

January 22-28: Sunday of the New Martyrs and  
Confessors of Russia

*Additional stichera on "Lord I have cried", in Tone 4:*

(2) *Reader:* In the 4th Tone: O praise the Lord, all ye nations;

II-chant melody

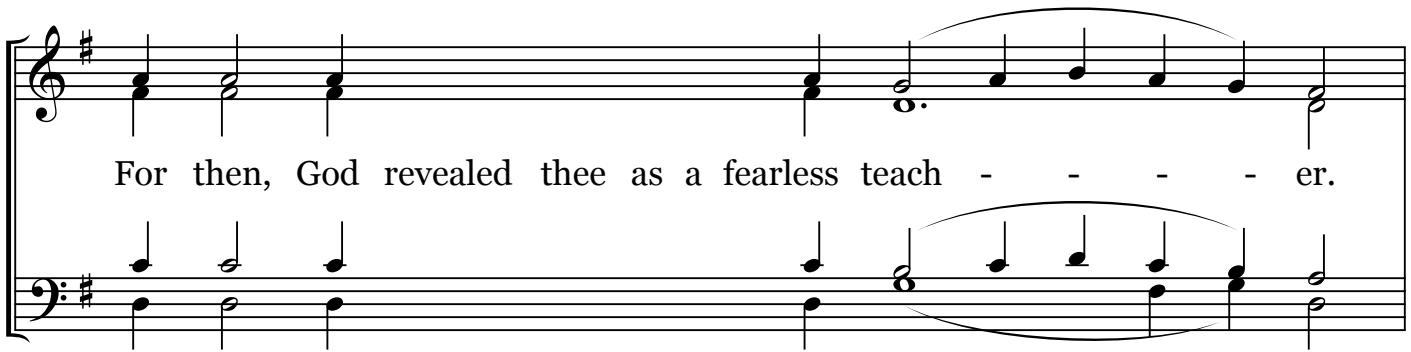
Praise Him, all ye peo - - - ples.

I-descant

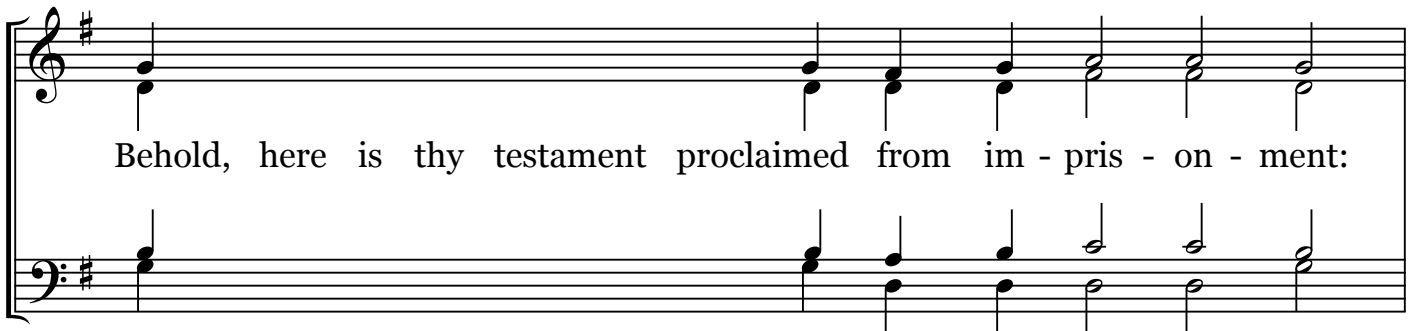
Meek, yet steadfast, wast thou, O elect of the city of Pe - ter,

hier-o-mar-tyr Ben-ja-min, who wast con-demned by new Copronymuses

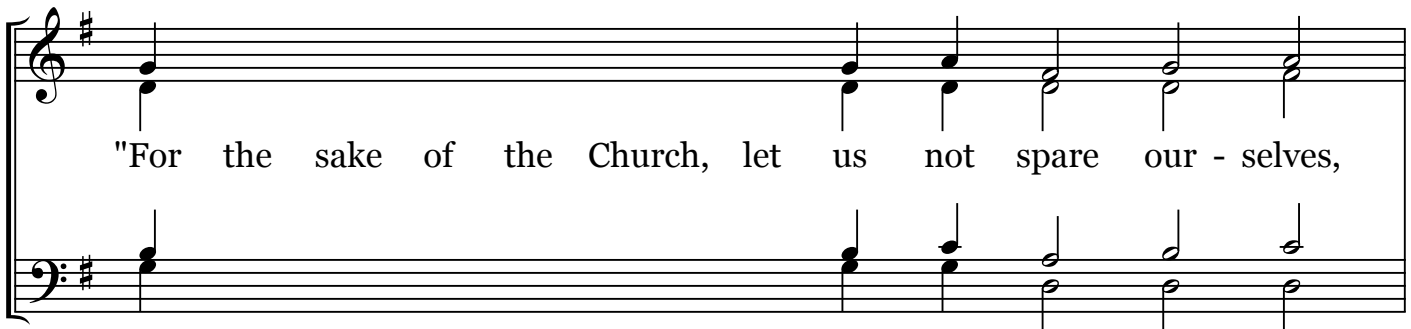
and betrayed by false pas - tors to an authority op - posed to God.



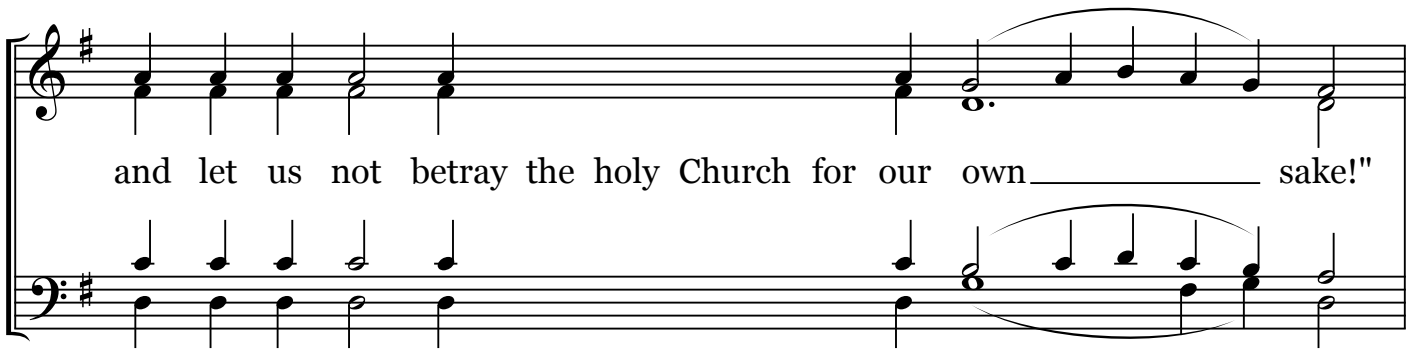
For then, God revealed thee as a fearless teach - - - er.



Behold, here is thy testament proclaimed from im - pris - on - ment:



"For the sake of the Church, let us not spare our - selves,



and let us not betray the holy Church for our own \_\_\_\_\_ sake!"

And at the lawless tribunal thy discourse was a-maz-ing to all: "Ye of-fer

me now death or life; but sign - ing myself with the sign of the holy

Cross, \_\_\_\_\_ I say: Glory to Thee for all things, O Lord — God!"

(1) *Reader:* For He hath made His mercy to prevail over us,

And the truth of the Lord a - bi - deth for - ev - - - - er.

The image shows a musical score for a single line of text. It consists of two staves, a treble clef on the top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The melody is written on the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The text 'And the truth of the Lord a - bi - deth for - ev - - - - er.' is written below the staves. The word 'er.' is preceded by four dashes, indicating a long note. The music is in a simple, homophonic style.

O victims for God who were buried alive, /  
cast down into a well-like pit! /  
First of all the passion-bearer Elizabeth, /  
the merciful princess who strove for the things of heaven, /  
finding the pearl of Orthodoxy in her new homeland, /  
who in accordance with the Gospel forgave the slayer of her husband, /  
and who pleased God with prayer and benevolence, /  
yet was not spared by the godless! /  
Pray also for us, ye holy princes! /  
Pray for all, ye venerable passion-bearers Elizabeth and faithful Barbara! /  
Hearken unto us, ye who were buried in the Garden of Gethsemane. /  
Give ear to us, ye whose place of burial is unknown! /  
Hear us, ye holy seven, received together into the mansions of heaven, //  
and pray to God in our behalf!