

Stichera at "Lord, I Call"

Martyr Barlaam of Caesarea - November 19

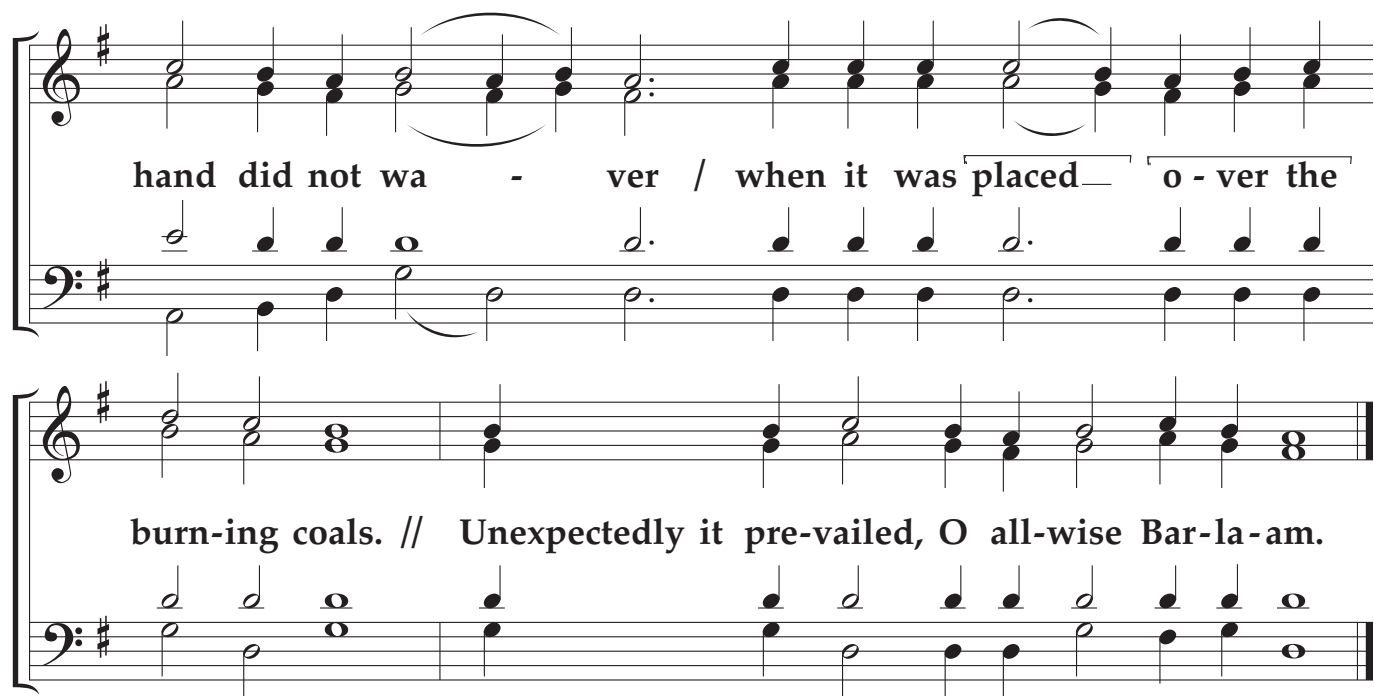
Tone 4
Sticheron 1

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

Soprano
Alto
Tenor
Bass

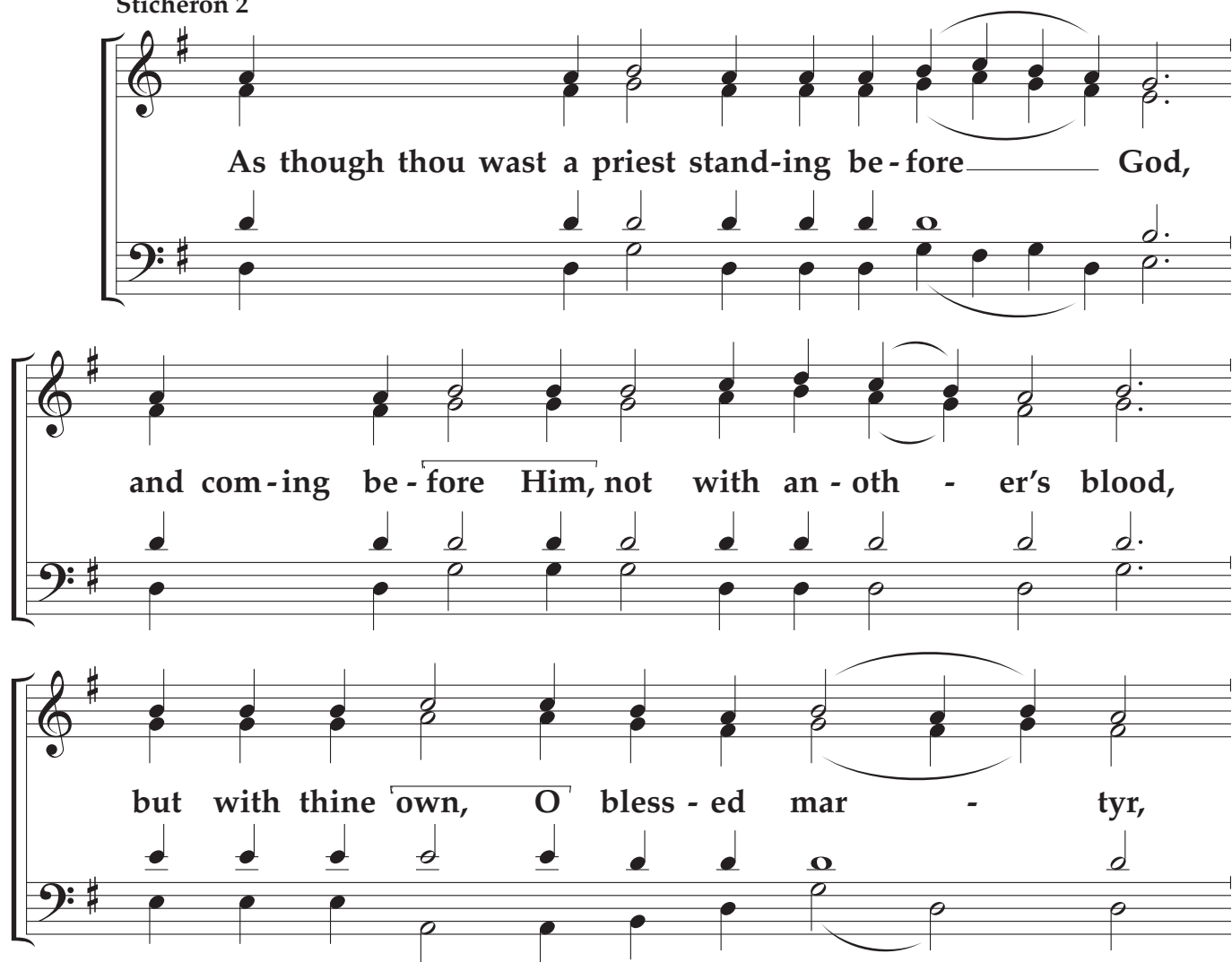
The musical score is written for four voices: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass. It is in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is based on the Optina Monastery Chant model, "As One Valiant among Martyrs". The lyrics are: "Thou wast more stur - dy than a pil - lar, hard - er than i - ron, and strong - er than bronze; for each of these, when sub - mit - ted to fire, is o - ver - come by its force; it melts and is quick - ly de - stroyed. But thy right [hand did not wa - ver]". The score is divided into four systems, each with a Soprano/Alto staff and a Tenor/Bass staff. The lyrics are written below the staves, with syllables aligned with the notes. The first system ends with a comma, the second with a semicolon, the third with a semicolon, and the fourth with a period. The final phrase "[hand did not wa - ver]" is written below the Tenor/Bass staff.

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[hand did not wa - ver]



hand did not wa - ver / when it was placed - o - ver the
burn-ing coals. // Unexpectedly it pre-vailed, O all-wise Bar-la-am.

Sticheron 2



As though thou wast a priest stand-ing be - fore God,
and com-ing be - fore Him, not with an - oth - er's blood,
but with thine own, O bless - ed mar - tyr,

[thou didst offer a sacrifice...]

thou didst offer a sacrifice of sweet fra - grance, not to the de -

lu - sion of de - mons, / but to Christ the Sav-ior and

Mas - ter // Who reigns - for - ev - er.

Sticheron 3

A priest who of - fers and a lamb that is of - fered;

joy - ful - ly we call - thee both, O Mar - tyr, wor - thy of all praise;

[as a victim, entirely un-blem-ished,]

as a victim, entirely un-blem - ished, thou didst make thy -

self a whole-burnt of - fer-ing to God through the fire of

tor - ments. / Ear - nest - ly pray that He save those //

who praise and hon - or thy mem - o - ry!