

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

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

II- chant melody

Praise Him with strings and flute.

I-descant

We fall down before thee, O La - - - dy, and rendering homage, we entreat

thee with com-punc - - - tion: Re-joyce, O Mis-tress bless - ed of God,

O Virgin of great renown, who wast prefigured with honor by the pro - - - phets!

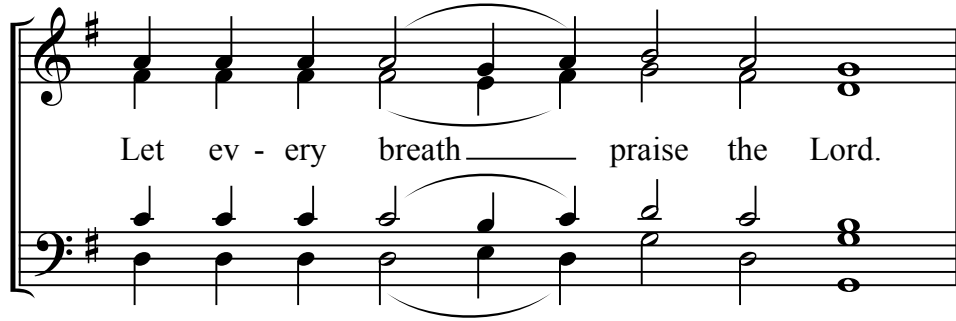
For on thee did Christ God de-scend like dew, and thou gav - est birth

to Him without knowing wedlock, O pure_ one, and didst hold in thine arms the

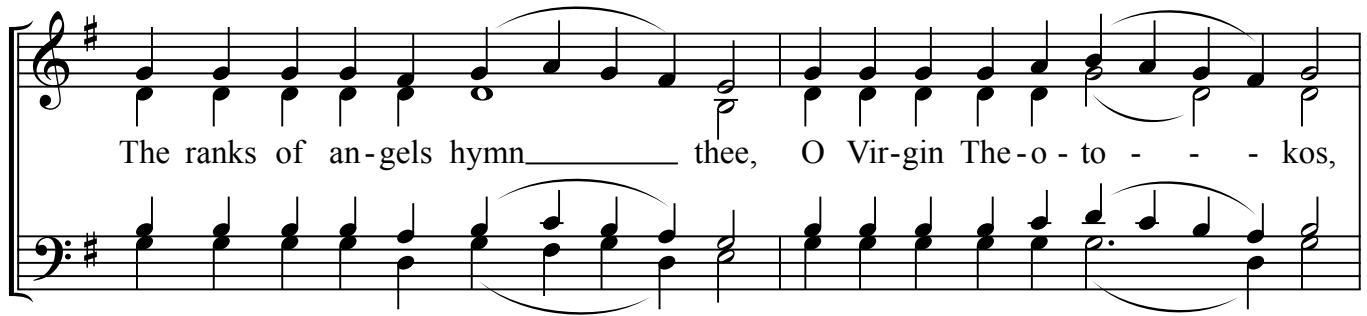
Cre - a - tor and Lord_____ of all. To Him do thou now pray_____ for us

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

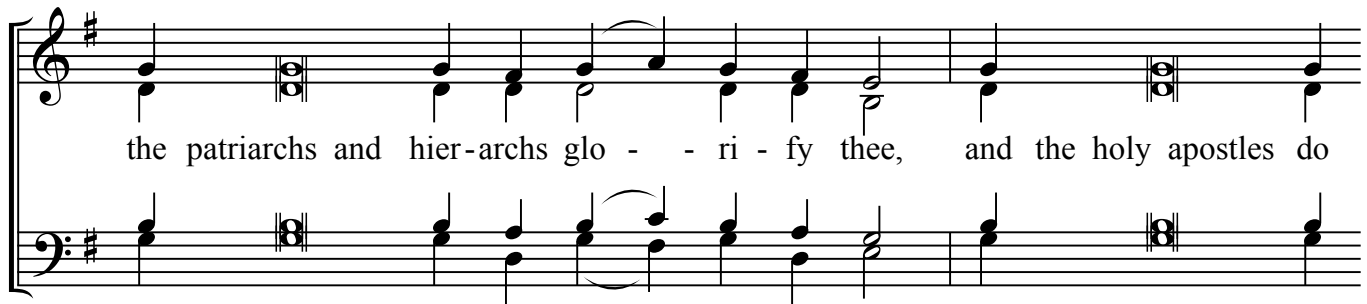
(1) *Reader:* Praise Him with tuneful cymbals,
praise Him with cymbals of jubilation.



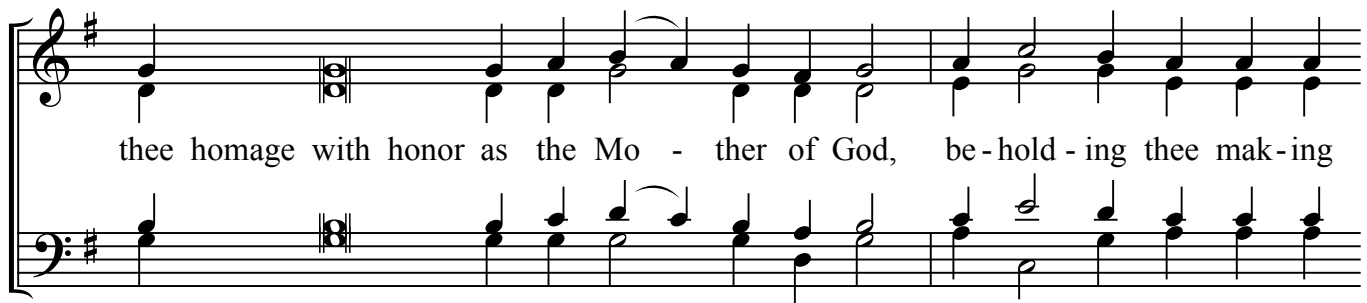
Let ev - ery breath _____ praise the Lord.



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

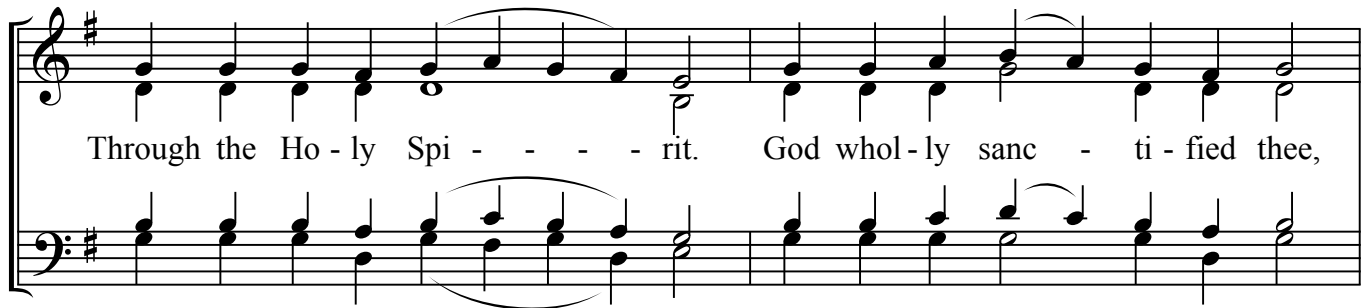
Him_ do thou pray, that He deliver the cit - y and peo - - - - ple

who glo-rify thee with faith and honor the feast of thy pro-tec - - - - tion.

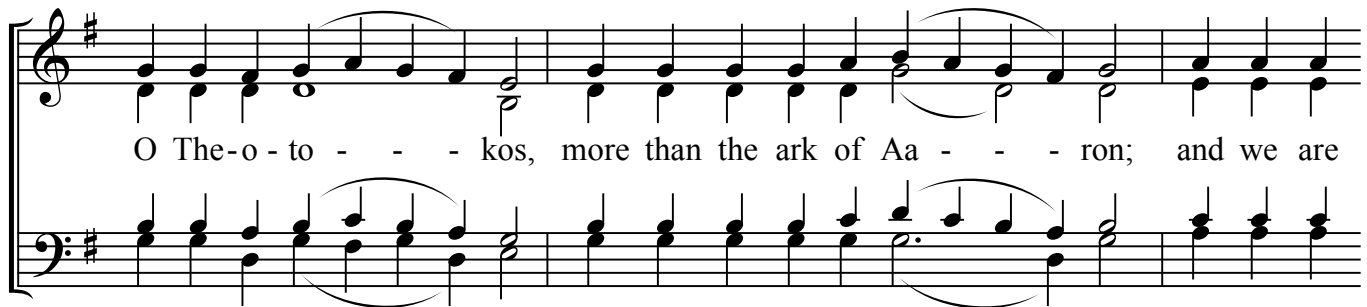
Reader: Hearken, O daughter, and see,



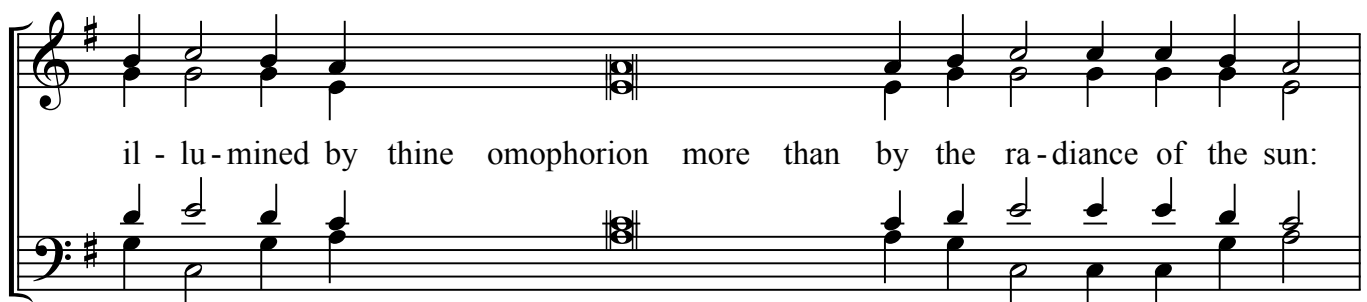
And in - cline thine ear.



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:

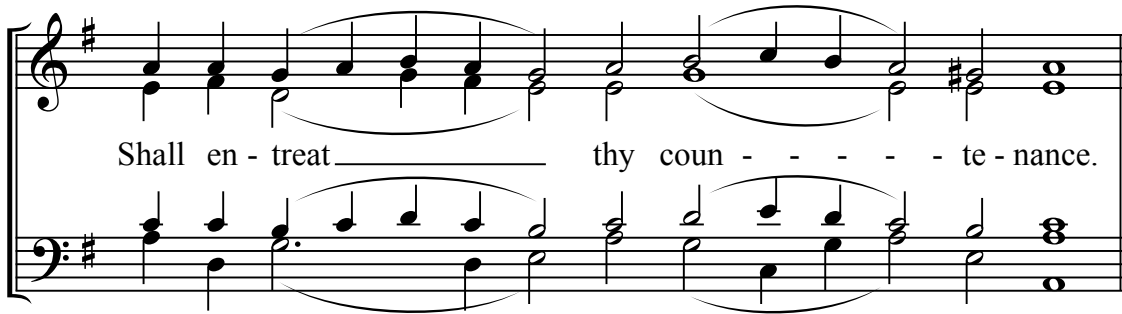
for thou dost enlighten the church and the peo - ple, dost drive a-way the

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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Reader: In the 6th Tone; The rich among the people



Shall en - treat thy coun - - - - te - nance.

In that the all-wondrous Andrew /
beheld thee with a multitude of archangels, /
with the apostles and prophets, and the vast company of the martyrs, /
praying to thy Son and our God for the city and people, O Mistress, /
and covering them by thy precious omophorion, /
fail not, O all-pure one, /
to save the excellent inheritance of thy Son, /
which doth celebrate thine all honored feast, //
O thou who art greatly hymned.