

Stichera at "Lord, I Call"

Repose of St. Raphael, Bishop of Brooklyn, February 27

Tone 2
Sticheron 1

Model Melody: "Joseph of Arimathea"
Optina Pustyn' Chant

Soprano
Alto
Tenor
Bass

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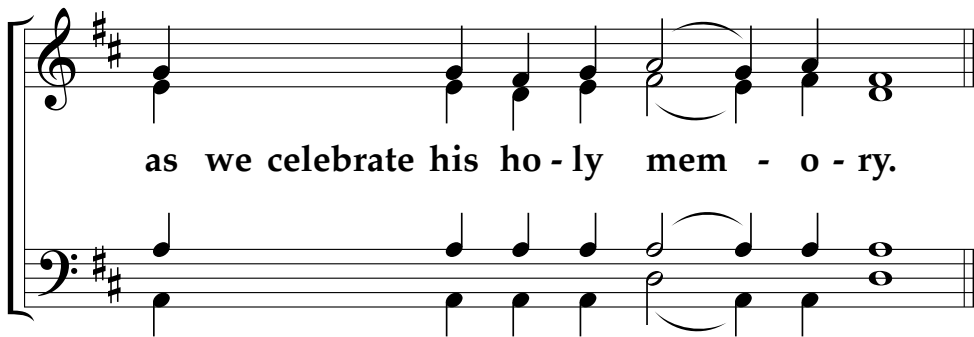
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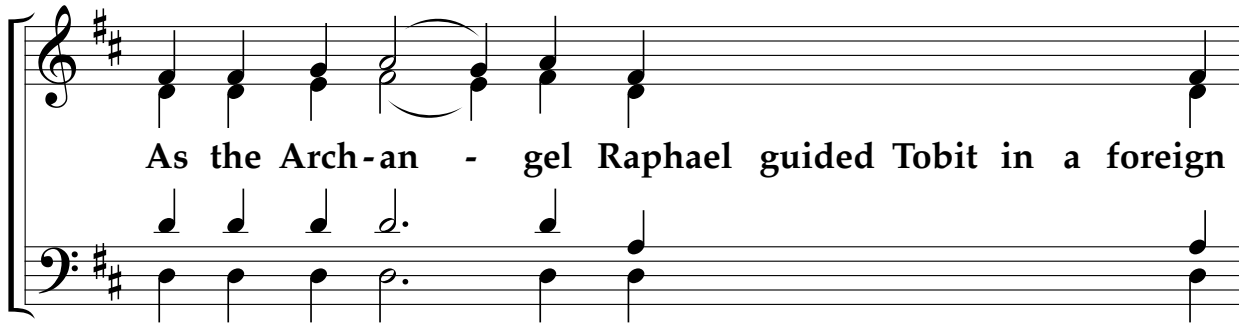
[as we celebrate...]

The musical score is written for four voices: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass. It is in the key of D major (two sharps) and 2/4 time. The melody is based on the 'Joseph of Arimathea' chant from Optina Pustyn'. The lyrics are: 'Let all the choirs— of Orthodox Christians in America sing hymns in honor of the holy Bishop Raph - a - el! By birth an Arab, nourished by streams of Greek the - ol - o - gy, he was consecrated by the Church of Russia, which had a - dopt - ed us all. True to his name, he brings God's heal - ing to us //'. The score includes a repeat sign at the end of the first line and a final double bar line at the end of the last line. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measures.

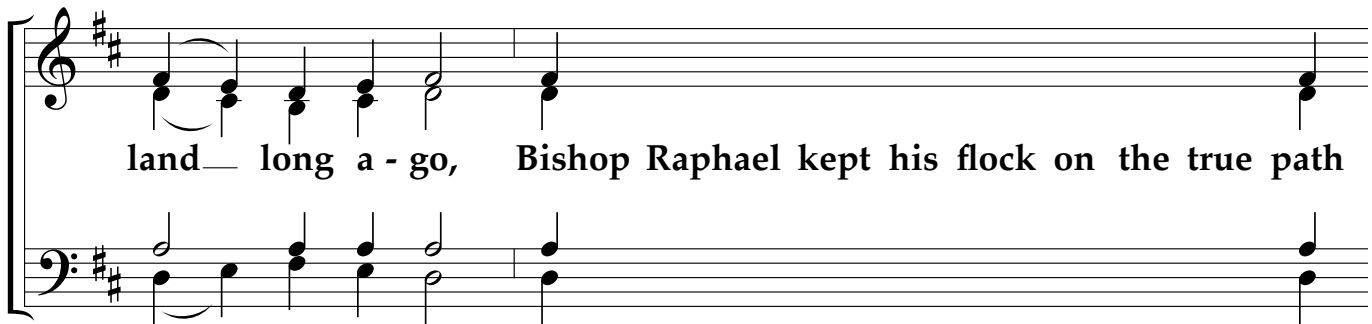


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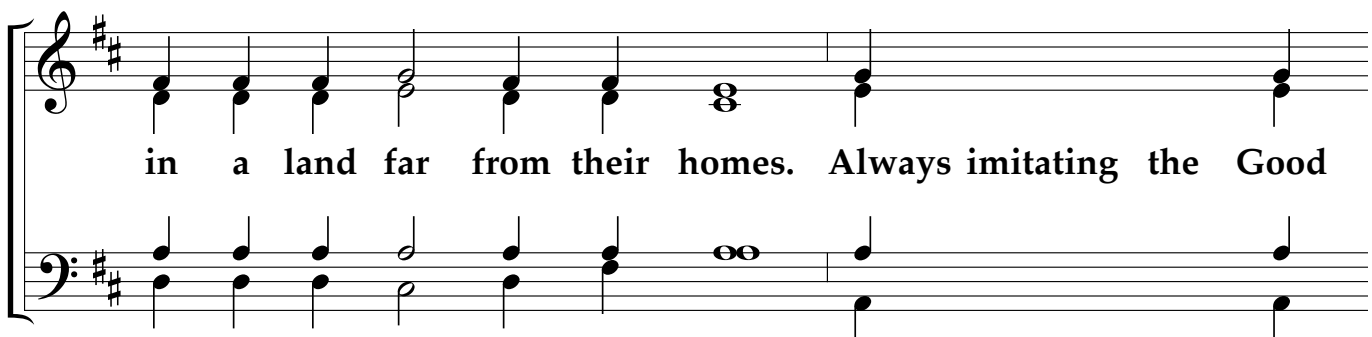
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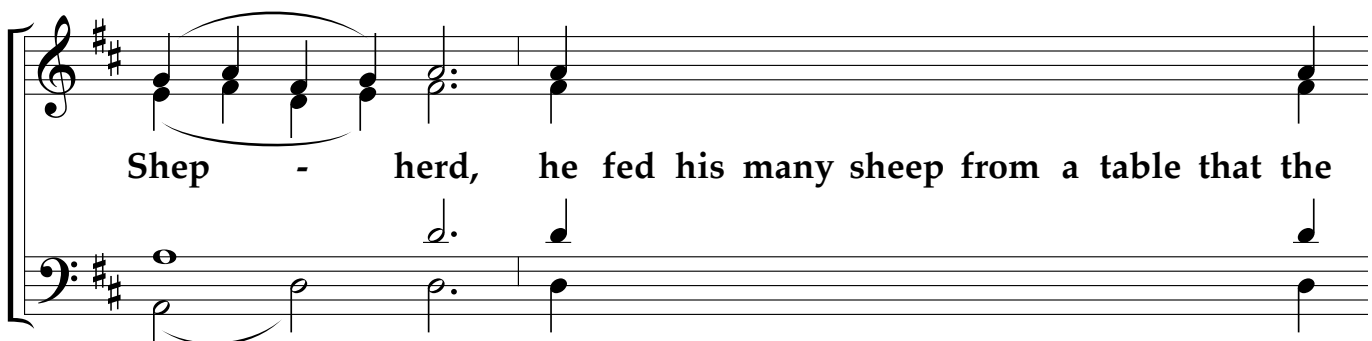
As the Arch-an - gel Raphael guided Tobit in a foreign



land— long a - go, Bishop Raphael kept his flock on the true path



in a land far from their homes. Always imitating the Good



Shep - herd, he fed his many sheep from a table that the

[Lord prepared in...]

Lord prepared in the presence of their en - e - mies. So—

now, as we are fed by his teaching and ex - am - ple, //

we pray that he continue to intercede for us with Christ our God.

Sticheron 3

Let us sing ——— hymns of praise to the holy Bishop

Raph - a - el, who shone forth from Brooklyn and enlightened

[those in darkness.]

those in dark - ness! To those who were wounded by

sin, he brought heal - ing in Christ; to those who were deceived, he

brought the truth of the Or - tho-dox Faith; he gath - ered his

scattered sheep safely into the fold — of the Church. // Therefore we

praise him as a worthy bishop and a cit - i - zen of Heav - en.