

**November 5: Martyrs Galacteon & Epistemi**  
**Stichera on "Lord I have cried"**  
**Tone 8, Special Melody "O most glorious wonder..."**  
 Optina Hermitage

**(3) Reader:** In the 8th Tone, Special Melody: "O Most Glorious Wonder"  
 For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption;

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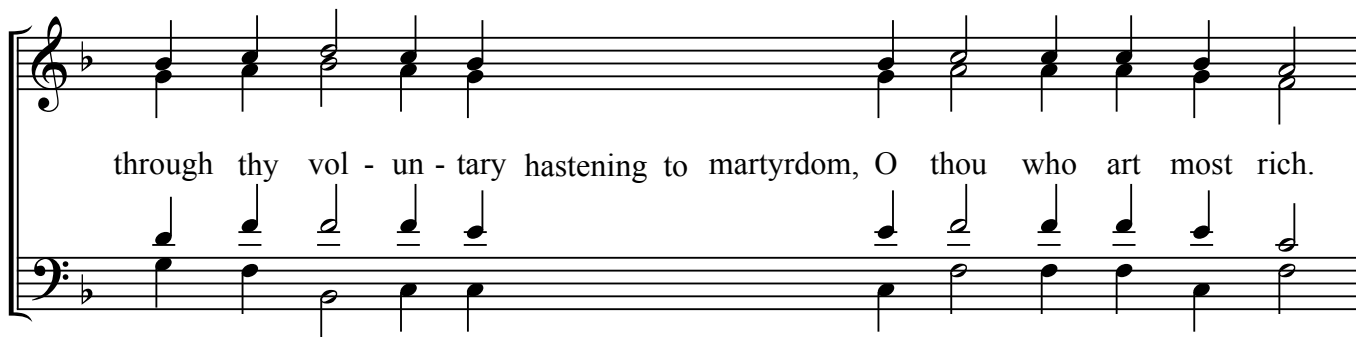
And He shall redeem Israel out of all his in - i - qui - ties.

Nur-tured on the milk\_\_\_\_\_ of faith, thou didst at - tain ma - tur - i - ty in Christ

because of thy man - y tor - ments and tribulations, O Ga - lac - te - on,

hav - ing be - come an acceptable sacrifice and a perfect im - mo - la - tion

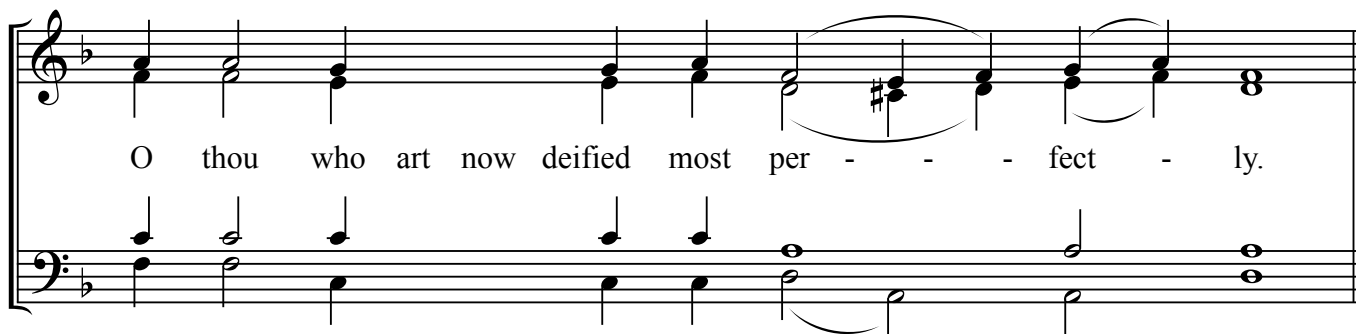
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through thy vol - un - tary hastening to martyrdom, O thou who art most rich.

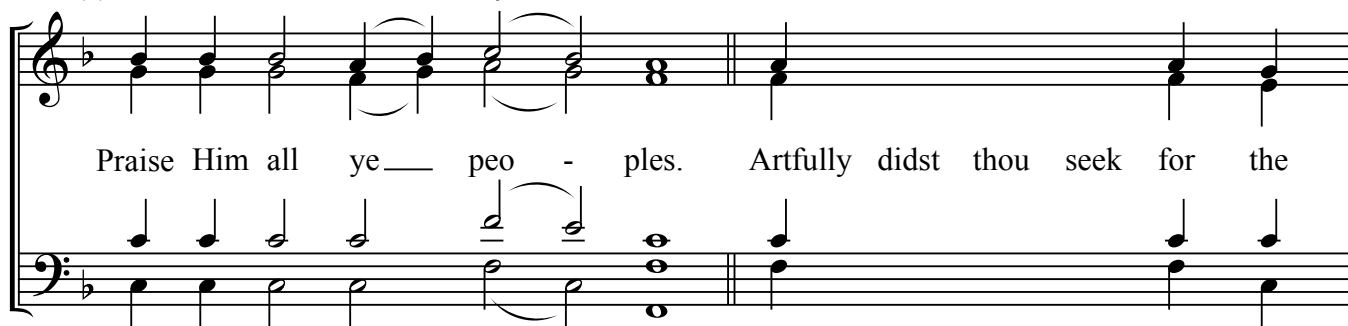


O thy firm and stead - fast - faith, where-by thou didst re - ceive God,

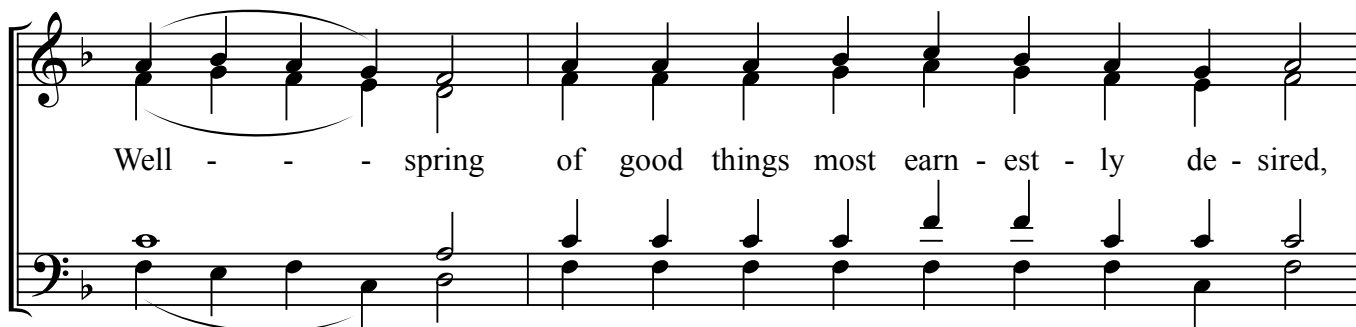


O thou who art now deified most per - - - fect - ly.

(2) *Reader:* O Praise the Lord, all ye nations;



Praise Him all ye - - - peo - ples. Artfully didst thou seek for the



Well - - - spring of good things most earn - est - ly de - sired,

and with the splen - dors there-of thou didst il - lu - mine soul and mind,

O thou who art bless-ed of God; and with might-y opposition thou didst cast down

the an - cient ty - rant of great craft, O much suffering martyr

Ep - i - ste - - mi, thou di - vine a - dorn - ment of mon - as - - ties.

(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 two all - ra - di - ant luminaries of the no - et - - ic East

shine forth with grace and piously illumine all cre - a - - - tion

with the trans - cen - dent splen - dors of their suf - fer - ings and the di - vine

flames of heal - ings. And honoring their most splen - - - did feast,

we glo - ri - fy Christ who il - lu - min - eth all for - - their - - sake.