

December 6: St. Nicholas of Myra
Aposticha of Vespers
Tone 5, Special Melody "Rejoice"
Optina Hermitage

Re-joyce, O sa - cred one, pure a-bode of the vir - - - tues,

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in G major. The treble staff contains a series of chords and single notes, with a fermata over the final measure. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with a similar melodic line.

standard of the most di-vine priest - - - hood, great shep - - - herd,

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. It includes a fermata over the final measure of the treble staff.

most ra - di - ant bea - con, who bear - est vic - tor - y in thy name,

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. It includes a fermata over the final measure of the treble staff.

who inclinest mercifully to those who en-treat thee, bend - ing thine ear

The fourth system concludes the hymn with the final line of text. It includes a fermata over the final measure of the treble staff.

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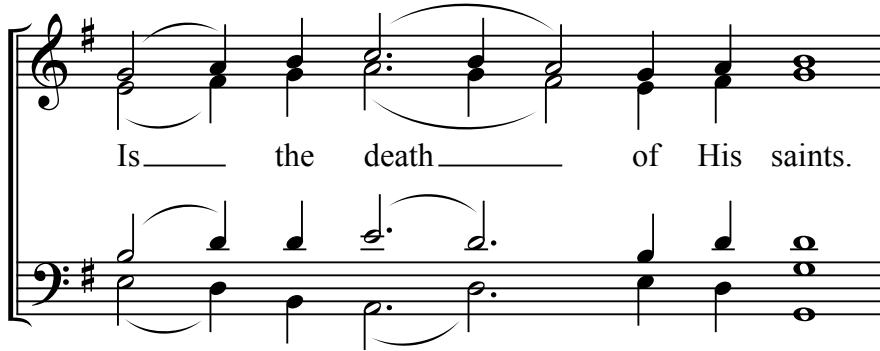
to the pleas of the in - firm, read - y de - liv - er - er, sav - ing

preserver of all who with faith honor thy most glori-ous mem - - - o - ry!

O all - blessed one, be - seech _____ Christ,

that He send down great mer - cy up - on _____ the world!

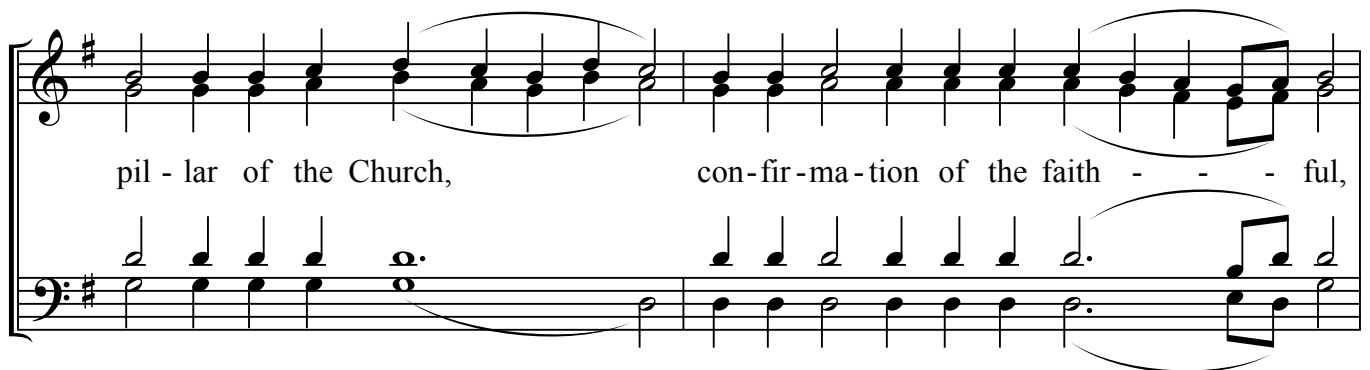
Stichos: Precious in the sight of the Lord



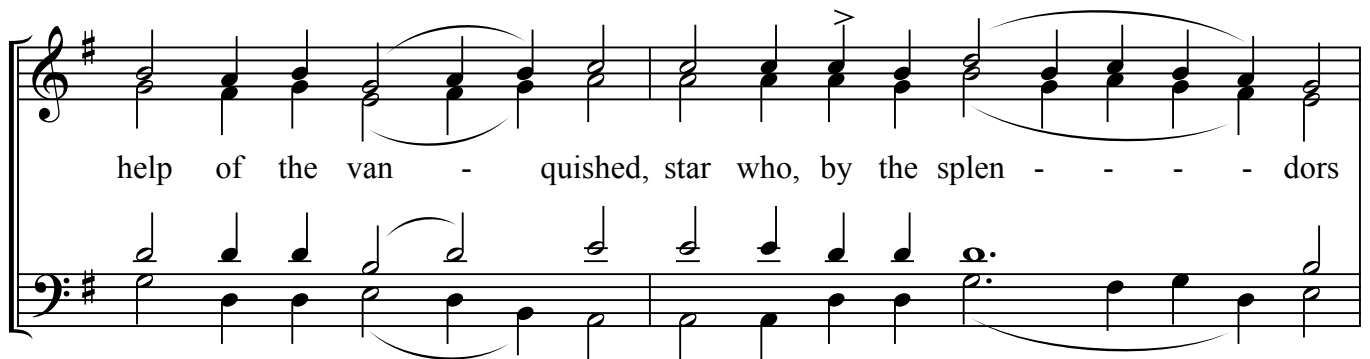
Is the death of His saints.



Re-joice, O most sa - cred mind, pure hab - i - ta - tion of the Tri - - - ni - ty,



pil - lar of the Church, con - fir - ma - tion of the faith - - - ful,



help of the van - quished, star who, by the splen - - - - dors

of thy right-acceptable sup-pli-ca - - tions dost ev - er dispel the darkness of

perils and sor - - - rows, calm ha - ven to which those beset by the three-fold

waves of life, has - ten and find sal - va - - - tion. O holy hierarch Nicholas

en - treat Christ, that He grant great mer - cy to our souls!

Stichos: Thy priest shall be clothed with righteousness,

And thy right - eous shall re - joice.

Re - joice, O thou who wast filled with di - vine zeal, and who,

by thy dread confron - ta - tion and warn - - - ings, didst deliver from a

wick - ed sen - tence those who were to be executed un - just - - - ly.

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O well-spring in My - ra, pour-ing forth myrrh in a - bun - - - dance,

giv-ing drink to our souls and driv-ing away the foetor of the pas - - - sions.

O sword mow-ing down the tares of false - hood, O win - nowing-fan scattering

like chaff the teach-ings of Ar - - - i - us! O Nich-o - las pray thou

that He send down great mer - cy up - on - - our souls.

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