

DIVINE LITURGY PROPER FOR JULY 15TH

Saint Stephen Byzantine Catholic Church



The holy great prince Vladimir, equal to the apostles, who was baptized Basil at Kiev in Rus'. Son of Prince Svyatoslav, grandson of Igor and Olga, he was pagan for the first part of his life. He sent out envoys to find the religion best suited for his people, and he and his court were baptized in the orthodox faith. He bestowed care in spreading the orthodox faith among the peoples subject to him. (1015)

The holy martyrs Cyricus and Julitta (*transferred to July 14th*)

Troparion of the Patron of the Church – The holy apostle, martyr, and deacon Stephen – Tone 4

First - mar - tyr and a - pos - tle of Christ, you fought the good fight.

You con - vict - ed the tyrants of their wick - ed - ness. When you were killed

by stoning at the hands of sin - ners, you re - ceived a crown from God's right hand

while you cried out: Lord, do not hold this sin a - gainst them.

Troparion of the Saint of the Day – The holy great prince Vladimir – Tone 4

You were like a mer - chant seek - ing a fine pearl as you sat on the throne of

the mother of cities, the God - re - deemed Kiev. Send - ing mes - sengers to the capitol



in your search for the faith, you dis-cov-ered the price-less Pearl which is Christ.



He chose you in turn as a sec-ond Paul. You sub-mit-ted to the



rites of bap-tism, and the scales of spiritual blind-ness fell from your eyes.



Now your peo-ple have come to cel-e-brate your death. Pray for the authorities in the



land of Rus' to be saved.

Cantor (*Tone 8*):



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

Kontakion of the Saint of the Day – The holy great prince Vladimir – Tone 8



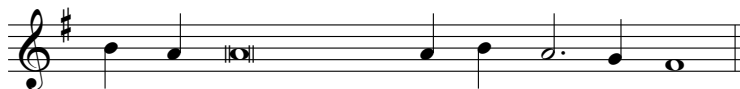
You were like the great a-pos-tle Paul. Late in life you gave up the foolish philoso-phy



of i-dols and be-came a perfect man through the wa-ter of bap-tism.

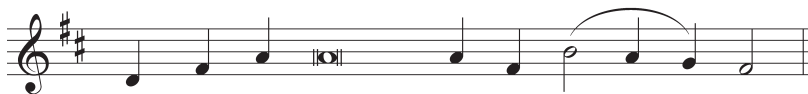


Now you stand with joy in the court of Christ. We ask you to pray for the land of Rus'



and for the salvation of its au - thor - i - ties.

Cantor (Tone 6):



Now and ev - er and for-ev - er. A - men.

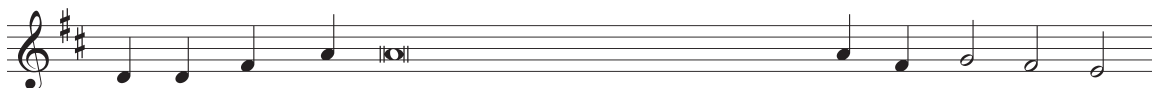
Theotokion – Tone 6:



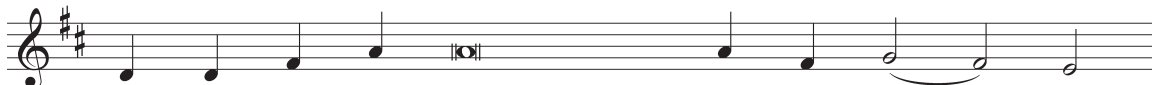
Stead-fast Pro - tec - tress of Chris - tians, un - shak - able Mediatrix before the



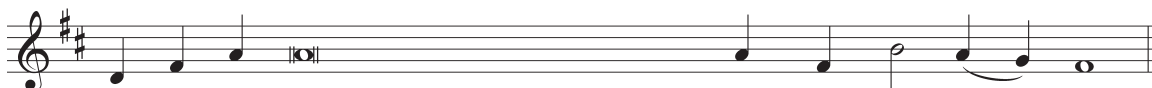
Cre - a - tor, do not de - spise the prayerful voic-es of sin - ners;



but in your good - ness hurry to assist those who faithful-ly cry out to you.

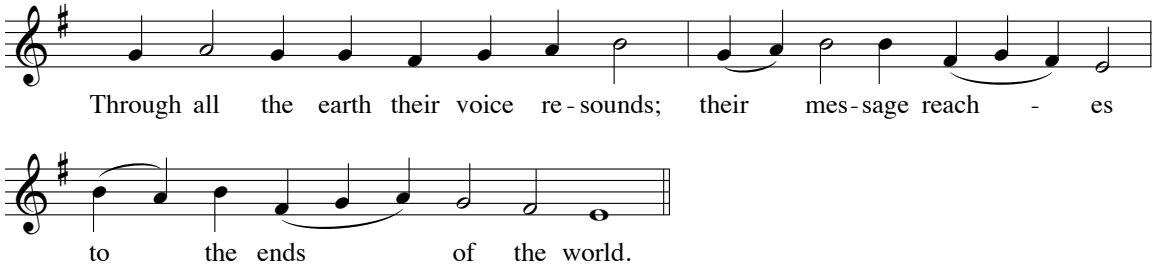


Has - ten to in - tercede and heed our sup - pli - ca - tion,



in - ter - ced - ing always, Theotokos, in behalf of those who hon - or you.

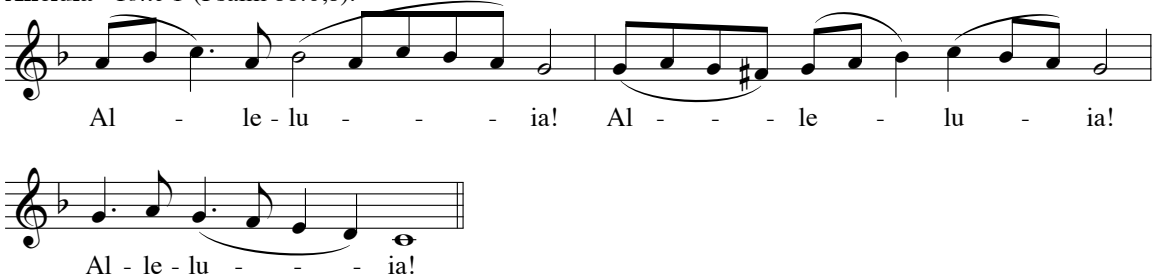
Prokeimenon - Tone 8 (Psalm 18:5,2):



Through all the earth their voice re-sounds; their mes-sage reach - es
to the ends of the world.

Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Alleluia - Tone 1 (Psalm 88:6,8):



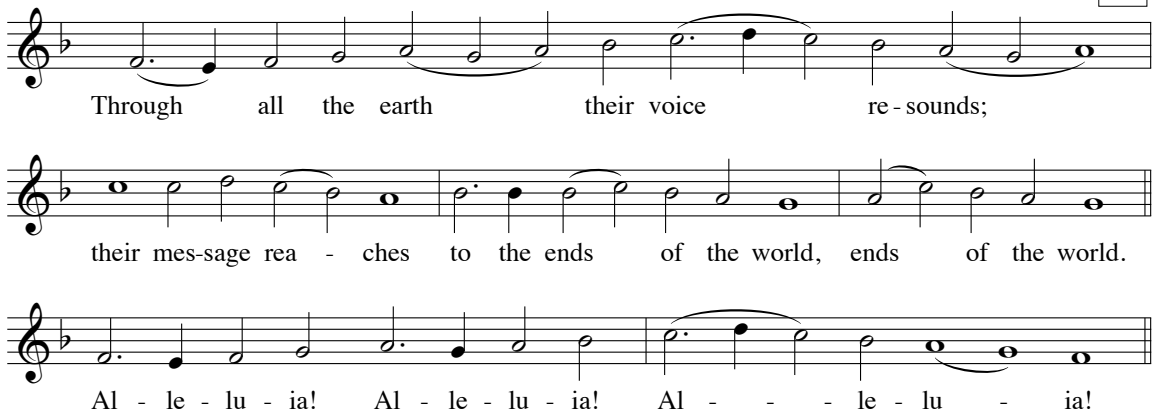
Al - le - lu - - - ia! Al - - - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - - - ia!

Verse: The heavens declare your wonders, O Lord, and your truth in the assembly of the holy.

Verse: God is glorified in the council of the holy, great and awesome above all who surround him.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 18:5):

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Through all the earth their voice re-sounds;
their mes-sage rea - ches to the ends of the world, ends of the world.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - - - le - lu - ia!