

**October 1 (Sunday): The Protection of the Most Holy Virgin  
Stichera on the Praises, Tone 8,  
Special Melody "O most glorious wonder..."  
Optina Hermitage Melody**

**(2) Reader:** Praise Him with timbrel and dance,

I-descant  
II- chant  
melody

Praise Him with strings and flute.

We fall down before thee, O La - - - dy, and rendering homage, we entreat

thee with com-punc - - - - tion: Re-joice, O Mis-tress bless - ed of God,

O Virgin of great renown, who wast prefigured with honor by the pro - - - phets!

For on thee did Christ God de - scend like dew, and thou gav - est birth

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains a series of chords, mostly triads and dyads, in a B-flat major key signature. The bass staff contains a simple harmonic accompaniment with quarter and eighth notes.

to Him without knowing wedlock, O pure one, and didst hold in thine arms the

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. It features a treble staff with chords and a bass staff with a steady accompaniment. There are some rests and longer note values in the treble staff.

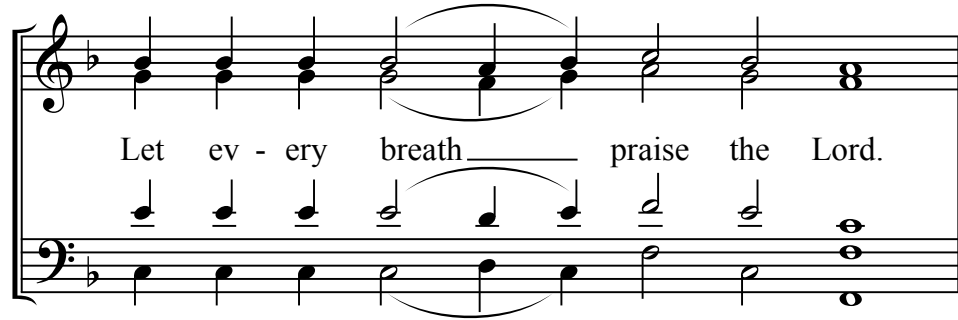
Cre - a - tor and Lord of all. To Him do thou now pray for us

The third system of musical notation continues the piece. The treble staff has several phrases with slurs, and the bass staff provides a consistent accompaniment.

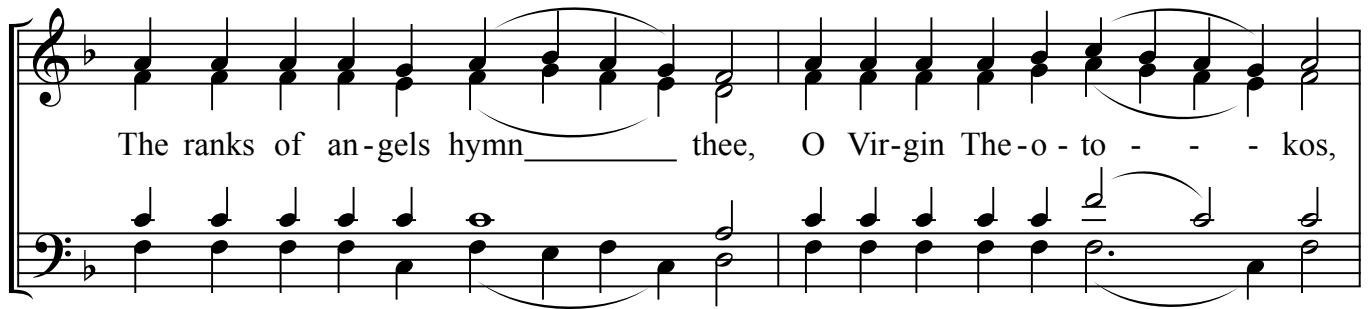
who glo - ri - fy the feast of thy pro - tec - - - - tion with faith.

The fourth and final system of musical notation concludes the piece. It features a treble staff with a final cadence and a bass staff with a concluding accompaniment. The text ends with a period.

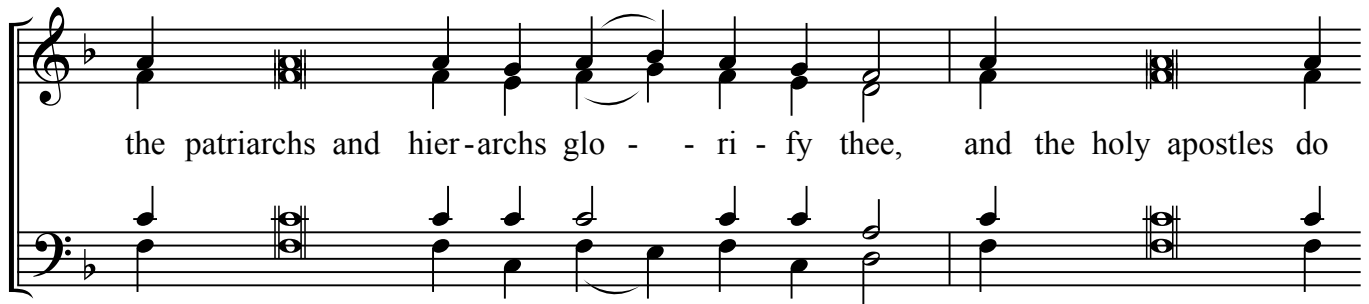
(1) *Reader:* Praise Him with tuneful cymbals,  
praise Him with cymbals of jubilation.



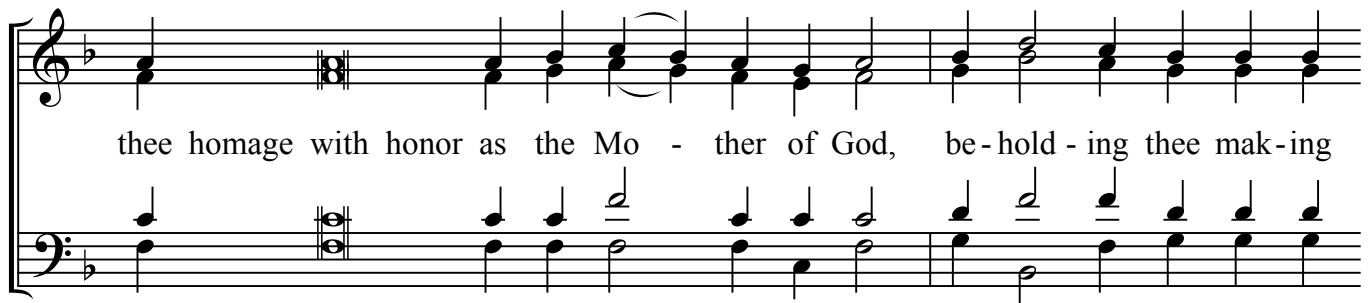
Let ev - ery breath ——— praise the Lord.



The ranks of an-gels hymn ——— thee, O Vir-gin The-o - to - - - kos,



the patriarchs and hier-archs glo - - ri - fy thee, and the holy apostles do



thee homage with honor as the Mo - ther of God, be-hold - ing thee mak-ing

entreaty for the world

en-treat - y for the world to Christ God, the Sa - vior of all. Un - to

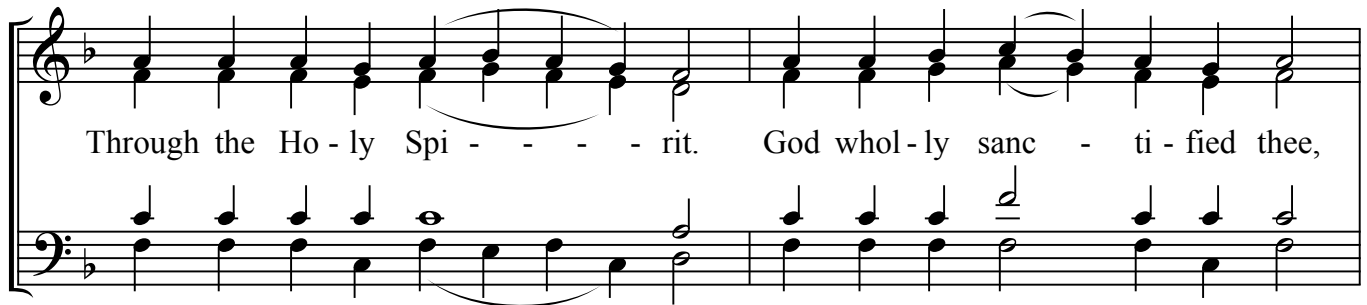
Him\_ do thou pray, that He deliver the cit - y and peo - - - - ple

who glo-rify thee with faith and honor the feast of thy pro-tec - - - - tion.

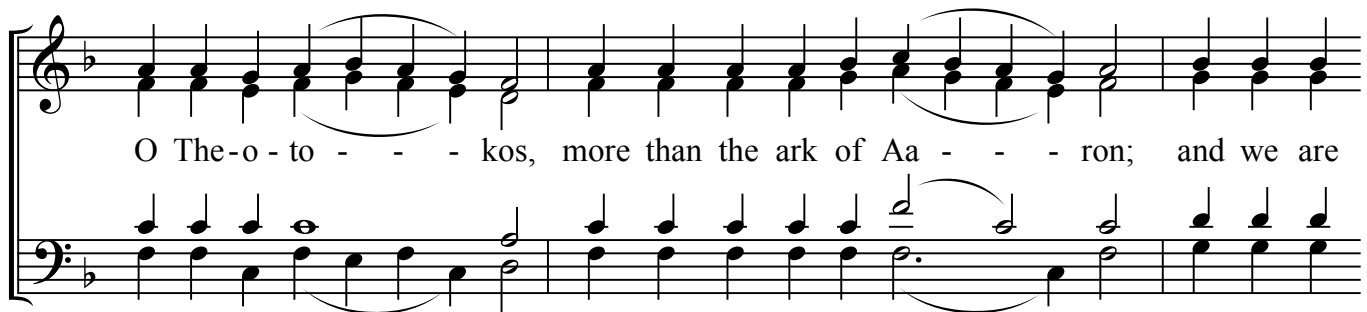
*Reader:* Hearken, O daughter, and see,



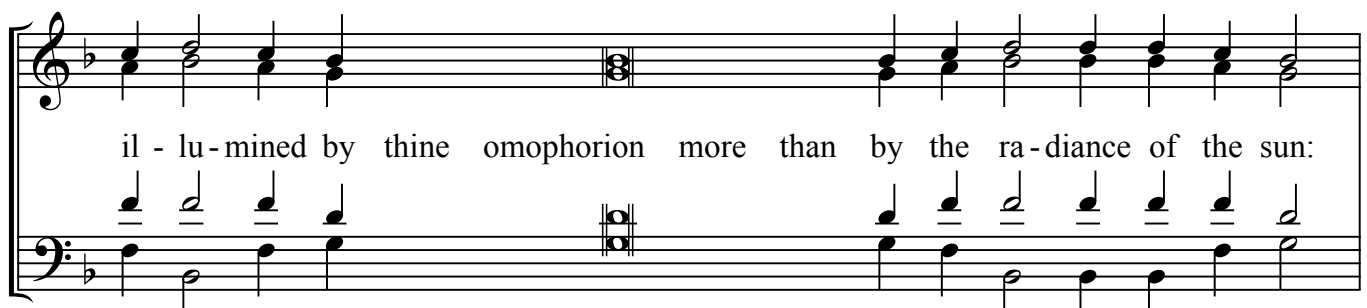
And in - cline thine ear.



Through the Ho - ly Spi - - - rit. God whol - ly sanc - ti - fied thee,



O The - o - to - - - kos, more than the ark of Aa - - - ron; and we are



il - lu - mined by thine omophorion more than by the ra - diance of the sun:

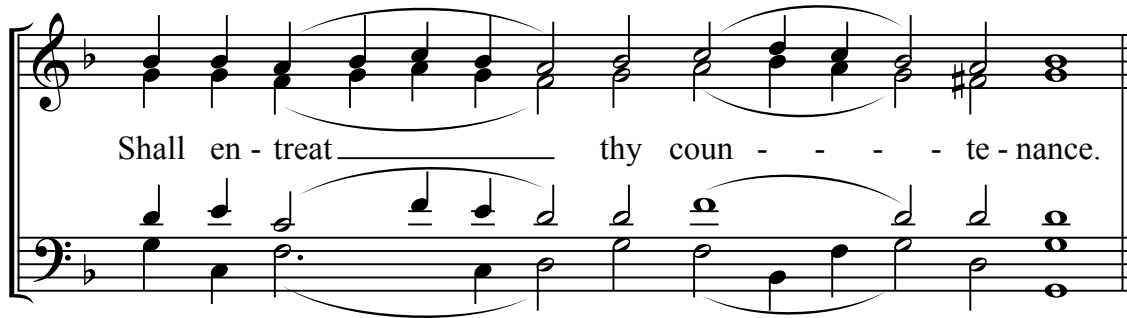
for thou dost enlighten the church and the peo - ple, dost drive a-way the

dark-ness of our sins, and deliverest from misfortunes and sor - - - rows

those who hon - or with faith the feast of thy precious pro-tec - - - - tion.

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**Reader:** In the 6th Tone; The rich among the people



Shall en - treat thy coun - - - te - nance.

In that the all-wondrous Andrew /  
beheld thee with a multitude of archangels, /  
with the apostles and prophets, and the vast company of the martyrs, /  
praying to thy Son and our God for the city and people, O Mistress, /  
and covering them by thy precious omophorion, /  
fail not, O all-pure one, /  
to save the excellent inheritance of thy Son, /  
which doth celebrate thine all honored feast, //  
O thou who art greatly hymned.