

# Stichera at "Lord I call..."

*The Expulsion of Adam from Paradise*

Tone 6  
Sticheron 1  $\text{♩} = 96$

Model Melody: "Having placed all their hope..."

A musical score for four voices: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass. The music is in G major (indicated by a sharp sign) and common time. The tempo is marked as  $\text{♩} = 96$ . The score consists of five staves of music, each with lyrics underneath. The first staff begins with the text: "The Lord took a handful of dust from the earth." The second staff begins with "He breathed into it and created me, a liv - ing man." The third staff begins with "He made me lord and master of all things on earth;" The fourth staff begins with "truly I enjoyed the life of the an - gels. But Sa - tan". The fifth staff begins with "the deceiver tempted me in the guise of a ser - pent;". A bracket at the end of the fifth staff contains the text "[ I ate the forbidden... ]". The vocal parts are labeled on the left: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass.

Soprano  
Alto  
Tenor  
Bass

The Lord took a handful of dust from the earth.

He breathed into it and created me, a liv - ing man.

He made me lord and master of all things on earth;

truly I enjoyed the life of the an - gels. But Sa - tan

the deceiver tempted me in the guise of a ser - pent;  
[ I ate the forbidden... ]

I ate the forbidden fruit and forfeited the glo - ry of God.

Now I have been delivered to the earth through death.

O my com-pas - sion-ate Lord, // call me back to E - den!

*\*ALTERNATIVE ENDING:*

call me back to E - den!

Sticheron 2

When the En - e - my tempt - ed me, I disobeyed Thy

[ com-mand, O Lord. ]

com - mand, O Lord. I ex-changed the glory of my mortal

body for shame and na - ked-ness. Now I must wear

garments of skins and fig - leaves; I am con-demned

to eat the bread of bitter hardship by the sweat of my brow.

The earth is cursed and brings forth thorns and husks for me.

[ O Lord, ]

O Lord, Thou didst take on flesh from the Virgin in the full - ness of

time; // call me back and re-store me to E - den!

\*ALTERNATIVE ENDING:

call me back and re-store me to E - den!

Sticheron 3

O Par - a - dise, garden of de - light and beau - ty,

dwelling - place made per - fect by God, un - end - ing glad-ness  
[ and e-ter-nal joy, ]

and e - ter - nal joy, the hope of the prophets and the

home of the saints, by the music of thy rus - tling leaves

be-seech the Cre - a - tor of all to open the gates which my

sins have closed, that I may par-take of the Tree of

Life and Grace, // which was given to me in the be - gin - ning!

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## \*ALTERNATIVE ENDING:

which was given to me in the be - gin - ning!

## Sticheron 4

Ad - am was exiled from Paradise through dis - o - be-dience;

he was driven from eternal bliss, deceived by the words of

Eve; he sat na - ked and weeping before the gates of

Par - a - dise. Let us hasten to enter the sea - son of  
[ fast - ing ]

fast - ing; let us care - fully obey the Gos - pel com-mands,  
that we may be made acceptable to Christ our God, //  
and re - gain our home in E - den!

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*\*ALTERNATIVE ENDING:*

and re-gain our home in E - den!