

# Stichera at the Litya

*The Protection of the Theotokos - October 1*

Tone 3  
Sticheron 1

Kievan Chant  
arr. from B. Ledkovsky

Soprano  
Alto

To-day the radiant feast of thy protect-ing veil has

Tenor  
Bass

come, O most pure Vir - gin. Thou dost en-light - en,

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,]

out to thy Son: "O Christ God, by the prayers of the

Ev - er - Vir - gin, who in pu - rity and without

corruption gave birth to Thee, pre - serve Thine inheritance

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

since Thou art merciful, pre - serve our souls in peace!"

Tone 4  
Sticheron 2

Thy Son's people are unable to praise thee fittingly as

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

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 faith - ful as - sem - ble to - day to

praise the all - immacu - late Queen of all, the most pure

Vir - gin, the Moth - er of Christ our God, for she

mer - ci - fully ever stretches out her hands to her Son!

And it is she whom glorious Andrew be - held in the air

[pro-te-ct-ing the people . . .]

pro - tect - 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!"