

February 24th

First & Second Discoveries of St. John the Baptist's Head

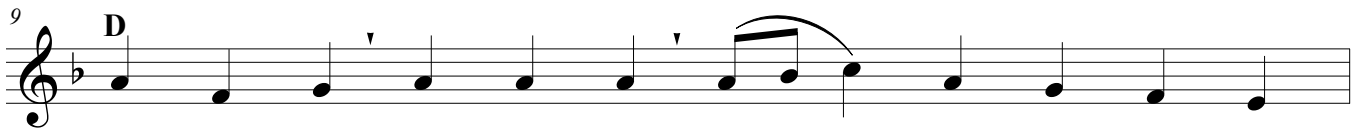
Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"


Byzantine Chant Tone 5
Special Melody: *Rejoice*

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

1) Re - joice, _____ thou sa - cred head _____ full of light,
2 re - vered by An - gels, yet cut off _____ by the sword of old;
3 for thou hadst, with cut - ting cen - sures, thy - self re - buked and hewn down
4 law - less deeds of shame _____ and _____ vile li - cen - tious - ness.
5 O foun - tain that wa - ter - est all the faith - ful with mir - a - cles,
6 the sav - ing ad - vent of the Sav - ior didst thou de - clare,
7 and thou didst per - ceive when the Spir - it, with wing'd de - scent,
8 came and a - bode up - on Him in time past; and thou didst be - come

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9 **D**

he that of grace mē - di - at - ed be - tween thē

10

Old and New Cov - e - nants. Be - seech Christ the Sav - ior

11


that for - give - ness and Great Mer - cy be grant - ed un - to us.


Verse 2


12 **D**

2) Though it _____ had once been hid _____ in a jar,

13 **A**

now is the head of the Fore - run - ner made man - i - fest,

14 **G D**

sent up in the sight of all _____ men out of the depths of thē earth,

15

pour - ing forth a - bun - dant _____ streams of mir - a - cles.

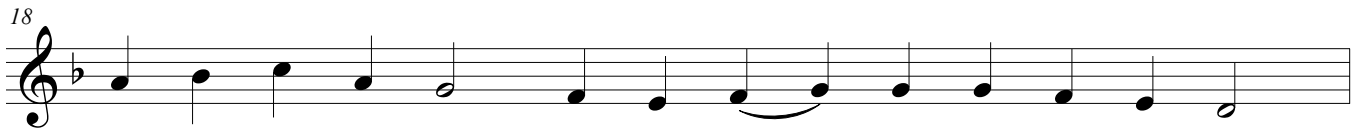
16 **A**

For this is the same that washed in the wa - ters the head of Him

17 **G D**

that doth sup - port His cham - bers high in the wa - ters and


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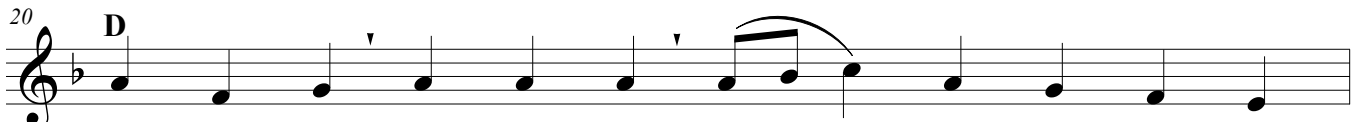
now doth make di - vine par - don rain — down on mor - tal men.

19




Let us — then call it bless - ed, since it tru - ly is praised of all;

20



and on the feast of its find - ing, let us keep

21



fes - ti - val joy - ous - ly, as it doth be - seech — Christ


22



that for - give - ness and Great Mer - cy be grant - ed to the world.


Verse 3

23



3) That head — which hath pro - claimed un - to all

24




the Lamb of God, Who was made man - i - fest in the flesh;

25



and which made the sav - ing ways of re - pen - tance plain un - to all

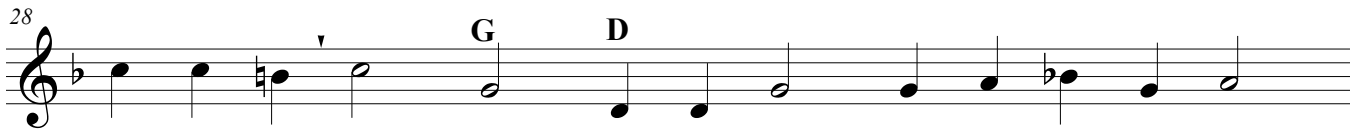
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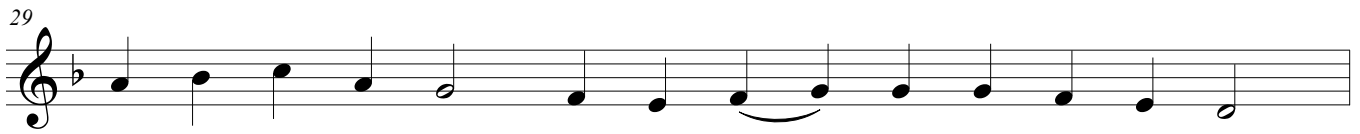



through di - vine in - struc - tions — and ad - mon - ish - ments;

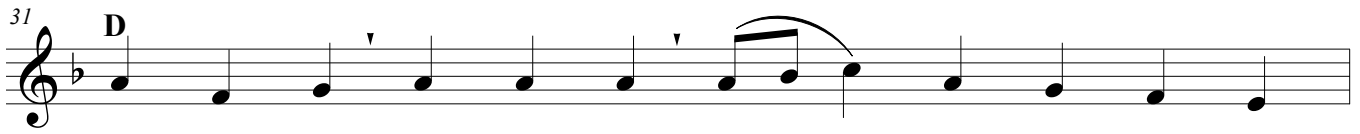
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27  A
which right - ly had once re - proved Her - od's law - less in - iq - ui - ty,

28  G D
and for this rea - son, from its bod - y was then cut off

29 
and did un - der - go a con - ceal - ment of man - y years,

30  G
now ris - eth up up - on us like a splen - did - ly beam - ing sun,

31  D
cry - ing: Re - pent ye, and with _____ all sin - cere com -

32 
-punc - tion of heart and soul cleave un - to the Lord _____ God,

33 
Who be - stow - eth His Great Mer - cy and peace up - on the world.