

December 6th

Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia

Stichera at the Aposticha at Vespers

Byzantine Chant Tone 5
Special Melody: Rejoice

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

1) Re - joice, sa - cred and ven - 'ra - ble head,
thou un - de - filed a - bode of vir - tue and sanc - ti - ty;
di - vine can - on of the priest - hood, that most di - vine gift of God;
and the great and fa - mous shep - herd known to all;
thou bea - con that wor - thi - ly art the name - sake of vic - to - ry;
thou who dost an - swer with com - pas - sion those ask - ing thee
and who dost in - cline to the prayers of the suf - fer - ing.
Res - cu - er ev - er read - y and the guard - i - an sav - ing all

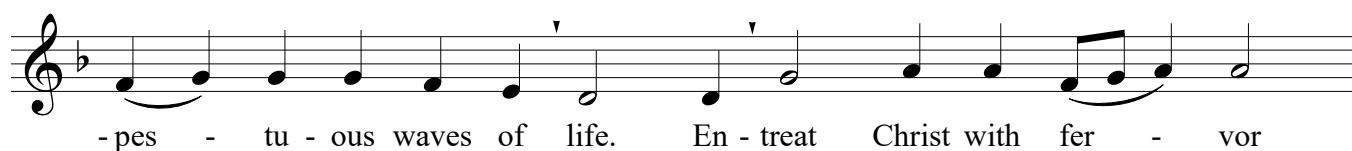
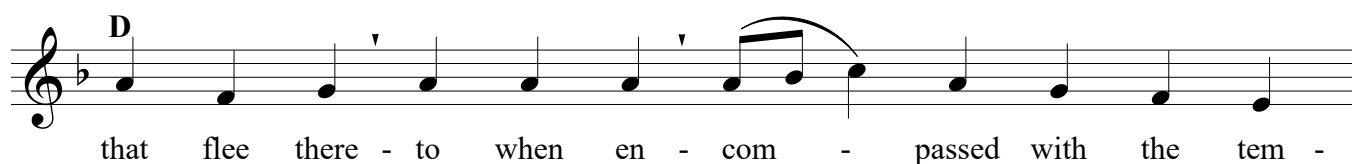
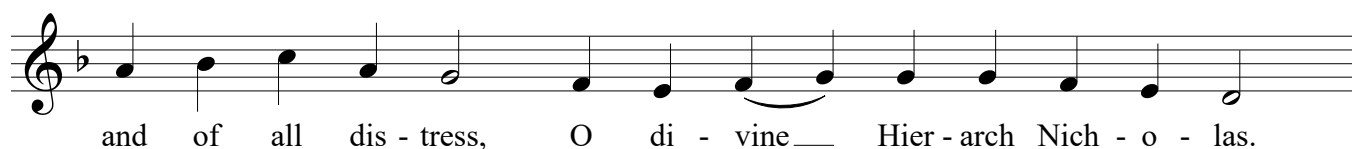
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who with right faith keep thy glo - ri - ous and re -
- splen - dent me - mo - ri - al. Im - plore Christ the Sav - ior,
O blest Nich - o - las, to send down Great Mer - cy on us all.

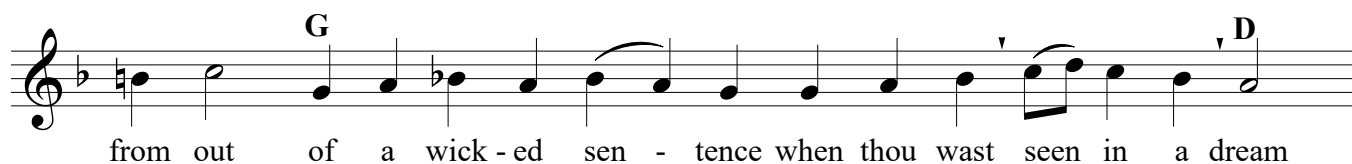
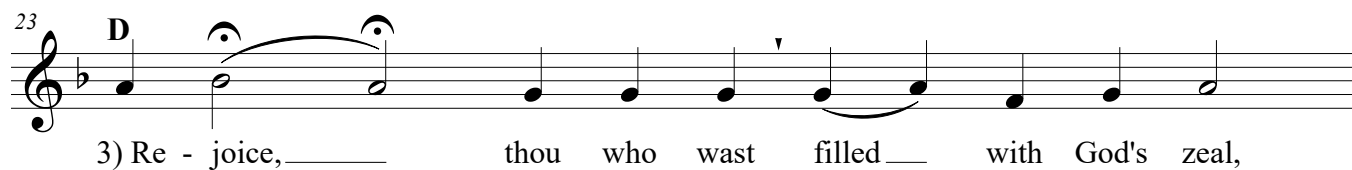
Verse: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saint.

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2) Re - joice, O mind most sa - cred and great,
and pur - est dwell - ing of the All - ho - ly Trin - i - ty;
thou stead - fast - ness of the faith - ful, and pil - lar stay - ing the Church,
and the help of all bowed down with griev - ous pains;
thou star ev - er scat - ter - ing with thy beams of well - pleas - ing prayers
the heav - y dark - ness of temp - ta - tions, of suf - fer - ings,

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Verse: Thy priests, O Lord, shall be clothed with righteousness, and Thy righteous shall rejoice.



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thou foun - tain that gush - est forth myrrh in My - ra a - bun - dant - ly,
as thou dost wa - ter souls, O mer - ci - ful Nich - o - las,
but the hate - ful smell of the pas - sions, thou dri - vest off;
sword whol - ly cut - ting out the tares of er - ror and false be - lief,
and fan that ful - ly doth win - now the chaf - fy
teach - ings of A - ri - us. Be - seech Christ the Sav - ior
to grant par - don of our sins — and Great Mer - cy to our souls.