

December 6th

# Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia

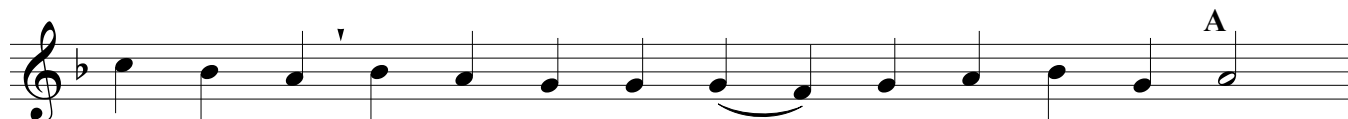
## Stichera at the Aposticha at Vespers

Byzantine Chant Tone 5  
Special Melody: Rejoice

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih



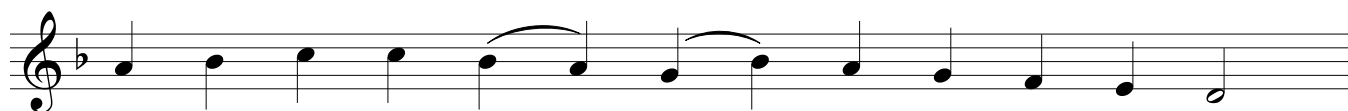
1) Re - joice, \_\_\_\_\_ sa - cred and ven - 'ra - ble head,  
2) Re - joice, \_\_\_\_\_ O mind most sa - cred and great,  
3) Re - joice, \_\_\_\_\_ thou who wast filled with God's zeal,



thou un - de - filed a - bode of vir - tue and sanc - ti - ty;  
*and pur - est dwell - ing of thē All - ho - ly Trin - i - ty;*  
and didst de - liv - er them un - just - ly con - demned to die



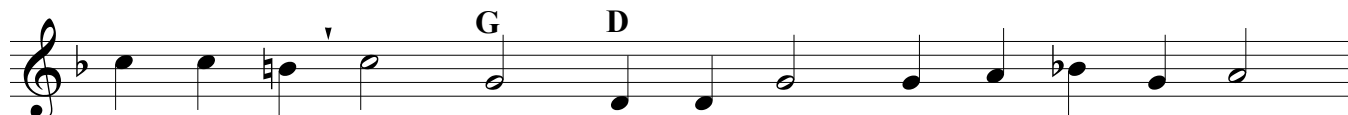
di - vine can - on of the priest - hood, that most di - vine gift of God;  
*thou stead - fast - ness of the faith - ful, and pil - lar stay - ing the Church,*  
from out of a wick - ed sen - tence when thou wast seen in a dream



and the great and fa - mous shep - herd known to all;  
*and the help of all bowed down with griev - ous pains;*  
is - su - ing stern warn - ings and in - spir - ing dread;



thou bea - con that wor - thi - ly art the name - sake of vic - to - ry;  
*thou star ev - er scat - ter - ing with thy beams of well - pleas - ing prayers*  
thou foun - tain that gush - est forth myrrh in My - ra a - bun - dant - ly,

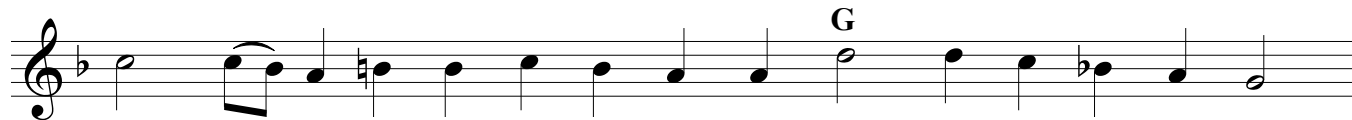


thou who dost an - swer with com - pas - sion those ask - ing thee  
*the heav - y dark - ness of temp - ta - tions, of suf - fer - ings,*  
as thou dost wa - ter souls, O mer - ci - ful Nich - o - las,

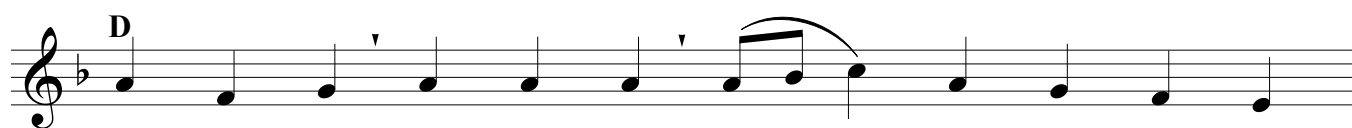
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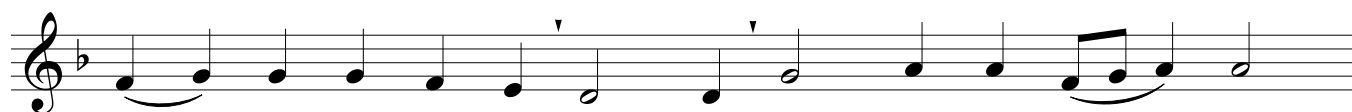
and who dost in - cline to the prayers of the suf - fer - ing.  
*and of all dis - tress,* O di - vine — Hier - arch Nich - o - las.  
 but the hate - ful smell of the pas - sions, thou dri - vest off;



Res - cu - er ev - er read - y and the guard - i - an sav - ing all  
*Har - bor of all se - ren - i - ty where - in they are swift - ly saved*  
 sword whol - ly cut - ting out the tares of er - ror and false be - lief,



who with right faith keep thy glo - ri - ous and re -  
*that flee there - to when en - com - passed with the tem -*  
 and fan that ful - ly doth win - now the chaf - fy



- splen - dent me - mo - ri - al. Im - plore Christ the Sav - ior,  
*- pes - tu - ous waves of life. En - treat Christ with fer - vor*  
 teach - ings of A - ri - us. Be - seech Christ the Sav - ior



O blest Nich - o - las, to send — down Great Mer - cy on us all.  
*to grant par - don of our sins — and Great Mer - cy to our souls.*  
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