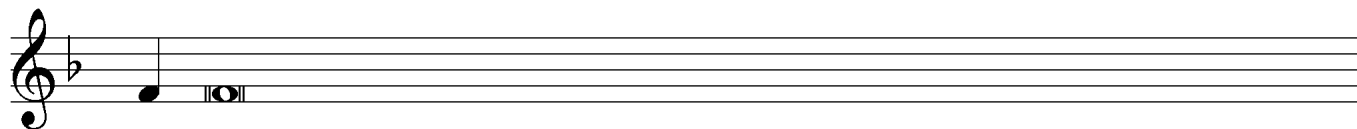
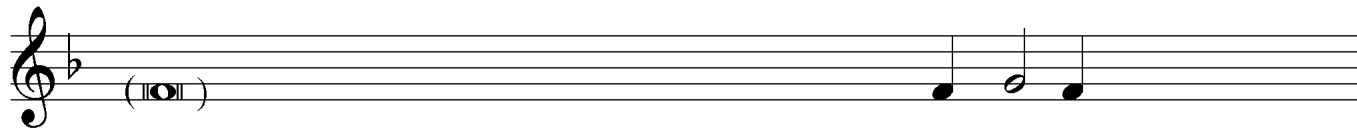


**March 27th. The Holy Martyr Matrona of Thessalonica**  
**At Vespers, on "Lord, I have cried", last 3 verses, Tone 4**  
**(melody: "As one valiant among martyrs")**



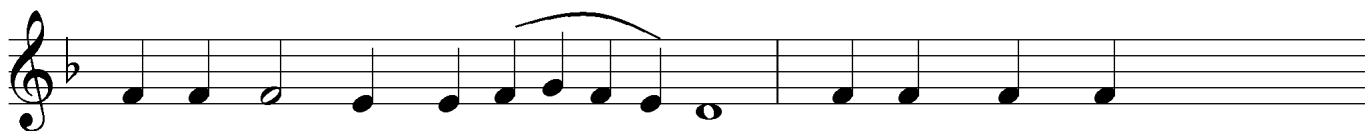
(II) For with the Lord there is mer - cy, and with him plen - ti - ful



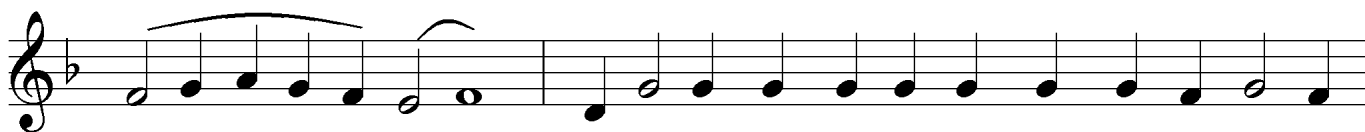
re - demp - tion; and he will re - deem Is - ra - el from all his



in - i - - - qui - ties.



O cou - ra - geous - ly - mind - - - - - ed, you op - posed with



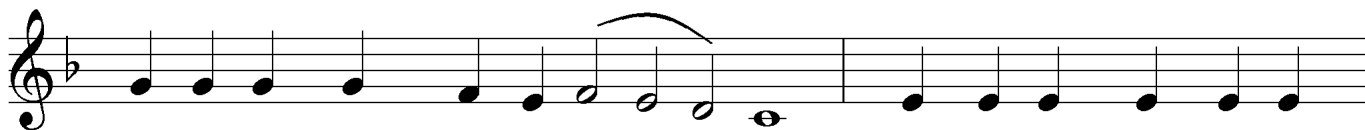
rea - - - - - son the vi - o - lent and ar - ro - gant cru - el acts of



the Jews. For you, O god - ly - mind - - - - - ed, fore - saw



the de - light of things to come, which re - mains un - changed



for ev - er through - out the ag - - - - - es. This you re - ceived as you

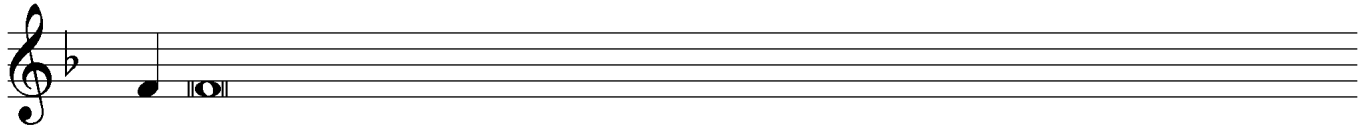


de - part - ed from earth to the man - sions of heav - - - - - en



and to the ev - er - last - ing choir, O glo - ri - ous one.

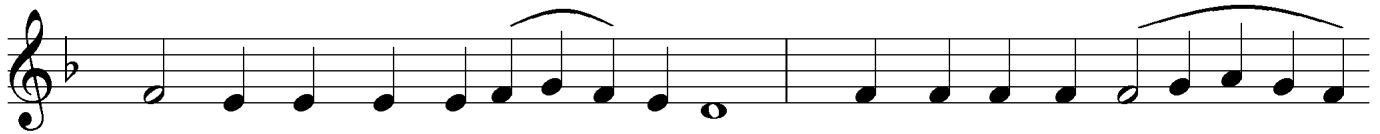




(II) For his mer - cy has been might - y to - wards us; and the truth of the



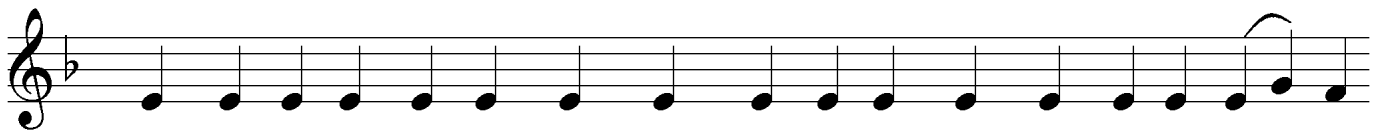
Lord en - dures to the ag - - - - - es.



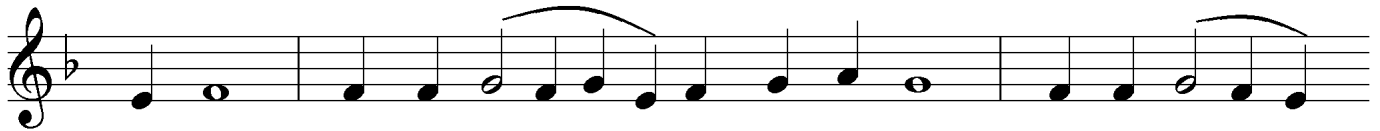
Nei - ther the yoke of slav - - - - er - y, nor fem - i - nine weak - - - - -



ness, nor star - va - tion, nor beat - ings pre - vent - ed you



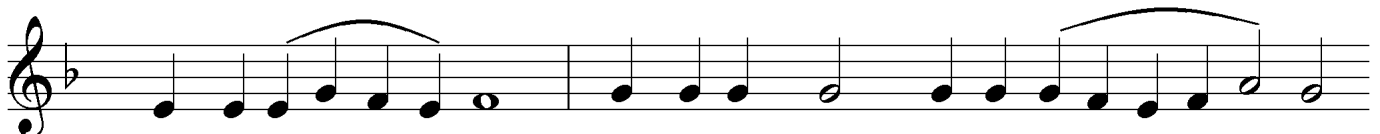
from em - u - lat - ing the stead - fast - ness of the Mar - tyrs, O all - glo - - ri -



ous one; for with ea - - - - - ger - ness of soul you en - dured



tor - - - - - ture. There - fore you have at - tained a heav - en - ly



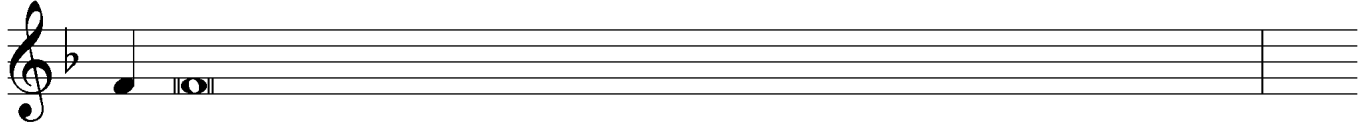
brid - al cham - - - - - ber and are a - dorned with a crown of



grace, as you stand be - fore your Cre - a - - - - - tor.

**Glory. Both now. Theotokion or Stavrotheotokion.**

# Theotokion



(1) Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.



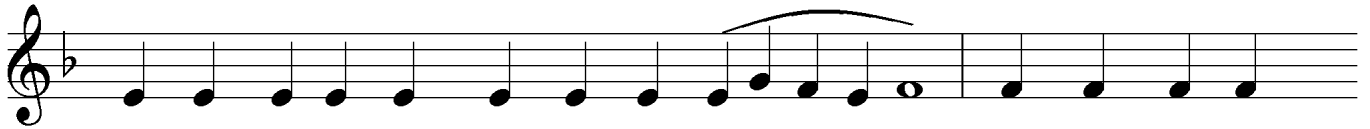
Both now and for ev - er, and to the ag - es of ag - es. A - men.



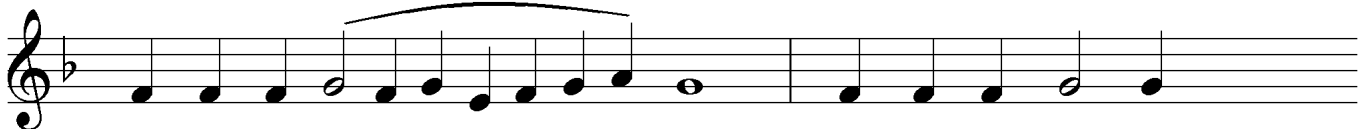
Most ho - ly Bride of God, de - liv - er my wretch - - - - ed



soul from pun - ish - ment for my griev - ous trans - gres - - - - sions,



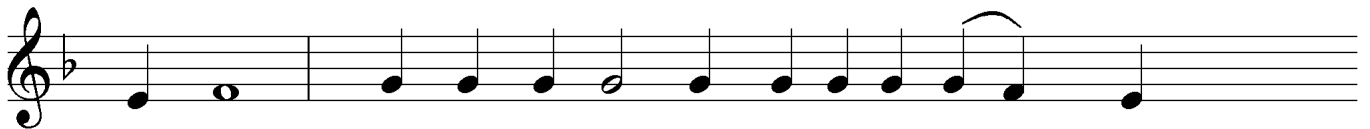
and res - cue it from death by your prayers; and grant that on



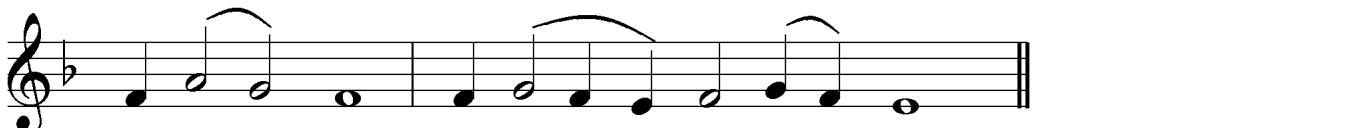
the day of judge - - - - - ment I may re - ceive the



jus - ti - fi - ca - - - - - tion which the as - sem - blies of the saints

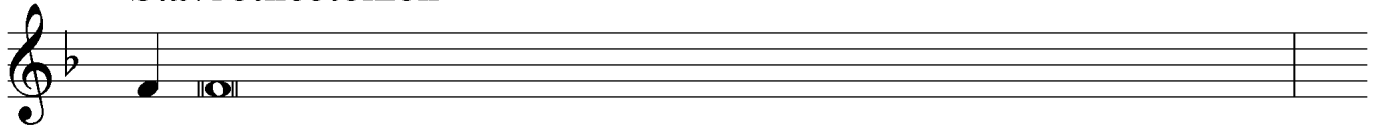


re - ceived. Be - fore the end show me to be cleansed through

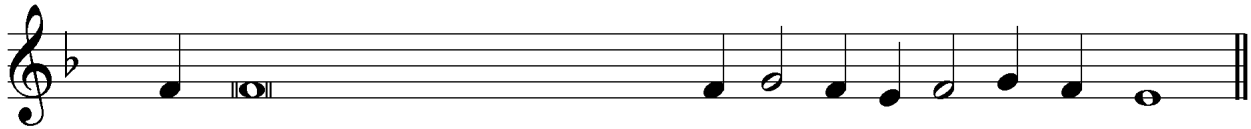


re - pent - - - - - ance and shed - - - - - ding of tears.

# Stavrotheotokion



Glo - ry to the Fath - er, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.



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



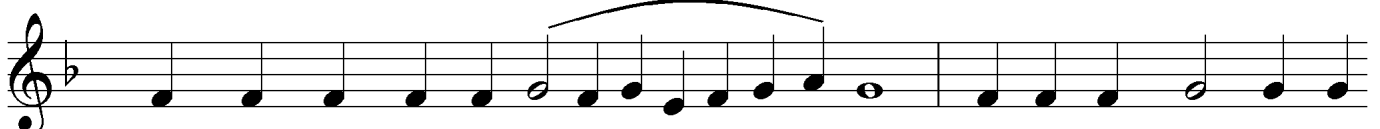
When she saw you nailed to the Cross, O Lord, the Ewe - lamb,



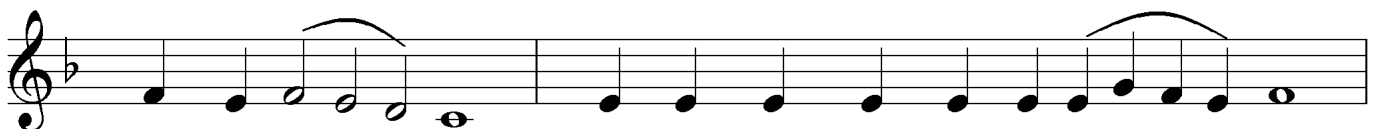
your Moth - er, mar - velled and cried out: "What is this



that I see, O most be - lov - ed Son?



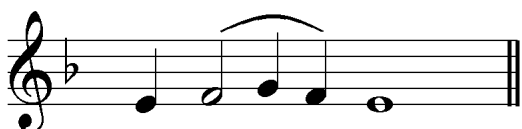
How have you been re - ward - - - - - ed by the un - faith - ful and



law - less Coun - - - cil which en - joyed your man - y won - - - - ders?



Yet glo - ry to your in - ef - - - - - fa - ble con - de - scen - sion,



O Mas - - - - ter!"