

DIVINE LITURGY PROPERs FOR DECEMBER 4TH

Saint Stephen Byzantine Catholic Church



The holy great martyr Barbara who, it is said, was a virgin and martyr of Nicomedia. (306)

Our venerable father John of Damascus, a priest celebrated for his holiness and learning, He strove diligently by his word and writings in favor of the veneration of Holy Images against the Emperor Leo III, the Isaurian. Having been made a monk in the monastery of St. Sabbas near Jerusalem, he composed sacred hymns and there reposed in the Lord. His body was buried on this day. (749)

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 martyr Barbara – Tone 8

Let us praise the hon - 'ra - ble Bar - ba - ra. She has thwart - ed the
pow - er of the en - e - my and through the might and the strength

of the cross, she was made free in her flight to God.

Troparion of the Saint of the Day – Our venerable father John – Tone 8

Guide to Or - tho - dox - y, teach - er of pi - e - ty and ho - li - ness,

lu - mi - nar - y for the world, in - spired

a - dorn - ment of bish - ops, O wise John, harp of the

Spir - it, you en - light - ened all by your teach - ings;

in - ter - cede with Christ our God to save our souls.

Cantor (Tone 4):

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

Kontakion of the Saint of the Day – The holy great martyr Barbara – Tone 4

O hon - orable and tri - um - phiant Bar - ba - ra, you be - lieved in the Ho - ly

Trin - i - ty and re - nounced the multiplicity of pa - gan de - i - ties. You fought



for your faith with great cour - age and were not fright-ened by the threats of your

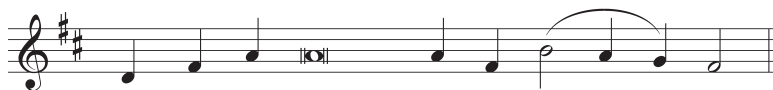


per-se-cu - tors, but de-clared in-stead in a clear voice: I a-dore one God



in three Di-vine Per - sons.

Cantor (*Tone 6*):



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

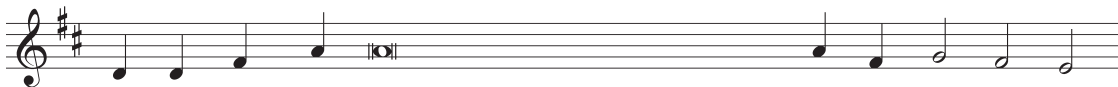
Theotokion – Tone 6 Kontakion:



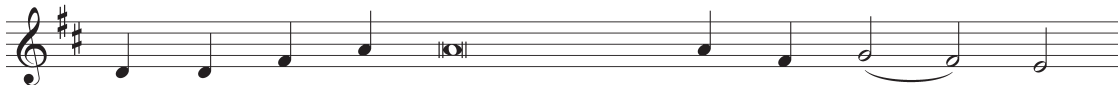
Stead-fast Pro - tec - tress of Chris - tians, un - shak - able Mediatrix before the



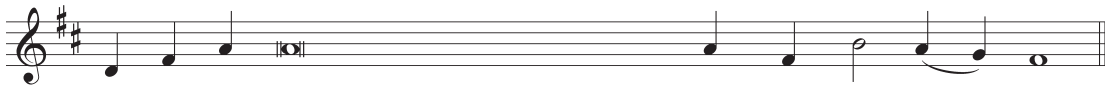
Cre - a - tor, do not de - spise the prayerful voic-es of sin - ners;



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

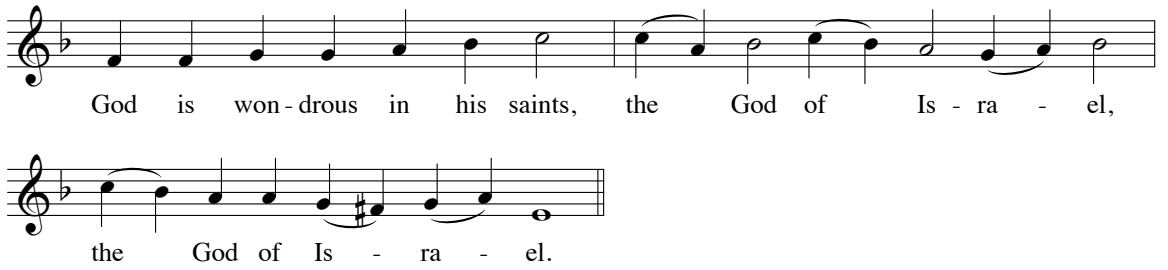


Has - ten to in - tercede and heed our sup - pli - ca - tion,



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

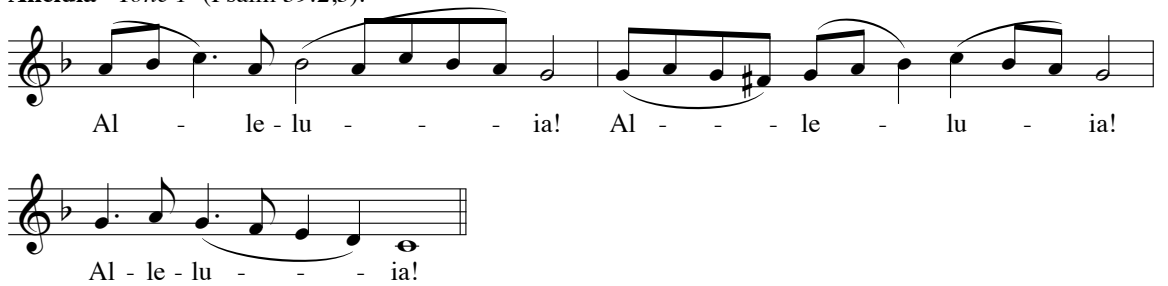
Prokeimenon - Tone 4 (Psalm 67:36,27):



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):



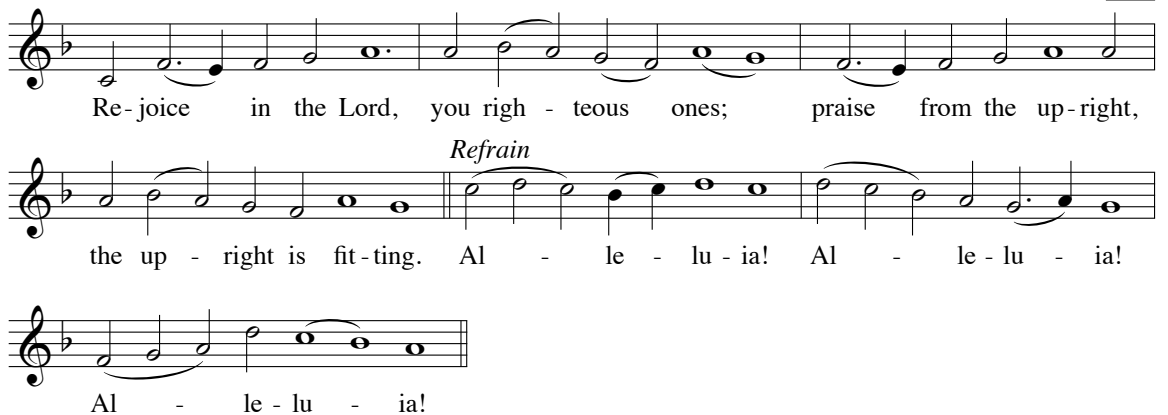
Al - le - lu - - - ia! Al - - - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - - - ia!

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.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 32:1):

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Re-joice in the Lord, you righ-teous 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!

¹ Format 3, Two Saints on a Weekday