

First Saturday in November

St. Raphael, Bishop of Brooklyn

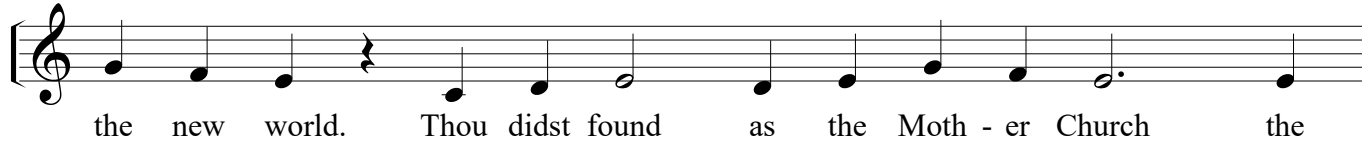
Stichera at the Praises

Byzantine Chant Tone/Mode 4
Special Melody: *Unto them that fear thee*

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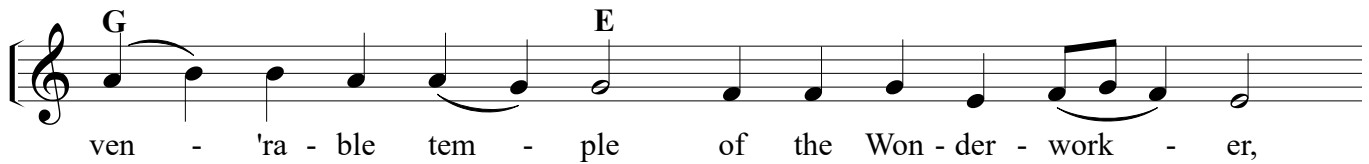


1) Safe be - neath thy pas - tor - al care the Church didst flour - ish in

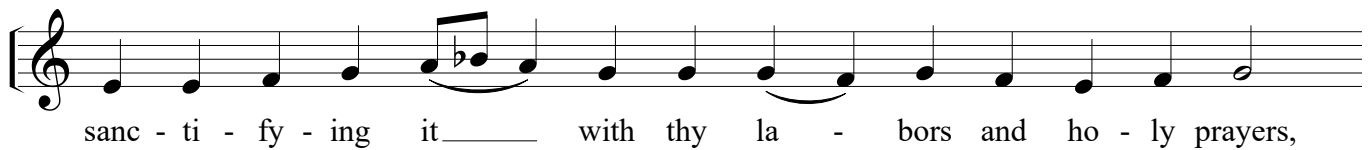


the new world. Thou didst found as the Moth - er Church the

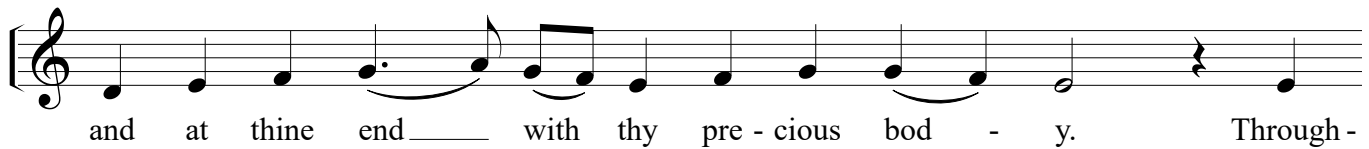
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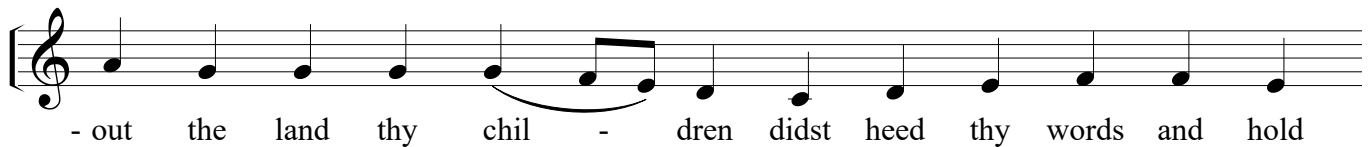
ven - 'ra - ble tem - ple of the Won - der - work - er,



sanc - ti - fy - ing it with thy la - bors and ho - ly prayers,

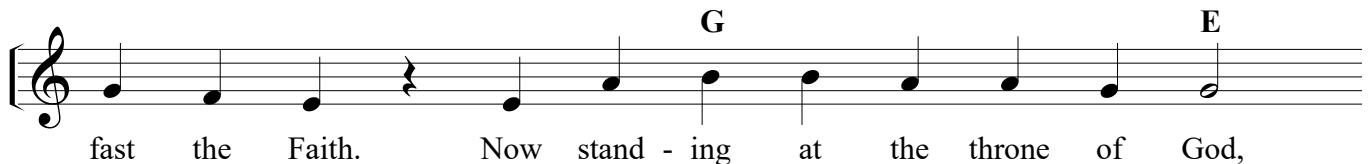


and at thine end with thy pre - cious bod - y. Through -

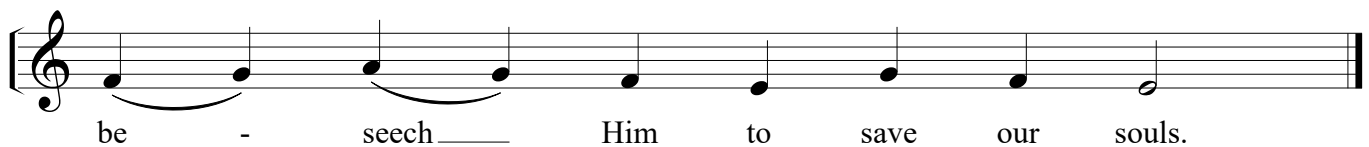


- out the land thy chil - dren didst heed thy words and hold

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fast the Faith. Now stand - ing at the throne of God,



be - seech Him to save our souls.

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9 E Un. E



2) Lov - er of the ho - ly prayers and di - vine ser - vic - es



of the Church, who can tell of the count - less hours spent

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in their trans - la - tion for the sake of thy flock?



Thou didst gath - er pearls from the Greek and Sla - von - ic tongues,



and fash - ioned them in - to pearls of Ar - a - bic. Thou



didst al - so teach us to pray in the lan - guage of

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the new world. Now stand - ing at the throne of God,



be - seech Him to save our souls.

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17 **E** **Un.** **E**

3) As a wor - thy hier - arch thou didst take up - on thy -

- self the needs and con - cerns of all thy flock. In

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towns and vil - lag - es and farms thou didst gath - er them to thee.

Thou didst keep thy sheep from stray - ing in - to strange pas - tures;

thy hand kept them safe from de - vour - ing wolves. Thy

deeds of love grew bright - er as the num - ber of

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church - es grew. Now stand - ing at the throne of God,

be - seech Him to save our souls.