

Stichera at the Litya

Pre-Feast of the Dormition - August 14

Tone 2
Sticheron 1

Kievan Caves Monastery Chant
To the model melody: "O House of Ephratha"

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

What new wonder!

What strange mys-ter-y!

How can the pure bear-er of life

now en-dure death // and be hid-den in the tomb?

Detailed description: The image shows a musical score for a Sticheron in Tone 2. It is set to the model melody "O House of Ephratha" from the Kievan Caves Monastery Chant. The score is written for four voices: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass. The lyrics are: "What new wonder! What strange mys-ter-y! How can the pure bear-er of life now en-dure death // and be hid-den in the tomb?". The music is in a minor key (one flat) and features a mix of single notes and chords, with some passages marked with a sharp sign. The lyrics are placed below the vocal lines, with horizontal lines indicating syllable placement. The score is divided into four systems, each with a vocal line and a bass line.

Sticheron 2

All those who dwell on earth,

dance in the Spirit!

For, behold, the Virgin,

the daughter of Adam, // departs for heaven.

Sticheron 3

Let us en - vi - - - sion

the choir of A - pos - - - tles,

gath-ered from the ends of the earth,

encircling the bed of the Vir - gin, // sing - ing her

ex - o - dus.