



THE HOLY VIRGIN MARTYRS AGAPE, IRENE, AND CHIONIA THE SISTERS

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Apolytikion

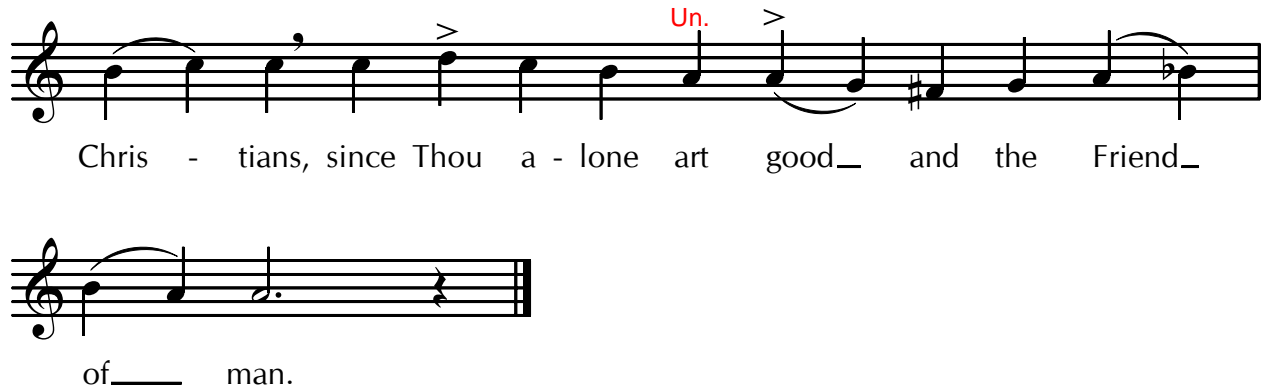
Plagal First Mode

Intonation: #13

Allegro ♩=150

Τὰ θαύματα τῶν ἁγίων σου

Since Thou hast giv - en us the mir - a - cles of Thy ho - ly
Mar - tyrs as an in - vin - ci - ble bat - tle - ment, by
their en - treat - ies scat - ter the coun - sels of the hea -
then, O Christ our God, and strength - en the faith of Or - tho - dox



The Apostle admonishes women to be silent in church,
yet they do well to join in a psalm; this is gratifying for all
ages and fitting for both sexes. Old men ignore the stiffness of age
to sing [a psalm], and melancholy veterans echo it in the joy of their hearts;
young men sing one without the bane of lust, as do adolescents without threat from
their insecure age or the temptation of sensual pleasure; even young women sing psalms
with no loss of wifely decency, and girls sing a hymn to God with sweet and supple
voice while maintaining decorum and suffering no lapse of modesty. Youth
is eager to understand [a psalm], and the child who refuses to learn
other things takes pleasure in contemplating it; it is a kind
of play, productive of more learning than that
which is dispensed with stern discipline.