

December 11-17. Sunday of the Holy Forefathers

At Vespers, on "Lord, I have cried" sing 10 verses:

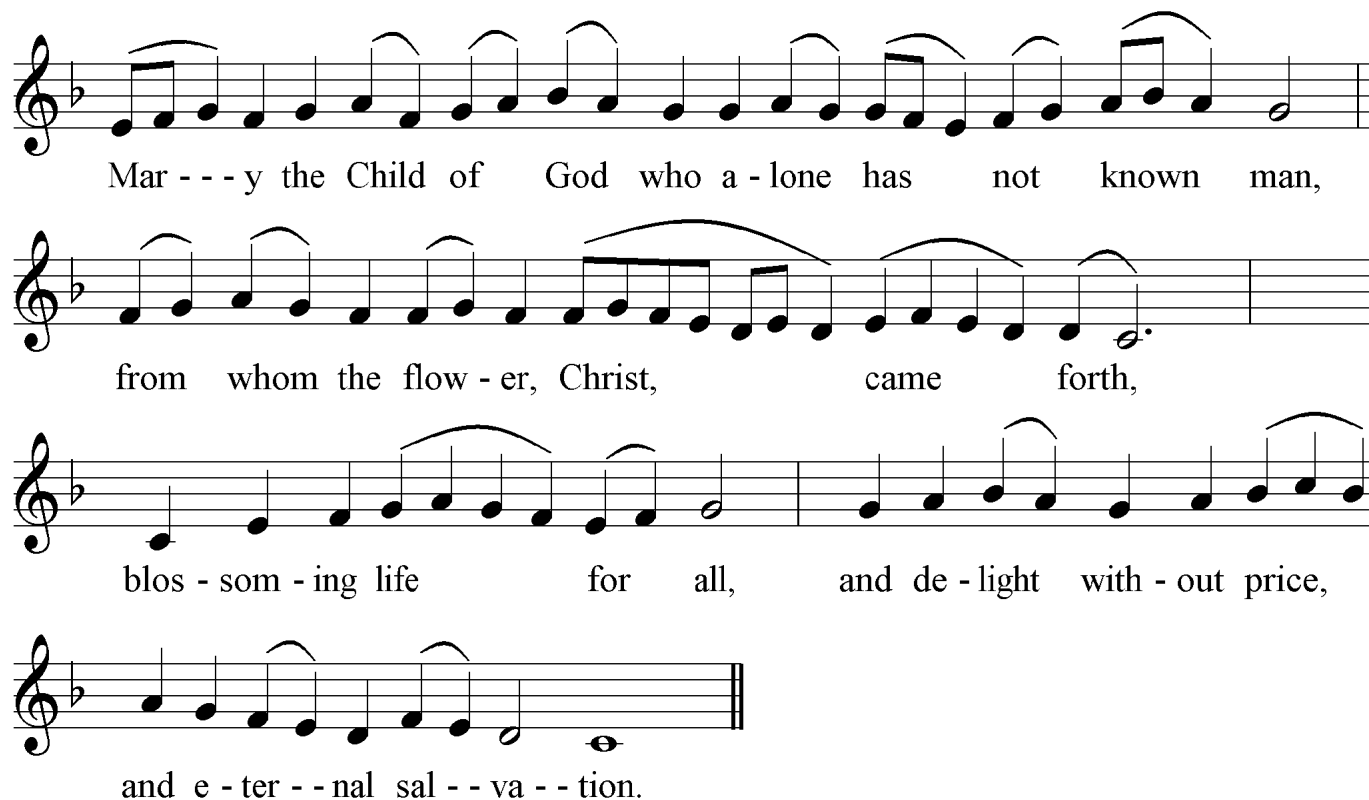
First, 6 verses for the Resurrection in the Tone of the week;

Then these 4 verses in Tone 8

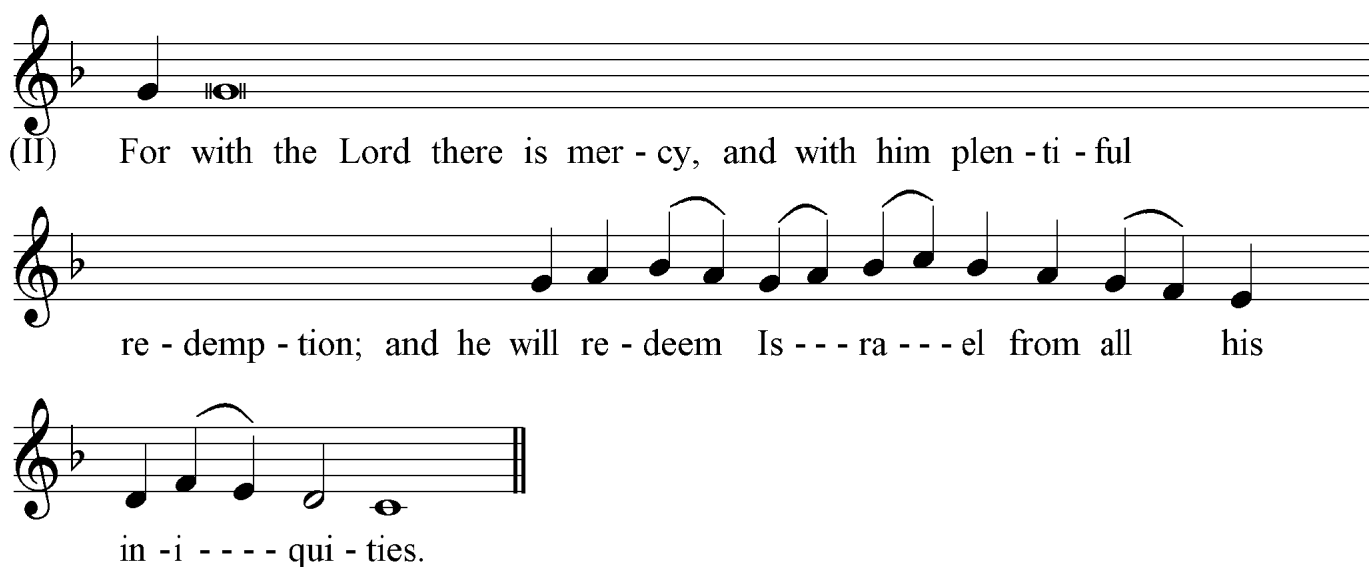
(melody: "Paradise of Eden"):

(Bulgarian melody - simplified)

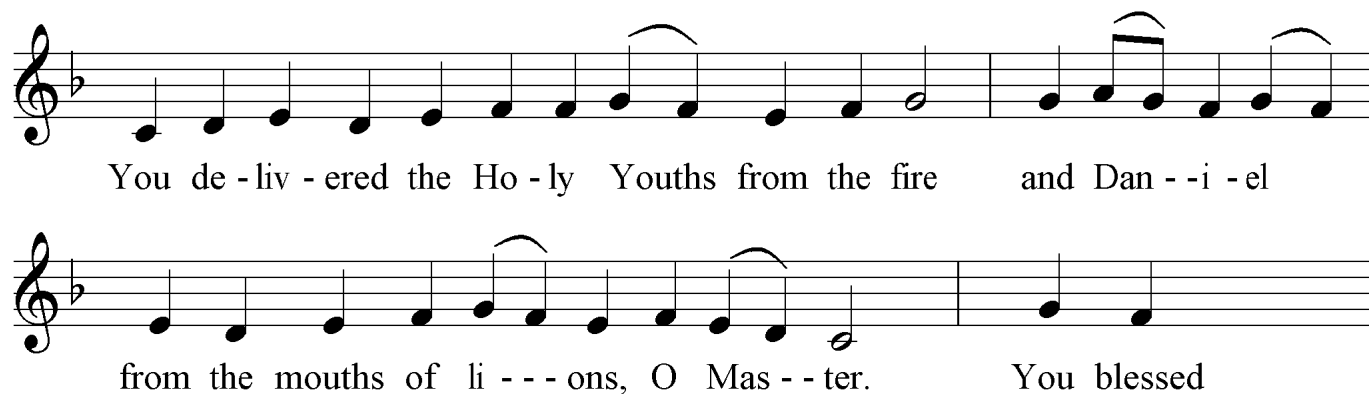




Mar - - - y the Child of God who a - lone has not known man,
from whom the flow - er, Christ, came forth,
blos - som - ing life for all, and de - light with - out price,
and e - ter - - nal sal - - va - - tion.



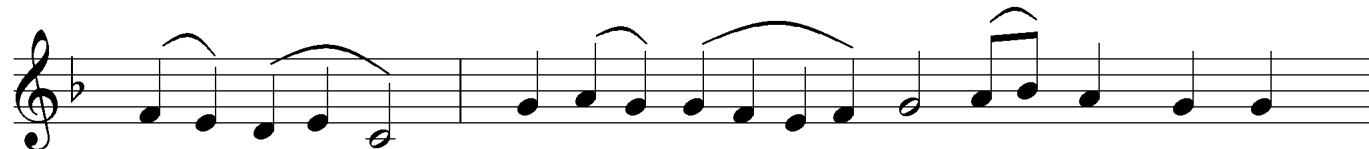
(II) For with the Lord there is mer - cy, and with him plen - ti - ful
re - demp - tion; and he will re - deem Is - - - ra - - - el from all his
in - i - - - - qui - ties.



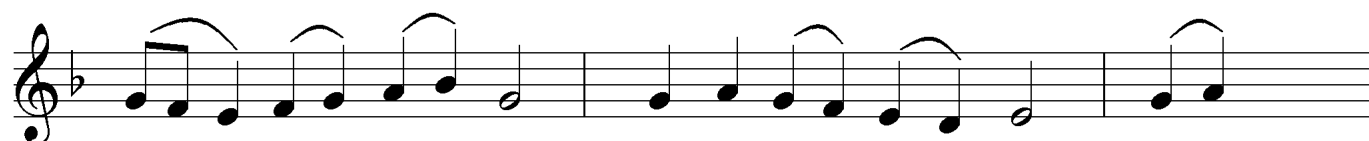
You de - liv - ered the Ho - ly Youths from the fire and Dan - - i - el
from the mouths of li - - - ons, O Mas - - ter. You blessed



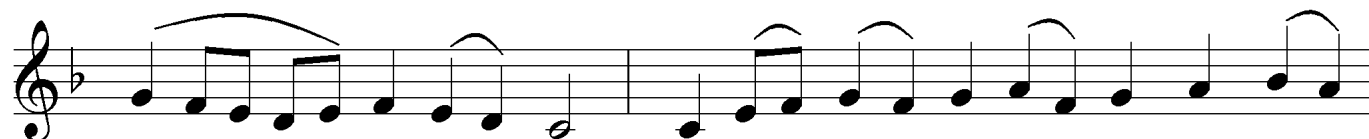
A - - - - bra - - - ham, I - - - saac your ser - - vant, and Ja - - - - - cob



his son. Of your good will you be - came like



us from their seed, so that by your Cross and



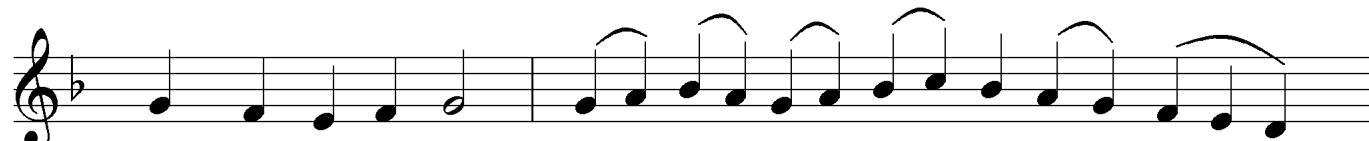
Res - - - - - ur - rec - - tion you might save our Fore - fa - thers who



had fall - - en a - way of old; and you shat - tered the bonds



of death, with your - self rais - ing all who were a - mong the



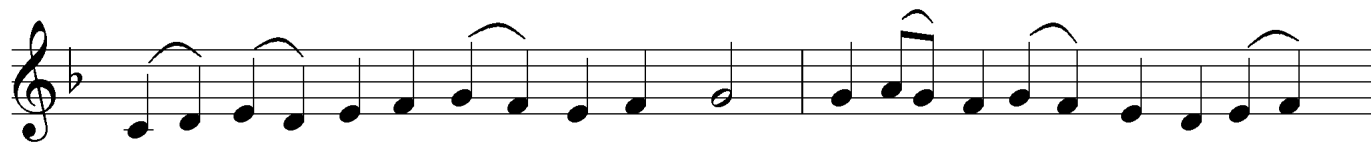
dead from ag - es past, who wor - ship you, O Christ, King



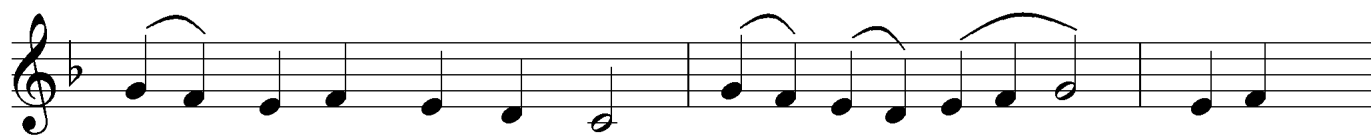
of the ag - es.



(I) Praise the Lord, all you na - - - tions; praise him, all you peo - ples.



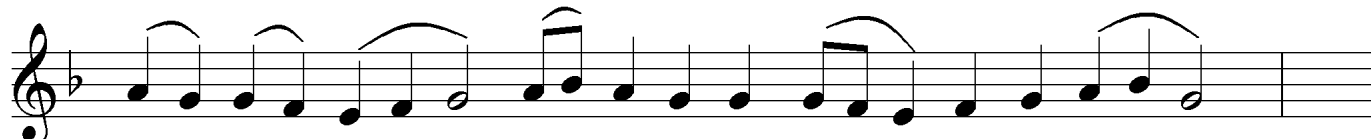
Walk - ing in the midst of the flames as in a show - er of rain



God's Ho - ly Youths re - joiced in the dew of the



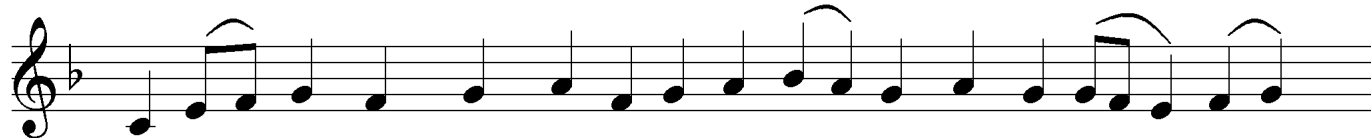
Spir - - - - it; by this they mys - ti - cal - ly pre - fig - - ured the



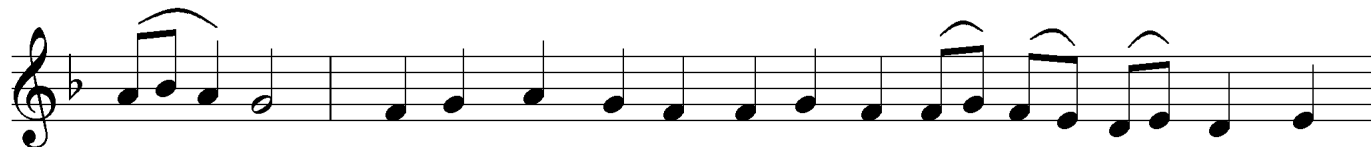
Trin - - i - - - - ty and the in - car - na - - - - tion of Christ;



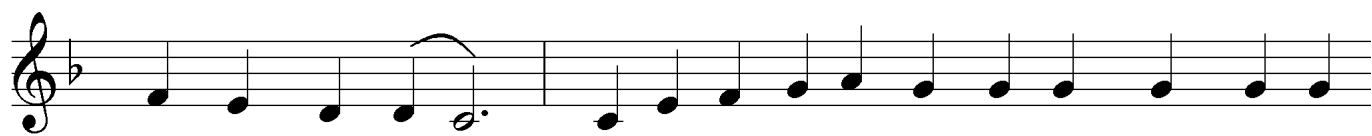
and as wise through faith they quenched the pow - er of the fire;



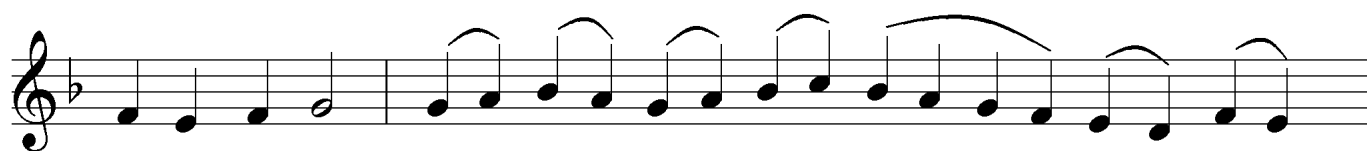
and al - - - so right - eous Dan - i - el was seen to stop the mouths of



li - - - - ons. Be en - treat - ed by their in - ter - ces - sions, O Sav - iour



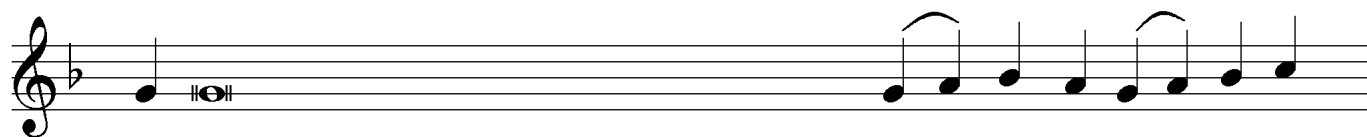
who loves man - kind, and de - liv - er us from the un - quench - a - ble



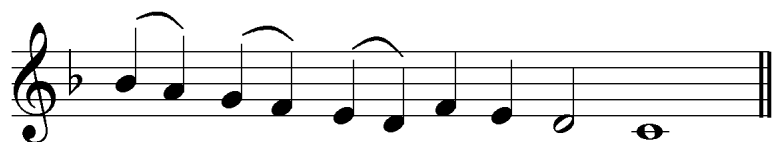
e - ter - nal fire, and grant us your king - - - - - dom, O



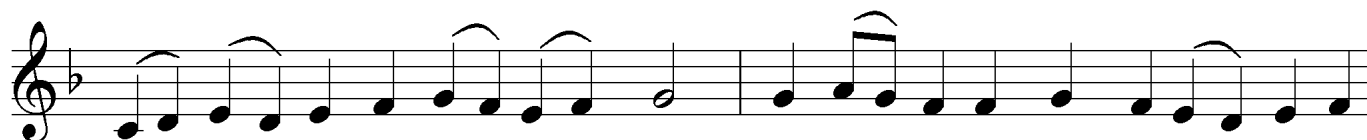
Lord.



(II) For his mer - cy has been might - y to - wards us; and the truth of the



Lord en - - - dures to the ag - - es.



Your faith - ful and ho - - ly Youths, who were in the flame of fire in the



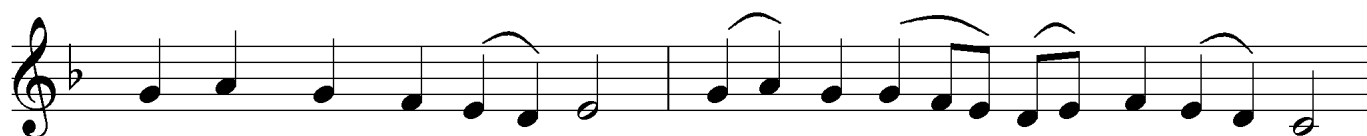
fur - - nace as in dew, mys - ti - cal - ly pre - fig - - ured your com - ing



from a Vir - - gin, which with - out burn - ing showed forth for us;

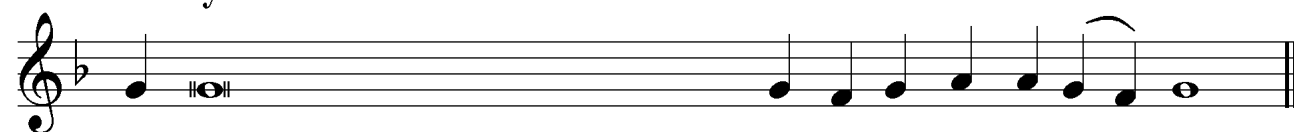


and right - eous Dan - i - el, won - der - ful a - - - mong the Prop - ets,

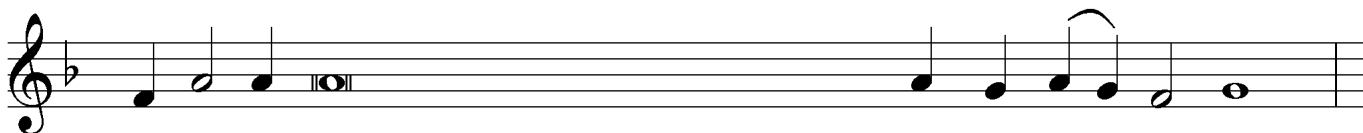


clear - ly showed be - fore - hand your di - vine Sec - ond Com - ing,

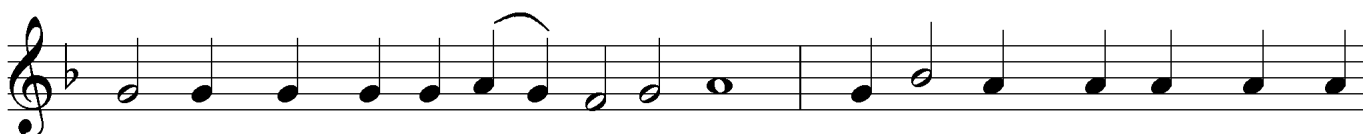
Glory. Tone 6:



(I) Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - - it.



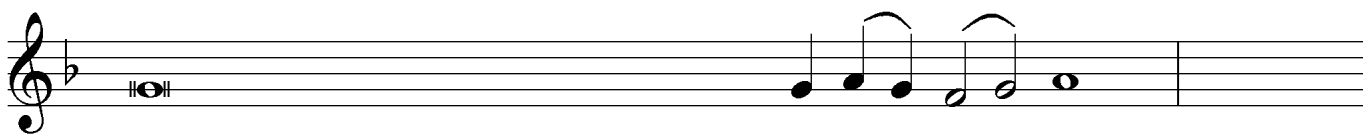
Let us the faith - ful to - day praise all the Fa - thers be - fore the Law:



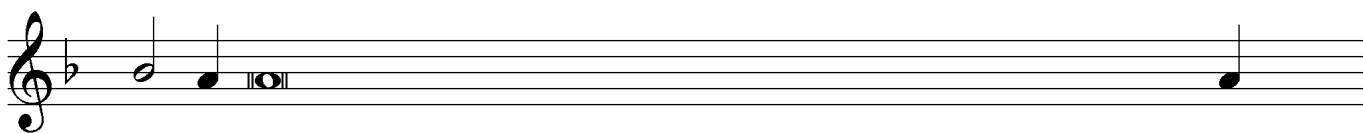
A - bra - ham, the be - lov - - ed of God, and I - saac, born ac - cord - ing



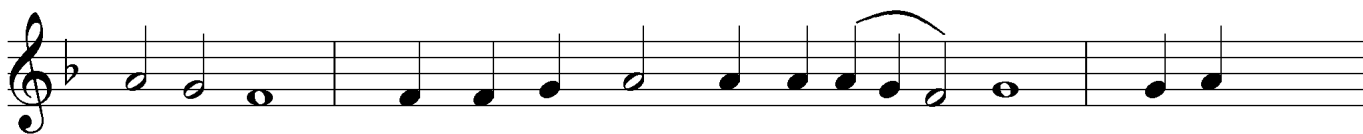
to pro - - mise, and Ja - cob and the Twelve Pa - - tri - archs, most



meek Da - vid and Dan - i - el the Proph - et of de - - sires,



glo - ri - fy - ing with them the three Youths who changed the fur - nace



in - to dew, ask - ing for - give - ness of Christ God, who is

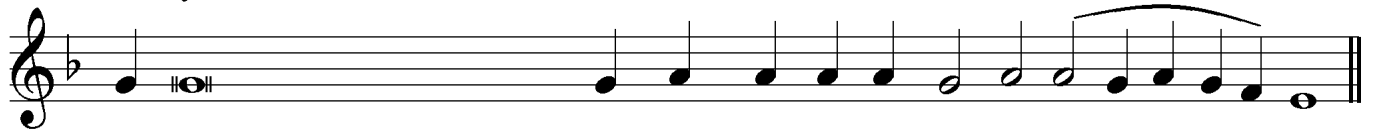


glo - ri - fied in his Saints.

Both now. Theotokion Dogmatikon in the Tone of the week.

Aposticha for the Resurrection in the Tone of the week.

Glory. Tone 3:



Theotokion:

(II) Both now and for ev - er, and to the ag - es of ag - es. A - - - men.

By the Fa - - ther's will, with - out seed you con - ceived from the

div - ine Spir - - it the Son of God,

who be - - fore the ag - - - - - es is from the Fa - - - ther

with - out moth - - - - - er. But you gave birth in the flesh

and suck - led as a babe him who for our

sake had come from you with - - - out fa - - - - - ther.

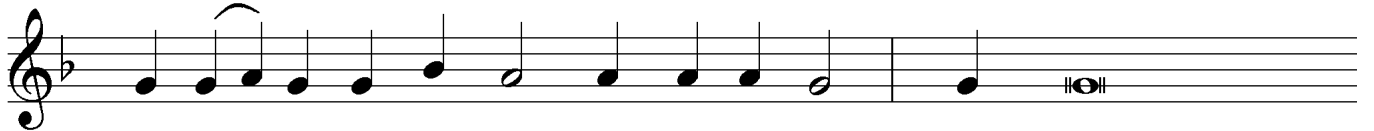
There - - - - - fore do not cease to in - ter - cede

that our souls may be de - liv - - - - - ered from dan - - - gers.

Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the week

Glory. Both now.

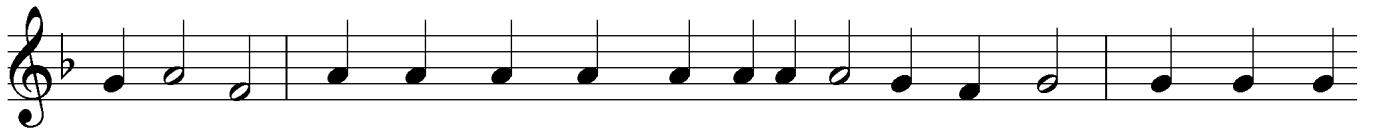
Troparion of the Forefathers, Tone 2:



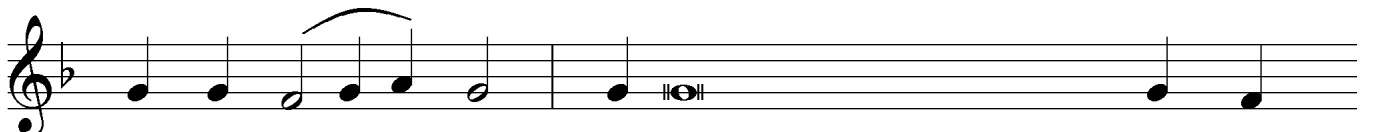
You just - i - fied the Fore - fath - ers by faith, through them be - troth - ing



in ad - vance the Church from the na - - - - tions. The Saints will ex - ult



in glo - ry, for from their seed there is a glo - ri - ous fruit, she who bore



you with - out seed. At their in - ter - ces - sions, O Christ God,



save our souls.