

February 26: Holy Hierarch Porphyrius, Archbishop of Gaza
Stichera of "Lord I have cried"
Tone 8, Special Melody "O most glorious wonder..."
Optina Hermitage Melody

(for 4 verses, begin here:)

4) Reader: In the 8th Tone, Special Melody "O most glorious wonder..."
From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch

II-chant melody

Let Is - ra - el hope in the Lord.

I-descant

See music below: "O venerable father Porphyrius..."

(for 3 verses, begin here:)

3) Reader: For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption;

And He shall redeem Israel out of all His in - i - - - qui - ties.

O venerable father Por-phy - ri - us, taking the Cross of Christ

up - on thy shoul - - - der thou didst a - ban - - - don all

and didst attain unto the des - - - ert, and armed with

fast - ing and prayers didst do bat - tle with the prince of this world.

Where - fore, as a tem - - - ple of the Spi - rit of God,

thou didst cast him down together with car - nal mind - - - ed - ness.

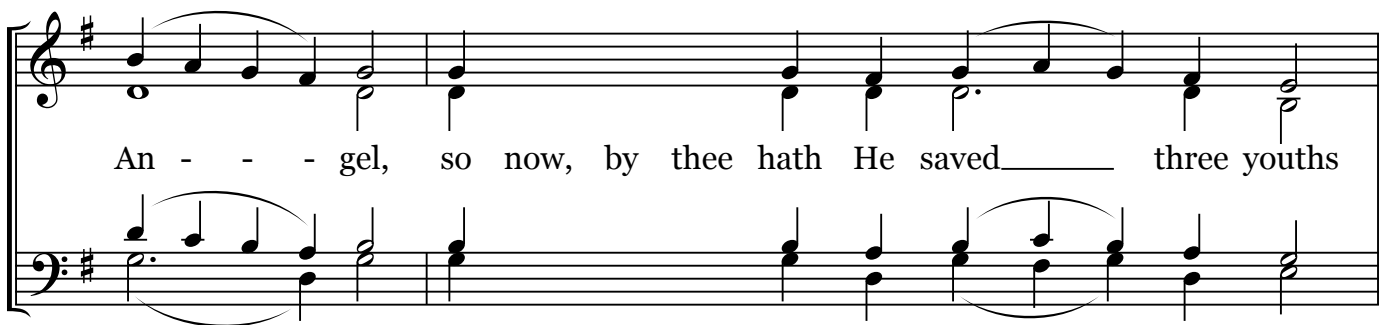
2) Reader: O praise the Lord, all ye nations;



Praise Him all ye peo - - - - ples.



As of old God saved the three youths from the fire by His



An - - - gel, so now, by thee hath He saved three youths



who had been dragged down in - to a pit; for when they were borne as in

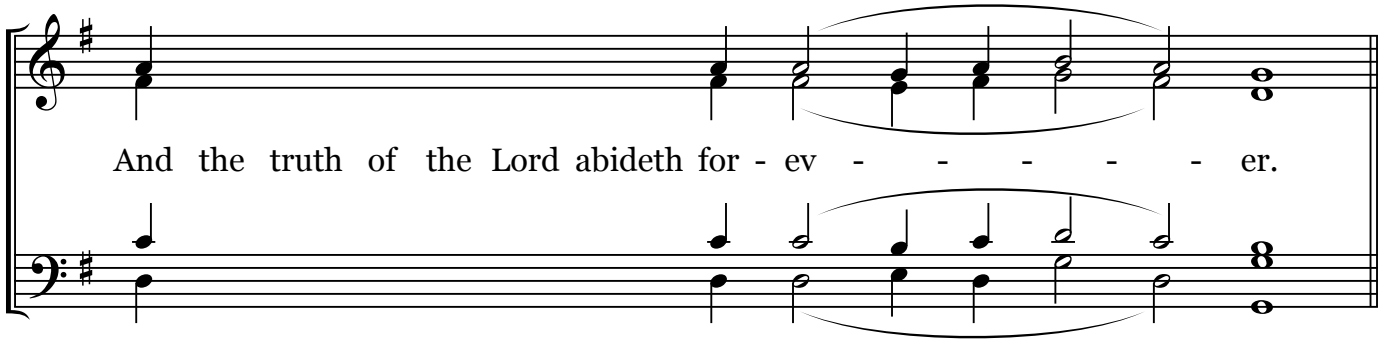
a basket

a bas - ket He o - vershadowed them with the light of a cloud

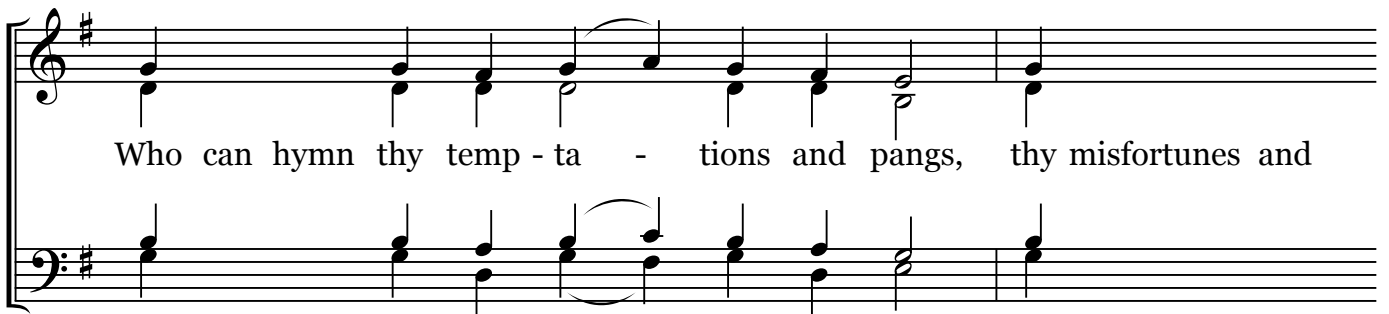
which formed three cross - - - es on their bod - - - ies

un-to the re-proof of those who opposed thee, O Por-phy - - - ri-us.

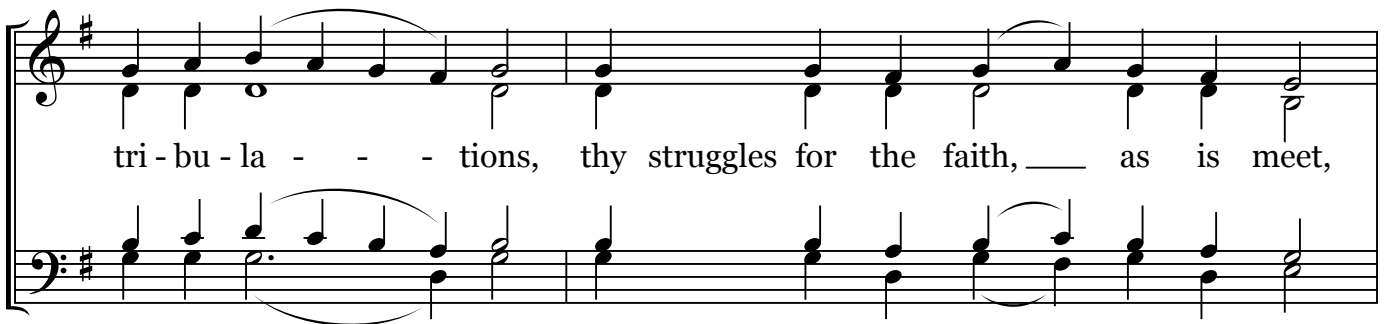
1) *Reader:* For He hath made His mercy to prevail over us,



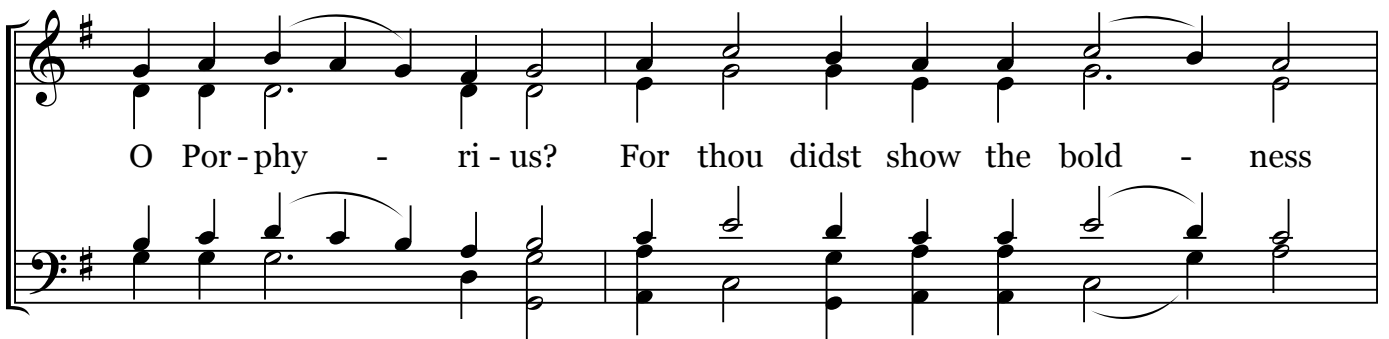
And the truth of the Lord abideth for - ev - - - - er.



Who can hymn thy temp - ta - tions and pangs, thy misfortunes and



tri - bu - la - - - tions, thy struggles for the faith, — as is meet,



O Por - phy - ri - us? For thou didst show the bold - ness

which thou hast be - fore God to be great. Where - fore, we

en - treat _____ thee, for thou hast such bold - - - - ness:

Pray thou in our behalf to the Lord, that we _____ be ___ saved.

Reader: Glory, both now and ever, in the same tone and melody:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

both now and ever, and unto the ages of a - - - ges. A - men.

The pre - e - ter - - nal God, tak - ing flesh - of thy blood, hath shown

thee forth, O pure - - - one, as an in - ter - cess - or for men.

Where - fore, deliver thy servants from all mis - for - - tune

and ev - ery e - vil cir - cum - stance, and vouchsafe that all who

glo - - - ri - fy and bow down be - fore thee

may be ac - count - ed worthy of the splen - dor of the e - lect.

English translation by Isaac E. Lambertsen, "The Menaion of the Orthodox Church", Vol. VI,
St. John of Kronstadt Press, ©1998. The complete service may be purchased through: sjkp.org