


Stichera at "Lord, I Call"

St. Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycea - December 6

Tone 2
Sticheron 1



Kievan Chant
arr. from B. Ledkovsky

Soprano
Alto




O Ni - cholas, living in My - ra, thou wast

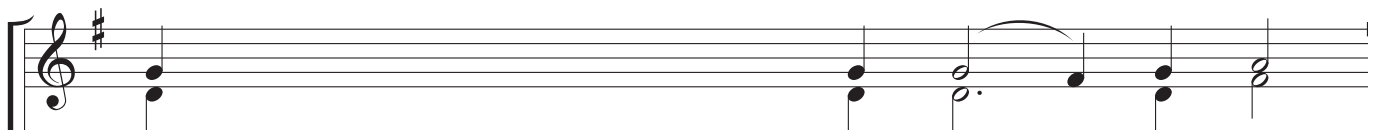
Tenor
Bass



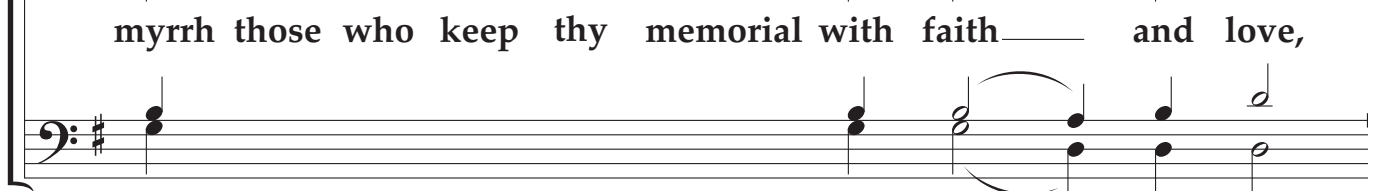
a-noint-ed with spir - it - ual myrrh, and wast re-vealed to be



truly myrrh, O bish - op of Christ. Thou mak - est fra - grant with



myrrh those who keep thy memorial with faith — and love,



[freeing them from misery . . .]

freeing them from misery, danger and af - flic - tion, //

by thine inter-ces-sions to Christ, O ho - ly Fa - ther.

Sticheron 2

O Ho - ly Ni - cho-las, the ser - vant of Christ, as a true

name-sake of vic - to - ry, thou wast shown to the

faithful people to be strong amid temp - ta - tions and grief.

[Called from all places, . . .]

Called from all plac - es, thou art swift to come to those who

turn with love to thy pro - tec - tion. Appearing by

day and night to the faith - ful, // thou savest them from

dan - gers and temp - ta - tions.

Sticheron 3

Thou didst ap - pear — in a dream to the Emperor

[Constantine and his counselor . . .]



Constantine and his counselor Av - la - vi - us, speak - ing to



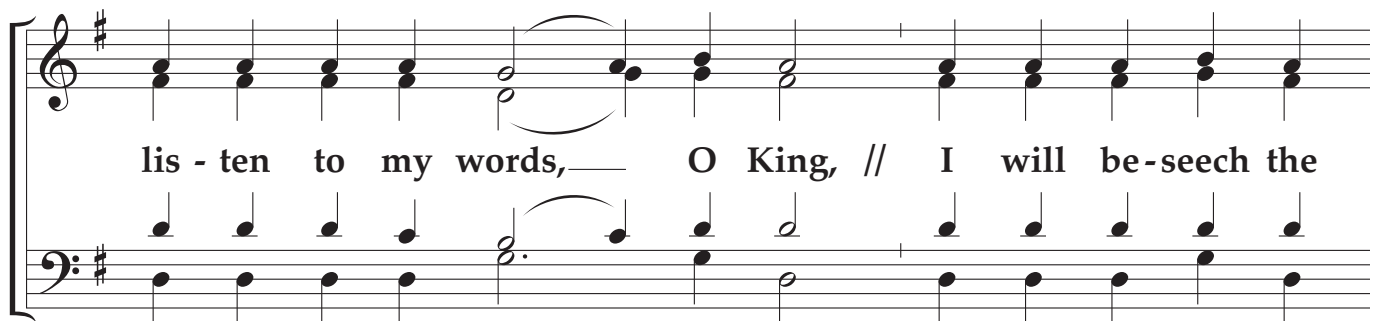
them, and put - ting them in fear: "Set free at once — those thou



holdest unjustly bound in pris - on, for they are not



guilty of lawless mur - der! And if thou dost not



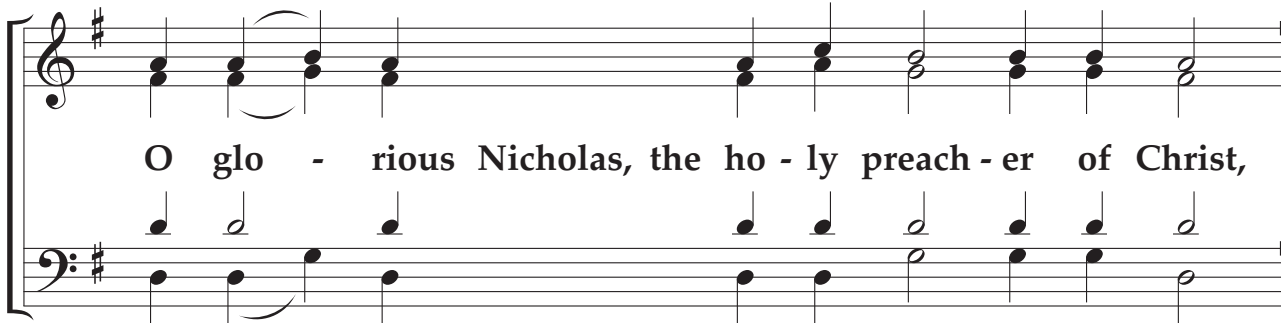
lis - ten to my words, — O King, // I will be - seech the

[Lord and intercede against thee!']

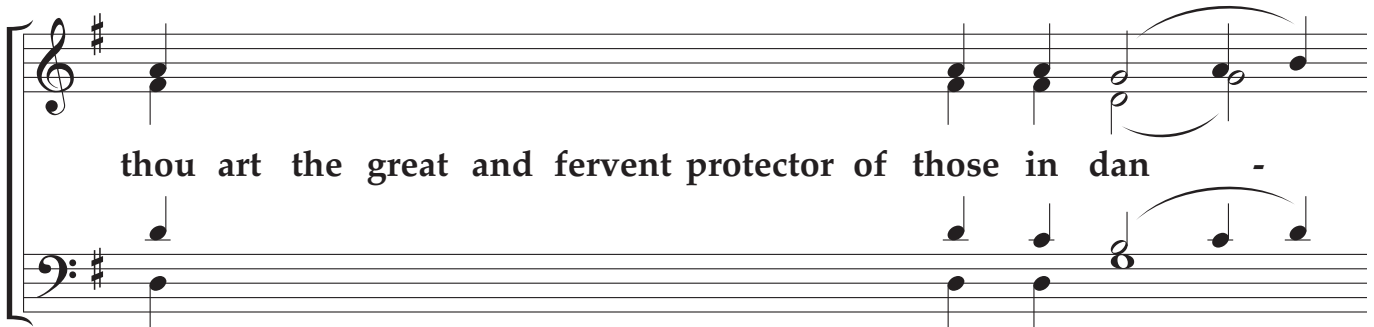


Lord and in - ter - cede a - gainst thee!"

Sticheron 4



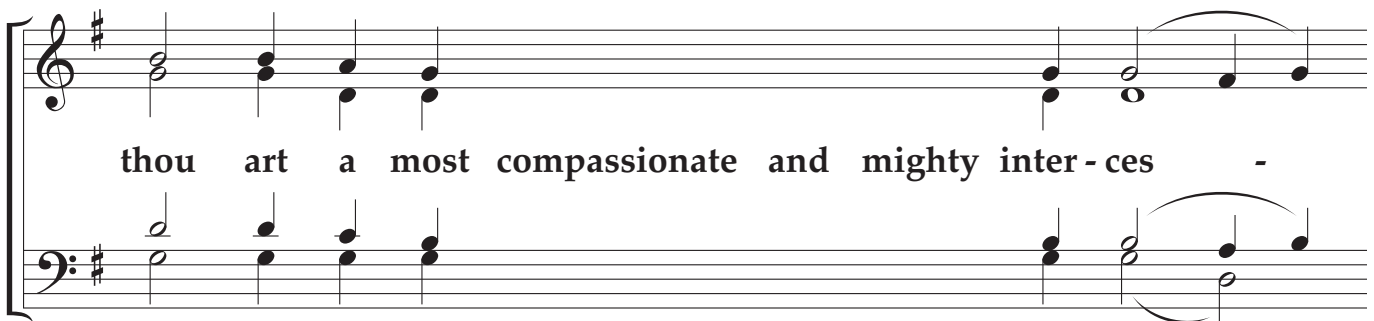
O glo - rious Nicholas, the ho - ly preach - er of Christ,



thou art the great and fervent protector of those in dan -



ger, those on land and sea, far off or near; for



thou art a most compassionate and mighty inter - ces -

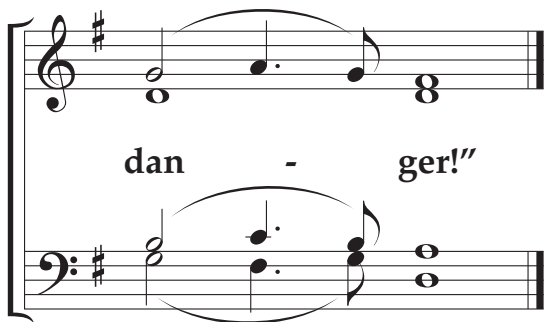
[interces-sor. / Therefore, as we assemble . . .]



sor. Therefore, as we assemble, we cry a - loud: //

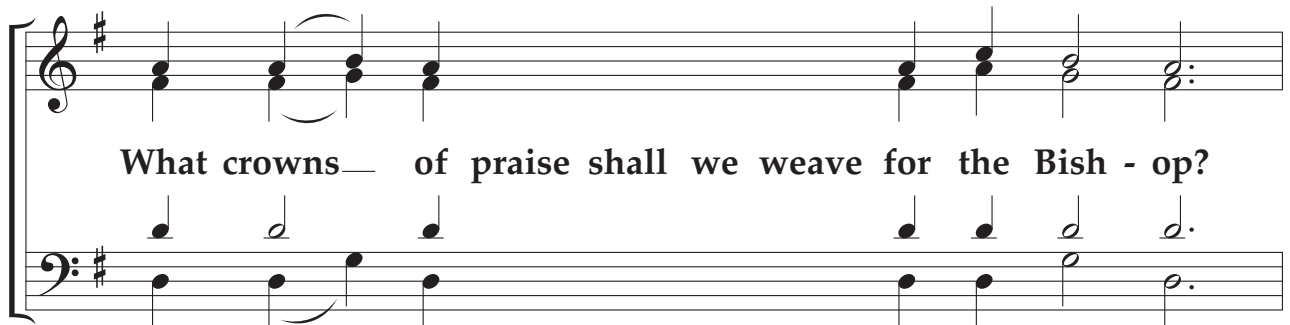


"Pray to the Lord that we may be de - liv - ered from all

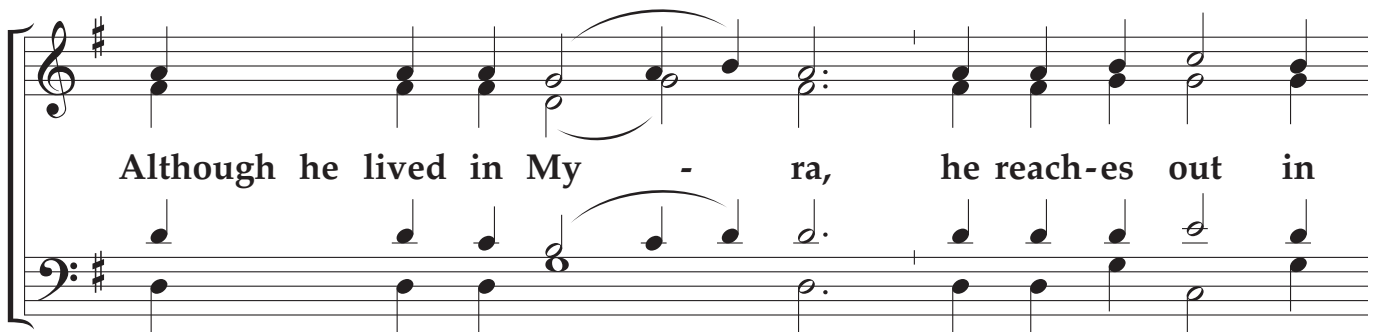


dan - ger!"

Sticheron 5



What crowns of praise shall we weave for the Bish - op?



Although he lived in My - ra, he reach - es out in

[spirit to all who sincerely . . .]

spirit to all who sincerely love him. He is the consolation of

all in affliction, the refuge of all in dan - ger, the

tower of godliness, the champion of the faith - ful, //

for whose sake the greatly merciful Christ has laid low the

ar - ro-gance of the En - e - my.

Sticheron 6

What songs— of praise shall we sing to the Bish - op?

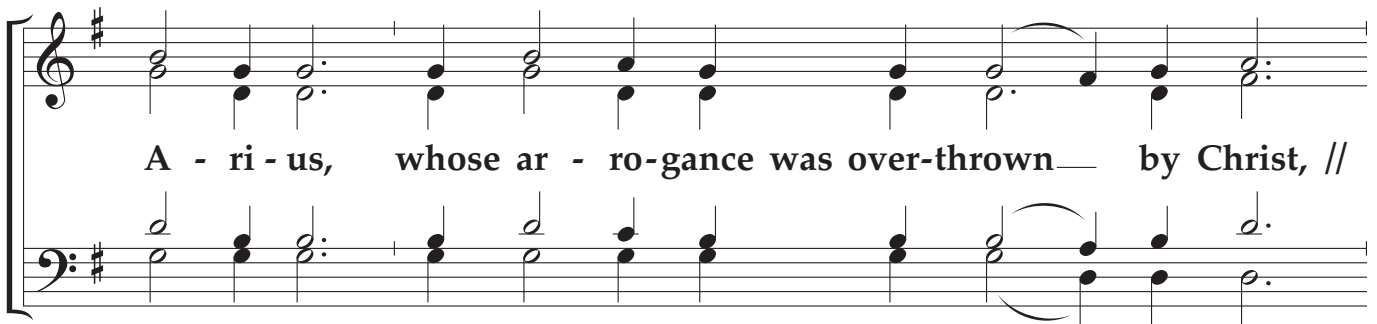
He wrestled a - gainst god - less - ness and was the

cham - pi - on of god - li - ness, a great lead - er, shield and

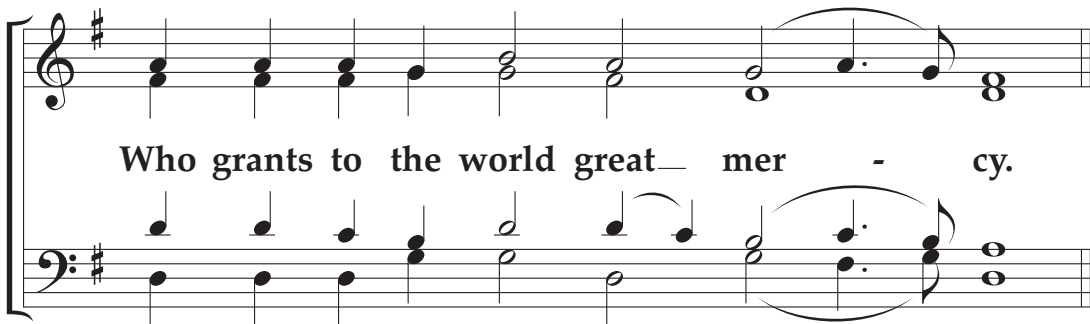
teach - er of the Church, who put all inglori - ous her - e -

sy to shame, the de - stroy - er and fierce opponent of

[Arius, / whose arrogance . . .]

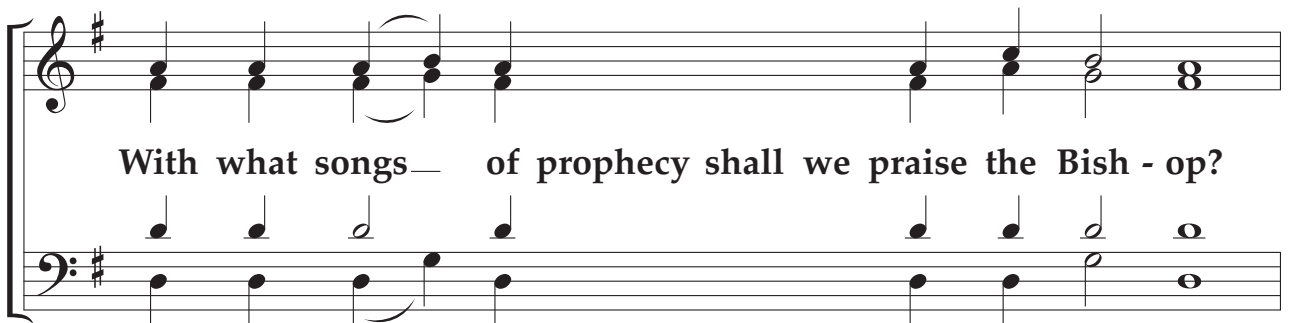


A - ri - us, whose ar - ro-gance was over-thrown— by Christ, //

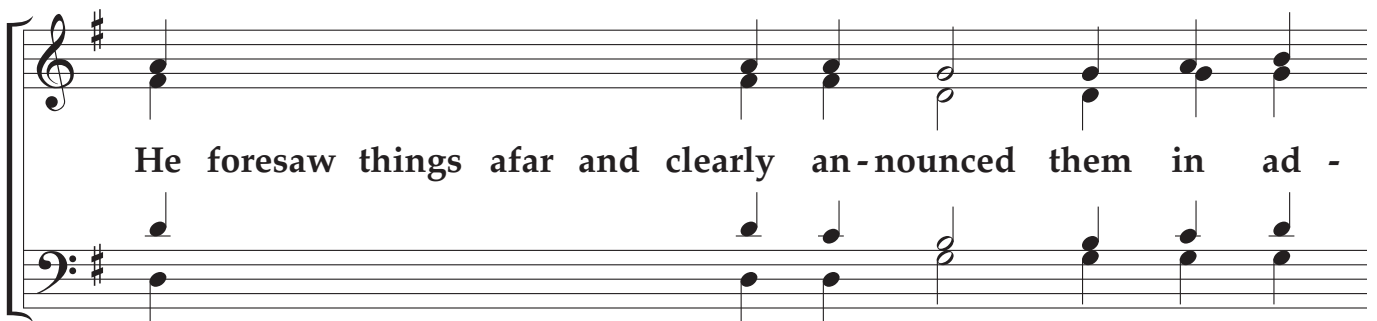


Who grants to the world great— mer - cy.

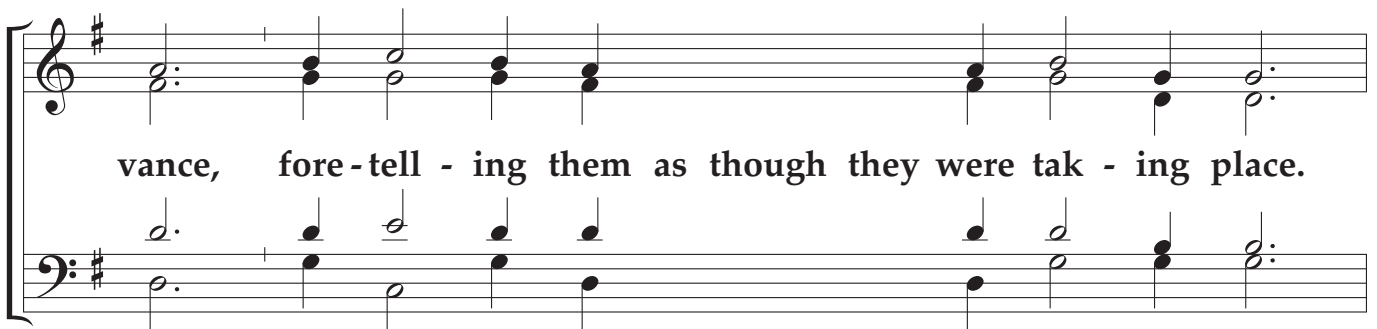
Sticheron 7



With what songs— of prophecy shall we praise the Bish - op?



He foresaw things afar and clearly an-nounced them in ad -



vance, fore-tell - ing them as though they were tak - ing place.

[He looked around the whole world . . .]

He looked a-round the whole world, making in - jus - tice cease;

he appeared in dreams to the emper - or wise in God,

and de - liv - ered from an unjust execution those who had

been in bonds, // for he is rich in God's great - mer -

cy.