

Stichera for the Saints
Cheesefare Sunday
February 18, 2007
The Holy Apostle Archippos

The holy apostle Archippos, fellow-soldier of blessed Paul the Apostle, whom Paul remembers in the epistles to Philemon and to the Colossians. Tradition says that he was stoned to death during the reign of emperor Nero.

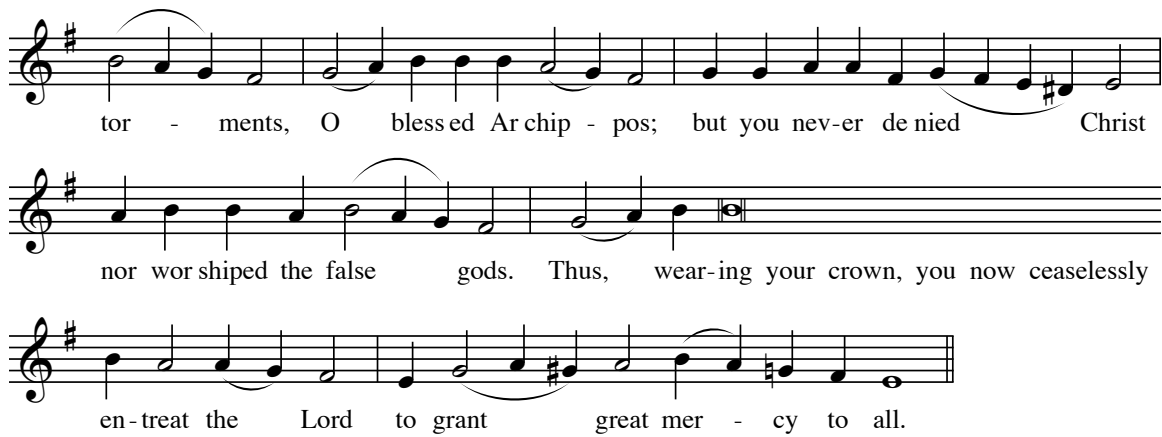
Cantor: (Tone 8) Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

Tone 8 samohlasen

By the light of his words, Ar-chip-pos illu mined the na - tions
and saved them from the darkness of er -ror. Hav-ing fought the enemy and
tram pled him un - der - foot, he went up to the nev - er - set - ting Light,
where he rejoices forever with the an - gels. By his pray'rs, O Lord, grant great
mer - cy to all.

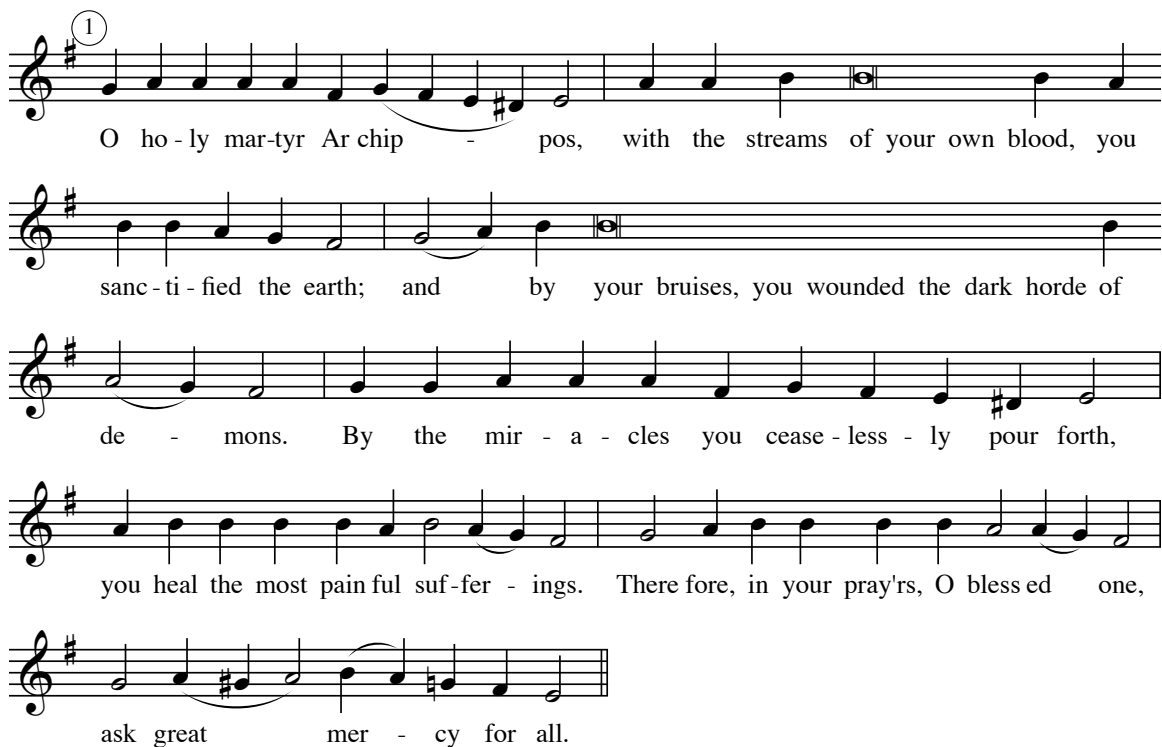
Cantor: Praise the Lord, all you nations, Psalm 116
(on 2) acclaim him all you peoples!

You were dragged a-long, pierced by ar - rows and chas-tised by all types of



tor - ments, O bless ed Ar chip - pos; but you nev - er de nied Christ
 nor wor shiped the false gods. Thus, wear - ing your crown, you now ceaselessly
 en - treat the Lord to grant great mer - cy to all.

Cantor: Strong is the love of the Lord for us;
(on 1) he is faithful forever.



O ho - ly mar - tyr Ar chip - pos, with the streams of your own blood, you
 sanc - ti - fied the earth; and by your bruises, you wounded the dark horde of
 de - mons. By the mir - a - cles you cease - less - ly pour forth,
 you heal the most pain ful suf - fer - ings. There fore, in your pray'rs, O bless ed one,
 ask great mer - cy for all.

Cantor: *(Tone 8)* Glory...now and ever...

Theotokion - Tone 8 samohlasen



O La-dy, rescue me from the mur derous ser - pent who seeks in his wickedness



to devour me en-tire - ly. I pray you: crush his jaws and destroy his snares,



that, de-livered from his tal - ons, I may pro - claim the great ness of your help.