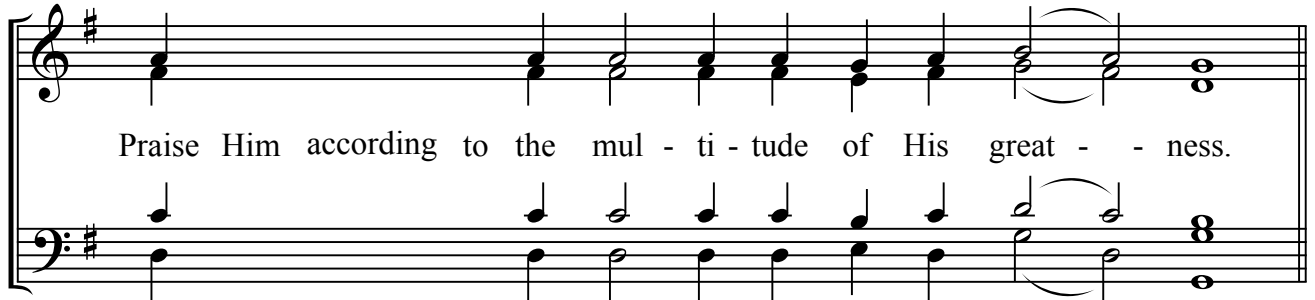
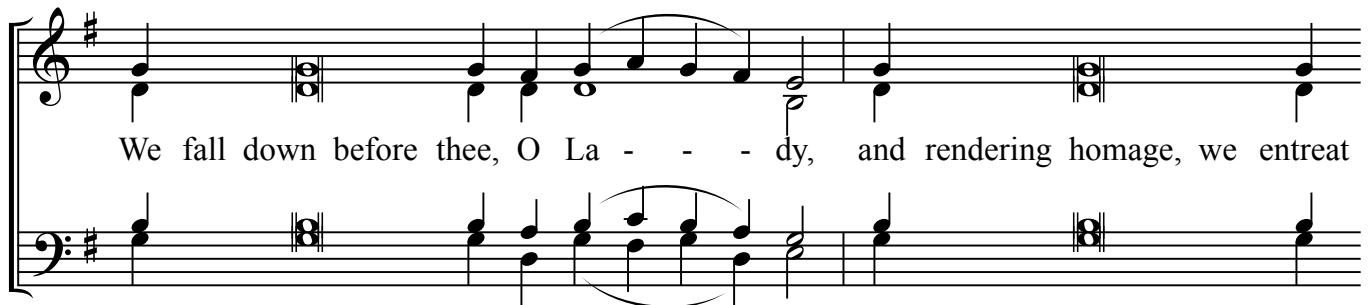


**October 1: The Protection of the Most Holy Virgin**  
**Stichera on the Praises, Tone 8,**  
**Special Melody "O most glorious wonder..."**  
**Optina Hermitage Melody**

(4) *Reader:* Praise Him for His mighty acts,



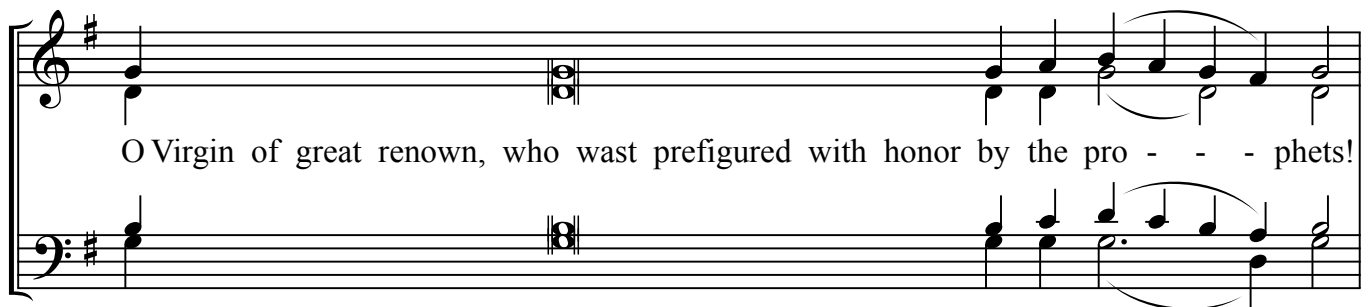
Praise Him according to the mul - ti - tude of His great - - ness.



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

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

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

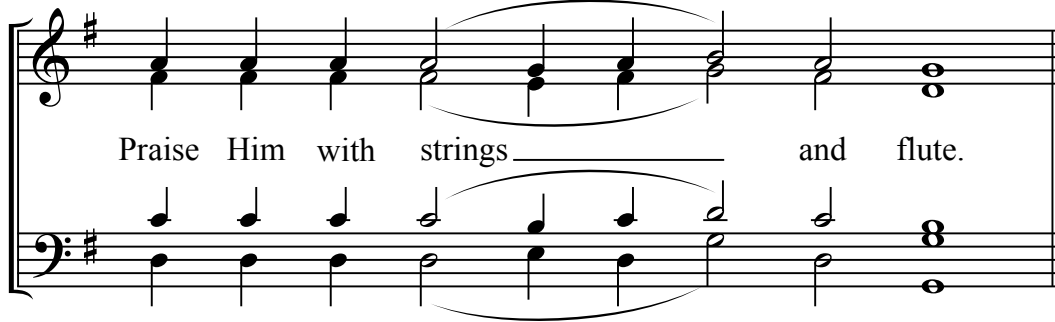
who glo - ri - fy the feast of thy pro - tec - - - - tion with faith.

(3) *Reader:* Praise Him with the sound of trumpet,

Praise Him with psal - ter - - - y and harp.

**Repeat 1st Sticheron: "We fall down before thee, O Lady..."**

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



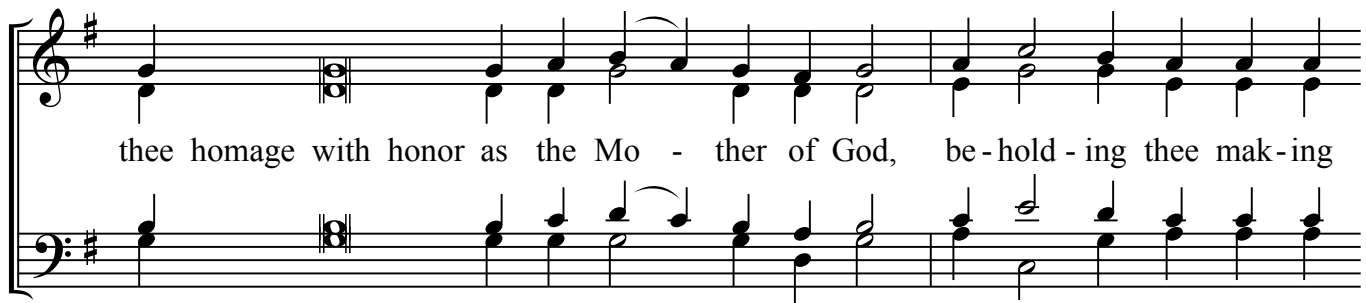
Praise Him with strings and flute.



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

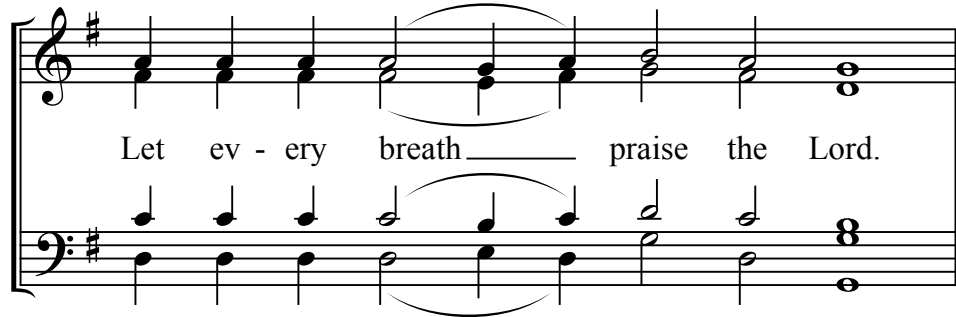
entreaty for the world

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.

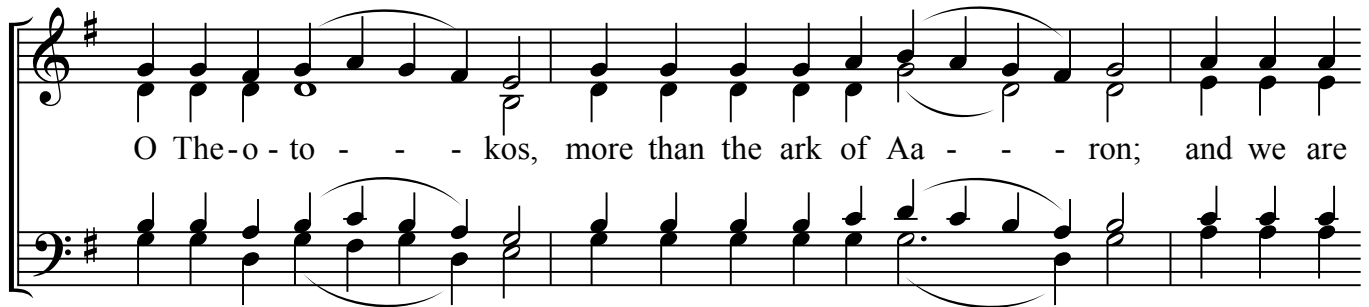
(1) *Reader:* Praise Him with tuneful cymbals,  
praise Him with cymbals of jubilation.



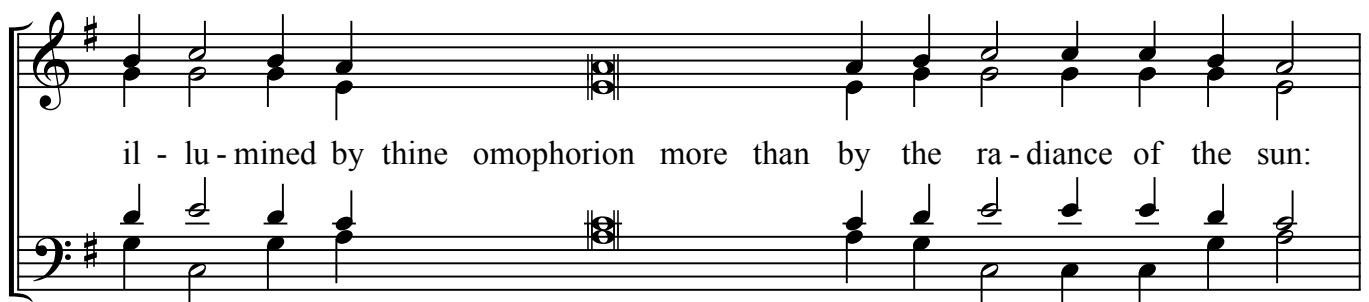
Let ev - ery breath praise the Lord.



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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