

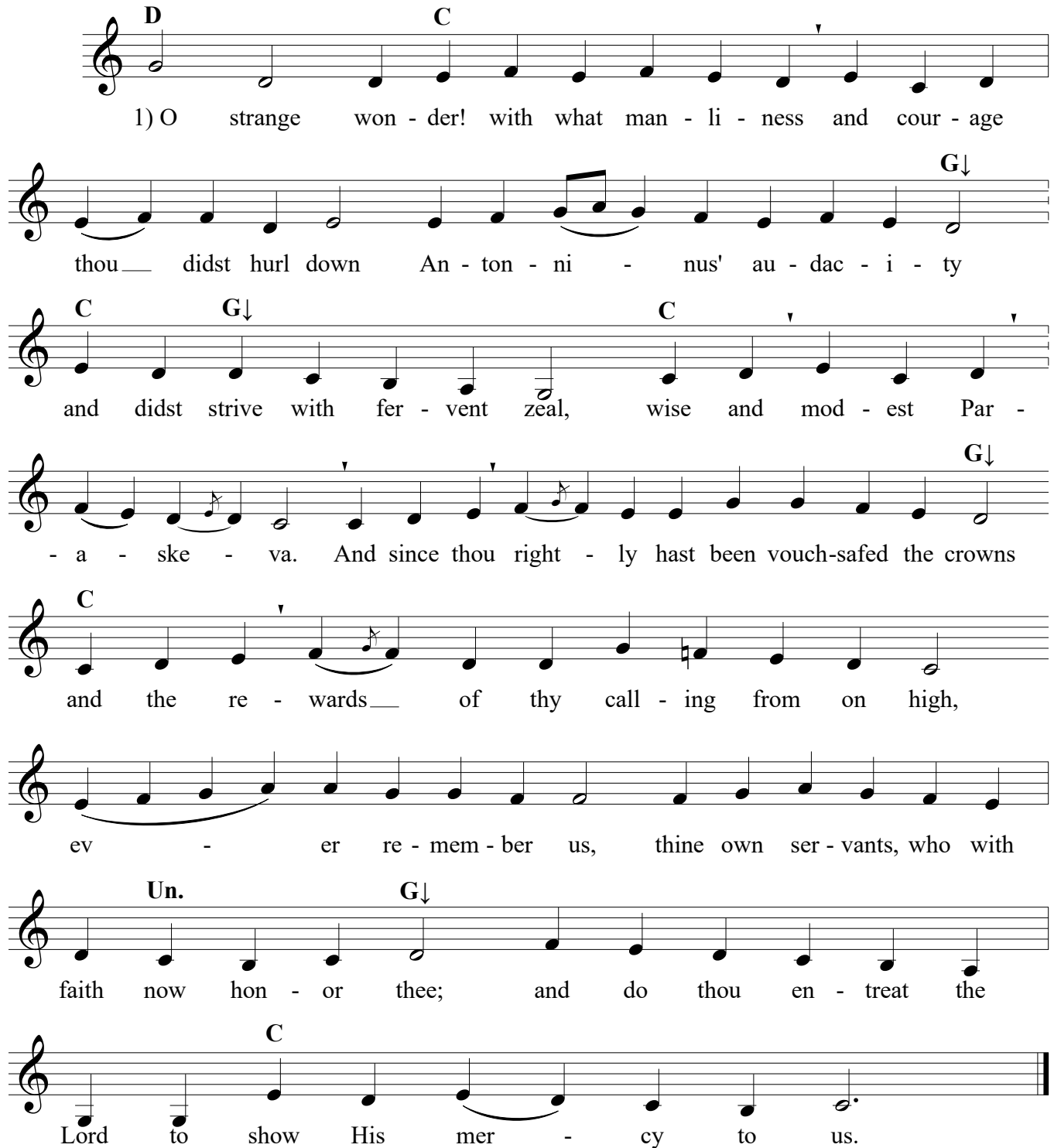
July 26th

# The Holy Venerable Virgin-Martyr Paraskeva of Rome

## Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Chant Tone 8  
Special melody: *O strange wonder*

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih  
from various sources



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1) O strange won - der! with what man - li - ness and cour - age

G↓

thou\_ didst hurl down An - ton - ni - nus' au - dac - i - ty

C G↓ C

and didst strive with fer - vent zeal, wise and mod - est Par -

G↓

- a - ske - va. And since thou right - ly hast been vouch-safed the crowns

C

and the re - wards\_ of thy call - ing from on high,

Un. G↓

ev - er re - mem - ber us, thine own ser - vants, who with

C

faith now hon - or thee; and do thou en - treat the

Lord to show His mer - cy to us.

2) O all - famed Mar - tyr of Christ our God, lov - ing with  
 all of thy soul Christ thy Mas - ter, thou val - iant - ly  
 bar - est all the pain - ful wounds of the tor - ments of  
 mar - tyr - dom; and when the scourg - ings had torn thy sides with stripes,  
 thou didst en - dure ev - 'ry tor - ture and af - front,  
 all for the sake of Him Whom thou ver - i - ly didst  
 love, O blest of God, and Who grant - ed crowns to  
 thee. Where - fore, we sing thy praise.

3) O right - eous Mar - tyr most glo - ri - ous, who hath the  
 pow - er to tell of the man - ly and mar - vel - ous  
 ex - ploits of thy mar - tyr - dom, and the priz - es thy  
 pains have\_ won? Or the great pa - tience and meek-ness thou didst show,  
 O mod - est maid - en, as though not wear - ing flesh?  
 Hence, O Par - a - ske - va, a com - pan - ion of thē  
 an - gels art thou now, as the Spir - it's ves - sel  
 and the Lord Al - might - y's bride.