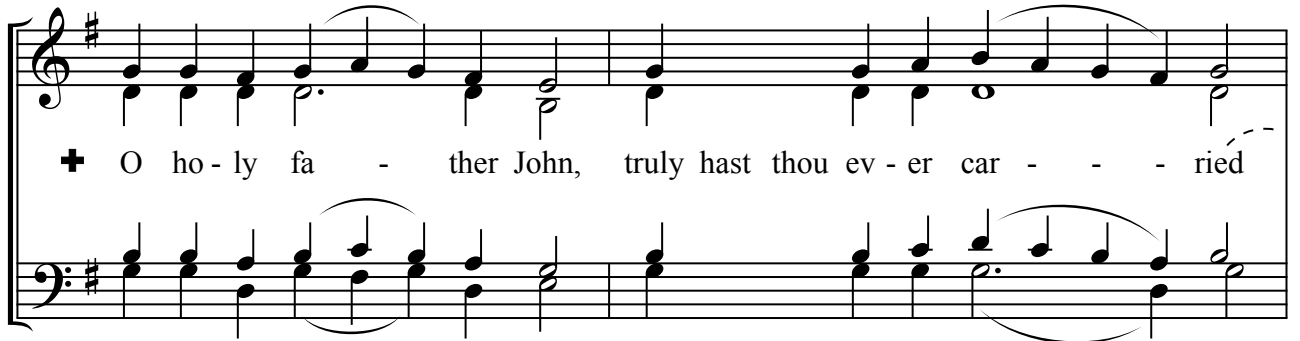


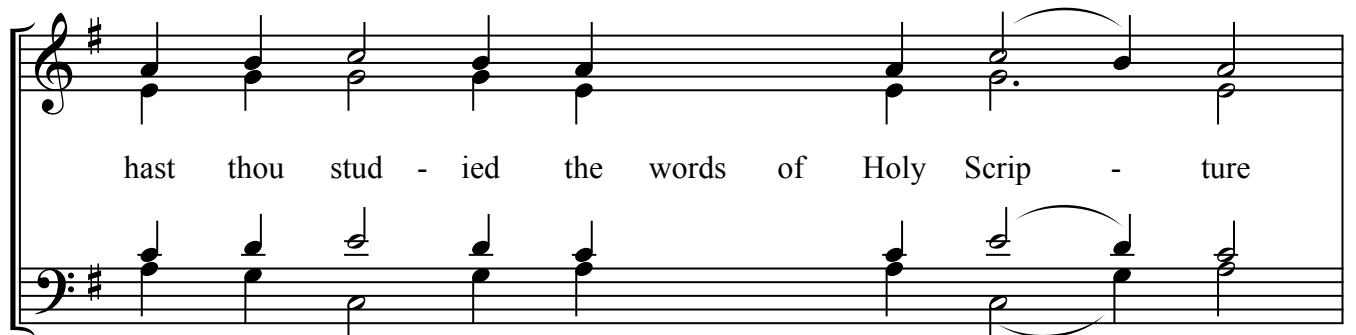
4th Sunday: St. John of the Ladder
Stichera on "Lord I have cried"
Tone 8, Special Melody "O Most Glorious Wonder..."
Optina Hermitage Chant



✙ O ho - ly fa - ther John, truly hast thou ev - er car - - - ried



on thy lips the prais - es of the Lord, and with great wis - - - dom



hast thou stud - ied the words of Holy Scrip - ture

that teach us how to practise the as - cet - ic life. so hast thou gained the

rich - es of grace, and thou hast be - come bless - - - ed,

o - ver - throw - ing all the purposes of the un - god - - - - ly.

✙ Most glo - ri - ous fa - ther John, with the fountain of thy tears

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff joined by a brace on the left. 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 placed between the two staves.

thou hast cleansed thy soul, and by keeping vig-ils through the night,

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

thou hast gained God's mer - - - cy. Thou wast raised on wings,

The third system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

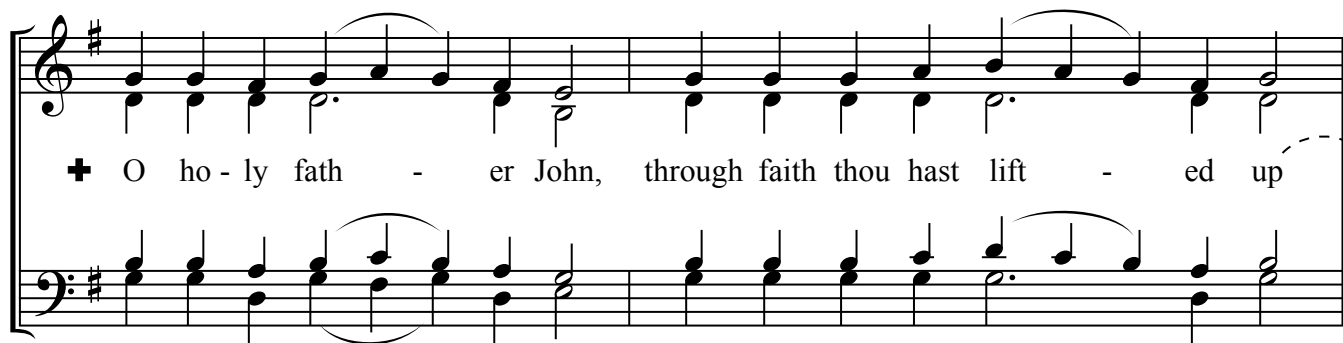
O bless - ed one, to the love of Him and of His beau - ty;

The fourth system of musical notation concludes the piece with the final melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

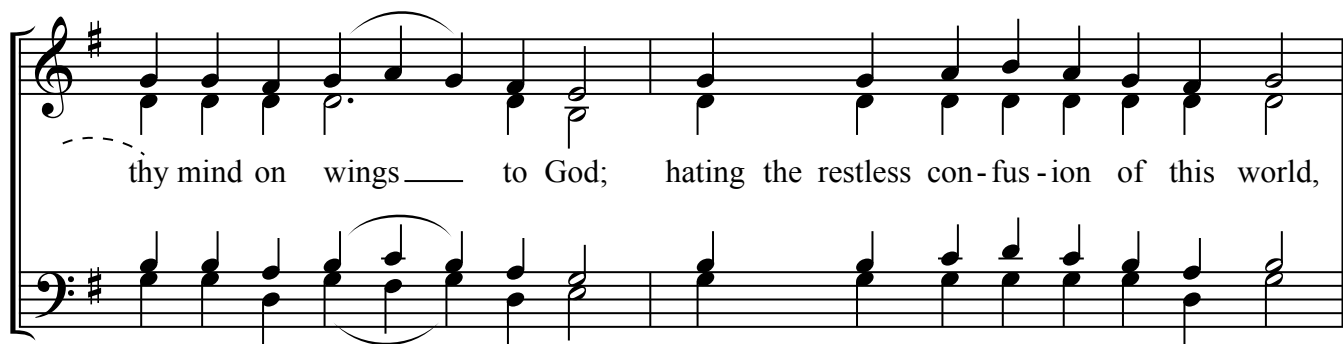
and as is right thou dwellest now in His un - end - ing joy,

with thy fellow soldiers in the spi - ri - tu - al fight,

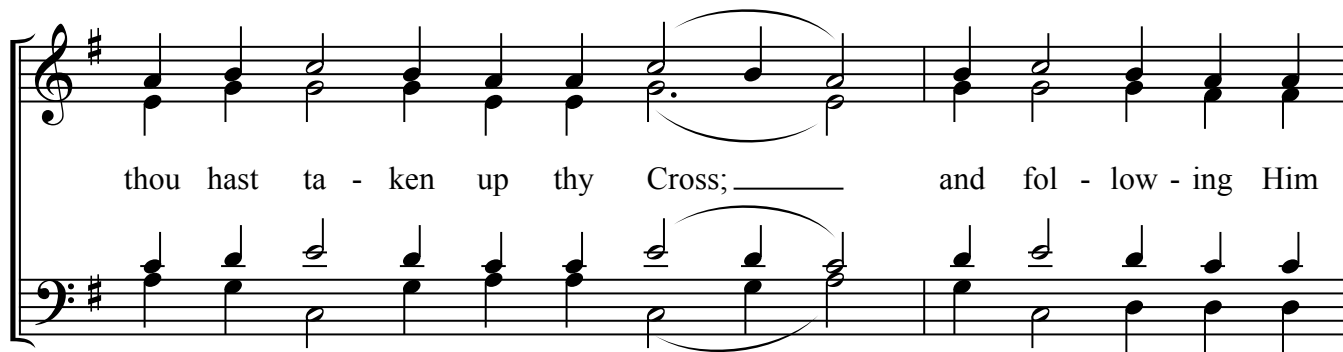
O ho - - - ly saint of God.



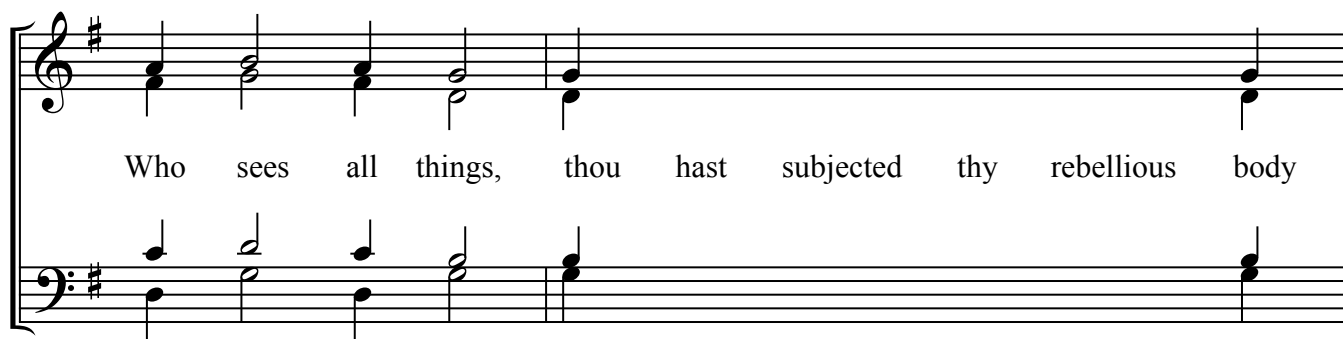
+ O ho - ly fath - er John, through faith thou hast lift - ed up



thy mind on wings — to God; hating the restless con-fus-ion of this world,



thou hast ta - ken up thy Cross; — and fol - low - ing Him



Who sees all things, thou hast subjected thy rebellious body

to His guidance

to His guid - - - ance through as - ce - tic dis - ci-pline,

by the pow - er of the Ho - ly Spi - - - - rit.