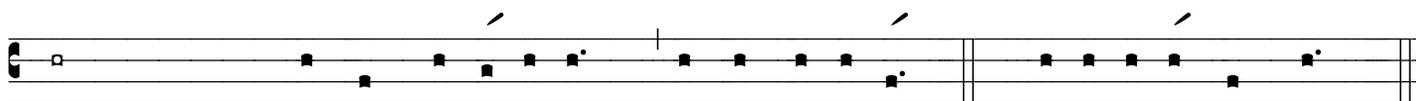
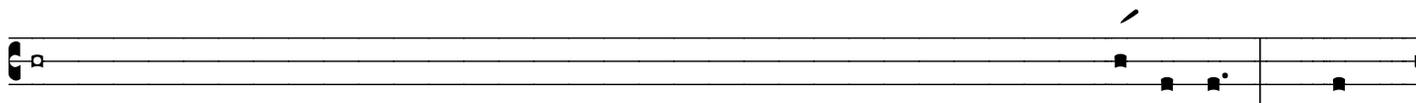


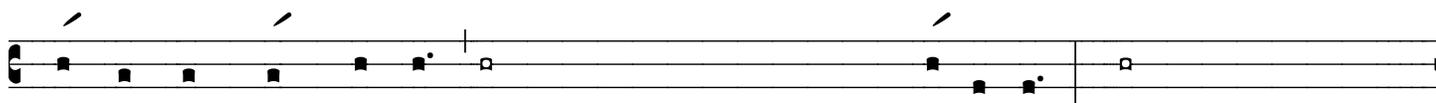
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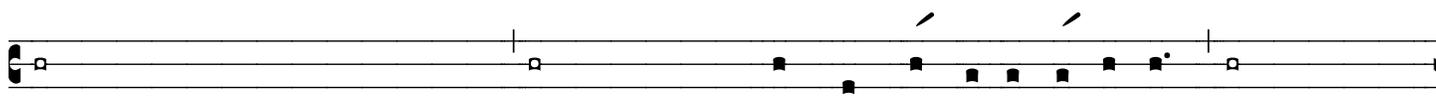
∿ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Je-sus Christ ac-cord-ing to Luke. *R.* *Glo-ry to you, Lord Christ.*



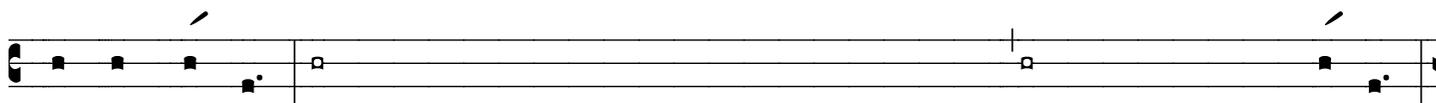
Now every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Pass-o - ver. *42* And



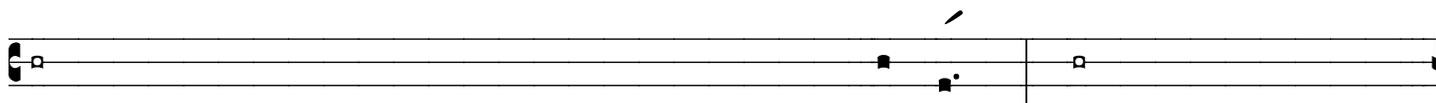
when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the fes-ti - val. *43* When the festival was



ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed be-hind in Je-ru - sa- lem, but his parents



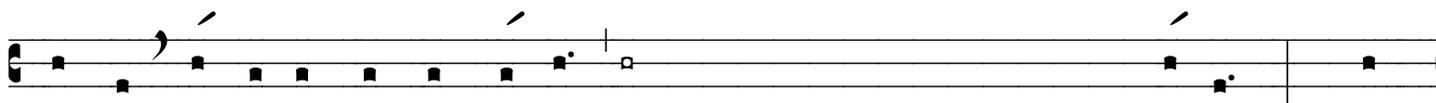
did not know it. *44* Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's jour-ney.



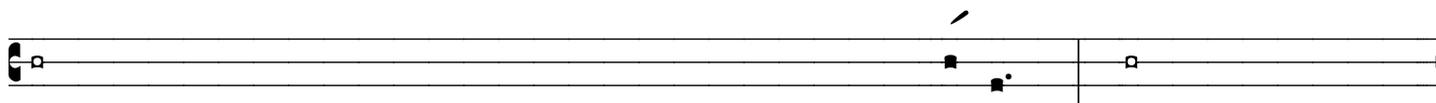
Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. *45* When they did not find



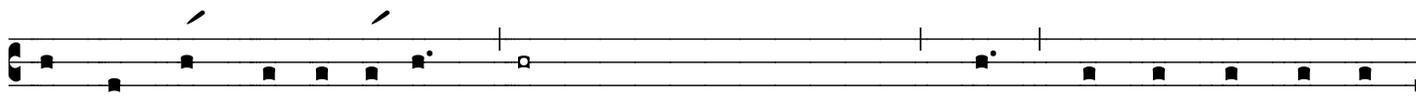
him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. *46* After three days they found him in the



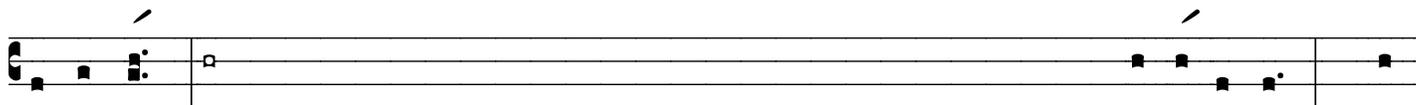
tem-ple, sit-ting a-mong the teach-ers, listening to them and asking them ques-tions. *47* And



all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his an-swers. *48* When his parents



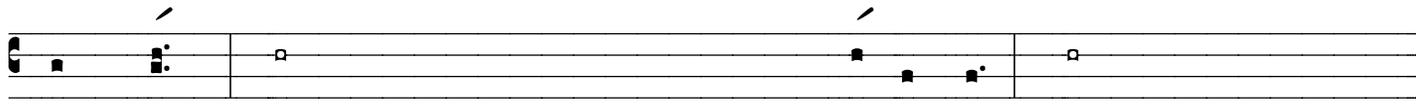
saw him they were as-ton-ished; and his mother said to him, “Child, why have you treat-ed



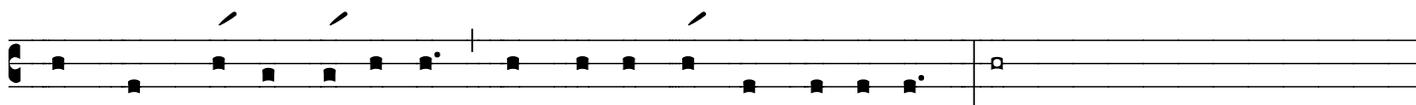
us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anx-i - e - ty.” 49 He



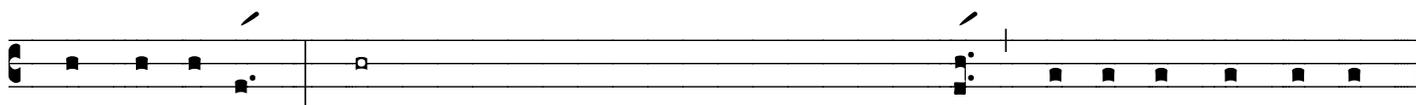
said to them, “Why were you search-ing for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Fa -



ther’s house?” 50 But they did not understand what he said to them. 51 Then he went down with



them and came to Naz-a-reth, and was o - be - di - ent to them. His mother treasured all these



things in her heart. 52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in di - vine and hu -



man fa - vor. *∇* The Gospel of the Lord. *⊗* Praise to you, Lord Christ.