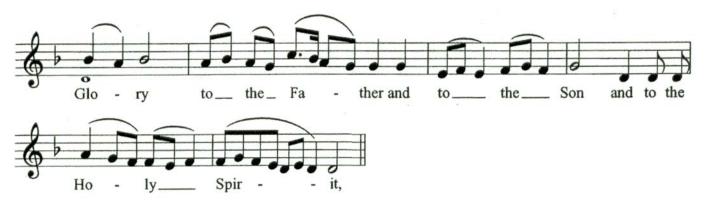
## Doxastikon on the Praises for St Raphael - Tone 5



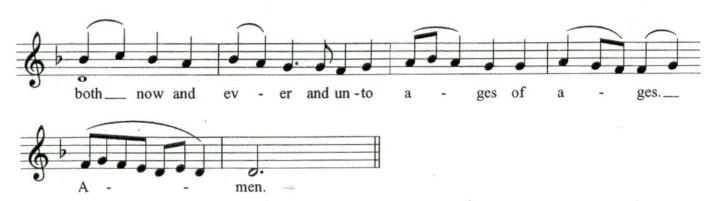


## The Doxastikon and Theotokion for the Feast of St. Raphael

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Today is the day we honor the holy hierarch Raphael! Who can describe his many sorrows and his many labors? Who can describe his many pains? He journeyed on land and on the sea, searching for his lost sheep, in weariness and in poverty, in sleeplessness, thirst and hunger. He became the good shepherd of the lost sheep in America, so let us cry out unto him: O our Father, intercede for the salvation of our souls!



Beneath thy compassion we take refuge, O Theotokos. Despise not our prayers in our necessity, but deliver us from harm, only pure, only blessed one.