



TON DESPOTIN*

Grave Mode (Diatonic)**

Duration: 5:45
or 4:15 if abbreviated

by Gregory the Protopsaltis (1777-1822)

Intonation: #22

Larghetto ♩=65

Τὸν Δεσπότην

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Τὸν Δεσπότην

* When a Hierarch presiding in Orthros will be vested inside the altar to serve Liturgy, the regular (sticheraric) versions of "Let every breath" and "Praise the Lord" are chanted. Thereafter, the first choir chants this very long version of "Ton Despotin" while the Hierarch venerates the icons. After he is done, he blesses the people, and the second choir chants the brief "Εἰς πολλὰ ἔτη Δέσποτα" (see page 888 in this book). In the event that the Hierarch will be vested in the solea to serve Liturgy, this very long version of "Τὸν Δεσπότην" is not chanted during the Praises but after the Great Doxology while the Hierarch venerates the icons. Once he is done, he blesses the people, and the first choir chants the brief "Εἰς πολλὰ ἔτη Δέσποτα". After the Deacon(s) proclaim "Ο ye priests come out", the second choir chants the very slow "Of old the Prophets..." ("Ἀνωθεν οἱ Προφῆται") (see page 888 in this book) while the Hierarch is vested. When he is done being vested, the first choir chants "Εἰς πολλὰ ἔτη Δέσποτα", the second choir chants the Apolytikion of the day, and then the Divine Liturgy commences.

** To hear a recording of this chanted by the choir of Gregory Stathis, "The Maestors of the Psaltic Art," download the following file: <http://stanthonysmonastery.org/music/TonDespotin.mp3> (5 Mb).

Ton Despotin

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Diatonic...

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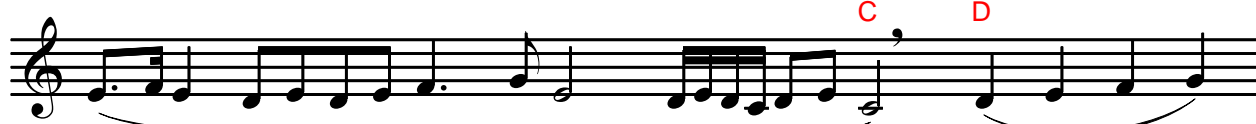
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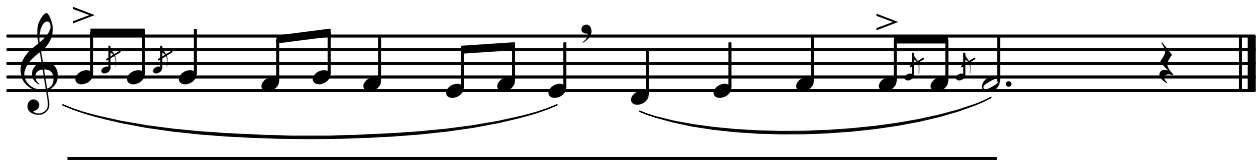
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Ton Despotin



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