

Stichera at "Lord, I Call"

Translation of the Relics of the Protomartyr & Archdeacon Stephen - August 2

Tone 8

Sticheron 1

Optina Hermitage melody

Model: "Oh, Most Glorious Wonder"

Soprano
Alto
Tenor
Bass

O Stephen, chosen by the A - pos - tles, the
first among the martyrs to suf - fer and the foun -
da - tion of those who serve as dea - cons:
you en-light - en with un - fad - ing light those who cel - e -

[-brate your radiant ...]

brate your radiant feast with splen - dor, giv - ing grace and

The first system of the Sticheron is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a treble and a bass staff. The melody is primarily composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are: "brate your radiant feast with splen - dor, giv - ing grace and".

mer - cy to your ser - vants. // By your

The second system continues the melody. It features a treble and a bass staff. The lyrics are: "mer - cy to your ser - vants. // By your". There is a double bar line with repeat dots after "vants.".

prayers, O mar - tyr, guide them to ev - er - last - ing life!

The third system concludes the Sticheron. It features a treble and a bass staff. The lyrics are: "prayers, O mar - tyr, guide them to ev - er - last - ing life!". The system ends with a double bar line.

Sticheron 2

O Ste-phen, mar - tyr of Christ, you re-ceived

The first system of Sticheron 2 is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of a treble and a bass staff. The melody is primarily composed of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are: "O Ste-phen, mar - tyr of Christ, you re-ceived".

a crown of grace — on your head in ac - cord - ance

The second system of Sticheron 2 continues the melody. It features a treble and a bass staff. The lyrics are: "a crown of grace — on your head in ac - cord - ance".

[... with your name.]

with your name. You a - dorned your neck with a chain of

vir - tues as with gold and be - came an all - wise dwel -

ling of the Wisdom you cher - ished, keeping It as

your be - lov - ed. // There - fore you have been

honored with grace and glo - ry.

Sticheron 3

O most hon-ored Ste - phen, first of the martyrs to

suf - fer, you are crowned with grace and glo -

ry, O A - pos - tle. When you were stoned, you

offered a crown to our King and God, spiritual and more val -

ued than gold and pre - cious stones. Your deeds and name

[... are beautiful.]

are — beau - ti - ful. // Keep us all in re-mem - brance!