

October 1st

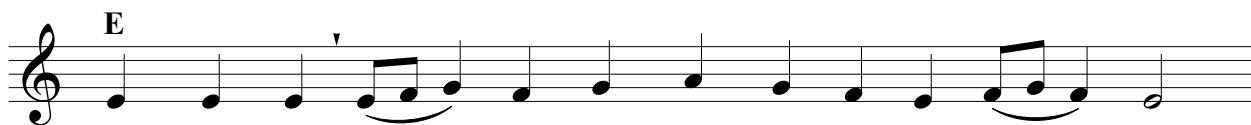
# Apostle Ananias of the Seventy, First Bishop of Damascus

## Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Chant Tone 4

Special melody: *Thou who wast called from on high*

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih



1) When Saul re - ceived that di - vine ray out of Heav - en  
2) *In - i - ti - at - ed most strange - ly in di - vine things,*  
3) As a most god - ly ex - pound - er of di - vine things,



and at a di - vine be - hest was strick - en blind there - by,  
*thou didst clear - ly trum - pet forth the sav - ing word of God*  
as God's cho - sen wit - ness of the suf - fer - ings of Christ,



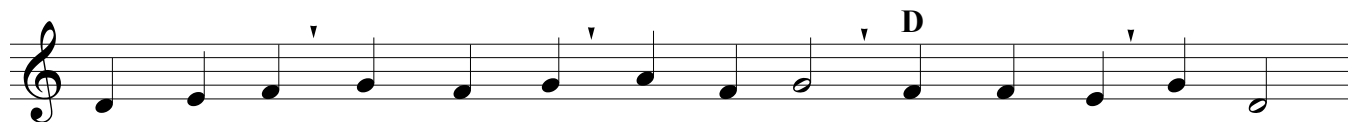
and he who once had been held in gloom came and re - quest - ed  
*loud - er than thun - der; O bless - ed one; and thou didst rouse up*  
a wor - thy heir and par - tak - er of thē un - told glo - ry



from thee di - vine cleans - ing, O most blest of God,  
*all those that slept in the tombs of van - i - ty,*  
to be re - vealed, and a bear - er of the light,



then as a wise hier - arch, thou didst make a son of him  
*who shook off the death - li - ness that dwell - eth with the dead,*  
who art al - ways pre - sent with the Mas - ter and art cheered



through thē a - dop - tion of Bap - tis - m who would there - af - ter  
*which al - so gripped those whom Ha - des held, O An - a - ni - as;*  
with the great riv - ers of stream - ing light which ev - er pour forth

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him - self a - dopt the whole world as his own child.  
*and for His sake Who slew him that once slew us,*  
 from light un - wan - ing, do thou de - liv - er us

**D**

Where - fore, with him, we al - so call thee blest,  
*thou mad - est those whom thou hadst thus re - deemed*  
 from dark and gloom - y per - ils by thy prayers

god - ly - mind - ed A - pos - tle of Je - sus Christ,  
*to be ves - sels most hon - 'ra - ble un - to Him,*  
 as we keep thy most ra - di - ant fes - ti - val,

**G**

O far - famed An - a - ni - as,  
*e - ven Je - sus the Mas - ter*  
 O di - vine An - a - ni - as,

**E**

who en - treat - est that we all be saved.  
*and the on - ly Sav - ior of our souls.*  
 won - drous her - ald of the will of God.