

**January 22-28: Sunday of the New Martyrs of Russia  
Stichera at the Praises, Tone 6 (Kievan)**

(2) Reader: In the 6th Tone: Praise Him with timbrel and dance,

II-chant melody

Praise Him with strings and flute.

I-descant

Our sacred and great Council of All Russia /  
heard the dreadful report of the persecutions /  
raised against the Church of God, /  
and its members all joined in one conciliar thought /  
and appointed prayers for the persecuted and the slain, /  
confessors and martyrs, /  
on the day of the suffering and death of the holy hierarch Vladimir. /  
He who today doth reason with the Church knoweth: /  
the days of the repose of those who have departed unto God amidst torment /  
are called the days of their birth.' /  
Wherefore, let us celebrate this feast //  
as the nativity of the new passion-bearers of Russia.

(1) *Reader:* Praise Him with tuneful cymbals, praise Him with cymbals of jubilation.

The image shows a musical score for the text "Let every breath praise the Lord." It consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Let ev - - ery breath praise the Lord." The word "ev" is split across two notes, and "ery" is split across two notes. There are long horizontal lines under "praise" and "the Lord." indicating a long note or a rest.

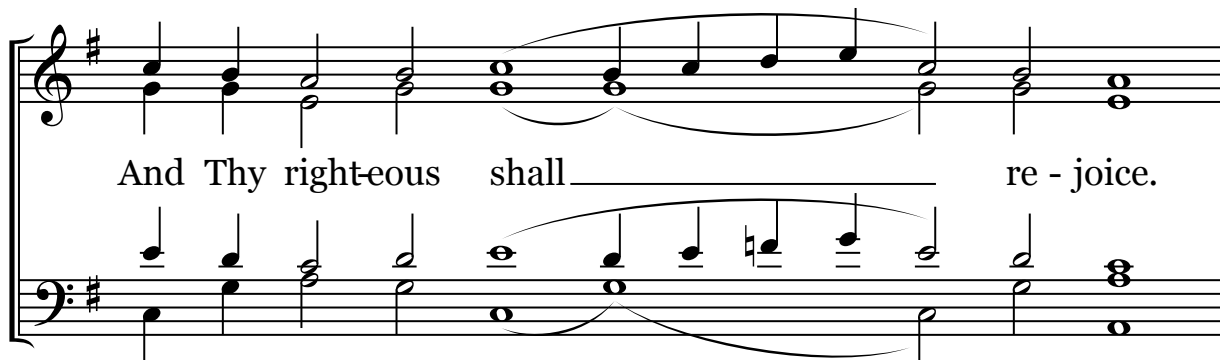
The first who were slain for the Faith and the Church /  
were the first commemorated by name by the most holy Patriarch. /  
O holy hierarch Vladimir, lamb of the Caves, /  
and ye senior priests: John, Peter, Joseph and Paul, /  
ye venerable martyrs Gervasius and Gerasimus, /  
and ye hieromartyrs Paul, Peter and Theodore, /  
Michael, Vladimir and Constantine, /  
deacon John, novice Anthony and custodian John, /  
with the vast multitude of clergy, monks and laity, /  
whose names are all known unto the Lord: //  
Entreat Him, that we be saved.

*Festal Stichos:* Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord;

In His com-mand-ments shall \_\_\_\_\_ he\_\_ great - ly de-light.

O ye that with the holy Tsar were oppressed every day. /  
 O holy and passion-bearing Tsaritsa and royal virgins, /  
 holy royal son, and faithful fellow sufferers who served you: /  
 unjustly were ye all slain at night; /  
 and utterly consumed as victims for justice, /  
 ye are become mediators for us, like incense well-pleasing unto God. /  
 Ye also who on the next day were buried alive /  
 amid dreadful torments /  
 with the holy Princess and her companion. /  
 And now, O Tsar Nicholas, /  
 leading all that suffered with thee, /  
 O holy lamenter of our generation, //  
 like a new Job, entreat the Lord to forgive all.

***Festal Stichos: In the 8th Tone: Thy priests shall be clothed with righteousness,***



And Thy righteous shall re-joice.

Condemned by the godless, /  
the priests of God whom the holy Patriarch had blessed /  
to undergo torments and death for Christ /  
refused to ask for mercy. /  
And when on the morrow they were led to execution, /  
the guardsmen were at a loss  
how to drive back the faithful who came forth to meet them /  
For the people kissed the doomed ones condemned to death /  
and their sacred hands and the hem of their garments /  
and some chanted triumphantly: /  
"Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death! //  
O Lord, through the supplications of these hieromartyrs,  
have mercy upon us!

*Glory... and the appointed Gospel Sticheron*