

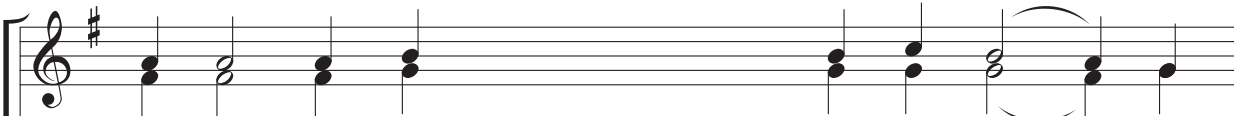
# Stichera at the Litya

*The Protection of the Theotokos - October 1*

Tone 3  
Sticheron 1

Kievan Chant  
arr. from B. Ledkovsky

Soprano  
Alto




Tenor  
Bass


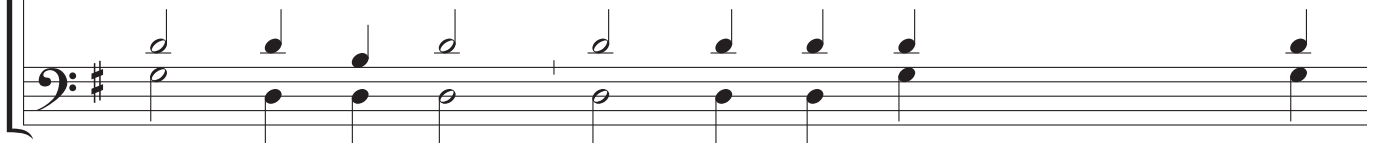
To-day the radiant feast of your protect-ing veil has




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,]

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

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

corruption gave birth to You, pre - serve Your inheritance

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

since You are merciful, pre - serve our souls in peace!"

Tone 4  
Sticheron 2

Your Son's people are unable to praise you fittingly as

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

fend all the 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 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!"