


Stichera at "Lord, I Call"

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

Tone 2
Sticheron 1


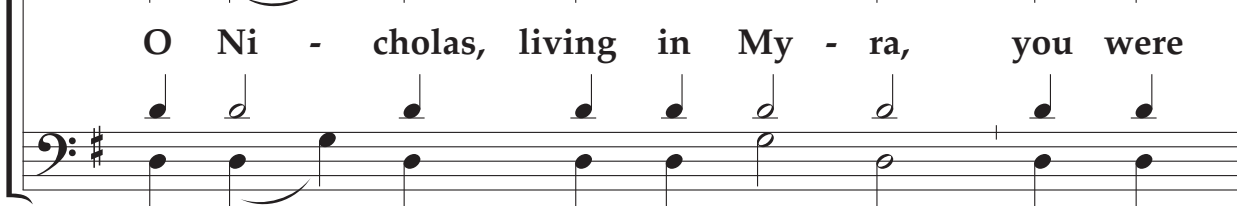
Kievan Chant
arr. from B. Ledkovsky

Soprano
Alto





O Ni - cholas, living in My - ra, you were

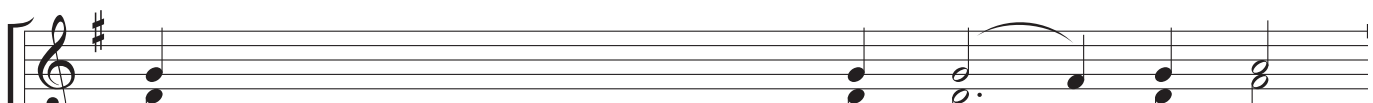
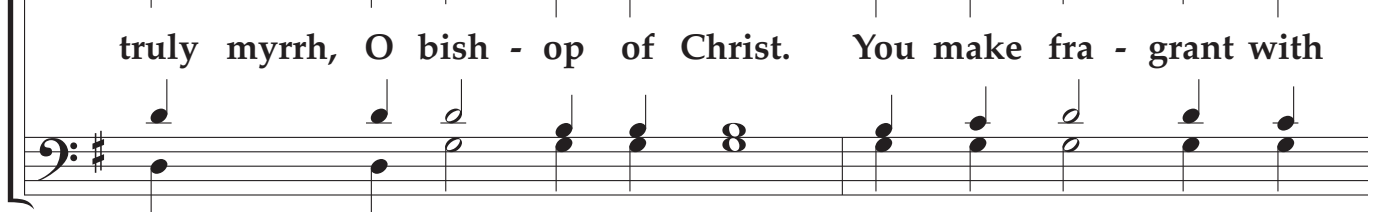
Tenor
Bass



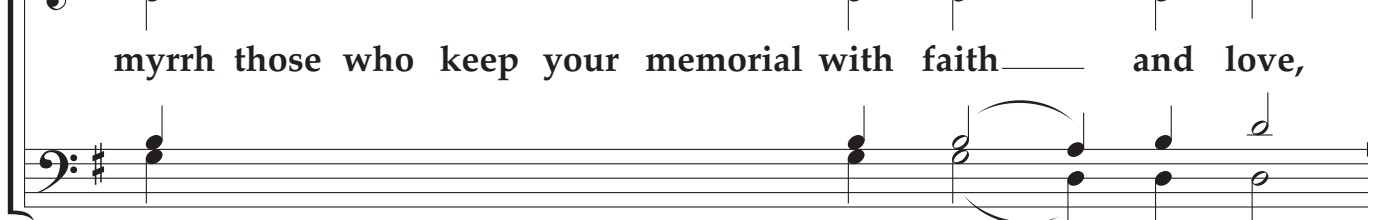
a-noint-ed with spir - it - ual myrrh, and were re-vealed to be



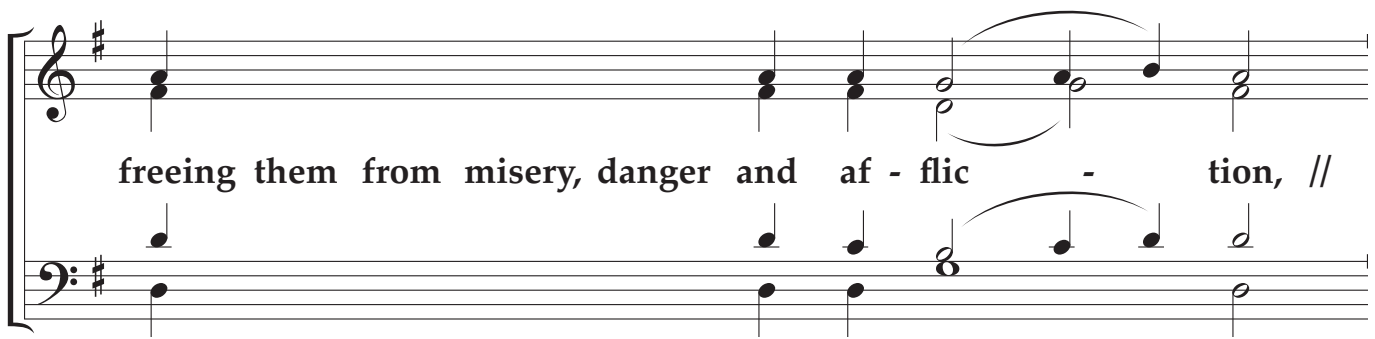
truly myrrh, O bish - op of Christ. You make fra - grant with



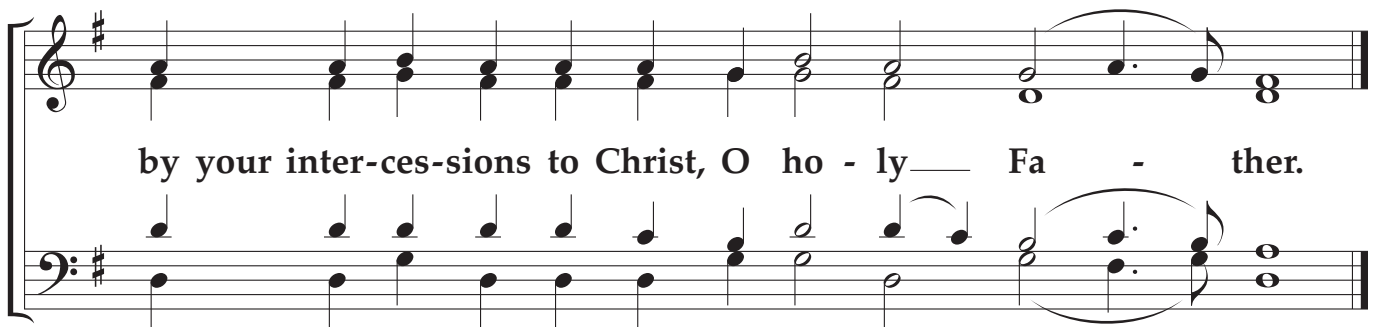
myrrh those who keep your memorial with faith — and love,



[freeing them from misery . . .]

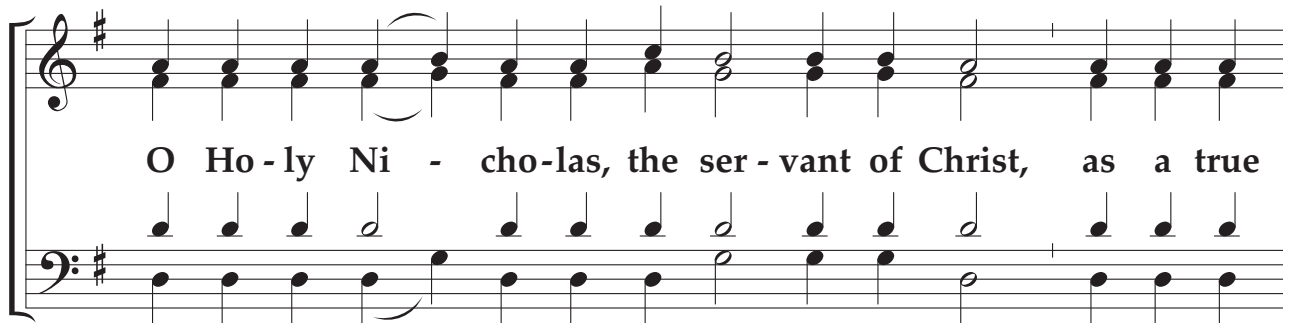


freeing them from misery, danger and af - flic - tion, //

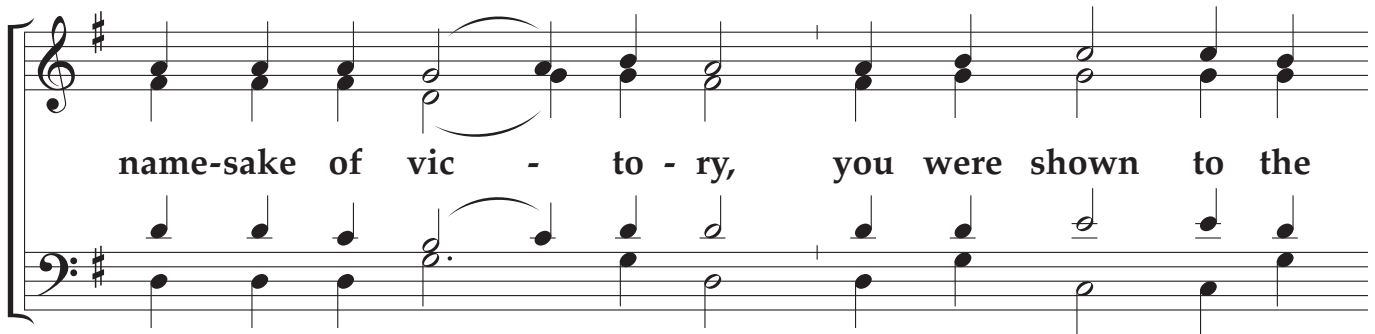


by your inter-ces-sions to Christ, O ho - ly Fa - ther.

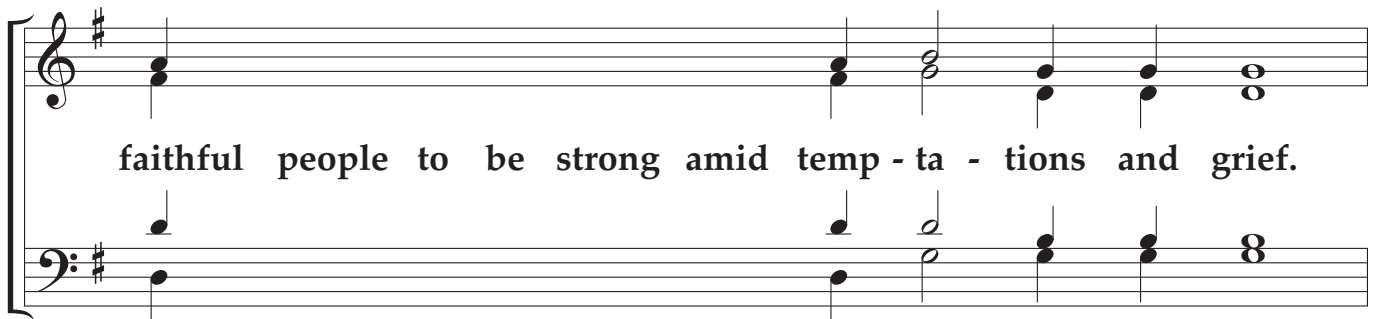
Sticheron 2



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



name-sake of vic - to - ry, you were shown to the



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

[Called from all places, . . .]

Called from all plac - es, you are swift to come to those who

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

day and night to the faith - ful, // you save them from

dan - gers and temp - ta - tions.

Sticheron 3

You ap - peared — in a dream to the Emperor

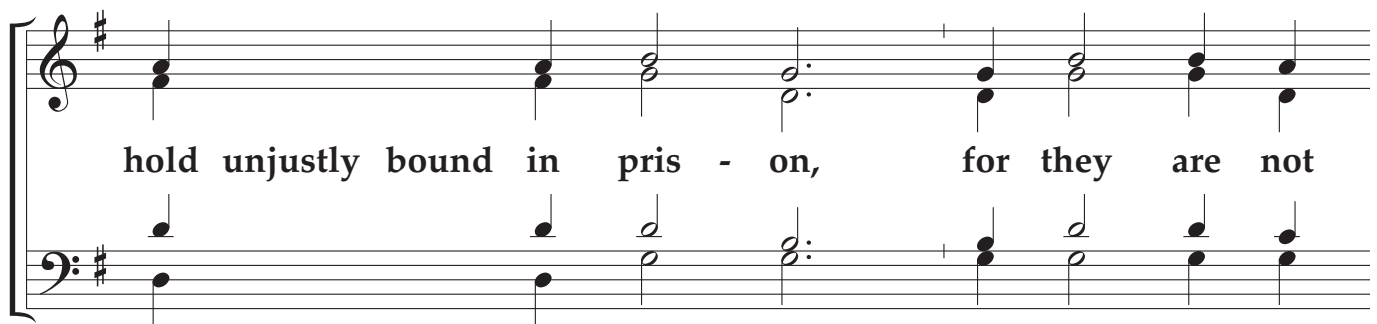
[Constantine and his counselor . . .]



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



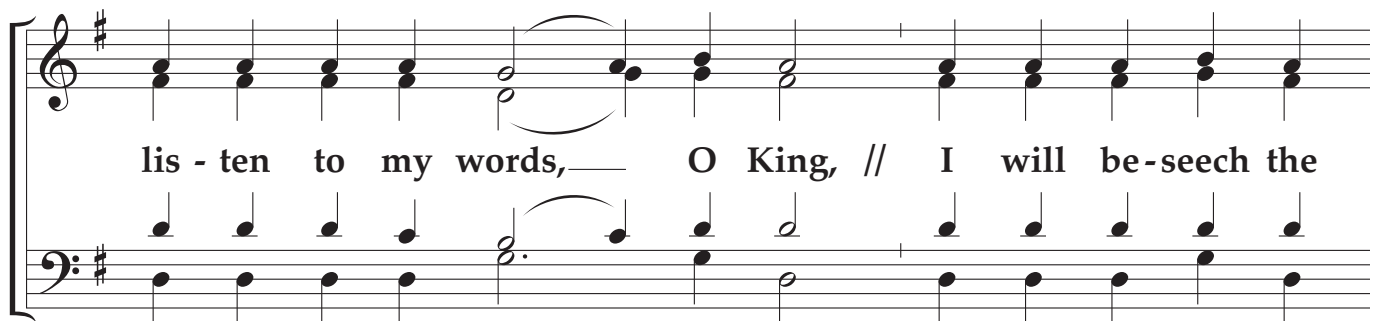
them, and put - ting them in fear: "Set free at once — those you



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



guilty of lawless mur - der! And if you do not



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

[Lord and intercede against you!"]

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

Sticheron 4

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

you are the great and fervent protector of those in dan -

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

you are a most compassionate and mighty inter - ces -

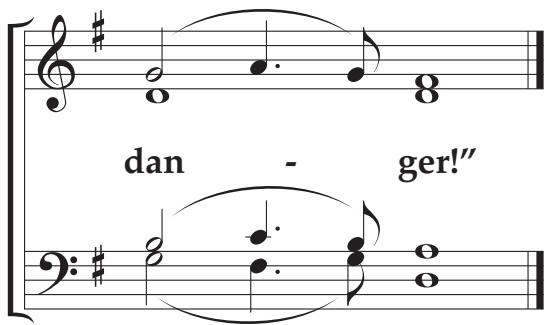
[interces-sor. / Therefore, as we assemble . . .]



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

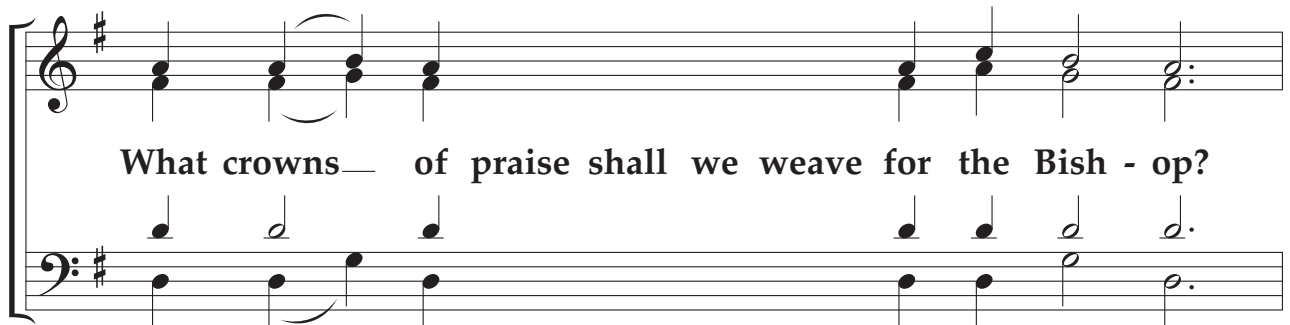


"Pray to the Lord that we may be de - liv - ered from all

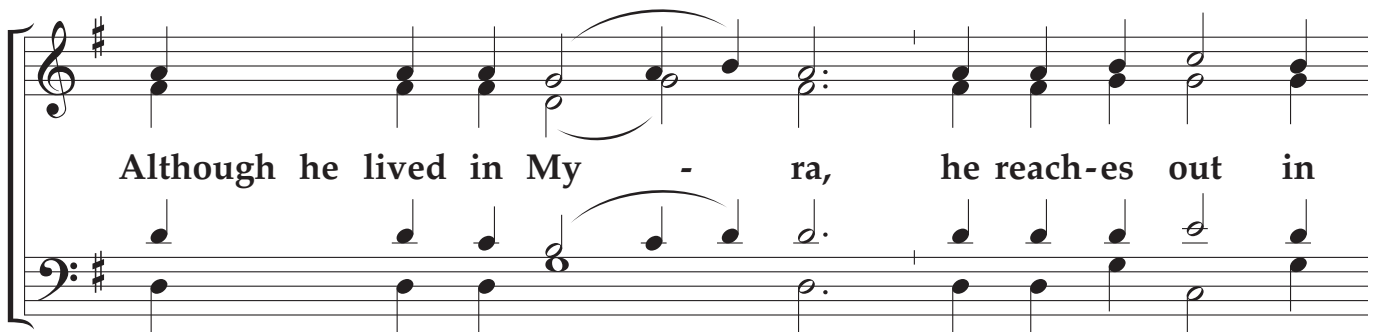


dan - ger!"

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.