

Stichera on the "Lord, I Call"

Uncovering of the Relics of Ven. Sergius of Rádonezh - July 5

Tone 4

Sticheron 1

Optina Hermitage melody

Model: "Called from on high"

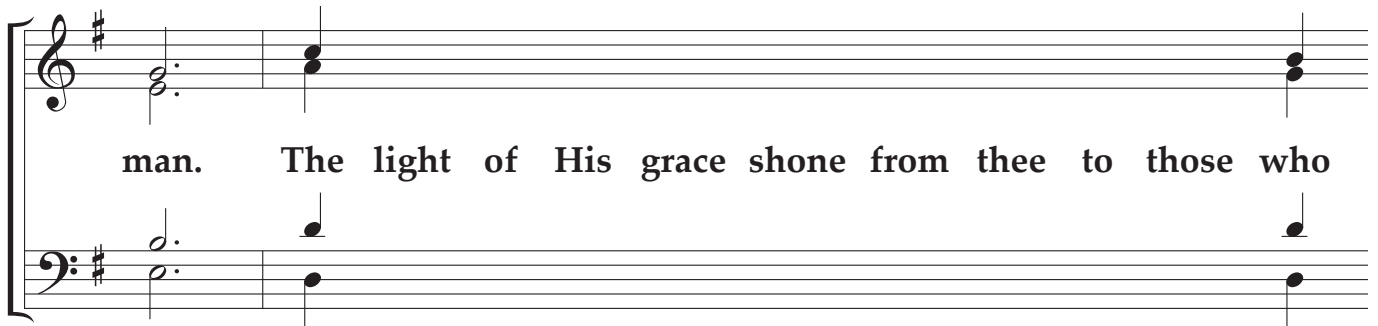
Soprano
Alto
Tenor
Bass

When thy moth - er came to the Church of God ev - en be -
fore thy birth, thou didst cry out in her womb three -
times, giving glory to the Tri - ni - ty. O God - ly -
wise Fath - er Ser - gius, thou knew - est God before thou

[knew-est the world.]



knew - est the world. Thou wast known⁵ by God, O bless - ed



man. The light of His grace shone from thee to those who



sought it. The rad - iance of thy face showed thy



spir - it - ual and bodily pur - i - ty. / Thou wast a



cho - sen ves - sel of Christ our God. // Entreat Him to save

[and enlighten our souls!]

and en - light - en our souls!

Sticheron 2

When the love of God de-scend - ed on thee, O di -

vine-ly-wise and most blessed Father Ser - gius, thou

didst de-spise the world and love on - ly Christ in thy soul.

Fol - low - ing His life - bear - ing steps, thou didst reach the wil -

[-der-ness,]

der - ness, and didst cul - tiv - ate it with the seeds of thy

la - bors, ir - ri - gat - ing it with streams of tears,

mul - ti - ply - ing the fruits of good works. / Hav - ing nour -

ished thy children with these, thou didst bring them to Christ

God. // Entreat Him to save and en - light - en our souls!

Sticheron 3

O di - vine - ly wise Fath - er Ser - gius, when

thou didst hear a divine voice that said to thee: "Be-hold,

the coming of the Most Pure One!" thou didst begin to

make thyself worthy of this vis - it - a - tion with man - y

spir - it - ual la-bors and fer - vent prayer. Light bright-er than the

[the sun ...]

sun il - lu - mined thee, showing to thy spir - it - ual and

bodily eyes the Moth - er of God. Thou didst hear her words

to thee: / "I shall not ⁵ abandon this place, and thy

⁵ mon - as - ter - y shall not be in want." // Entreat her to save

and en - light - en our souls!

Sticheron 4

When the time came for thy de - par - ture to God,

as a bright-ly shin - ing star thou didst en - ter the

heav-en - ly man - sions, where thou standest with the choir of

saints before the throne of the consubstan - tial Trin - i - ty.

Af - ter thy bo - dy lay hidden in the earth for man - y years, it

[was re-vealed, ...]

was re-vealed, man-i-fest-ing won - ders for those who

ven - e-rate thy relics, O Ser - gius. Grant victories to

Orthodox Christians over their ad - ver - sar - ies; / pray to

Christ our God to grant the faith-ful re - mis - sion of sins, //

and entreat Him to save and en - light - en our souls!