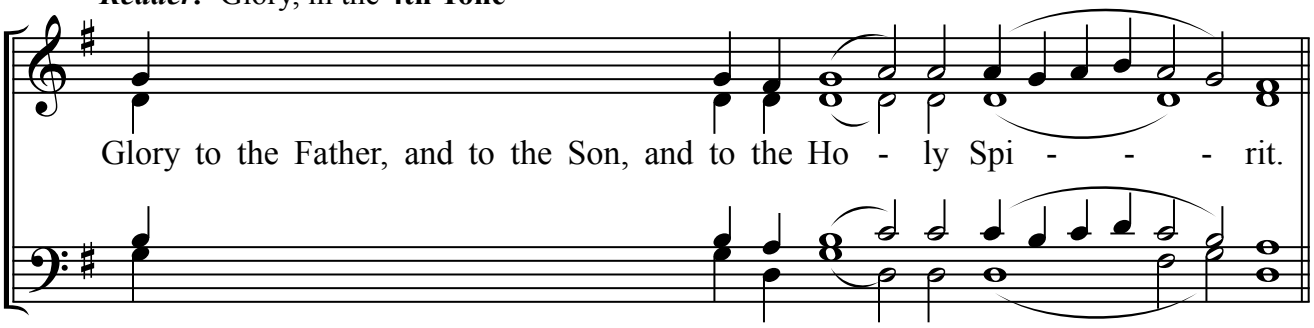
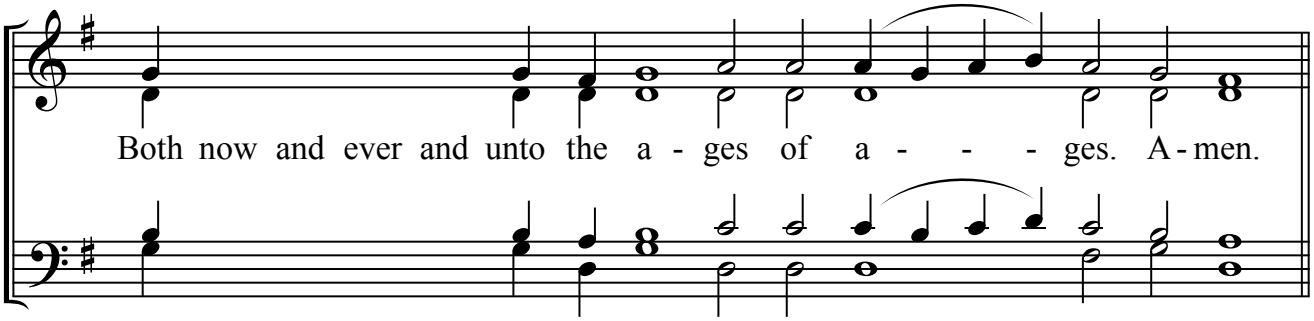
January 7: Stichera of the Aposticha

Reader: Glory, in the **4th Tone**



As a lover of the Spirit, / a swallow who is clearly the harbinger / of the gracious dispensation of God the King, / who shone forth brightly upon the human race from the pure one, / unto the restoration of men, / O Forerunner, thou didst shine forth, / utterly uplifting the spirits of the downcast, / and guiding aright the hearts of those who are baptized in repentance, // that they may receive everlasting life, O blessed God-pleaser.

Reader: Both now and ever... in the same tone.



Come ye, and let us emulate the wise virgins! / Come ye, let us greet the Master Who hath appeared unto us! / For He hath come to John like a Bridegroom. / The Jordan, seeing Thee, was afraid and ceased its flow. / And John cried out: "I dare not touch the head of the Immortal One!" / The Spirit descended in the form of a dove to sanctify the water. / And a voice was heard from heaven, saying: / "This is my Son Who hath come into the world to save the human race!" / O Lord, glory be to Thee!