



THE HOLY MARTYR THEODOTUS OF ANCYRA

June 7

Apolytikion

Fourth Mode

"Be quick to anticipate"

Intonation: #10

Allegro ♩=150

Ὁ μάρτυς σου Κύριε



Thy Mar - tyr, O Lord, in his cou - ra - geous con - test for Thee



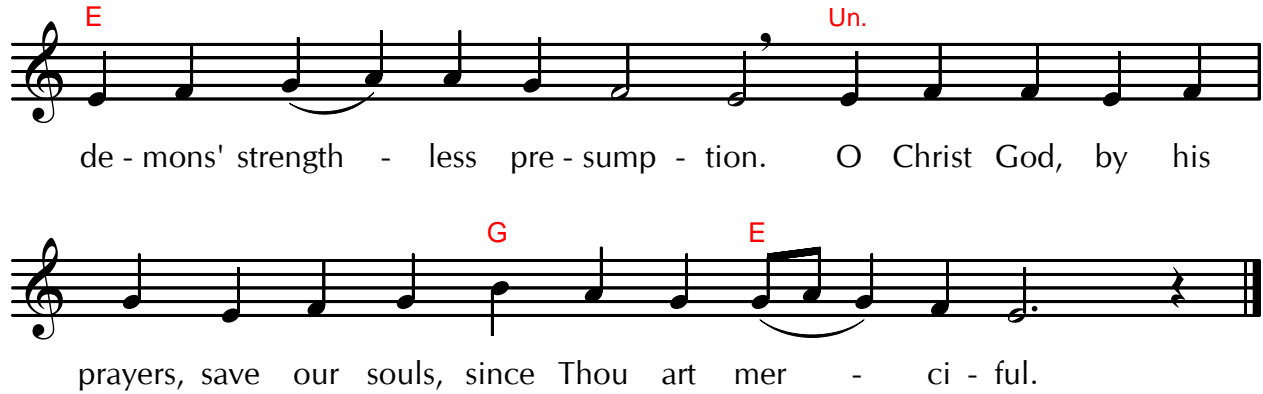
re - ceived as the prize the crown of in - cor - rup - tion and life from



Thee, our im - mor - tal God. For since he pos - sessed Thy



strength, he cast — down the ty - rants and whol - ly de - stroyed the



When, indeed, the Holy Spirit
saw that the human race was guided
only with difficulty toward virtue, and that,
because of our inclination toward pleasure, we
were neglectful of an upright life, what did He do?
The delight of melody He mingled with the doctrines
so that by the pleasantness and softness of the sound heard
we might receive without perceiving it the benefit of the words,
just as wise physicians who, when giving the fastidious rather bitter
drugs to drink, frequently smear the cup with honey. Therefore,
He devised for us these harmonious melodies of the psalms,
that they who are children in age, or even those who
are youthful in disposition, might to all
appearances chant, but in reality,
become trained in soul.

-St. Basil the Great