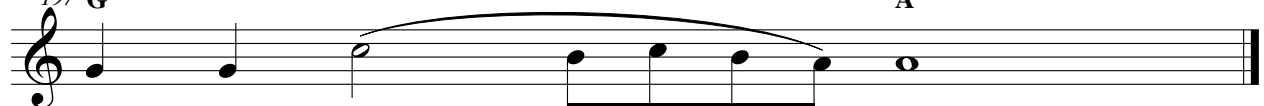


Al - le - lu - - - - - ia!

Detailed description: This musical staff starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody features a long, sweeping phrase that spans across the entire staff, indicated by a large slur. The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, ending with a whole note. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - - - - - ia!' are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating the long duration of the phrase.

Chanter:

197 G A



Al - le - lu - - - - - ia!

Detailed description: This musical staff is identical to the one above, starting with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). It features a long, sweeping phrase for the chanter, indicated by a large slur, with the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - - - - - ia!' written below.

Ikos 12

Full of the great revelation of divine mysteries, O chosen vessel of Jesus, the all-wise Apostle Paul, thou didst diligently bear forth the name of God Who hath appeared in the flesh and saveth them that believe in Him; and having converted many of the Gentiles and fought the good fight, in the city of Rome thou didst finish thy course most gloriously for the name of thy Lord, and didst then receive therein a crown of righteousness. Wherefore, we cry out to thee thus:

Rejoice, great lover of the name of Jesus, who suffered greatly for Him;
 Rejoice, thou who bore witness before those of heaven, of earth and beneath the earth, concerning His name!
 Rejoice, for thou didst bear witness well concerning the Lord in Jerusalem;
 Rejoice, thou who thus wast commanded by Him to bear witness also in Rome!
 Rejoice, thou who denounced the Emperor Nero and converted his consort to the Christian Faith;
 Rejoice, thou who in the same Rome didst bow thine head beneath the sword, executed with Peter, who was crucified head downward!
 Rejoice, for at the severing of thine honored head milk flowed forth;
 Rejoice, for this great wonder drew many soldiers to the Faith!
 Rejoice with Paul, O Peter, for ye are like two rivers of living water gushing forth from the wellspring of the Holy Spirit;
 Rejoice, ye who were shown forth by the confluence of the two rivers name Jor and Dan!
 Rejoice, all ye holy apostles, like torrents of rivers which gladden the city of the Church of God;
 Rejoice, for ye are like streams of sweetness which give all the faithful to drink from the cup of salvation!
 Rejoice, O holy first-enthroned Peter and Paul, with all the holy apostles!

Chanter:

198 F
 Re-joice, O ho - ly first - en - throned Pe - ter and Paul,

199 C F
 with all the ho - ly a - pos - - - - - tles!

Kontakion 13

Byzantine Tone 1

200 **D**

O most glo - ri - ous and laud - a - ble dis - ci - ples of Christ,

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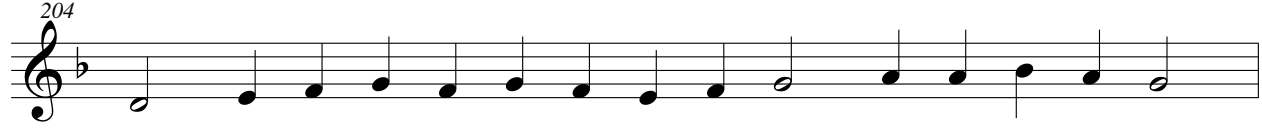
Pe - - - - - ter and Paul,

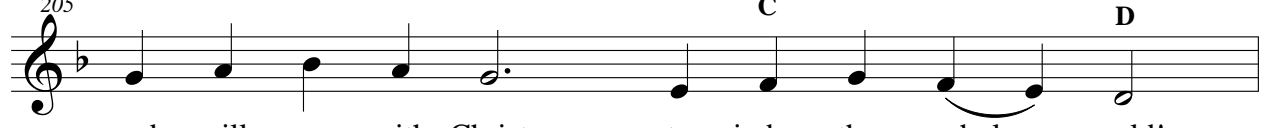
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first en - throned and e - qual - ly en - throned

203 **C** **D**

ho - - - ly A - pos - - - tles,

204

who have en - light - ened all the u - ni - verse with the ho - ly faith

205 **C** **D**

and will come with Christ to judge the whole_ world!

206

Your prop - er dig - ni - ty is not on earth,

207 **G** **D**


but is the glo - ry and praise ren - dered in heav - en.

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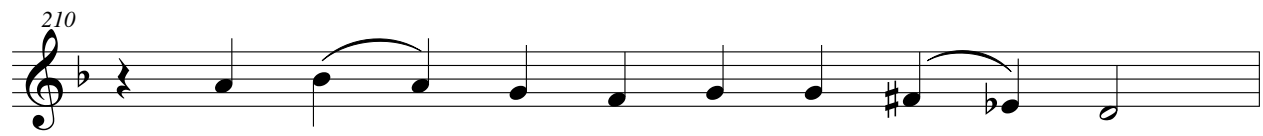


Ac - cept - ing now our un - wor - thy en - treat - y,



by your wor - thy sup - pli - ca - tions,

210



pre - serve___ us from all mis - for - tunes,

211



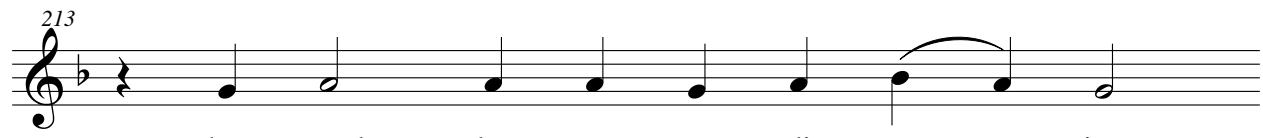
and be - seech Christ, the just___ Judge, to be mer - ci - ful to us

212



at the last___ judg - - - ment,


213



that, saved by your me - di - a - tion,

214

G D



we may chant___ un - to God our Sav - ior:

215



Al - le - lu - - - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,

216 | 1, 2. C D
Al - le - lu - - - - - ia!

217 | 3. C D C D
Al - le - lu - - - - - ia!

Following the third chanting of Kontakion XIII, Ikos I and Kontakion I are then repeated.

Ikos 1

Blessed art thou, Simon, son of Jonas! Said Christ, the Son of the living God, unto thee, O right glorious Apostle Peter. How then can we worthily call thee blessed who hast been called blessed by God Himself? Yet drawn faithfully, by a debt of love alone, we cry out to thee thus:

Rejoice, first among the apostles, foundation of the holy Church;
 Rejoice, mighty pillar and ground of the Orthodox faith!
 Rejoice, ardent lover of the teaching of Christ;
 Rejoice, first-seated among the council of the apostles!
 Rejoice, good gate-keeper of the kingdom of heaven;
 Rejoice, renowned physician for them that repent of their sins!
 Rejoice, thou who spurned the vanity of the world and loved the spiritual life;
 Rejoice, thou who did forsake corruptible nets and didst fish the whole world with incorruptible ones!
 Rejoice with Peter, O Paul, for ye both shone forth like two great beacons;
 Rejoice, O ye who like a pair of steeds were harnessed by God to His chariot of noetic light!
 Rejoice, all ye holy apostles, beholders of God, for ye are the light of the world;
 Rejoice, for through you the Faith which saveth us hath shone forth from Christ in every place!
 Rejoice, O holy first-enthroned Peter and Paul, with all the holy apostles!

Chanter:

218 F
Re-joice, O ho - ly first - en - throned Pe - ter and Paul,

219 C F
with all the ho - ly a - pos - - - - - tles!

Kontakion 1

Ison **F**

The Lord Who said of Him - self:

221 **C**

I am the good Shep - herd, said — un - to thee, O

222 **F**

first - en - throned — Pe - - - ter:

223

If thou lov - est Me, — feed My sheep. And

224 **C** **F**

He Who said: I am Je - sus, said of thee, O

225 **C**

pre - em - i - nent A - pos - - - - - tle Paul:

226 **F**

He — is a cho - sen ves - sel un - to Me,

227

to bear My name — be - fore the Gen - tiles.

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228 C



And like - wise to all your col - leagues, His a - pos - tles, He said:

229 F



As My Fa - ther hath sent Me, e - ven so send I — you;

230



go — ye, and teach all na - - - tions.

231



And ye re - ceiv - ing such grace from your good Chief Shep - herd,

232



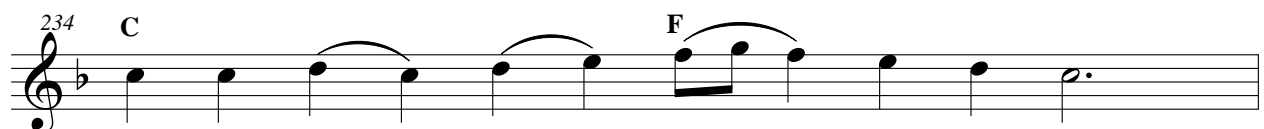
as the fore - most shep - herds and teach - ers of all the world,

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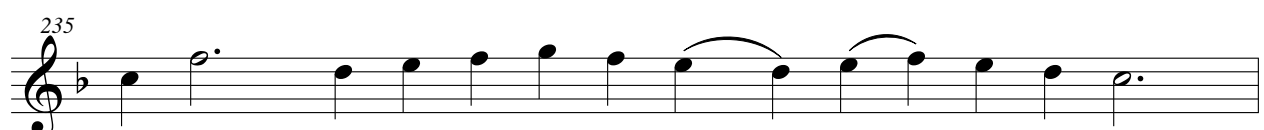
from all mis - for - tunes pre - serve ye us on the pas - ture of sal - va - tion,

234 C F



that we may — cry — out — un - to you:

235



Re - joice, O ho - ly first - en - throned Pe - ter and Paul,

236 C F



with all the ho - ly a - pos - - - - tles!

**PRAYERS TO THE HOLY PRE-EMINENT
APOSTLES PETER & PAUL**

I

O most glorious Apostles Peter and Paul, who laid down your lives for Christ and beautified His pasture with your blood! Hearken unto the prayers and sighs of your children which are now offered up with contrite heart. For, lo! we have darkened ourselves with iniquities, and for this cause have we been covered with misfortunes as with showers; and we have become exceeding poor in the oil of a good life, and we cannot fend off the ravening wolves which boldly strive to lay hands on the inheritance of God. O ye mighty ones! bear ye out infirmities and separate yourselves not from us in spirit, that we not depart utterly from the love of God; but with your mighty assistance defend us, that the Lord have mercy on us all for the sake of your prayers, that He rend asunder the handwriting of our countless sins, and that He vouchsafe us with all the saints the blessed kingdom and the wedding feast of His Lamb, to Whom be honor and glory, thanksgiving and worship, unto the ages of ages. Amen.

II

O holy Peter, chief of the apostles, rock of faith fixed firmly upon Christ, the chief Cornerstone, through thy confession! Pray thou that, unmoved by the imaginations of my mind and carnal lusts, I, too, may through faith be fixed firmly upon this same Christ, the Rock living, chosen and precious; that through love I may be made perfect as a temple of the Spirit, wherein I may offer up spiritual sacrifices unto Jesus Christ our God. O holy Paul, chief of the apostles, chosen vessel of Christ, overflowing with grace and the glory of God! Entreat thou the Creator, Who hath authority over creation, that He make of me, who am now a vessel of perdition, a vessel of honor for Himself, sanctified and fitting, ready for every good work, unto the ages of ages. Amen.

III

O ye foremost of the apostles: Peter, steadfast exponent of the Faith of Christ, and Paul, melodious swallow of the teaching of the Lord! We perceive you to be a much-flowing river recounting the words of Christ, gushing forth from the breast of the Lord, disclosing to us the depths of the well of divinely revealed truths. We see you to be lamps which make things clear for us with streams of the fervor of divine love from heaven. We bless you, for ye endured tribulation and pain to sow the seed of divine teaching, and with your footsteps went round all the ends of the earth. With compunction we entreat you, O holy Apostles: cause us, in our sinful foolishness, to fall prostrate before the Lord, our Teacher; cause ye that the head of our pride be cut off, and haste ye to raise us up by your unceasing supplications, that there, with the choir of the angels and the apostles, we may glorify the Father of all, Who is wondrous in His saints, Who sent our Lord Jesus Christ into the world, and the Holy Spirit, Who is one in essence with Them, unto the ages of ages. Amen.

IV

O holy Peter, chief of the apostles, rock of faith steadfast in thy confession, foundation of the Church immovable in Christ, pastor of the rational flock of Christ, keeper of the keys to the kingdom of heaven, fisherman most wise who from the depths of unbelief dost draw forth men! Thee do I humbly entreat, that the net of thy divine draught encompass me and draw me forth from the abyss of perdition. I know that thou hast received from God the authority to loose and to bind; release me who am bound fast with bonds of sin, show forth thy mercy on me, wretch that I am, and give life to my soul which hath been slain by sins, as before thou didst raise up Tabitha from the dead; restore me to the good path, as before thou didst restore the lame man at the Beautiful Gates, who had been lame from his mother's womb; and as thou didst heal all the infirm by thy shadow, may the grace given thee by God overshadow me, healing my ailments of body and soul. For thou canst do all things, O holy one, through the power of Christ, for Whose sake thou didst forsake all to follow in His steps. Wherefore, pray thou to Him in my behalf, wretch that I am, that by thy supplications He may deliver me from all evil and teach me with a pure heart to send up glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

V

O holy Paul, eminent among the apostles, chosen vessel of Christ, recounter of heavenly mysteries, teacher of all the nations, clarion of the Church, renowned orator, who didst endure many misfortunes for the name of Christ, who didst traverse the sea and didst go about the land, and didst convert us from the deception of idolatry! Thee do I entreat and to thee do I cry: disdain me not, defiled as I am, but raise me up who have fallen through sinful sloth, as in Lystra thou didst raise up the man who had been lame from his mother's womb; and as thou didst give life unto Euthyches who lay dead, so also raise me up from my dead works; and as at thine entreaty the foundation of the prison once quaked and thou didst loose the bonds of the prisoners, so draw me out of the snare of the enemy, and strengthen me to do the will of God. For thou canst do all things by the authority given thee by God, to whom is due all glory, honor and worship, with His unoriginate Father and His all-holy, good and life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

*We now continue with the Litany of the
Akathist service and the dismissal.*