

June 29th/June 30th
The Holy, Glorious Chiefs of the Apostles Peter & Paul

*These are sung on June 29th as the Stichera at the Praises.
They are also sung on June 30th as the Stichera at the Aposticha in Vespers.*

Byzantine Chant Tone 4

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

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih



1) When Christ the Mas - ter and Sav - ior spake the ques - tion



to His choir of Twelve A - pos - tles, say - ing un - to them:



Whom do men say that I am, O friends? Then came thē an - swer



from Pe - ter, who had re - ceive grace from on high,



as the most e - lect of Christ's dis - ci - ples and the first;



and he pro - claimed Christ's Di - vin - i - ty, and cried out clear - ly:



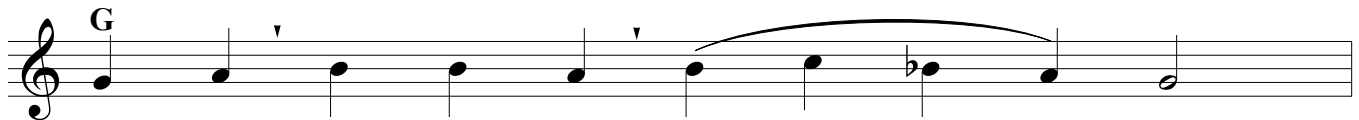
Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Liv - ing God.





And he is there - fore right - ly count - ed blest,




since he tru - ly re - ceived from the Heav - en's heights

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 the di - vine rev - e - la - - - tion


E

 and au - thor - i - ty to bind and loose.


12 E

 2) Thou who wast called — from on high and not by man - kind,

G E

 when thē earth - ly dark - ness had be - dimmed thy flesh - ly eyes,

D


 and by this blind - ing, had brought to light and shown forth clear - ly

E

 the dis - mal gloom - i - ness of im - pi - e - ty,

G E

 then the light from Heav - en shined its light - ning ra - di - ance

D

 up - on thē eyes of thy mind, O Paul, there - by re - veal - ing

E

 to thee the beau - ty of god - ly pi - e - ty.

Hence, thou didst come to know the One that doth

bring forth light out of dark - ness, yea, Christ our God.

Do thou there - fore en - treat Him

to en - light - en and to save our souls.

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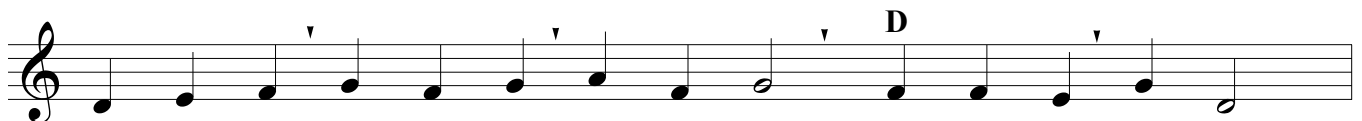
3) In ver - y truth, thou wast called the Rock most right - ly,


where - up - on the Lord hath strength-ened thē un - shake - a - ble

Faith of the Church; for He made of thee a great chief shep - herd

o - ver the ra - tion - al sheep of His own flock.


Where - fore, in that He is good, He hath ap - point - ed thee

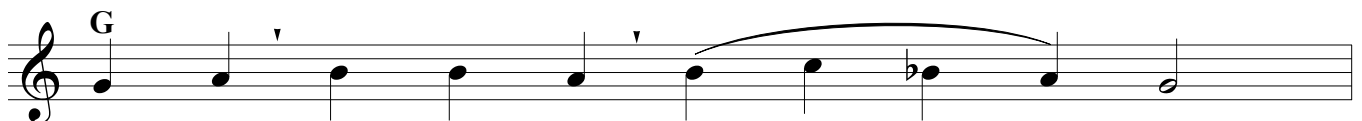
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 to hold the keys of the Heav - ens' gates, to o - pen un - to


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 all that with faith ___ strive to en - ter in there - at.

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 Hence, as was meet ___ and right, thou wast vouch - safed


 to be cru - ci - fied like as Thy Mas - ter was.

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 Do thou there - fore en - treat ___ Him

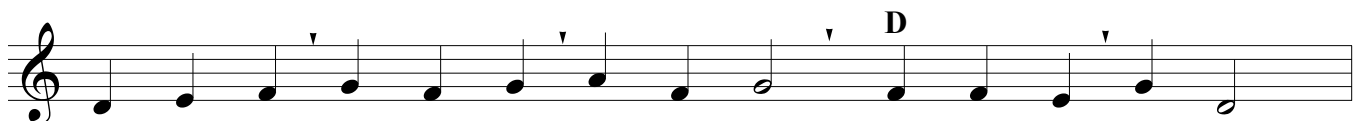
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 to en - light - en and to save our souls.

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 4) Bear-ing the Cross ___ as thy boast, O Christ - pro - claim - er,


G **E**

 thou in all sin - cer - i - ty didst choose be - fore all things

D

 the great - ly yearned - af - ter love of God, since it u - nit - eth


E


 all them that love _____ to _____ the One for Whom they long.

G E

 Where - fore thou wast e - ven called the pri - son - er of Christ,

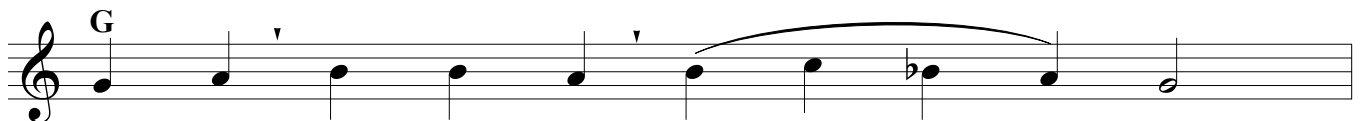
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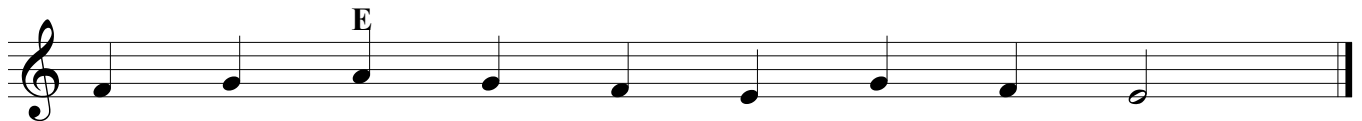
 choos - ing temp - ta - tions in all dis - tress as be - ing sweet - er

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 than ev - 'ry man - ner of pleas - ure and de - light,

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 and wast deemed wor - thy of an hon - ored death,


 and art now with thy Mas - ter, O bless - ed Paul.

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 Do thou there - fore en - treat _____ Him

E

 to en - light - en and to save our souls.