

Aposticha

The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul - June 29

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Tone 1

Sticheron 1

Soprano
Alto

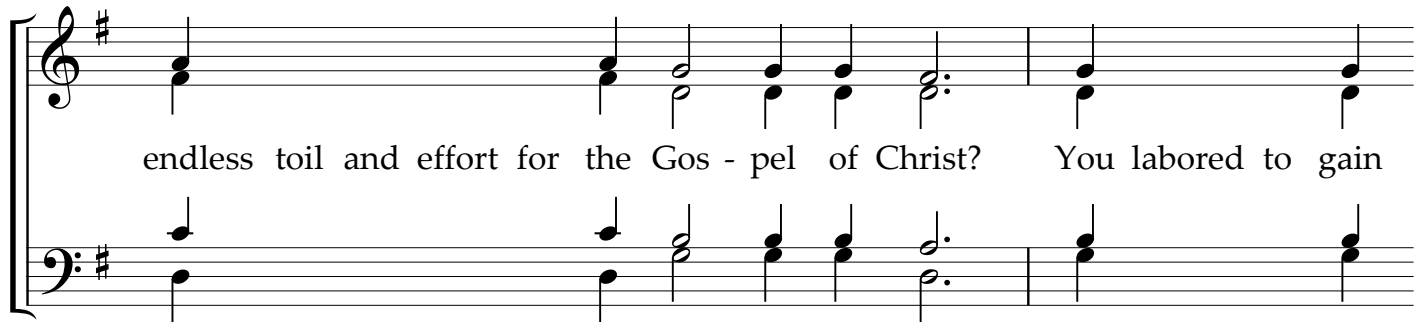


O glor - i - ous A - pos - tle Paul, who can describe your

Tenor
Bass



bondage and tribulations in the cit - ies? Who can speak of your



endless toil and effort for the Gos - pel of Christ? You labored to gain



all mankind, and lead them into Christ's ho - ly Church. Pray

that she may guard your true confession to the ends of the world, // O

Paul, Apostle and teacher of the church - - - es!

v. Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe. (Ps 18/19:4)

Sticheron 2

Soprano
Alto

O glor - i - ous A - pos - tle Paul, who can describe your

Tenor
Bass

bondage and tribulations in the cit - ies? You kept vig - il in

hunger and thirst; cold, naked and wea - ry; you fled Damascus for your

life, let down in a basket through the wall. Your back—

was— torn by rods, you were stoned, you were kept a prisoner.

You were ship-wrecked, cast adrift in the open sea. Truly you are

a spectacle for Angels and for men. You endured— all these

things for Jesus Christ, Who strengthened you, that you might win the whole

world for Him. We en-treat you, as we faithfully keep your mem-o-ry://

"Pray unceasingly that our souls may be saved!"

v. The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims His handiwork. (Ps 18/19:1)

Sticheron 3

Soprano
Alto
Tenor
Bass

Let us praise Peter and Paul, the two great stars of the Church.

They shine brighter than the sun in the sky of faith. Let the na-tions

follow the rays of their preach-ing, and be led from ig-no-rance to

the know - ledge of God! One — was — nailed to the Cross

and re - ceived the keys of the Kingdom from Christ in heav - en.

The oth - er, beheaded by the sword, departed to the Sav - ior, and is

wor - thi - ly count - ed bless - ed. To - geth - er they proclaim to

Is - ra - el: "He Who was stretched out on the Cross is the Lord of all!"

By their prayers, O Christ our God, strengthen the Orthodox Faith and

de-stroy our en - e - mies, // as you are the Lov - - - er

of man-kind!