

Stichera at the Praises

The Protection of the Theotokos - October 1

Tone 8
Sticheron 1

Optina Monastery Melody
Model melody: "Oh, Most Glorious Wonder"

Soprano
Alto

O Lady, we fall down be-fore thee, and with

Tenor
Bass

tender greetings we pray to thee: "Rejoice, O Mistress

blest by God, most no-ble Vir - gin, truly prefigured

by the proph - ets: For Christ our God came up-on

[thee like dew,]

thee like dew, and thou gav - est Him birth, O pure Lady, without

tast-ing wed - lock, and in thine arms thou didst hold the Cre -

a - tor and Lord of all. Now pray to Him for us //

as in faith we glorify the feast of thy pro-tec - tion!"

Sticheron 2

The ranks of angels sing thy praises, O Virgin The - o -

[- to - kos,]

to - kos, and patriarchs and bish-ops glo - ri - fy

thee, and the holy apos-tles serve thee as tru-ly the

Moth - er of God, as they see thee in - ter - ced - ing

for the world with Christ our God, the Sav - ior of all.

Pray to Him that all Ortho - dox Chris-tians may be saved,

[as they glorify ...]

as they glori - fy thee in faith, // and hon - or the

feast of thy pro - tec - tion.

Sticheron 3

O The - o - to - kos, by the Ho - ly

Spir - it God made thee holier by far than the

Ark of Aa - ron; and by thy veil that shines more

[more brightly than the rays]

bright-ly than the rays— of the sun, thou mak-est ho - ly the

church and the peo - ple, and thou driv-est a-way the dark-ness

of our sins. Deliver from tribulation and af - flic - tion

those who in faith— cel - e - brate // the feast of thine

hon - 'ra - ble pro - tec - tion.

TRANSLATION:
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