

Stichera at the Litya

The Protection of the Theokos - October 1

Tone 3
Sticheron 1

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

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

Today the radiant feast of thy protecting veil has come,

O most pure Vir - gin. Thou dost enlighten, more than the sun,

those who in faith and purity of heart confess thee as the true

Moth-er of God, and who cry out to thy Son: "O Christ God,

by the prayers of the Ever - Vir - gin, who in purity and

[without corruption ...]

without corruption gave birth to Thee, preserve Thine inheritance

from the enemies that war a - gainst it, // and since Thou art

mer - ci - ful, pre - serve our souls in peace!"

Tone 4
Sticheron 2

Thy Son's people are unable to praise thee fit - ting - ly as

they de-sire, O most pure La - dy; for thou dost al - ways de -

[de-fend all the ...]

fend all the faith - ful, protecting them with thy pre - cious veil,

and praying for the salvation of all who with faith hon - or

thee, // the pure and true The - o - to - kos.

Tone 2
Sticheron 3

Let us the faithful as - sem - ble to - day to praise the

all-immaculate Queen of all, the most pure Vir - gin, the Mother of

[Christ our God,]

Christ our God, for she mercifully ever stretches out her

hands to her Son! And it is she whom glorious Andrew be-

held in the air pro-tect - ing the people with her pre-cious veil.

Let us sing to her with ten - der-ness of heart: // "Re-joyce, O

protectress, defender, and sal - va - tion of our souls!"