

Stichera at "Lord, I Call"

The First Sunday of Great Lent - The Sunday of Orthodoxy

Tone 6

Sticheron 1

Kievan Chant

arr. from B. Ledkovsky

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

O Lord, Whom nothing can contain or grasp,

from all eternity You have shone forth from the Fa - ther

be - fore the morn - ing star. The Proph - ets,

inspired by the Ho - ly Spir - it, fore - told that

[You would take flesh . . .]

You would take flesh and assume the form of a child,

from her who is ever - vir - gin. You lived

a - mong men; You were seen by material cre - a - tion.

Through the prayers of the prophets, O com - pas - sion - ate One,

make us wor - thy to re - ceive Your light, // for we sing

prais-es to Your glo - ri - ous Re - sur - rec - tion!

Sticheron 2

The Prophets bore the fruit of e - ter - nal life;

they prepared the way of the Lord. By their words they

proclaimed You; by their deeds they hon - ored You:

they would not worship creation instead of You, the Cre -

[- a - tor. As Your Gospel . . .]

a - tor. As Your Gospel commands, they re-nounced the

world. They fore-told Your Passion by suf-fer-ing them-selves.

Through their prayers, O Lord, // enable us to pass over the

bat-tle-field of Lent with-out sin!

Sticheron 3

You are infinite in Your divine nature, O Mas-ter;

[in these latter days . . .]

in these latter days You accepted the limi - ta - tions of the

flesh. By as - suming our body, You accepted all its

weak - ness - es. Therefore we make im - a - ges of Your

form; we venerate them, having You in mind. We fall

down be - fore_ You in love; by so doing we follow the

[tradition of the ...]

tradition of the A - pos - tles // and are given the grace of

heal - ing.

Sticheron 4

Today the Church of Christ receives honorable a - dorn -

ment: the ho - ly icons of Christ our Savior, the Theotokos, and

all the Saints. The Church ex - ults in their grace!

[We lift them up . . .]

We lift them up with joy and glad - ness! We

glorify God, the Lov - er of man, // Him Who patient - ly

suf - fered for our sake!