

Stichera at "Lord, I Call"

The Protection of the Theotokos - October 1

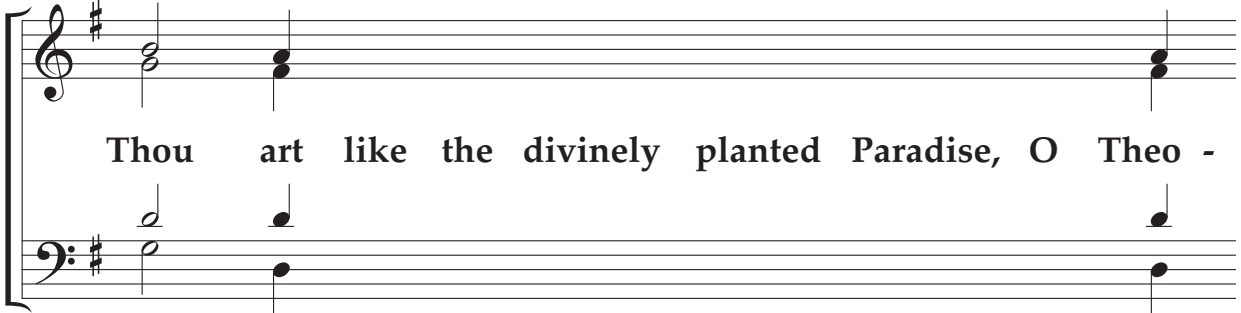
Optina Monastery Chant

Model: "As one valiant among martyrs"

English setting: V. Morosan

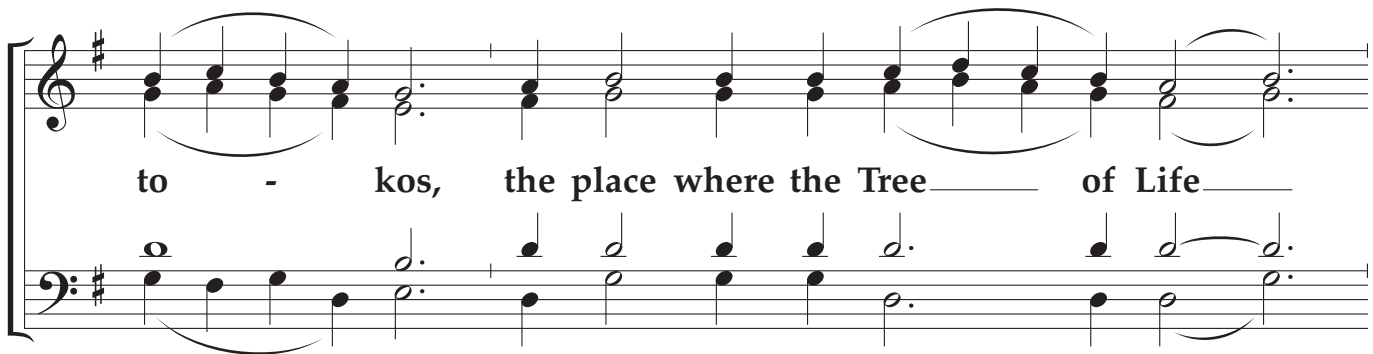
Tone 4
Sticheron 4

Soprano
Alto



Tenor
Bass

Thou art like the divinely planted Paradise, O Theo -



to - kos, the place where the Tree of Life



was wa - tered by the Ho - ly Spir - it. We ac -

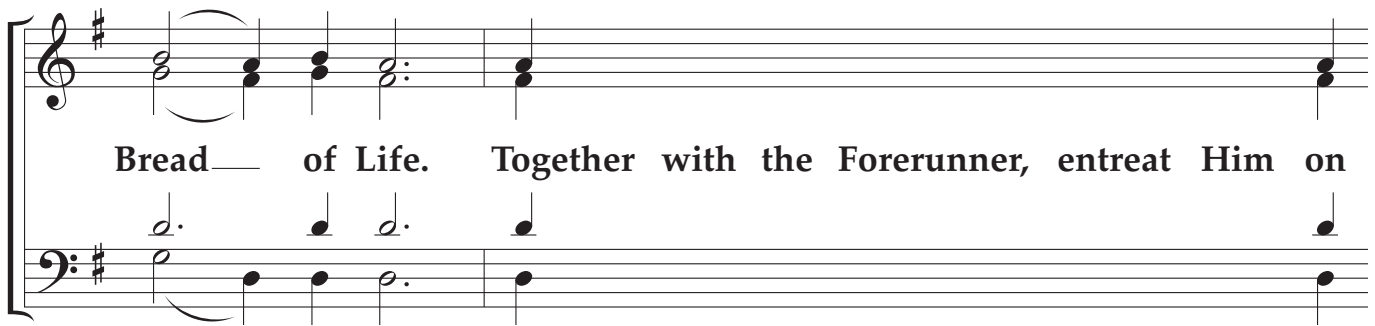


knowl - edge that thou gavest birth to the Cre -

[Cre-ator of all]



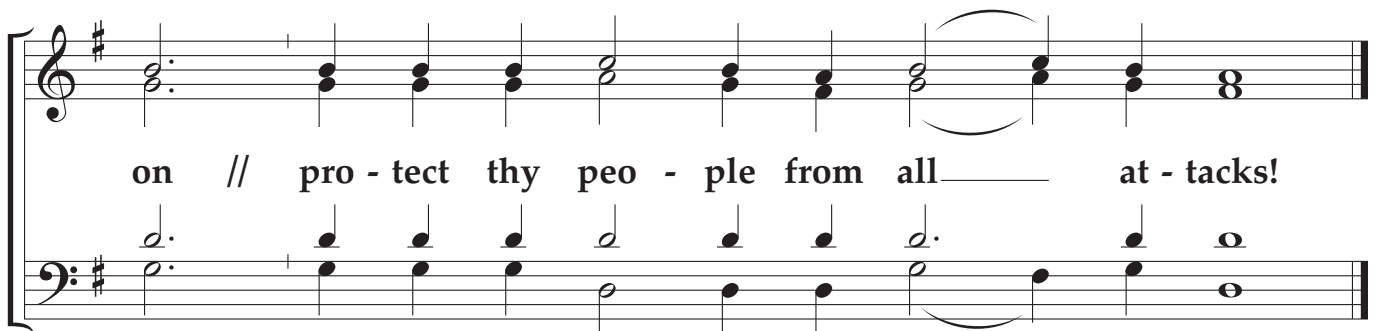
a - tor of all, Who feeds the faith - ful with the



Bread of Life. Together with the Forerunner, entreat Him on



our be-half; and by thy pre-cious o - mo-pho - ri -



on // pro - tect thy peo - ple from all at - tacks!

Sticheron 5



Heav - en and earth are sanc - ti - fied; the

[Church is radiant . . .]

Church is radiant, and all the people cel - e - brate, —

for be - hold, — the Moth - er of God enters invisibly with the

armies of the An - gels, the Fore - runner, and the

The - o - lo - gian, the Proph - ets, and the A -

pos - tles! She prays to Christ for Chris -

[Chris-tians / and entreats . . .]

tians and en-treats Him to have mercy on this land and its

peo - ple, // who glorify the feast of her Pro-tection.

Sticheron 6

Thou art the beauty of Ja - cob and the heav - en - ly

lad - der up-on which the Lord came down to earth.

These images were manifestations of thine hon - or and glo - ry,

O The - o - to - kos. An - gels in heav - en and

men on earth call thee bless - ed for thou gavest birth to the

God of all. Thou pray - est for all the world,

by thy mer - cy pro - tec - ting those // who keep thy

ho - ly feast.