

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 you, and with

Tenor
Bass

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

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

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

[you like dew,]

you like dew, and you gave Him birth, O pure Lady, without

tast-ing wed - lock, and in your arms you held the Creator and

Lord of all. Now pray to Him for us //

as in faith we glorify the feast of your protection!

Sticheron 2

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

[- to - kos,]

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

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

Moth - er of God, as they see you 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 you in faith, // and hon - or the

feast of your pro - tec - tion.

Sticheron 3

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

Spir - it God made you holier by far than the

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

[more brightly than the rays]

bright-ly than the rays— of the sun, you make ho - ly the

church and the peo - ple, and you drive 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 your

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