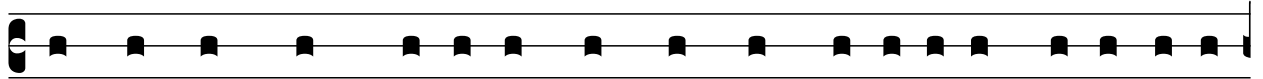
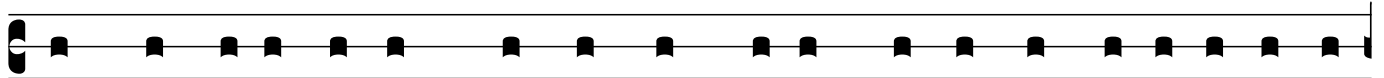


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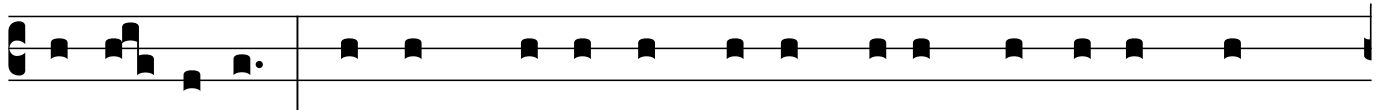
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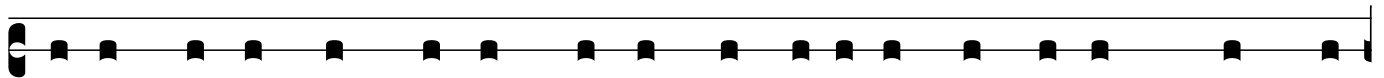
And the twelve called to-gether the whole commu-ni-ty of the dis-ciples



and said,“It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to



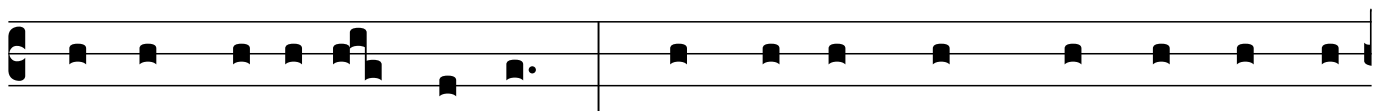
wait on tables. Therefore, brothers and sis-ters, se-lect from among yourselves



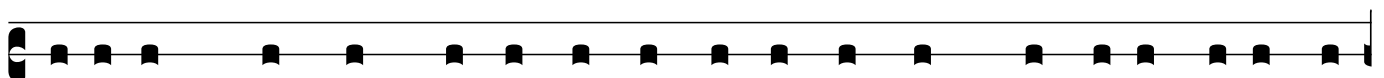
sev-en men of good standing, full of the Spir-it and of wisdom, whom we



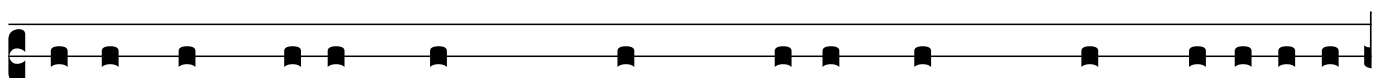
may appoint to this task, while we, for our part, will de-vote ourselves to



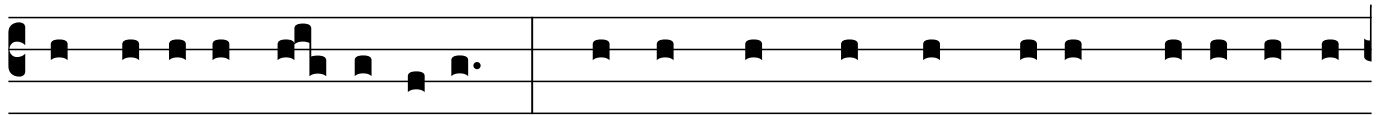
prayer and to serving the word.” What they said pleased the whole commu-



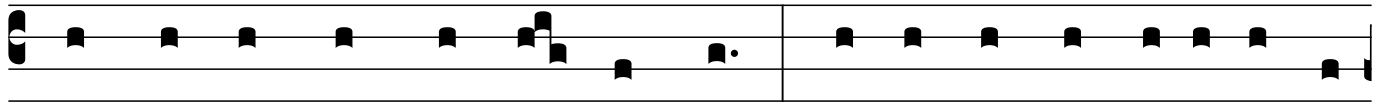
ni-ty, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Ho-ly Spir-it, to-



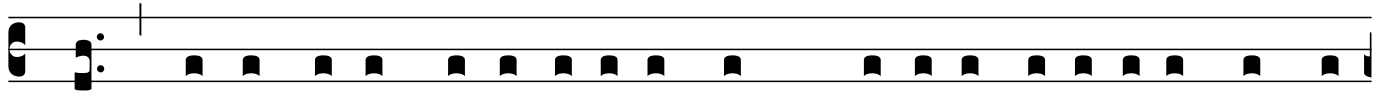
gether with Phil- ip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nic-o-la- us,



a pros-e-lyte of Anti- och. They had these men stand be-fore the a-postles,



who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of God continued to



spread; the number of the dis-ciples increased greatly in Je-ru-sa-lem, and a



great man-y of the priests be-came o-be-di-ent to the faith.