

Stichera at “Lord, I Call” – Sunday of Orthodoxy

Special melody: *Having placed all their hope*, tone 6

4. From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord.

O Lord, whom nothing can con - tain_ or_ grasp, from all eternity Thou

hast shone forth from the Fa - ther be - fore the morn - ing star.

The prophets, inspired by the Holy Spi - rit, foretold that Thou wouldst

take flesh and assume the form of a child, from her who is ev - er - vir - gin.

Thou didst live among men, and wast 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 Thy light, for we sing praises

to Thy glorious Re - sur - rec - tion.

3. For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.

The Pro-phets bore the fruit of e - ter - nal life; they prepared the way

of the Lord. By their words they pro - claimed Thee; by their deeds

they hon - ored Thee: they would not worship cre - a - tion

in - stead of Thee, the Cre - a - tor. As Thy Gospel commands, they

re - nounced the world. They foretold Thy passion by suf - fer - ing them - selves.

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

of Lent with - out sin.

2. Praise the Lord, all nations; praise Him, all peoples.

Thou art in - fi-nite in Thy divine nature, O Mas - - ter;

in these latter days Thou didst ac - cept the lim - it - a - tions

of the flesh. By assuming our bo - - dy, — Thou didst accept all

its weak - ness-es. Therefore we make im - ag - es of — Thy form;

we venerate them, having Thee — in mind. We fall down be - fore Thee in love;

by so do - ing, we follow the tradition of the A - pos - tles

and are given the grace of heal - ing.

1. For His mercy is abundant towards us; and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever.

To-day the Church_ of Christ receives hon'rabable a - dorn - ment:

the ho - ly i - cons of Christ our Sa - - vior, _

the Theotokos and all_ the Saints. The Church ex - ults_ in their grace.

We lift them up with joy and gladness. We glorify God, the
Lover of man, for He patiently suffered for our sake.

In the second tone

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Grace and truth have shone forth. The predictions of old have been clearly fulfilled.
Behold, the Church adorns herself with the form of Christ in-carnate. The icons of
the new creation transcend the adornments of the old. As the Ark of the

Covenant held the pre - sence of God, so now the icons reveal the

presence of the One we a - dore. By honoring them we will nev - er

go a - stray. It is our glory to fall down and worship Christ in the flesh.

Come, O faithful, and venerate His im - age, cry - ing out: "O Lord, save Thy

people, and bless Thine in - her - it-ance."

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.
(and the Dogmatikon in the tone of the week)