

Stichera Aposticha

St Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia - December 6

Optina Hermitage Melody
Model: "Rejoice"
arr. by G. Ealy & V. Morosan

Tone 5
Sticheron 1

Soprano
Alto
Tenor
Bass

(A)

Re-joice, saint-ly bish - op pure a - bode of the

(B) \sharp

vir - tues, ho - ly ex - am - ple of the di - vine

(C)

priest - hood, great shep - herd and bright luminary bearing the

(D)

name of vic - to - ry! You are com - pas - sion - ate to

[those who call]

*) In some harmonizations, an F# is sung here. The original chant melody does not have an F#, however. In this arrangement, the use of an F# in the places marked with # is optional.

NOTE: May be sung a half-step or a step higher.

those who call on you in prayer, and you bear the sup - pli -

ca - tions of the weak; you are the de - liv - er - er and pro -

tec - tor of those who hon - or your glorious

Cad.

mem - o - ry in faith. // Pray that Christ may grant the

world great mer - cy!

vs. *Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.* (Ps. 115:6)

Sticheron 2

Re - joyce, most sacred mind, pure dwelling of the

Trin - i - ty, pillar of the Church and sup - port of the

faith ful, [help of the] [fall - en], star ev - er dis -

persing temptations and af - flic - tions through the

ra - diance of your prayers well pleas - ing to God!

[You are a calm]

You are a calm ha - ven, O Bish - op

Ni - cho - las, where those who flee are saved

from the threat-en - ing wave of life. // Pray that

Christ may grant our souls great mer - cy!

vs. Your priests shall be clothed in righteousness, and Your saints shall rejoice. (Ps. 131:9)

Sticheron 3

Re-joice, O Ni - cho - las, for you are filled [with di-vine]

with di-vine _____ zeal! By fearful visions and warn -

ings in dreams you de -liv - ered those about to die unjustly

from an e - vil sen - tence. You are a fount

pouring forth myrrh abundant - ly in My - ra,

and re - fresh - ing souls while ex - pelling the stench of [pas-sions]

pas - sions. You were a scythe cut - ting the
 weeds of er - ror; a fan winnowing the chaff of the
 teach-ings of A - ri - us. // Entreat Christ to
 send our souls great mer - cy!