

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 your protecting veil has come,

O most pure Vir - gin. You en-light-en, more than the sun,

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

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

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

[without corruption ...]

without corruption gave birth to You, preserve Your inheritance

from the enemies that war a - gainst it, // and since You are

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

Tone 4
Sticheron 2

Your Son's people are unable to praise you fit - ting - ly as

they de-sire, O most pure La - dy; for you al-ways de-fend all the

[some text,]

faith-ful, protecting them with your pre-cious veil, and praying for

the salvation of all who with faith hon - or you, // the pure and


true The - o - to - kos.

Tone 2
Sticheron 3

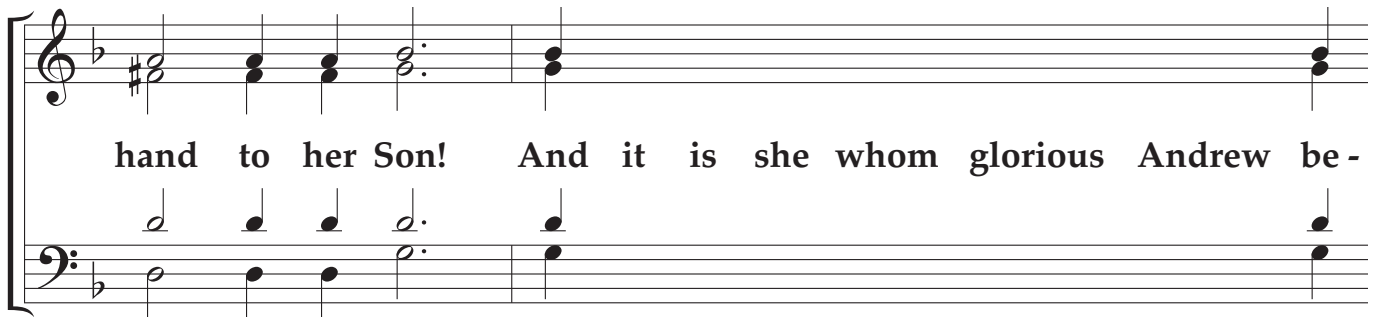
Let us the faithful as - sem - ble to - day to praise the

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

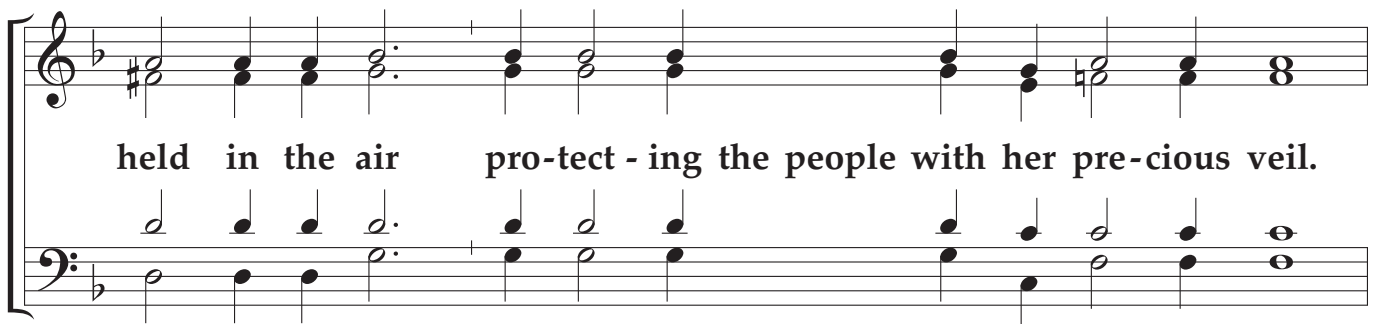
[Christ our God,]



Christ our God, for she mercifully ever stretches out her



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



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



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



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