

Stichera at the Litya

The Holy, Glorious, and All-Praised Leaders of the Apostles Peter and Paul - June 29

Russian Imperial Court Chant

arr. from L'vov/Bakhmetev

Tone 2

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

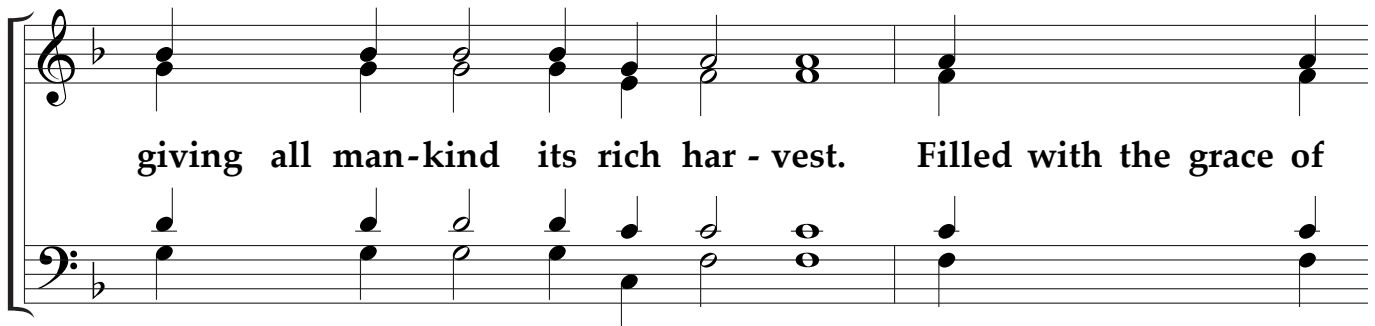
Let us come today and gather in cho - rus, and give an

offering of the faith - ful! Let us ex - alt the Apostles Peter and

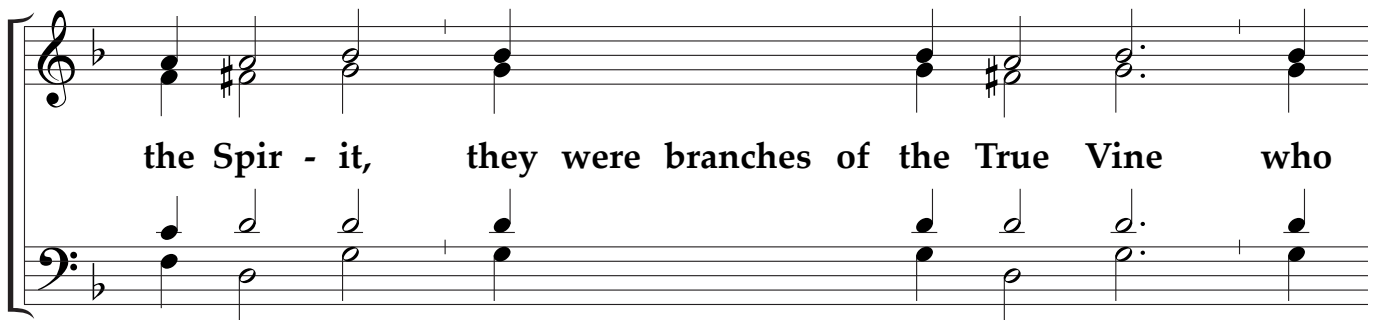
Paul, the two ves - sels of grace! Let us worthily crown them

with prais - es, for they bountifully spread the seed of the Word,

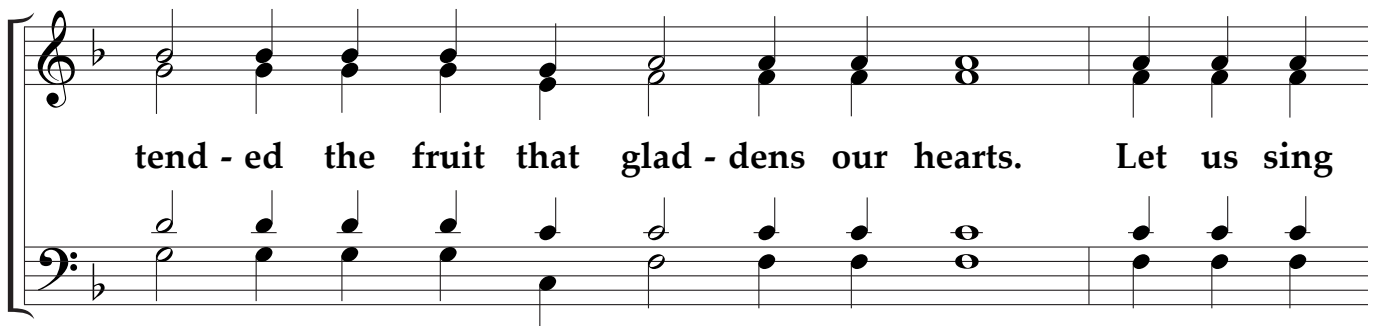
[giving all man-kind . . .]



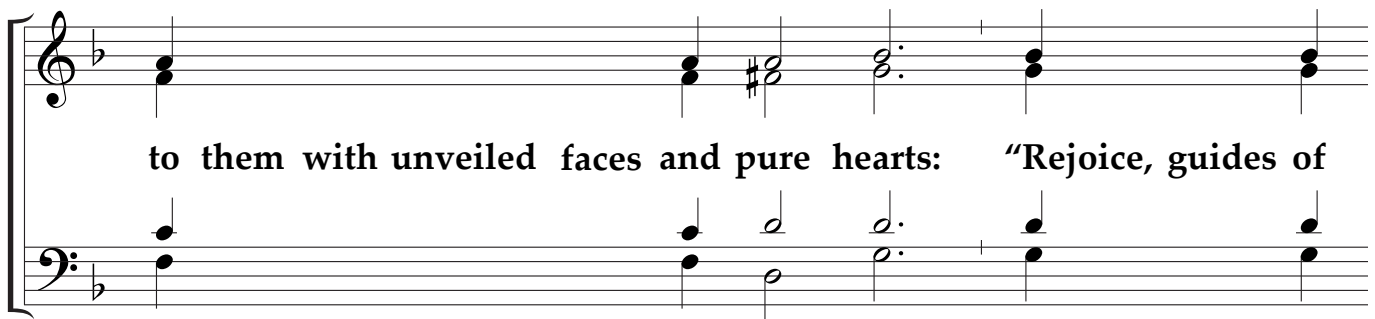
giving all man-kind its rich har - vest. Filled with the grace of



the Spir - it, they were branches of the True Vine who



tend - ed the fruit that glad - dens our hearts. Let us sing



to them with unveiled faces and pure hearts: "Rejoice, guides of



those with-out rea - son, who cared for those who gained wis-dom!

[Rejoice, chosen friends . . .]

Rejoice, chosen friends of the Cre - a - tor! Rejoice, stewards of bounty

and foes of il - lu - sion!" Let us ev - er pray to them that they

may intercede with their Creator and Mas - ter // that He may

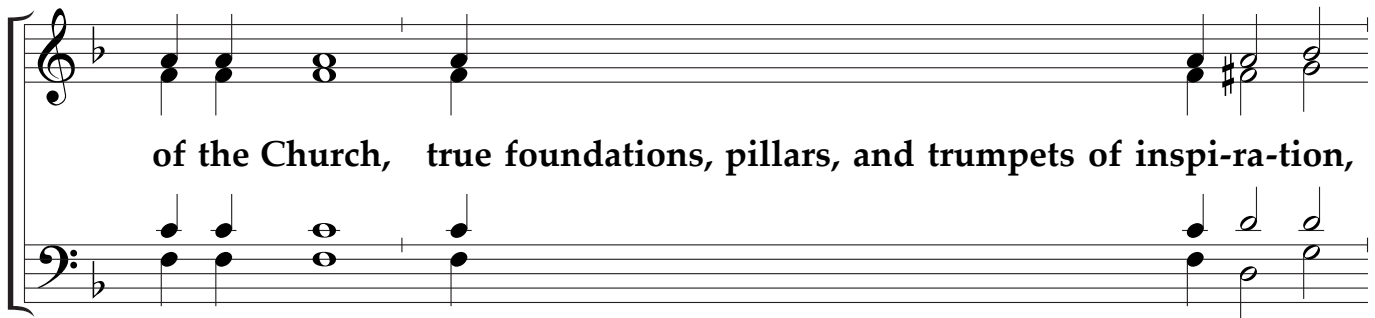
grant peace to the world and great mer - cy to our souls!

Sticheron 2

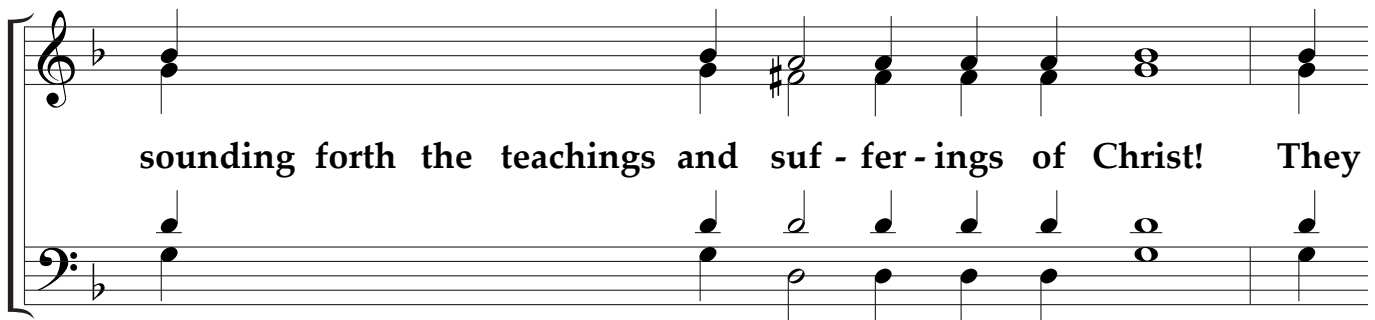
Let us praise as champions of all the world, those lead-ers,



Pe - ter and Paul: the dis - ci - ples of Christ and found - ers



of the Church, true foundations, pillars, and trumpets of inspi-ra-tion,



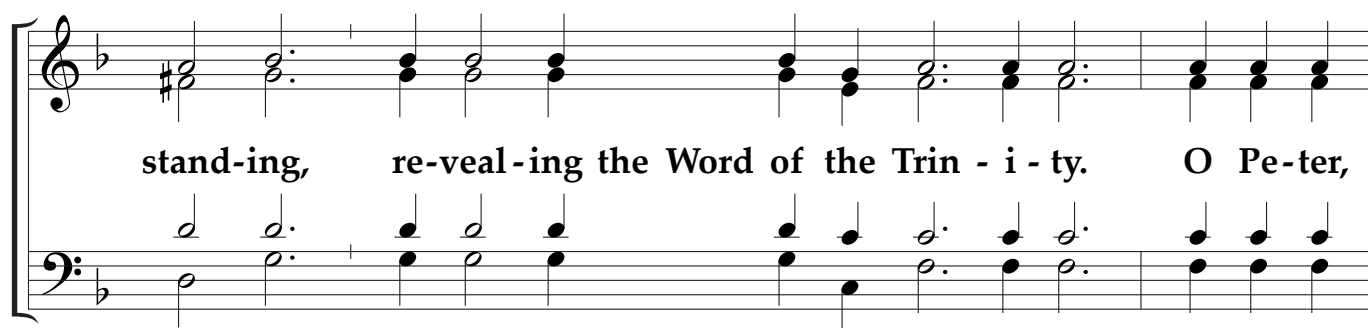
sounding forth the teachings and suf - fer - ings of Christ! They



in-deed went out in - to all the earth as husbandmen spreading



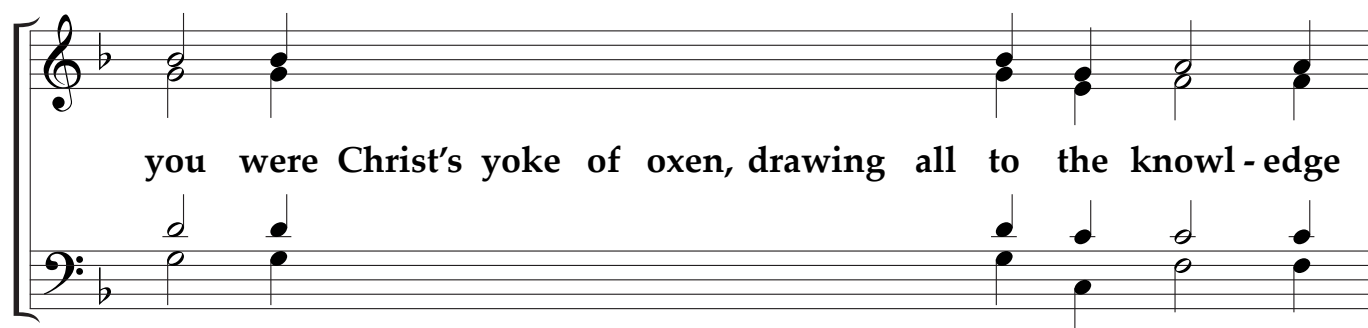
the seed of the faith, planting for all mankind divine under -



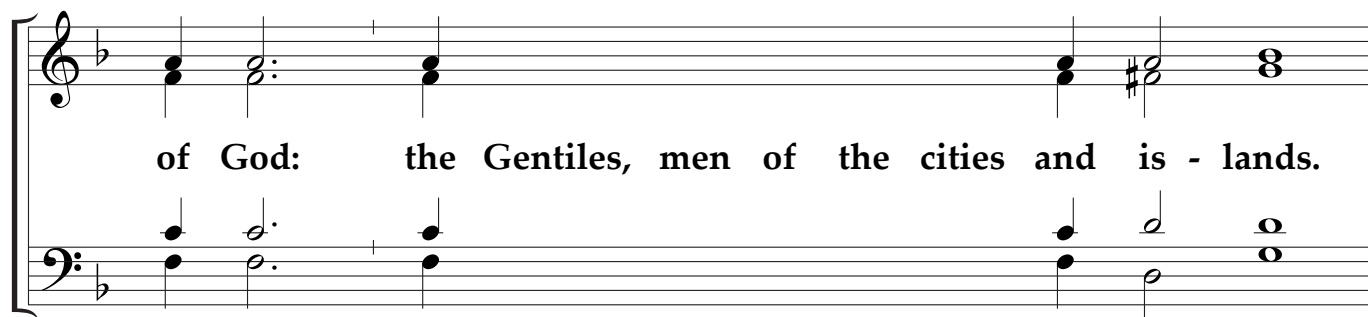
stand-ing, re-veal-ing the Word of the Trin - i - ty. O Pe-ter,



thou rock and foun-da - tion, and Paul, thou chosen ves - sel,



you were Christ's yoke of oxen, drawing all to the knowl - edge



of God: the Gentiles, men of the cities and is - lands.



You brought the Hebrews back a - gain to Christ, // and now you

[both intercede that our . . .]

both intercede that our souls may be saved.

Sticheron 3

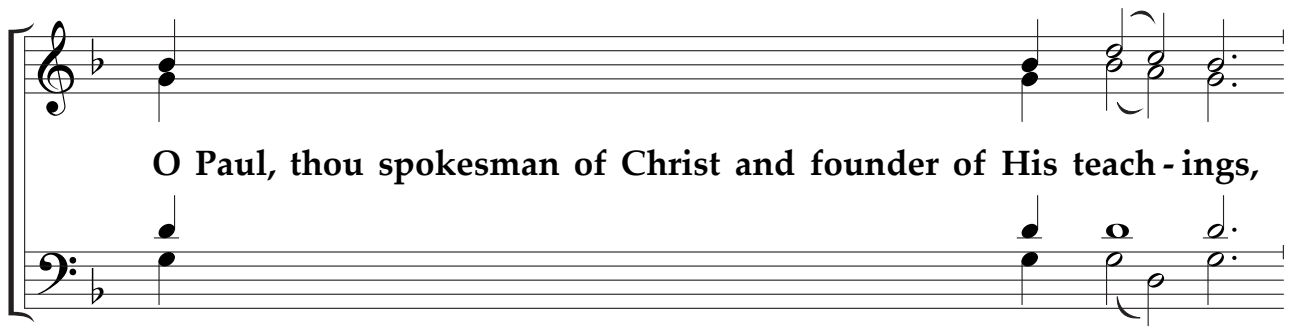
O Peter, leader of the glorious Apostles and rock of the faith,

and Paul, divinely inspired orator and light of the holy Church-es,

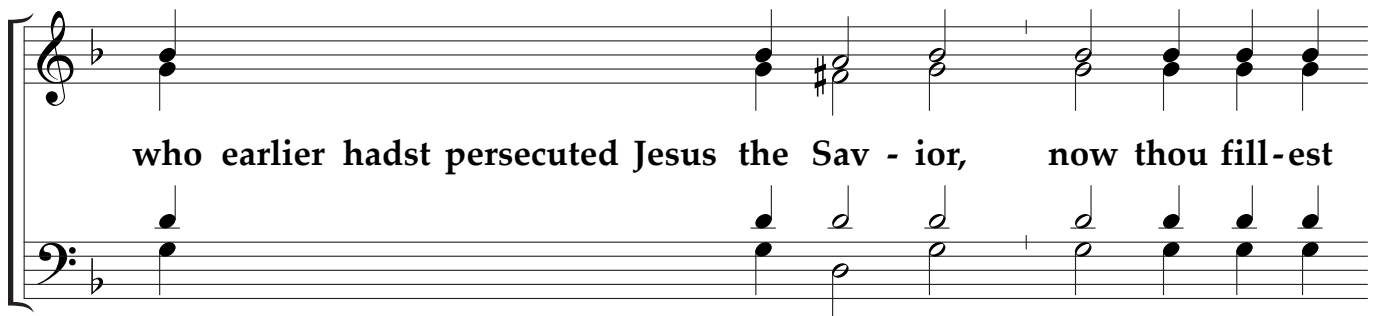
as you stand be - fore the throne of God, // in - ter - cede with

Christ on our be - half.

Sticheron 4



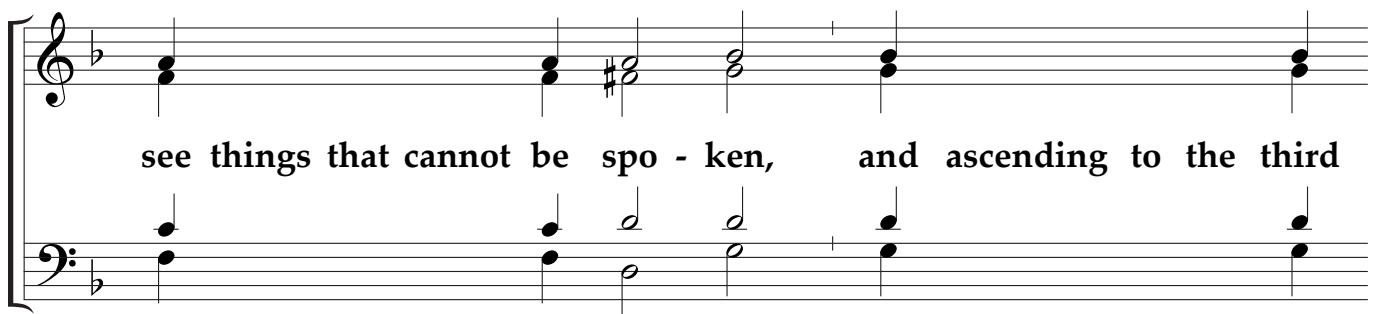
O Paul, thou spokesman of Christ and founder of His teach - ings,



who earlier hadst persecuted Jesus the Sav - ior, now thou fill - est



the first throne of the Apostles, O bless - ed one. Thus thou didst



see things that cannot be spo - ken, and ascending to the third



heav - en thou didst cry: // "Come with me, and be filled with

[good things!"]

good things!"

Tone 3

Sticheron 5

O citizens of heavenly Je - ru - sa - lem — the rock of faith and

the orator of the Church of Christ — you were an invincible team

for the Trin - i - ty, and have caught the whole world in your

net; you have endured the contest of suf - fer - ing, and today you

[depart this world . . .]



depart this world for the throne of God; as you stand before Him

The first system of musical notation consists of a grand staff with a treble and bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are centered under the notes.



with bold - ness, // in - ter-cede that our souls— may be saved!

The second system of musical notation continues the grand staff. It features a treble and bass clef with a one-flat key signature. The melody includes a slur over the notes for 'in - ter-cede'. The system concludes with a double bar line.