

Stichera at "Lord, I Call"

Sts. Athanasius the Great and Cyril, Archbishops of Alexandria - January 18

Tone 4

Sticheron 1 (for St. Athanasius)

Russian Imperial Court Chant

arr. from L'vov/Bakhmetev

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

Thou didst brave dangers and patiently suffer perse - cu - tion,

O venerable Athanasius, di - vine - ly - in - spired. Thou didst

ex-pose the godless lies of A - ri - us, preserving thy flock

from deception, O bless - ed priest, and proclaiming the dogma

The musical score is written for four voices: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is a simple, hymn-like tune. The lyrics are in English, with some words hyphenated across lines. The score is divided into four systems, each with a Soprano/Alto staff and a Tenor/Bass staff. The lyrics are: "Thou didst brave dangers and patiently suffer perse - cu - tion," "O venerable Athanasius, di - vine - ly - in - spired. Thou didst", "ex-pose the godless lies of A - ri - us, preserving thy flock", and "from deception, O bless - ed priest, and proclaiming the dogma".

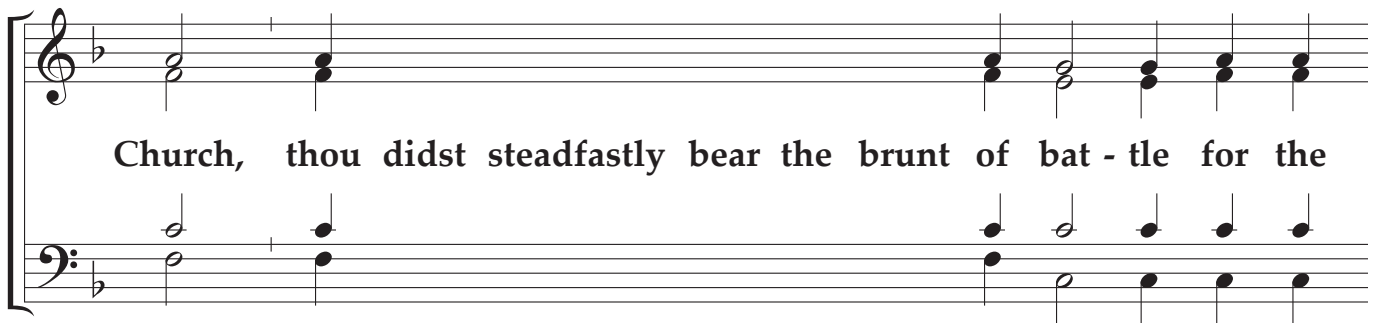
[of the true faith: //]

of the true faith: // that the Son and the Spirit
are of one essence with the Fa - ther.

Sticheron 2

By the lightning - flash of thy teaching, thou didst enlighten
those in dark - ness and didst chase away all false doc - trine.
As a true shep - herd and unshaken fortress of Christ's ho - ly

[Church, ...]



Church, thou didst steadfastly bear the brunt of bat - tle for the

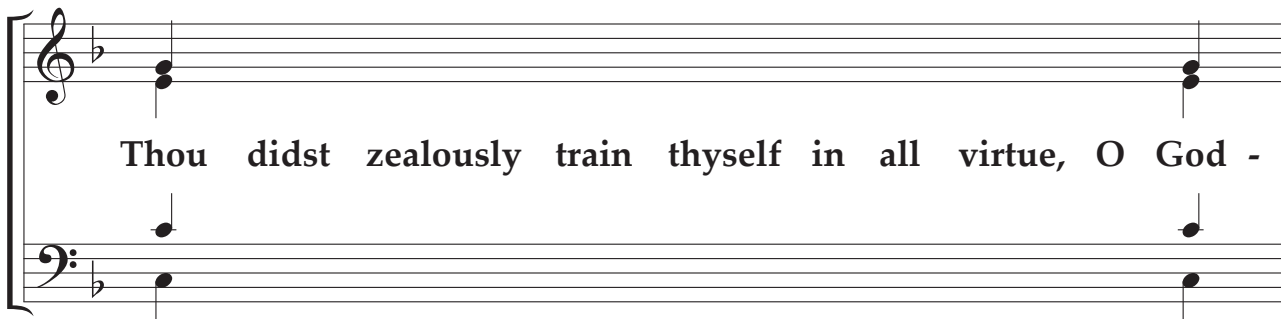


faith, O most glorious Atha - na - sius. // There - fore we

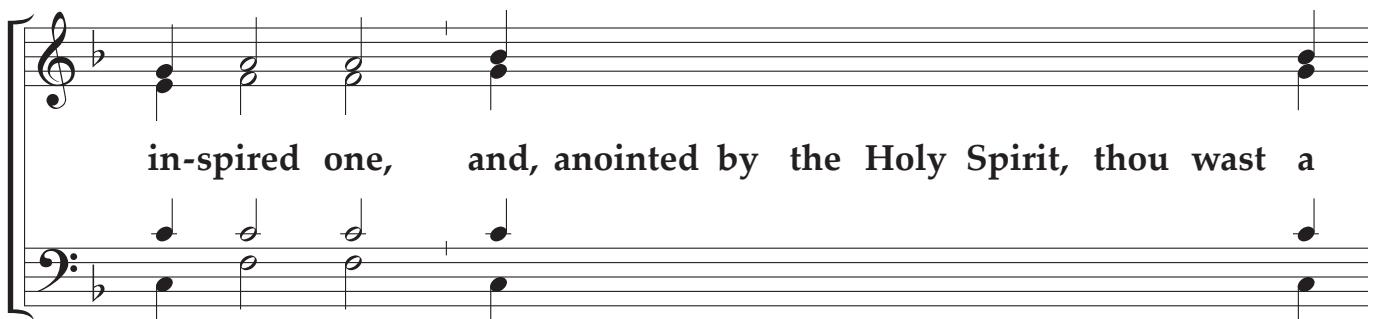


assemble in thine hon - or, re - joic - ing in song.

Sticheron 3



Thou didst zealously train thyself in all virtue, O God -

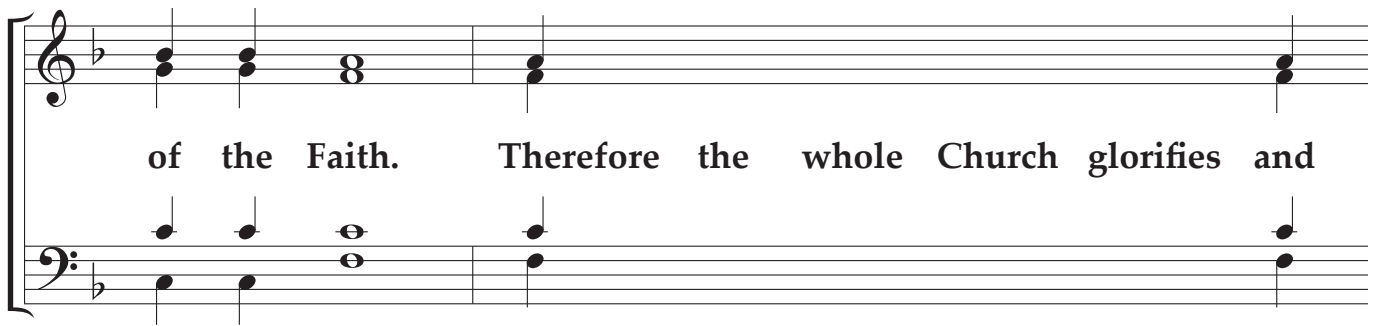


in-spired one, and, anointed by the Holy Spirit, thou wast a

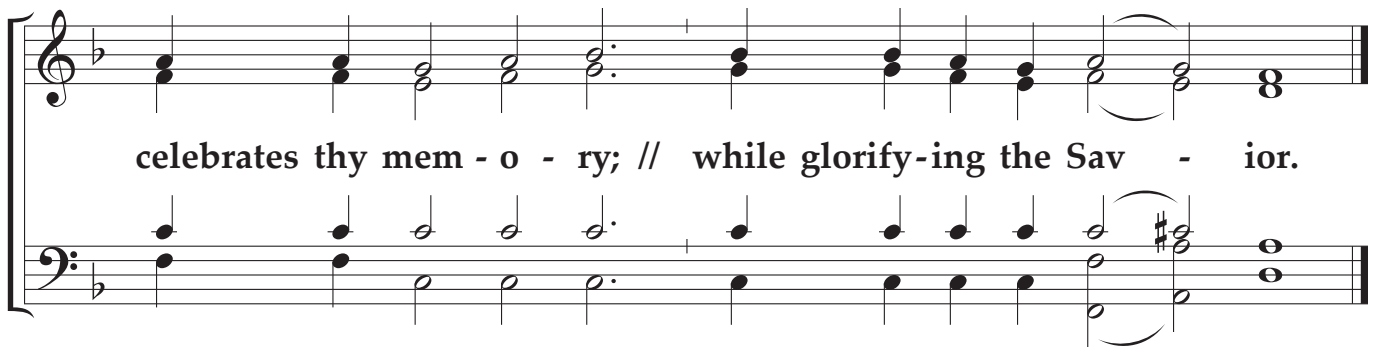
[most sacred min-is-ter,]



most sa-cred min - is - ter, a true pas - tor, and a de-fend - er

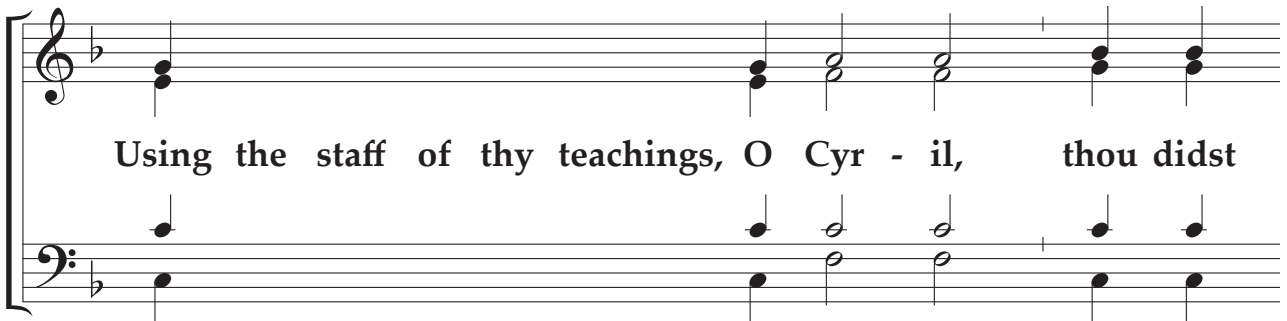


of the Faith. Therefore the whole Church glorifies and

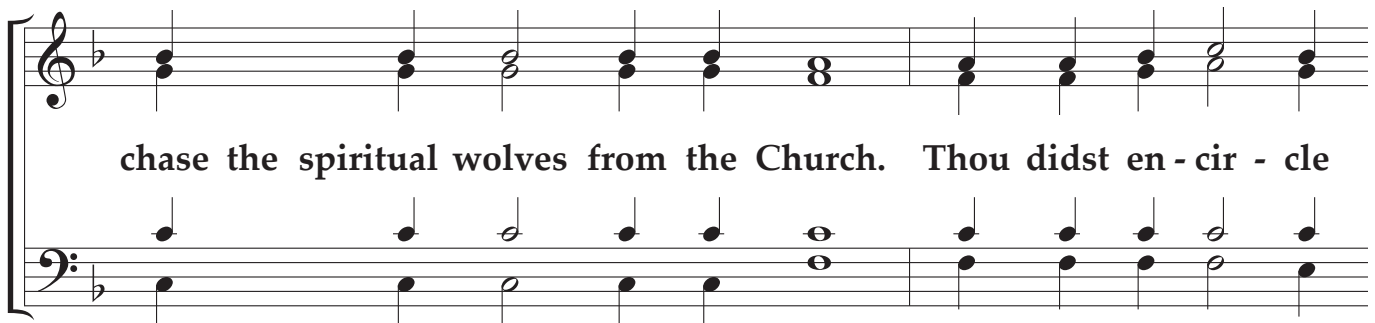


celebrates thy mem - o - ry; // while glorify-ing the Sav - ior.

Sticheron 4 (for St. Cyril)



Using the staff of thy teachings, O Cyr - il, thou didst



chase the spiritual wolves from the Church. Thou didst en - cir - cle

[her with the retaing wall]

her with the retaining wall of thy words, presenting her to

Christ with unblemished doc - trine. Beseech Him to deliver

us now from persecution and cor - rup - tion //

as we celebrate thine hon-'ra - ble mem - o - ry!

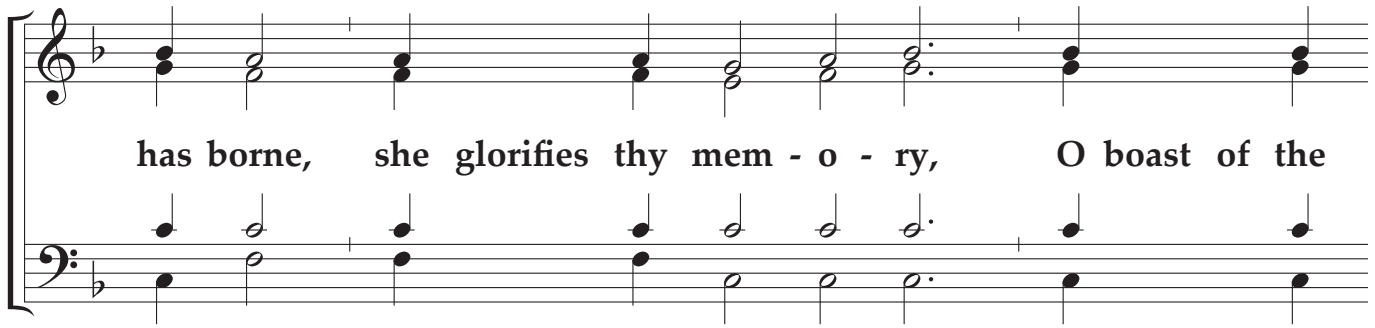
Sticheron 5

By the eloquence of thy words, O Cyr - il, the whole Church

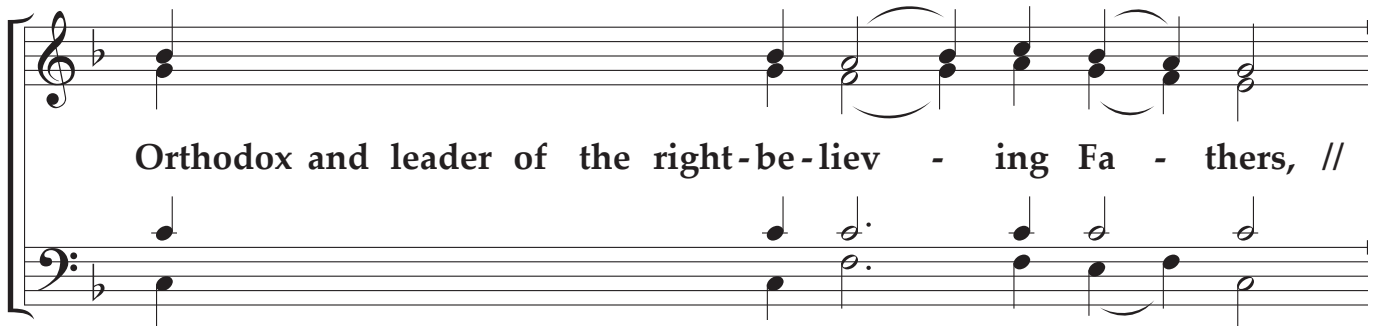
[is made beau-ti-ful.]



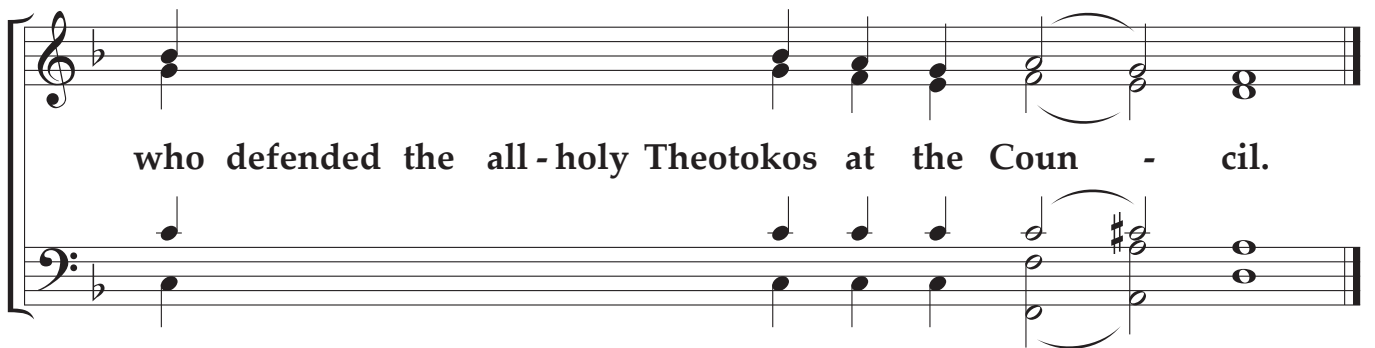
is made beau - ti - ful. Hon - or - ing the fruits thy teach - ing



has borne, she glorifies thy mem - o - ry, O boast of the

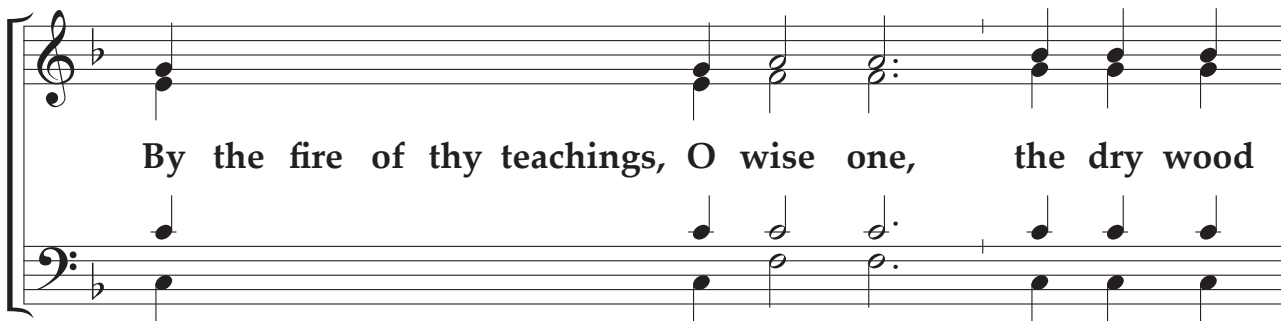


Orthodox and leader of the right-be-liev - ing Fa - thers, //



who defended the all-holy Theotokos at the Coun - cil.

Sticheron 6



By the fire of thy teachings, O wise one, the dry wood

[and chaff of heresy...]

and chaff of heresy are burned a - way. The host of the

im - pious are drowned, and the faithless sink in the abyss of thy

teach-ings. With thy doctrines of wisdom, O blessed Cyr - il,

the Church of the faith - ful is ——— a-dorned, // and with a

mighty voice it hon - ors and prais - es thee.