

Stichera at the Litya

Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew - November 16

Tone 4
Sticheron 1

Russian Imperial Court Chant
arr. from L'vov/Bakhmetev

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

With the rod of grace, O admirable Mat - thew,

thou didst draw the human race from the depths of

van - i - ty, and yield - ed them to the practice of the

Mas - ter's com - mands. Since thou wast His apostle, He

[enlightened thine . . .]

enlightened thine under-stand - ing; // since thou wast His

preacher, He revealed to thee His incomprehensible Divinity,

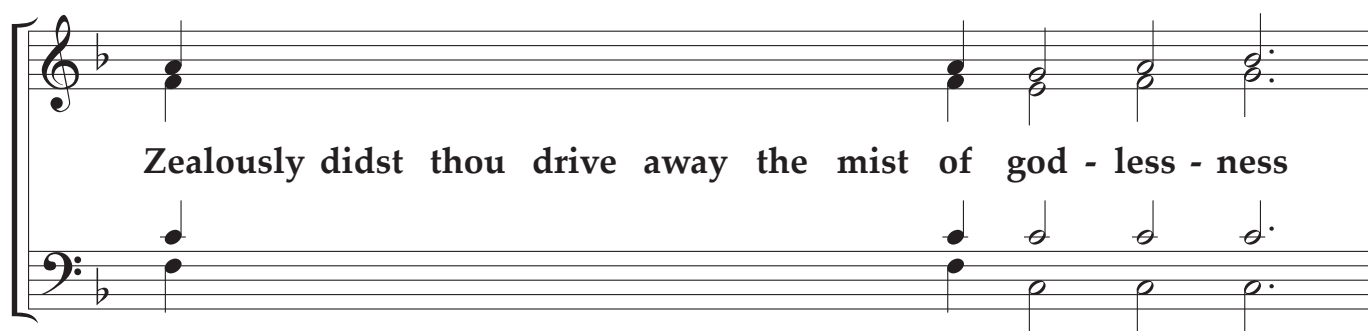
O most bless - ed one.

Sticheron 2

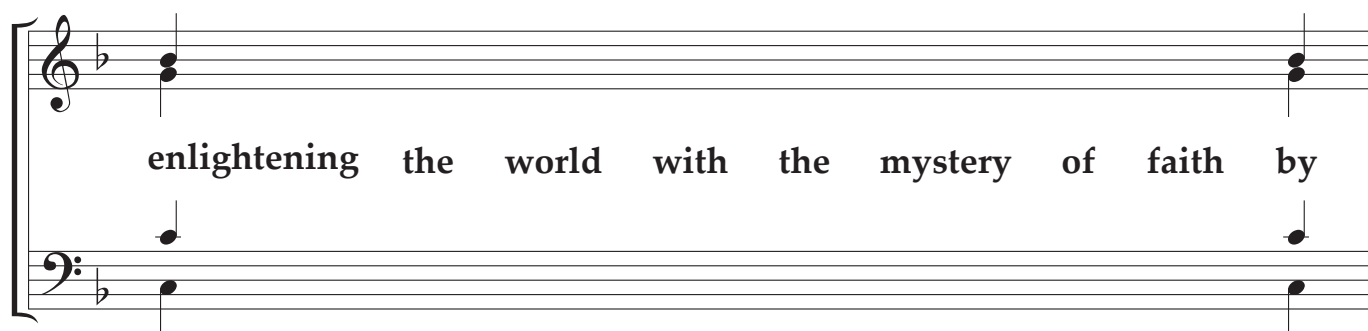
In the form of fire, the radiance of the Spirit

de-scend - ed on thee. He made thee His cho-sen ves - sel.

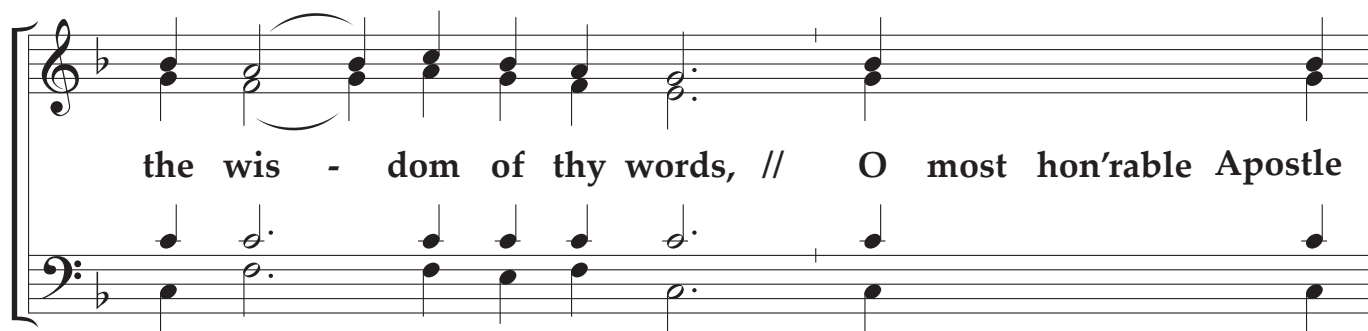
[Zealously didst thou . . .]



Zealously didst thou drive away the mist of god - less - ness



enlightening the world with the mystery of faith by

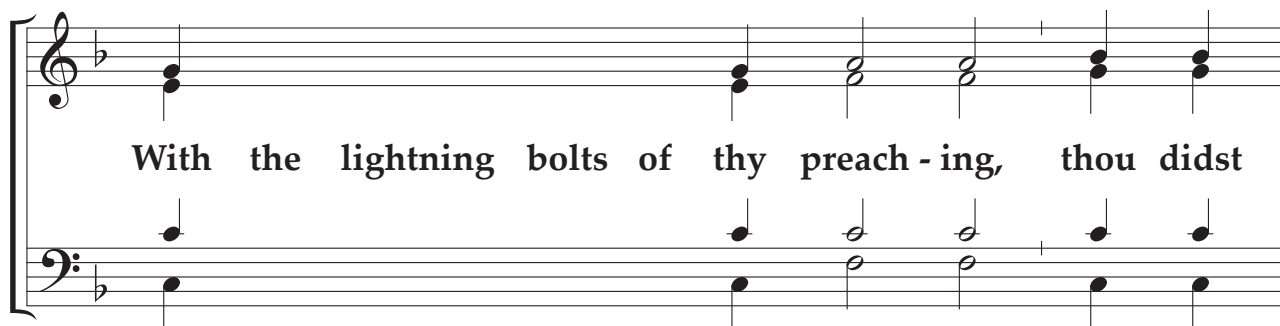


the wis - dom of thy words, // O most hon'able Apostle



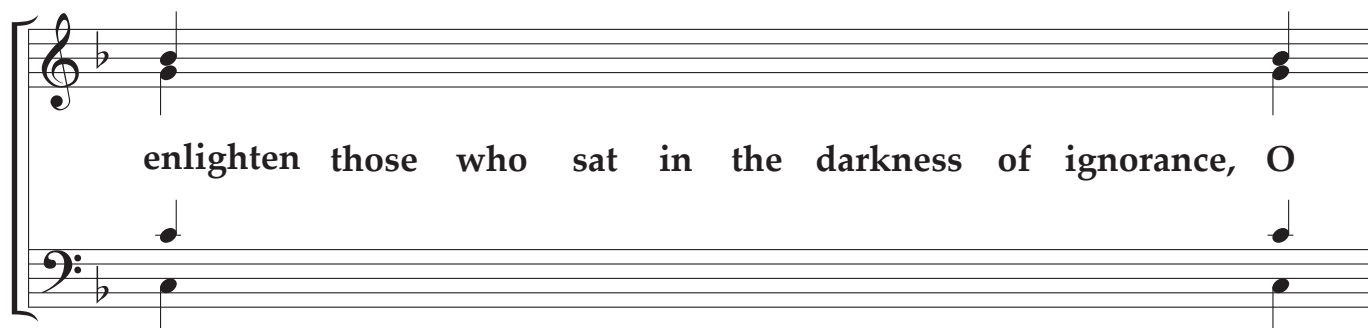
Mat-thew, eye - wit - ness of Christ.

Sticheron 3



With the lightning bolts of thy preach - ing, thou didst

[enlighten those who...]



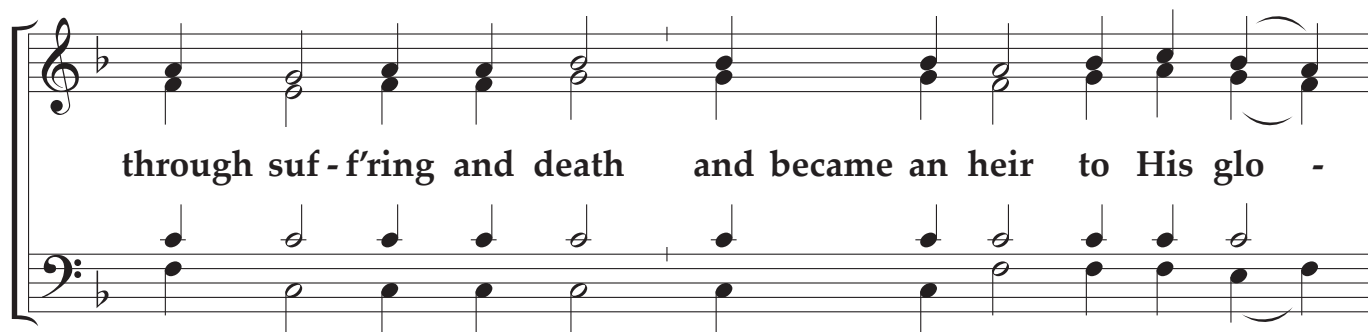
enlighten those who sat in the darkness of ignorance, O



glo-ri-ous Mat - thew. Through faith, thou didst re - veal them



to be the children of God the Mas - ter. Thou didst love Him



through suf - f'ring and death and became an heir to His glo -



ry, // O wise, faithful, and in - spired dis - ci - ple.