

December 3rd

The Holy Prophet Zephaniah

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Chant Tone 4

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

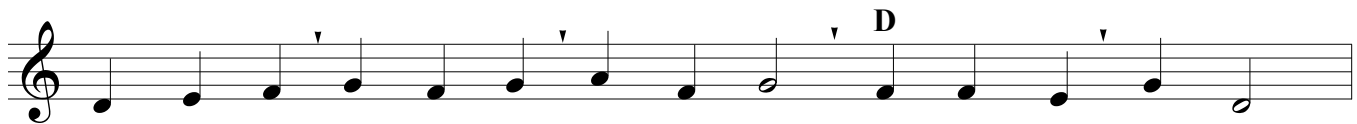
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1) When thou hadst rich - ly be - stowed on Zeph - a - ni - ah
2) *The shin - ing ray of the God - head's sov - 'reign splen - dor*
3) Wor - thi - ly shin - ing with vi - sion of the Lord God,



Thine All - ho - ly Spir - it, Who is one in es - sence with
didst thou in thy pu - ri - ty of mind re - ceive with - in,
thou wast hon - ored with pro - phet - ic mys - t'ries and His grace,



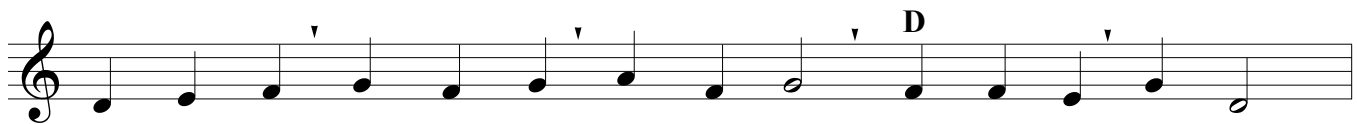
Thee, God the Fa - ther Om - nip - o - tent and Thy be - lov'd Son,
and didst be - come thē in - ter - pret - er of His di - vine words,
O Zeph - a - ni - ah in - spired of God, and wast deemed wor - thy



Who from Thine Es - sence shone forth be - fore all time:
His god - ly her - ald, fore - tell - ing things to come,
of the di - vine and ē - ter - nal bless - ed - ness:



then didst Thou send forth Thy Proph - et as a liv - ing cloud
and the Spir - it's mouth that was di - vine - ly moved to speak;
Now in thy com - pas - sion, use the bold - ness that thou hast



pour - ing forth wa - ter that sprang up to true life ē - ter - nal.
for what He showed thee, thou didst pass on, clear - ly ex - pound - ing
with the su - preme - ly good God of all, and nev - er leave off

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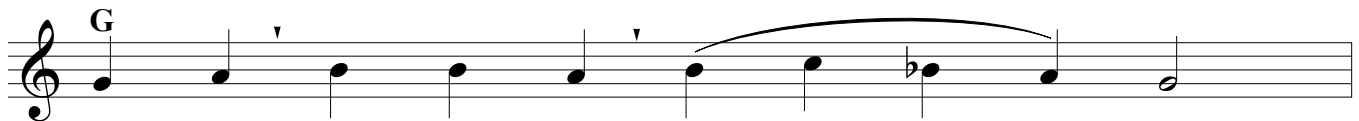
And through Thy Spir - it, he clear - ly proph - e - sied
both the sal - va - tion all na - tions should re - ceive
 mak - ing en - treat - y that we may all be freed



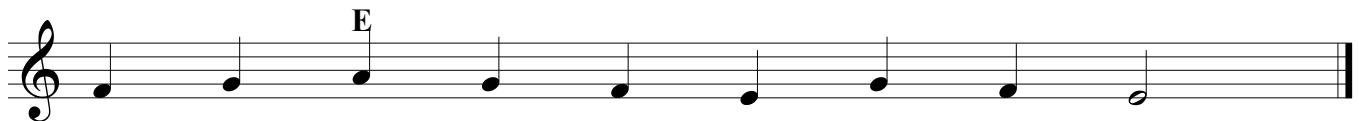
the sav - ing com - ing of our Christ and God;
and Christ God's King - dom, O all - ven - 'ra - ble
 from ev - 'ry per - il, and our souls be saved;



and to all of the na - tions up - on thē earth,
Zeph - a - ni - ah, thou Proph - et of God Most High.
 for with faith we ac - claim thee and hon - or thee



he fore - told their sal - va - tion
Do thou there - fore en - treat Him
 as a God - cho - sen her - ald



which Thou wrought - est, O Im - mor - tal One.
to en - light - en and to save our souls.
 and au - gust pro - claim - er of His ways.