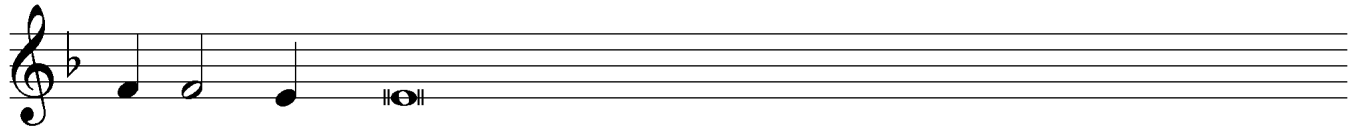


**November 9th. Holy Martyrs Onesiphoros and Porphyrios.
Venerable Mother Matrona.**

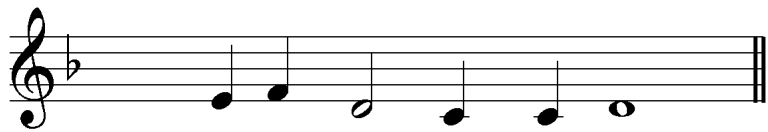
At Vespers, on "Lord, I have cried", 6 verses.

First, 3 verses for the Martyrs, Tone 8

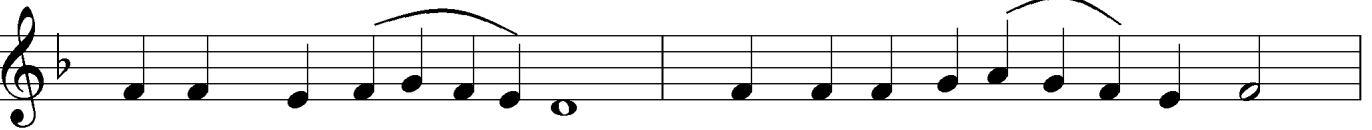
(melody: "O most glorious wonder")



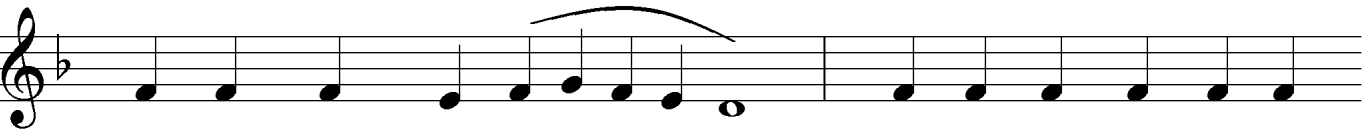
(1) If you, Lord, should mark in - i - qui - ties, O Lord, who will stand? But



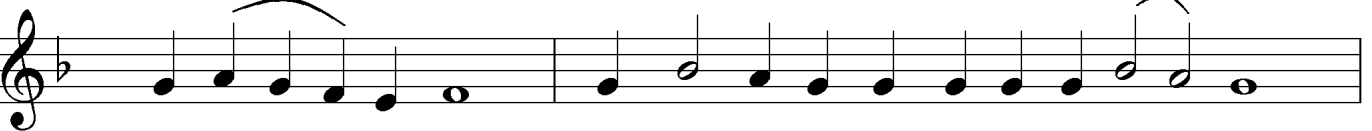
there is for - give - ness with you.



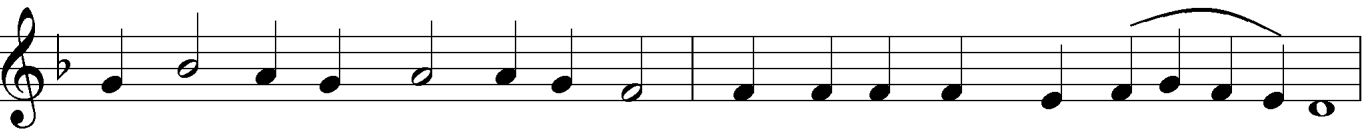
O mar - tyred ath - - - - - lete, bless - ed On - e - si - - - - - phor - os,



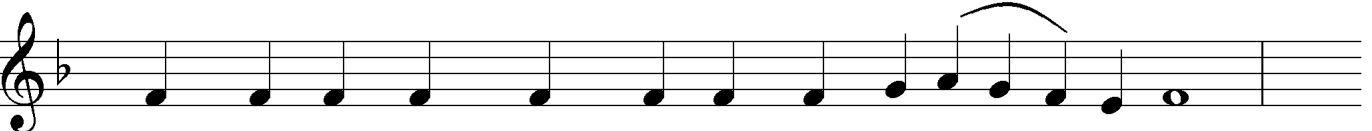
you con - fessed Christ God, suf - fer - ing brave - ly with



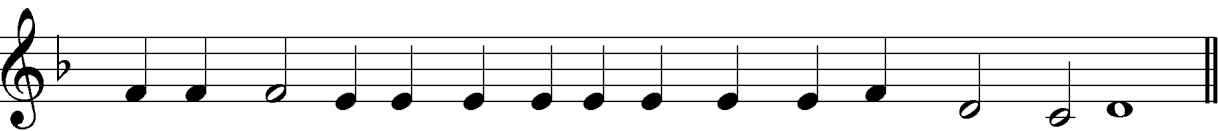
great for - - - - - ti - tude be - fore the tri - bu - nal of the law - - less,



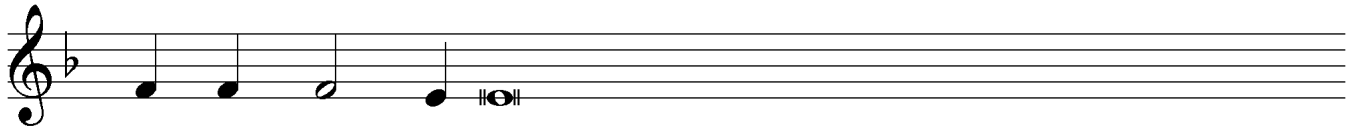
en - dur - ing the stripes of the lash and pain in your whole bod - - - - - y.



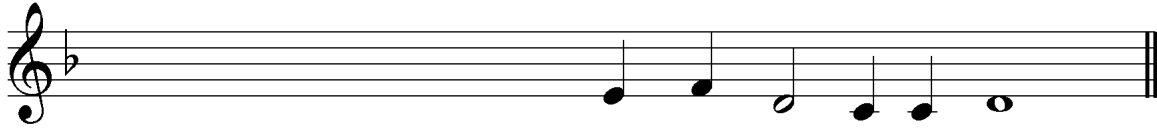
There - fore you were crowned with the crown of vic - - - - - to - ry



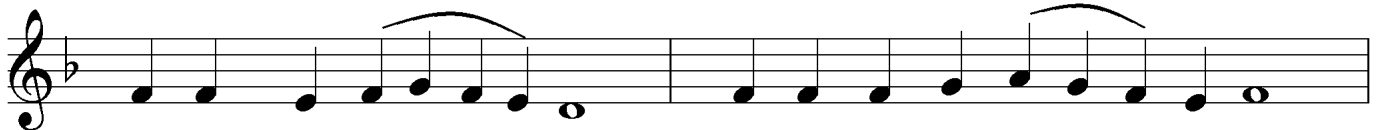
by the hand of the Giv - er of life, and you are praised by all.



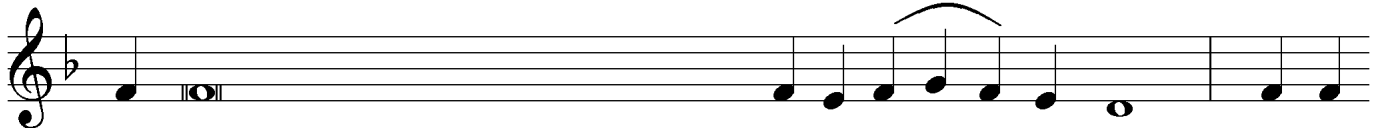
(II) For your name's sake I have wait - ed for you, O Lord; my soul has



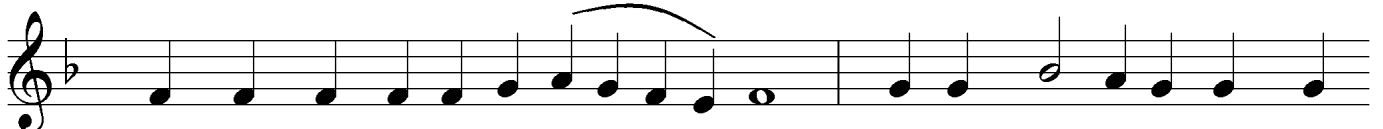
wait - ed on your word, my soul has hoped in the Lord.



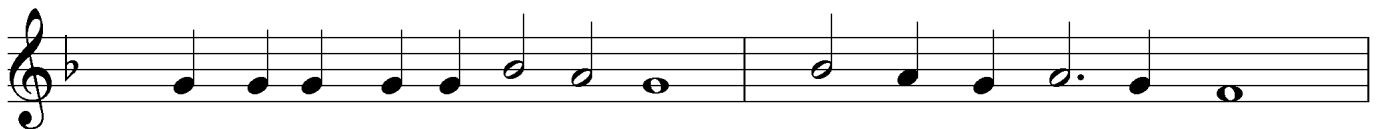
O mar - tyred ath - - - - - lete, glo - ri - ous Por - phy - - - - - ri - os,



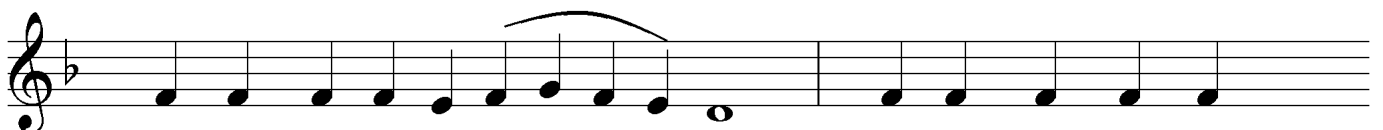
in baths of blood you dyed for your - self a pur - - - - - ple robe, by the



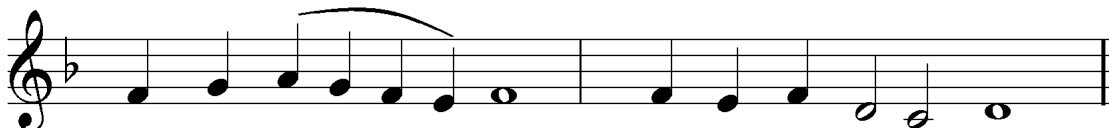
grace and pow - er of the Spir - - - - - it; and ar - rayed in it, you were



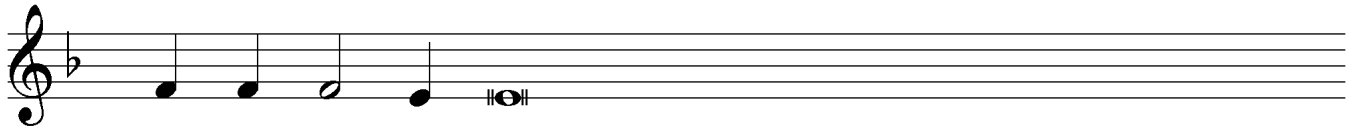
shown to be most il - lus - tri - ous, reign - ing with him who reigns,



our one God to the ag - - - - - es: in - ter - cede with him,

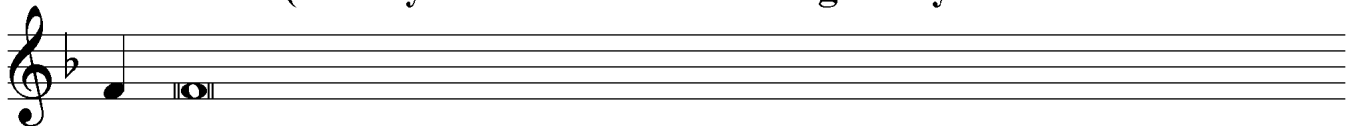


al - ways pray - - - - - ing that we may all be saved.

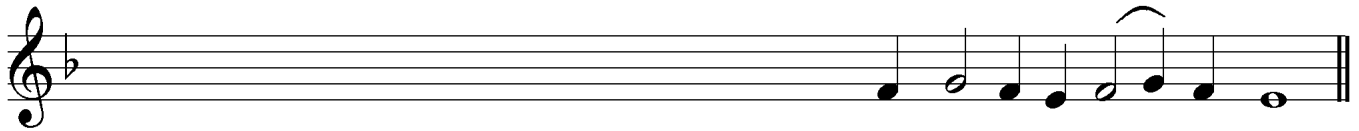


Then 3 verses for St Matrona, Tone 4

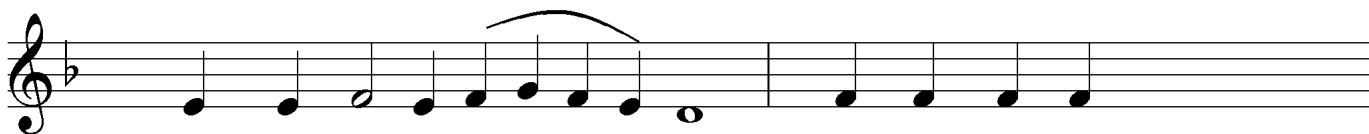
(melody: "As on valiant among martyrs")



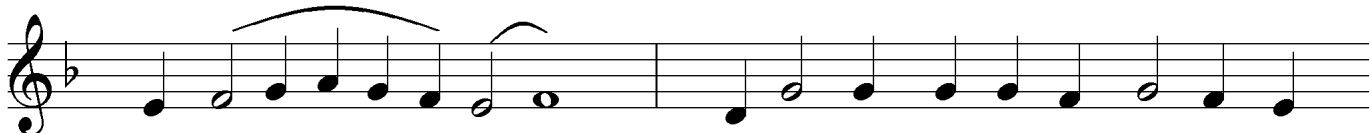
(II) For with the Lord there is mer - cy, and with him plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion;



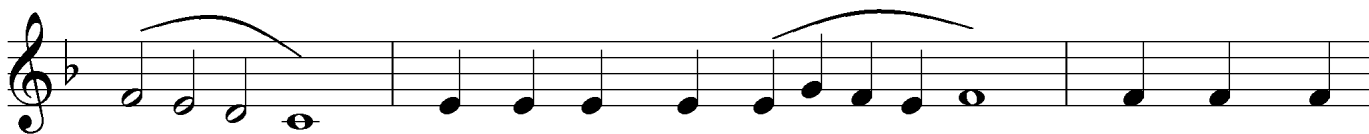
re - demp - tion; and he will re - deem Is - ra - el from all his in - i - - - qui - ties.



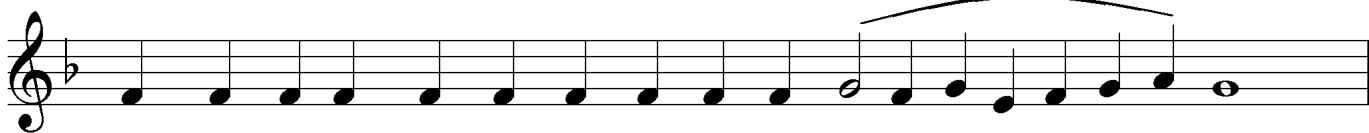
Through as - cet - ic strug - - - - gles you zeal - ous - ly



sub - ject - - - - - ed the up - ris - ings of the flesh to your



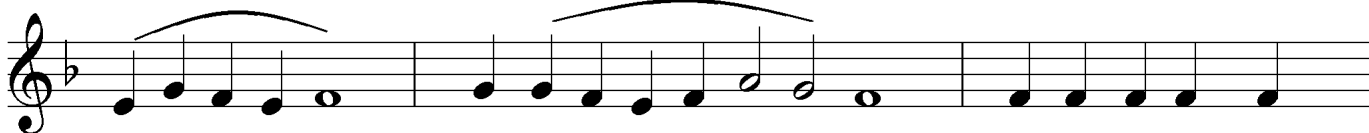
soul, and you fol - lowed Christ, and dwelt most



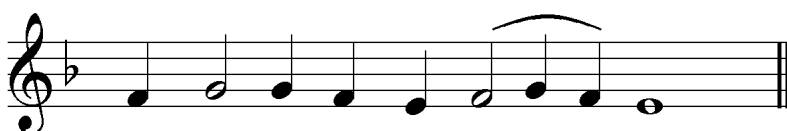
de - vout - ly a - mong as - cet - ics, O Mat - ro - - - - - na,



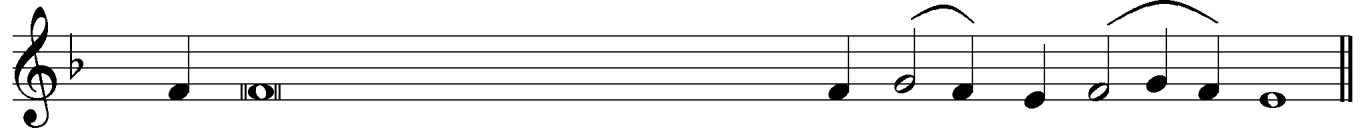
quench - ing the burn - ings of pleas - - - - ure with god - ly show - ers of



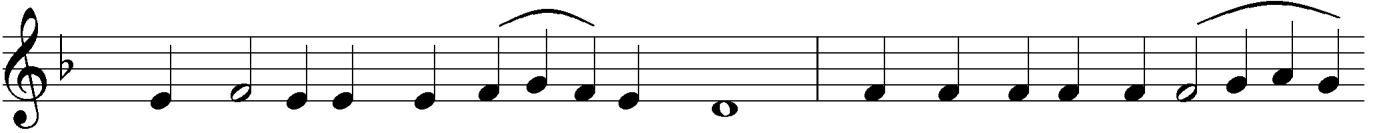
tears, and kind - - - - - ling a ver - y fer - vent



de - sire for the Cre - a - - - - - tor.



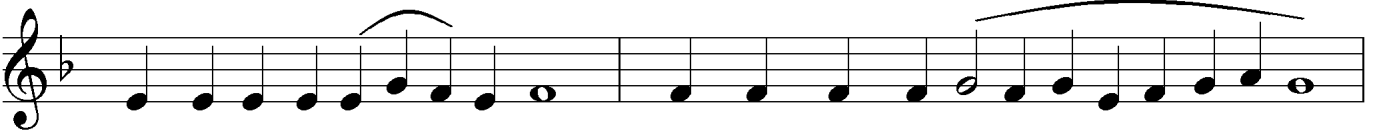
(I) Praise the Lord, all you na - tions; praise him, all you peo - - - - ples.



You built a sa - cred dwell - - ing - place for man - y for the use



of God, be - ing a tem - ple of the Spir - it, O most wise, by your



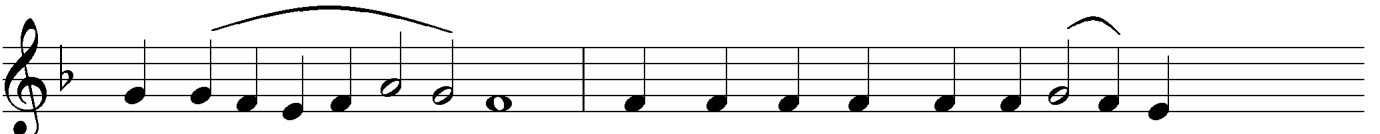
spir - it - u - al pu - - - - ri - ty, and you guid - ed souls



to the heal - ing strug - gles of fast - - - - ing, and when they were



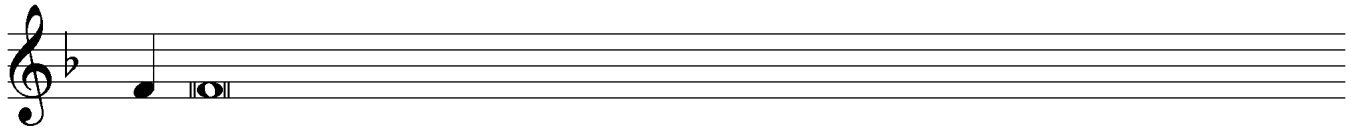
saved you brought them as a dow - - - - - ry to the Mas - ter, O



Mat - ro - - - - - na: to - geth - er with them in faith we



hon - our you.



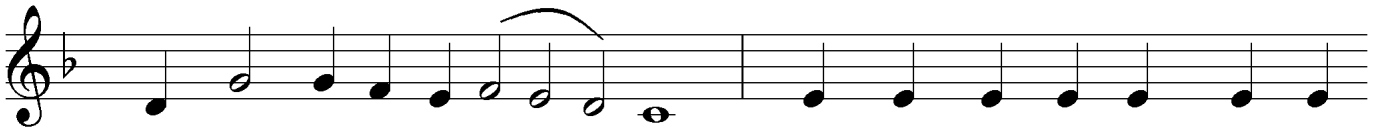
(II) For his mer - cy has been might - y to - wards us; and the truth of the



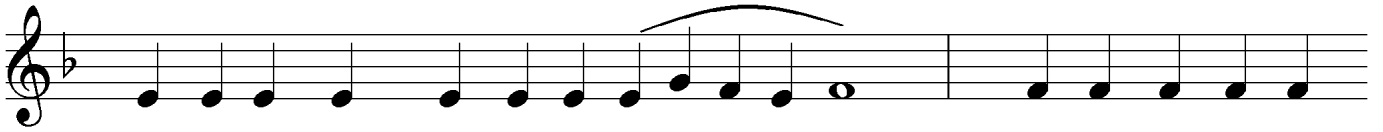
Lord en - dures to the ag - - - - - es.



The maid - ens loved the Bride - - groom and Lord,



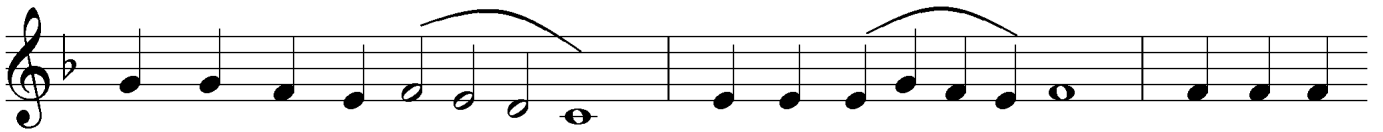
sub - mit - ting to his teach - - - ing; and when they had dis - dained in



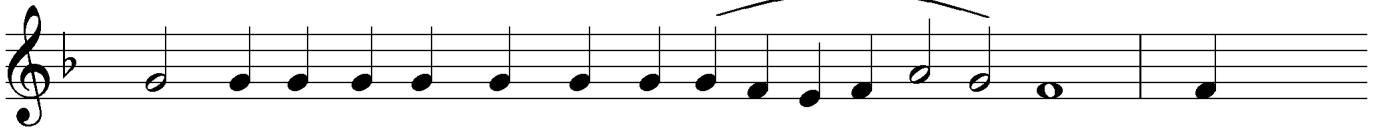
spir - it the weak - ness of the flesh, they ea - ger - ly and



pi - ous - ly re - strained the pas - - - - - sions, and were led



to - geth - er with you, O Mat - ro - - - - - na, in - to the



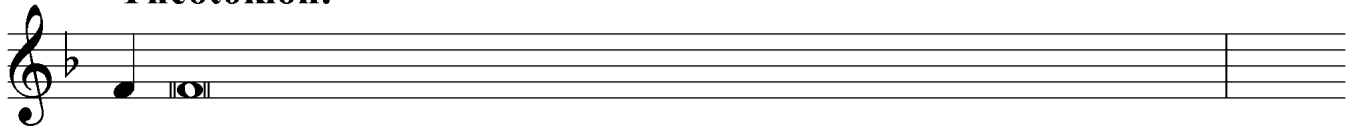
heav - en - ly and di - vine brid - al - cham - - - - - ber, for



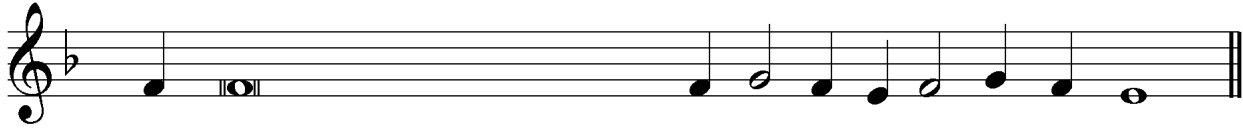
ev - er re - joic - - - - - ing.

Glory. Both now. Theotokion or Stavrotheotokion.

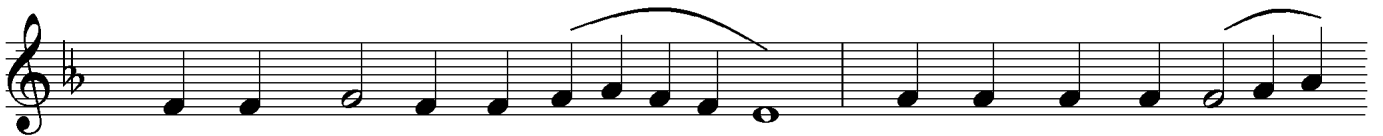
Theotokion:



(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.



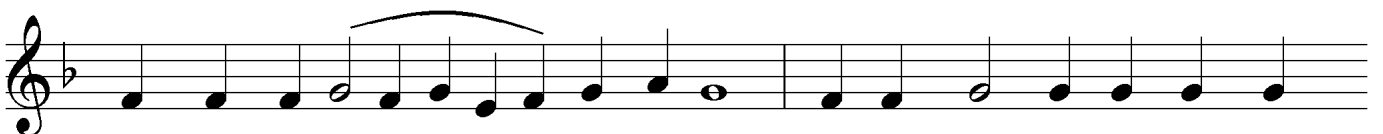
You con - tained in your womb the God who can - not



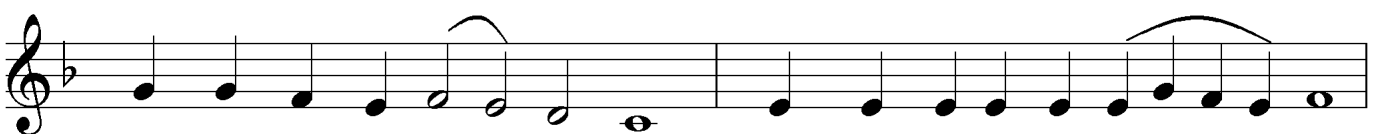
be con - tained, who, in his love for man - kind, be - came



man, and re - ceived our sub - stance from you,



and clear - ly de - - - - - i - fied it. O All - pure, do not dis - dain



me, who am now sor - - row - ful, but speed - i - ly take pit - - - - - y,

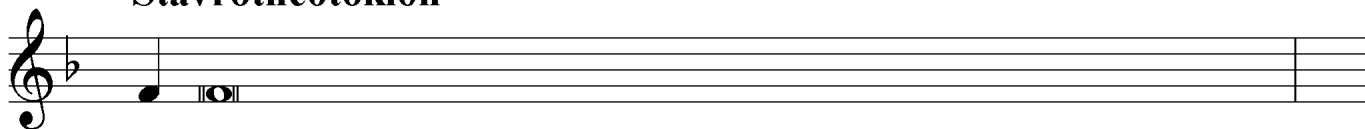


and free me from the man - i - fold hos - til - - - - - i - ties and

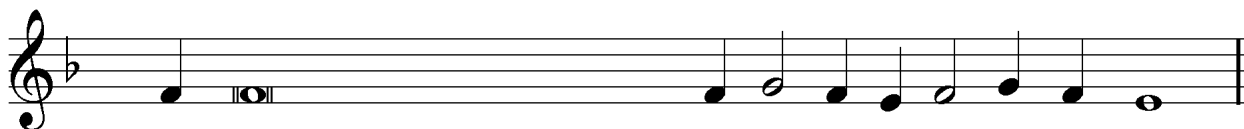


as - saults of the e - - - - vil one.

Stavrotheotokion



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



Troparion of the Martyrs, Tone 4



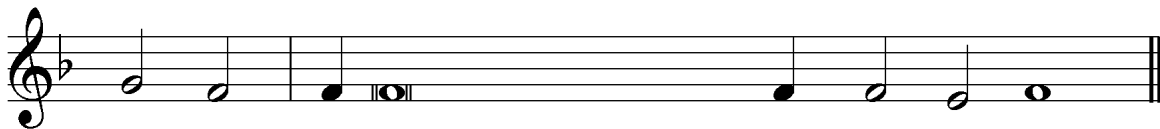
Your Mar - tyrs, O Lord, by their strug - gles ob - tained the crowns of



in - cor - rup - tion from you, our God; for with your might they



des - troyed ty - - rants, and shat - tered the fee - ble in - so - lence of the

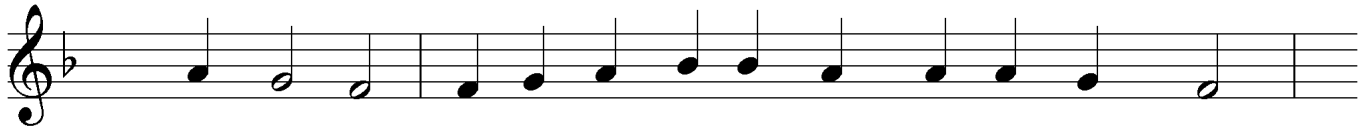


de - mons: at their prayers, O Christ God, save our souls.

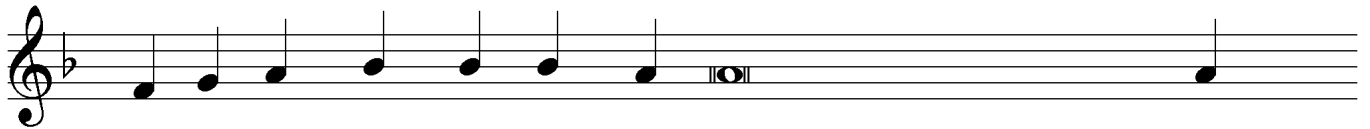
Troparion for St Matrona, Tone 8



In you, Moth - er, was pre - served un - im - paired that which is ac - cord - ing



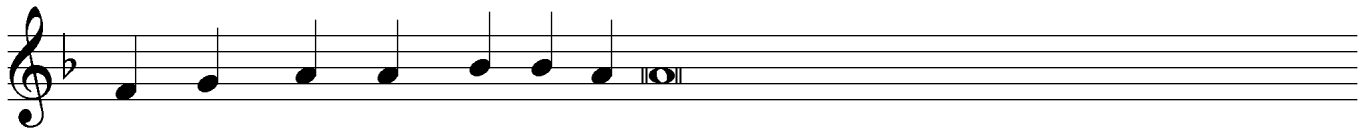
to God's im - age, for you took up the Cross, and fol - lowed Christ;



and by your deeds you have taught us to des - pise the flesh, for it



pass - es a - way, but to care for the soul, which is a thing im - mor - tal;



and there - fore your spir - it, ho - ly Moth - er Mat - ro - na re - joic - es with



the An - gels.