

# Stichera 1-3 at "Lord, I Call..."

*The Protection of the Theotokos - October 1*

Tone 1  
Sticheron 1

Russian Imperial Court Chant  
arr. by L'vov/Bakhmetev

The musical score is arranged for Soprano and Alto (top staff) and Tenor and Bass (bottom staff). It consists of four systems of music. The first system begins with the lyrics "O pure Theotokos, fount of wis - dom, and great help". The second system continues with "to those in dis - tress, Thou art a speedy aid, protectress,". The third system continues with "and sup - port of the world. We the faithful sing in praise of". The fourth system concludes with "her who is a sea of com - pas - sion, in - ef - fably praising her". The music is written in a style characteristic of Russian Imperial Court Chant, featuring a mix of whole, half, and quarter notes, often with a steady rhythmic pulse. The key signature has one flat (B-flat).

[radiant omophoron:]

radiant o - mo-pho - ri - on: "Rejoice, O Maiden, full of grace,

the Lord is with thee, // granting the world great

mer - cy through thee!"

Sticheron 2

The won - drous I - sa - iah proph - e - sied:

"In the latter days," said he, "it will come to pass

[that the mountain...]

that the moun-tain of the Lord shall be re-vealed, and the house

of the Lord shall be upon the sum - mit of the moun - tain."

And of this, O sov' - reign La - dy, we have seen

in thee the true ful - fill - ment. For the moun - tains and

hills are adorned with church - es that bear the many names

[of thy festivals.]

of thy fes - ti - vals. There - fore, joyfully we sing to thee:

"Rejoice, O highly favored Maid - en, the Lord is with thee, //

granting the world great mer - cy through thee!"

Sticheron 3

Oh, how mar - velous an adornment art thou to all the

faith - ful! Thou art the true fulfillment of the proph - e - cies,

[the glory of the Apostles...]

the glo - ry of the Apostles and the beauty of the Mar - tyrs,

the boast of virginity and the marvelous pro - tec - tion of

the whole — world. O sov' - reign La - dy, protect with the

omophorion of thy ten - der mer - cy all the people who cry

out to thee: "Re - joice, O Vir - gin, full of grace,

[the Lord is with thee,]

the Lord is with thee, // granting the world great

mer - cy through thee!"