

Stichera at "Lord, I Call"

St. Maximus the Confessor - January 21

Tone 4
Sticheron 1

Optina Monastery Chant
Model melody: "As One Valiant among Martyrs"

Soprano
Alto

O bless-ed Max - imus thou didst pro-claim — to all

Tenor
Bass

the One Who was well-pleas-ed to become man in His com-pas -

sion, and is compre-hend-ed in two wills — and en - er-gies.

Thou didst stop the gaping mouths of the most e - vil ones,

[who, through the wantonness. . .]

who, through the wan-ton-ness of the dev-il, / the fab-ri-

ca-tor of all wick-ed-ness, // wrongly proclaimed Christ as

having only one will and one en-er-gy.

Sticheron 2

By the strength of thy doctrines, O Father Max-i-mus,

thou didst choke the e-vil-mind-ed Pyr-rhus,*

*pronounced "PIR-us" (rhymes with "cirrus")

[who spoke vain and ...]

who spoke vain — and fool - ish — things. Thou didst undergo

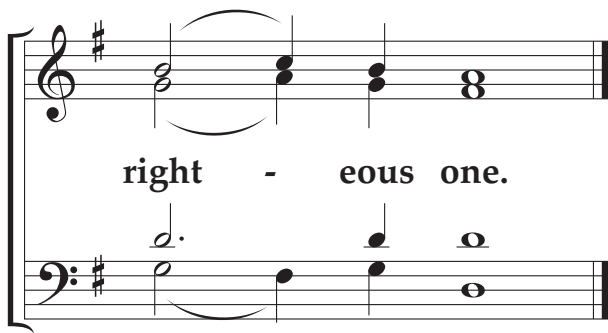
persecutions and sorrows, O bless - ed one: thou wast

badly beaten, and thy tongue — was — cut — out; /

thy di-vine hand, which thou didst raise — to God was cut off, //

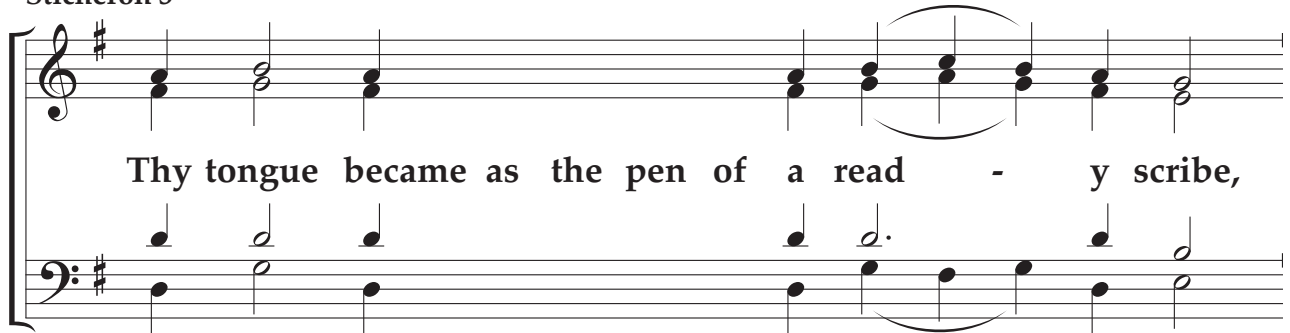
yet with it thou hadst written the most sublime doc - trines, O

[right-ous one]



right - eous one.

Sticheron 3



Thy tongue became as the pen of a read - y scribe,



sharp - ened by the Spirit, O Fa - ther Max - i - mus,



in - scrib - ing the writ - ing of di - vine vir - tues



with grace upon the tab - lets of our hearts, and conveying

[the doctrine . . .]

the doctrine of the incar - na - tion of Christ, /

Who willed to be made man - i - fest to all man - kind //

in two na - tures and one Per - son.