



THE HOLY MARTYR LUCIAN

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Apolytikion

Fourth Mode

"Be quick to anticipate"

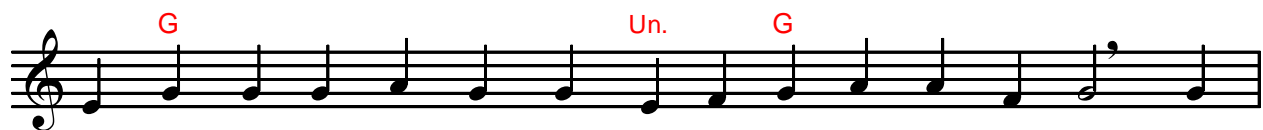
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Thy Mar - tyr, O Lord, in his cou - ra - geous con - test for Thee



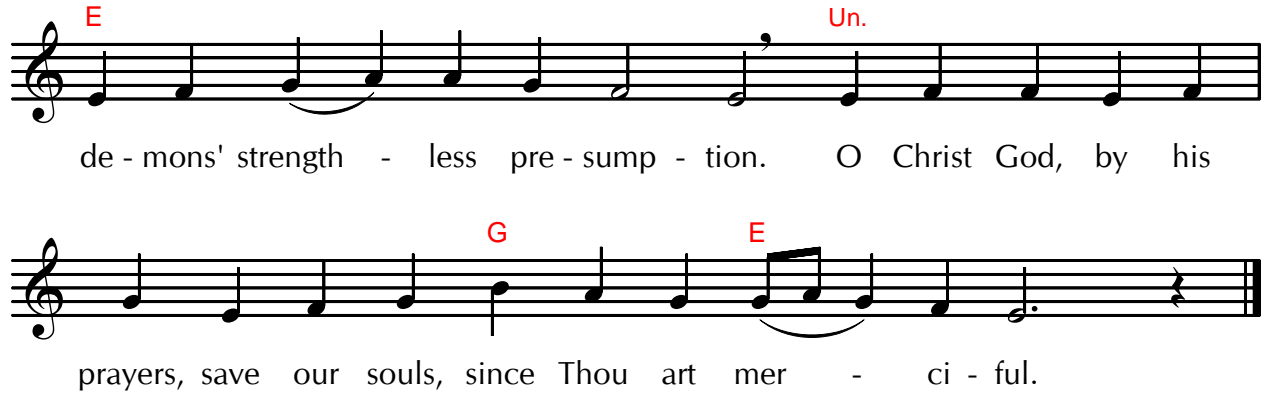
re - ceived as the prize the crowns of in - cor - rup - tion and life from



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



de - mons' strength - less pre - sump - tion. O Christ God, by his
prayers, save our souls, since Thou art mer - ci - ful.

For since human nature rejects
and avoids what is difficult, even if beneficial,
and accepts virtually nothing unless it seems to offer pleasure,
through David the Lord prepares from men this potion which is sweet
by reason of its melody and effective in the cure of disease by reason of its
strength. For a psalm is sweet to the ear, it penetrates the soul when it gives pleasure,
it is easily remembered when sung often, and what the harshness of the Law cannot
force from the minds of man it excludes by the suavity of song. For whatever
the Law, the Prophets and even the Gospels teach is contained as a
remedy in the sweetness of these songs.

- St. Niceta of Remesiana