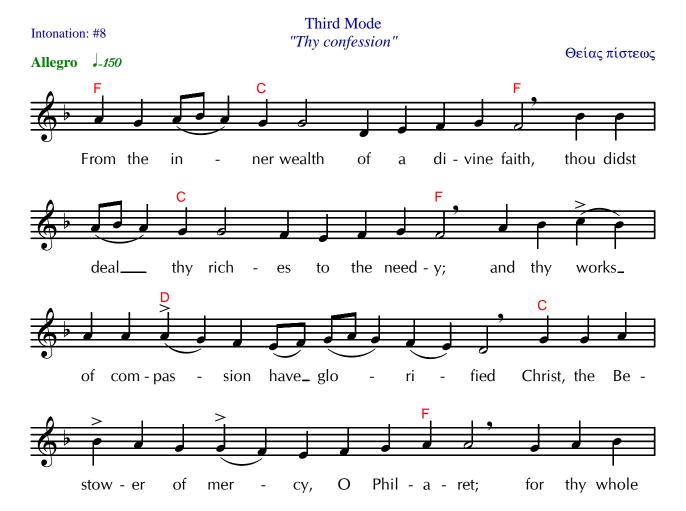
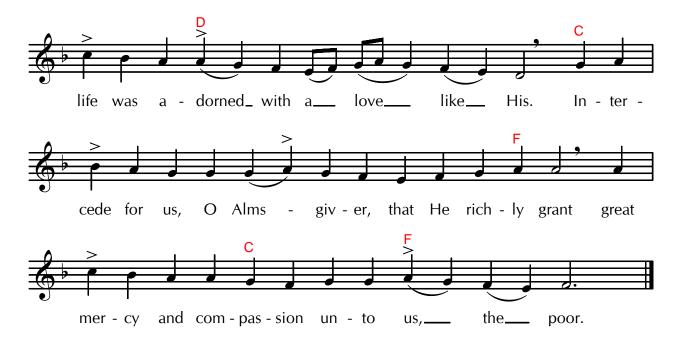


Saint Philaret the Almsgiver

December 1

Apolytikion





If Paul--imprisoned, made fast in the stocks, and threatened with intolerable scourges-praised God along with Silas continually throughout the night (when sleep is most
pleasant to everyone); and if neither the place, nor the hour, nor his anxieties,
nor the tyrant's slumbers, nor the pain of his labors, nor anything else
could bring him to interrupt his singing, so much the more
ought we, who live pleasantly and enjoy God's
blessings, to give forth hymns that
express thanks to Him.

- St. John Chrysostom