

Stichera at "Lord, I Call"

Martyr Sophia and her daughters, Faith, Hope, and Love - September 17

Tone 4
Sticheron 1

Kievan Chant
Model melody: "Thou hast given a sign"

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

The virgin maidens, bound to one another by the Law of

na - ture, manifestly made stronger by love of the Cre-

a - tor, loosed the bonds of de-cep - tion with faith.—

They valiantly trampled the En - e - my— and were radiantly

[adorned with fair crowns . . .]

a-dorned with fair crowns— of vic - to - ry. // Now they re-

joice, dwelling in the heavenly brid - al cham - ber.

Sticheron 2

The all-praised Faith and glo - ri - ous Love— together with di-

vine-ly wise— Hope— revealed themselves to be

namesakes of the most splen-did vir - tues. As athletes, they

[overthrew the E-vil One]

o - ver-threw the E - vil One, — who had deceived our First

Moth - er with guile. — Now they are de - i - fied and

dwell in Par - a - dise // where they fer-vent-ly pray for us all.

Sticheron 3

Faith, — Hope — and Love, — the daughters of So -

phi - a, sought with faith the beau-ty of the

[Bride - groom.]

Bride - groom. — They united them-selves to Him, — a - dorn-ing

them-selves with di-vine — wounds; — they despised the fire,

manifold tor-tures, and a shame-ful death. — // Through their

prayers, O Lord, de - liv - er us from e - vils!