

DIVINE LITURGY PROPERS FOR JULY 25TH

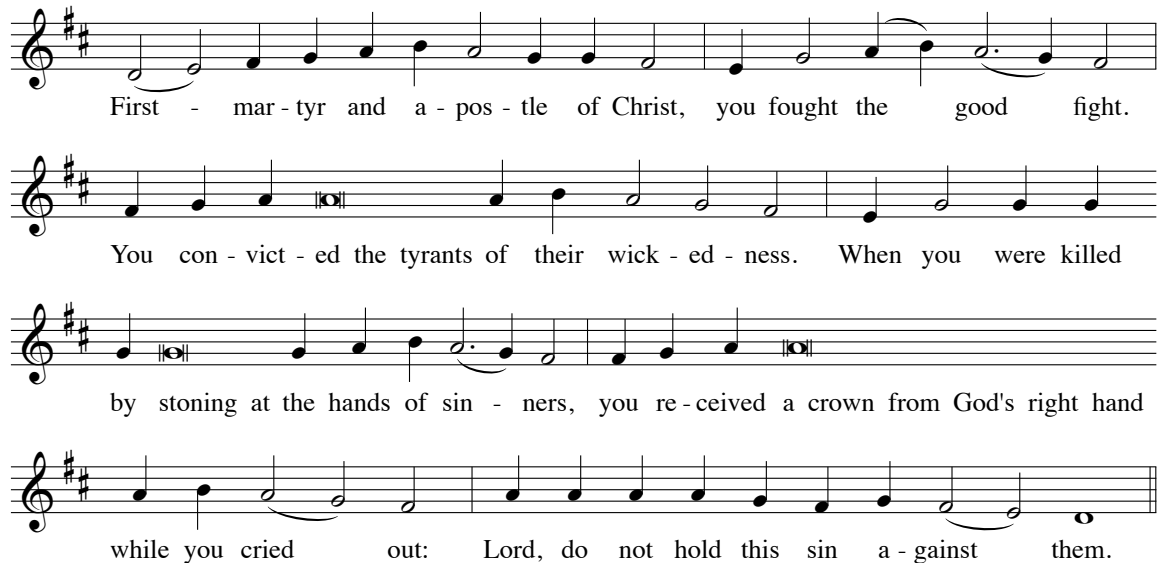
Saint Stephen Byzantine Catholic Church

✚ Dormition of the Holy Anna, mother of the Mother of God. All that we know of the mother of the Mother of God is taken from tradition, and from the apocryphal "Proto-Evangelion of James." She is also commemorated on September 9th, with her husband St. Joachim.

Memory of the holy women Olympiada and Euphraxia at Nicomedia in Bithynia. Olympiada was a widow who, bereft of her husband while still young, passed the remainder of her life most piously at Constantinople among women devoted to God. She was a deaconess, first in the time of Patriarch Nectarius, and then under St. John Chrysostom. She assisted the poor and was also very faithful to St. John Chrysostom in his exile. (408) Euphraxia went with her mother to Egypt, traveling around the monasteries and giving alms. She received the monastic habit and entered into deep ascetic discipline. (413)

Commemoration of the Fifth Ecumenical Council. This council was held in Constantinople in the time of the Emperor Justinian the Great (553). All the Monophysite heresies were condemned at this council, as were the works of Origen (against the resurrection of the dead).

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



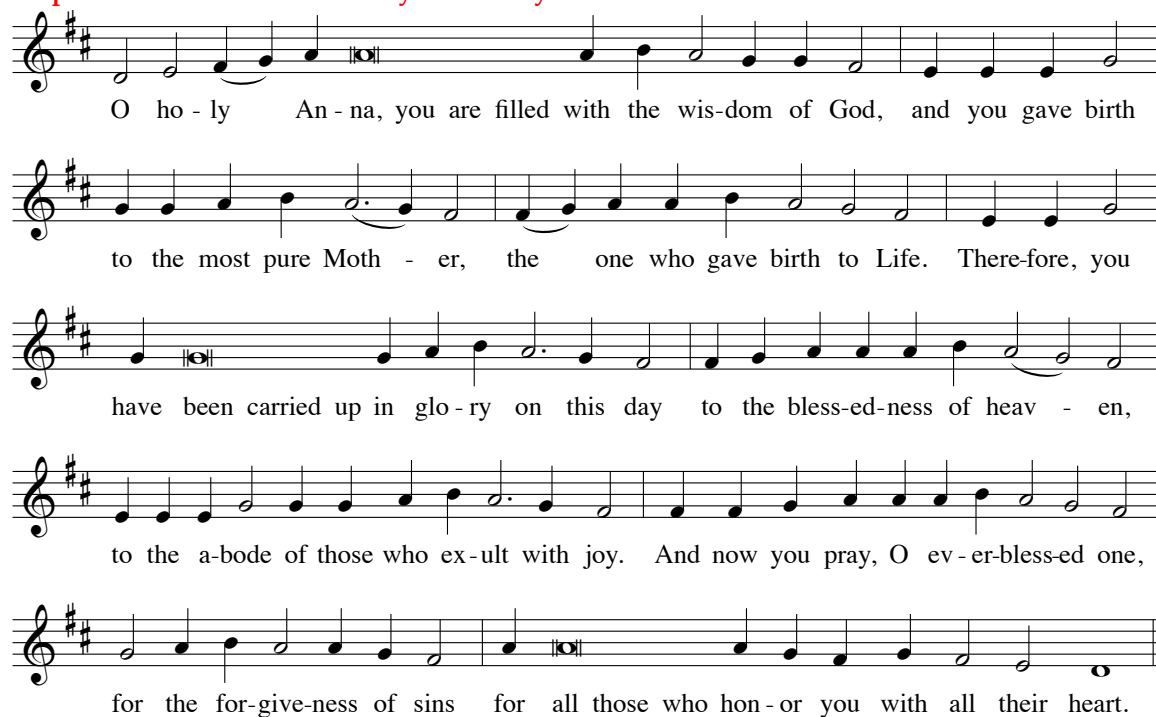
First - mar - tyr and a - pos - tle of Christ, you fought the good fight.

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

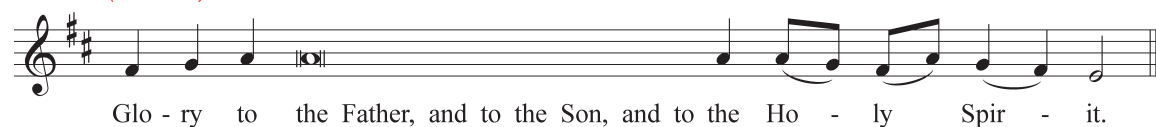
while you cried out: Lord, do not hold this sin a - gainst them.

Troparion of the Saint of the Day – The holy Anna – Tone 4



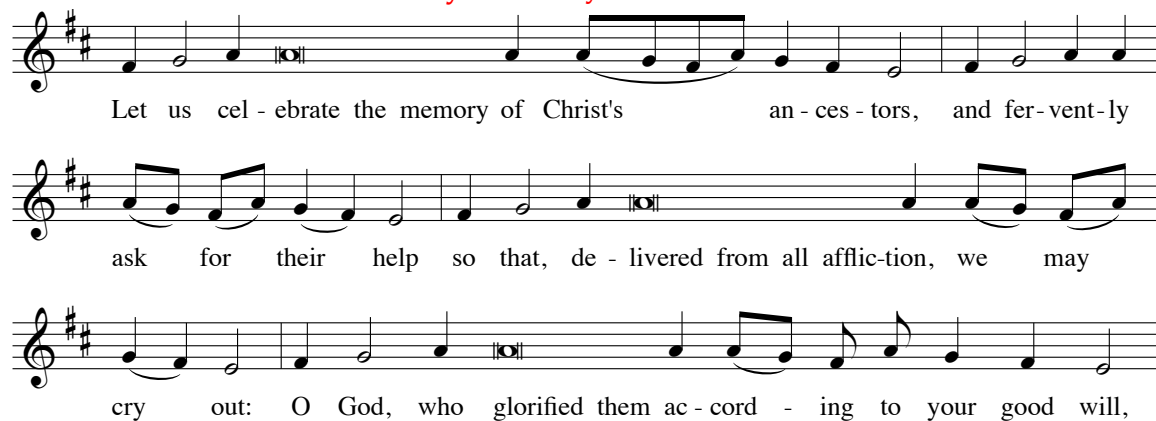
O ho - ly An - na, you are filled with the wis - dom of God, and you gave birth to the most pure Moth - er, the one who gave birth to Life. There - fore, you have been carried up in glo - ry on this day to the bless - ed - ness of heav - en, to the a - bode of those who ex - ult with joy. And now you pray, O ev - er - bless - ed one, for the for - give - ness of sins for all those who hon - or you with all their heart.

Cantor (Tone 2):



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 Anna – Tone 2

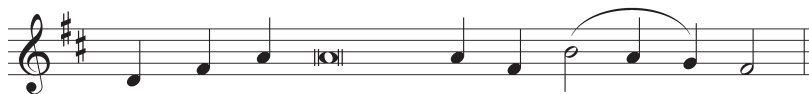


Let us cel - ebrate the memory of Christ's an - ces - tors, and fer - vent - ly ask for their help so that, de - livered from all afflic - tion, we may cry out: O God, who glorified them ac - cord - ing to your good will,



re - main al - ways with us.

Cantor (Tone 6):



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

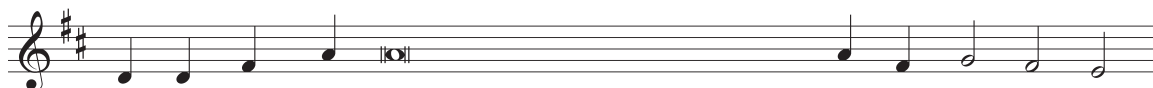
Theotokion – Tone 6:



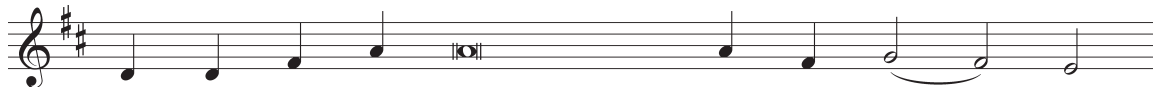
Stead-fast Pro - tec - tress of Chris - tians, un - shak - able Mediatrix before the



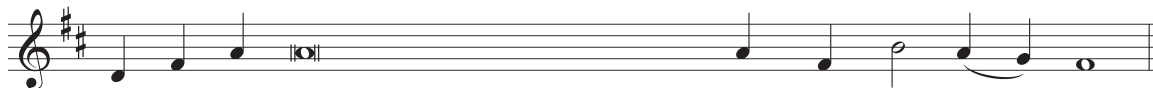
Cre - a - tor, do not de - spise the prayerful voic-es of sin - ners;



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 4 (Psalm 67:36,27):



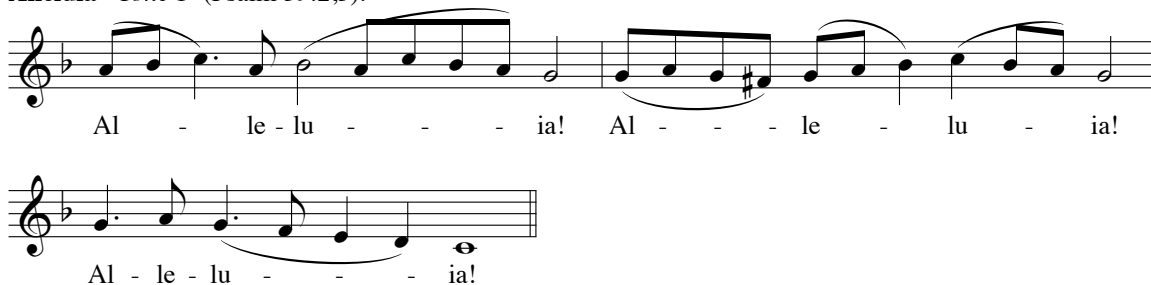
God is won-drous in his saints, the God of Is - ra - el,



the God of Is - ra - el.

Verse: In the churches bless God; from Israel's wellsprings bless the Lord.

Alleluia - Tone 1 (Psalm 39:2,3):

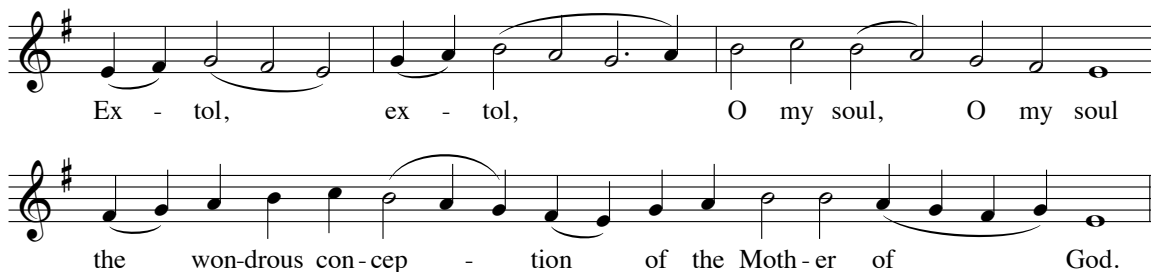


Verse: I have waited, waited for the Lord, and he stooped toward me and heard my cry.

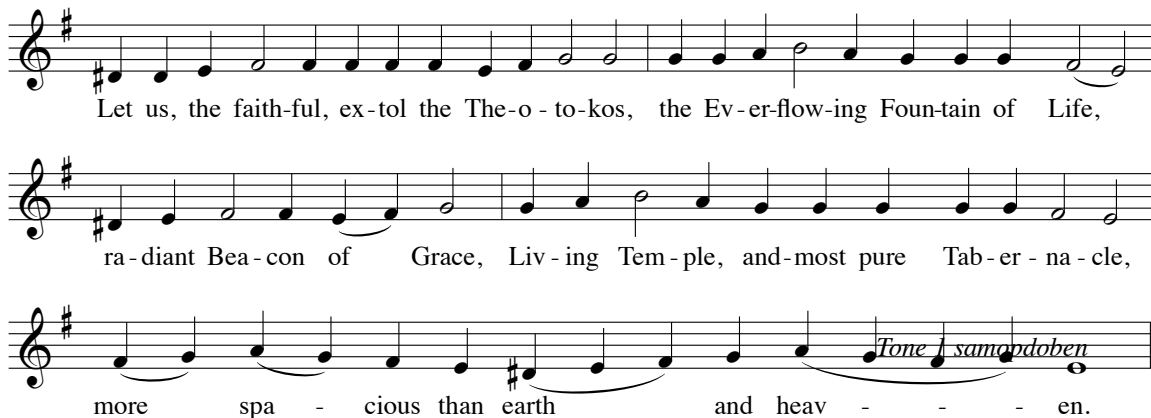
Verse: He drew me out of the pit of destruction, out of the filthy clay.

Instead of "It is truly proper . . ."

Magnification:



Irmos - Tone 6 *Irmos, simple setting*



Communion Hymn (Psalm 32:1):

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Re-joyce in the Lord, re-joyce, you right-eous ones; praise from the up-right,

Refrain
the up - right is fit-ting. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Format 8: Polyeleos Saint on a Weekday