

November 16th

# The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Chant Tone 4

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

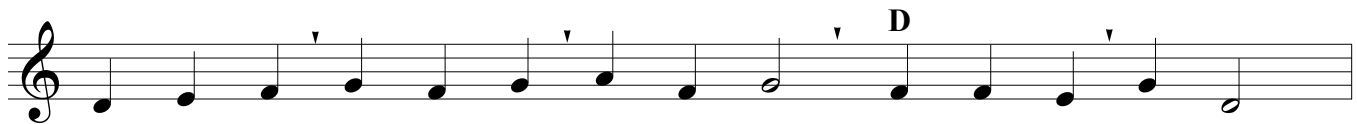
Adapted by Dn. John El Massih



1) When He that plumb - eth the hearts of men, O Mat - thew,  
2) *Called from a pub - li - can un - to a dis - ci - ple,*  
3) Of old, a man — who pos - sessed pro - phet - ic fore - sight



by di - vine fore - knowl - edge saw thy will to god - li - ness,  
*when thou wast called by the Word Who is be - gin - ning - less,*  
saw thee, O A - pos - tle, as a great and ho - ly stone



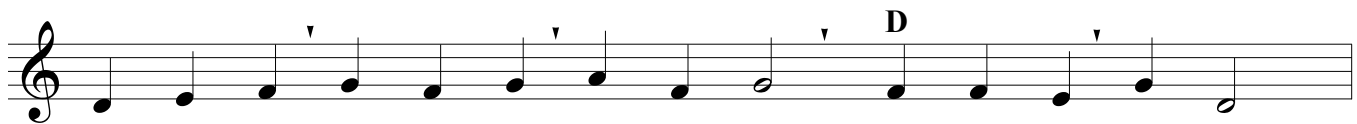
He freed thee from thē in - iq - ui - ty of thē un - just world;  
*and when He urged thee to fol - low Him and gave thee pro - mise*  
that rolled up - on thē earth, grind - ing down the mach - i - na - tions



and then He made — thee a u - ni - ver - sal light,  
*to make thee share — in — His King - dom with Him - self,*  
of dark de - cep - tion — that o - ver - throw the soul;



that thou might - est go forth and en - light - en bril - liant - ly  
*then, O bless - ed Mat - thew, thou didst leave all things be - hind,*  
for, O all - wise Mat - thew, thē en - hy - po - stat - ic Word



the farth - est re - gions of all the world, O great A - pos - tle;  
*with - draw - ing far from all tur - bu - lence and world - ly tur -moil;*  
made thee a light of the world en - tire and a great her - ald

