

June 30th

The Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles

Stichera at the Praises

Byzantine Chant Tone 4

Special melody: *Thou who wast called from on high*

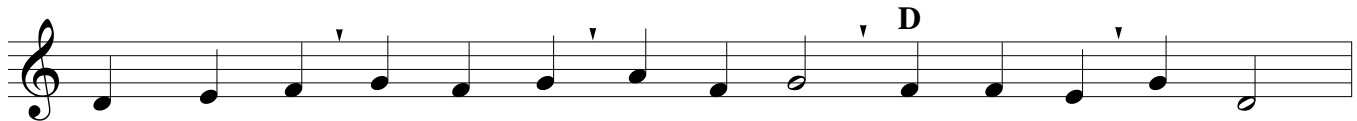
Adapted by Dn. John El Massih



1) O chief foun - da - tion of Christ's di - vine A - pos - tles,
2) *Thou who while yet* in thy moth - er's womb wast cho - sen,
3) Thou Who art Light that ex - ist - ed ere all ag - es,
4) O sa - cred Pe - ter and Paul, the Word's chief plow - men;



hav - ing left all things be - hind to fol - low af - ter Him,
hav - ing fled the bur - den of all things ma - te - ri - al,
when Thou didst vouch - safe to come to me, the low - ly man,
An - drew, James, and John most wise; au - gust Bar - thol - o - mew;



un - to thy Teach - er didst thou cry out: I shall die with Thee,
and giv - en wings by thy great de - sire, thou tru - ly flew - est
through Thine in - ef - fa - ble love for man, and to be - come flesh
Phil - ip and Thom - as, called Did - y - mus; O Jude and Si - mon;



so that I al - so may live the bless - ed life.
to the di - vine height of fer - vent love for God,
in Thy great good - ness, O Sav - ior of the world,
and thou, di - vine James, with Mat - thew great of fame:



Now, O Pe - ter, as the teach - er of the world en - tire,
where is the su - preme - ly bright dark - ness of light di - vine;
Thine A - pos - tles and dis - ci - ples didst Thou then re - veal
O ye u - ni - ver - sal Twelve Dis - ci - ples all - re - vered,



the stead - fast preach - er, the rock of faith, the boast and glo - ry
and hav - ing en - tered there - in, O Paul, as though with - out flesh,
as sec - ond lights bright - ly glit - ter - ing with the re - splen - dence
who preached th All - ho - ly Trin - i - ty through - out the whole world,

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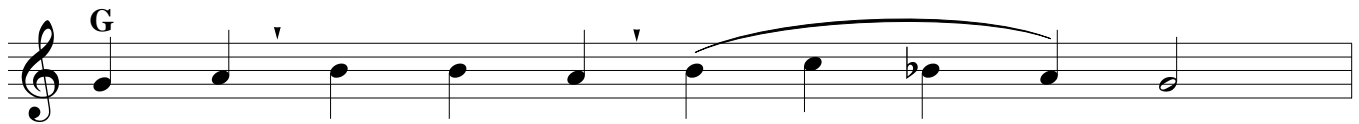
and th un - shake - a - ble tow - er of the Church,
thou wast in - struct - ed in words un - speak - a - ble,
 and the dread light - ning that flash - eth forth from Thee;
 that He by na - ture is ev - er - last - ing God;



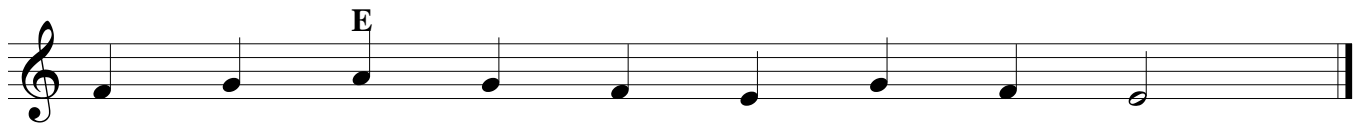
a - gainst which Ha - des' gates can - not pre - vail,
and thou was sent forth to those in the dark
 and be - ing sent forth, they il - lu - mined all
 ye tru - ly un - hewn tow - ers of the Church



e - ven as Christ our God had fore - told to thee,
and didst show them the Light, Je - sus Christ our God.
 of cre - a - tion with Thy light di - vine, O Lord.
 and un - shake - a - ble pil - lars of tow - 'ring height



do thou fer - vent - ly pray Him
Do thou there - fore en - treat Him
 And they ev - er be - seech Thee
 in - ter - cede with the Mas - ter



to en - light - en and to save our souls.
to en - light - en and to save our souls.
 to en - light - en and to save our souls.
 of all things that we might all be saved.