

April 1st

Our Righteous Mother Mary of Egypt

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Mode 6

Special Melody: *Having laid up all their hope*



- 1) Though thy bod - y, which had been de - filed with reck - less a -
- 2) *Wor - ship - ping with joy of heart the plac - es hal - lowed by*
- 3) Dwell - ing in the wil - der - ness, thou didst re - li - gious - ly



-ban - don, hin - dered thee from vi - sion of
Christ God, in thy - self thou didst re - ceive
blot out from thy soul th in - ag - es



th au - gust and ho - ly things thou didst long to see,
a sav - ing vi - at - i - cum for the vir - tues' path;
of thy pas - sions, and with all vir - tues and tra - vails,



yet did thy con - scious - ness and thy clear per - cep - - - tion
filled with zeal and good cheer, thou didst run the good course;
didst in - scribe in thy soul that most God - like im - - - age;



of the deeds that thou hadst done be - fore
and on cross - - - ing past the Jor - dan's streams,
and thou shon - - - est so ex - ceed - ing - ly

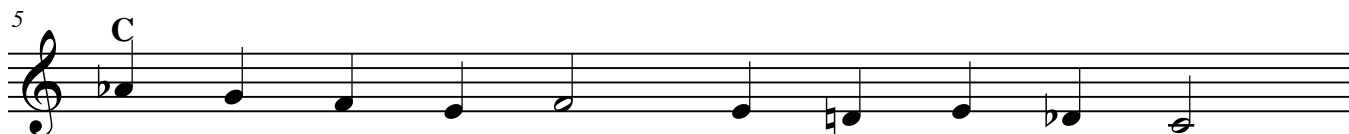


gra - cious - ly work a turn in thee for the bet - ter, O god - ly - wise;
thou dwelt - est ea - ger - ly where the ho - ly Bap - tist had lived be - fore.
that thou didst light - ly walk on the ver - y wa - ters with nim - ble step;

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for when thou hadst looked on the pure
And by thy right - eous way of life,
 and thou wast lift - ed in the air



i - con of the blest Moth - er of our God,
thou didst tame the pas - sions fe - roc - i - ty,
 dur - ing thine en - treat - ies and prayers to God.



thou, on pass - ing judg - - - ment a - gainst thy - self for
god - ly - mind - ed Mar - - - y, our Moth - er ev - er -
 All - glo - ri - ous Mar - - - y, as thou with bold - ness



all_ thy for - mer sins, didst free - ly wor - ship the pre - cious Wood,
- mem - 'ra - ble in truth; for thou hadst quelled with thine ab - sti - nence
 now dost stand be - fore the Sav - ior Christ, do thou fer - vent - ly



Mar - y, who art_ praised_ of all_ _____
all the tu - mults - of_ the flesh. _____
 pray Him in our_ souls'_ be - half. _____