Stichera at “Lord, I Call”

Synaxis of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John - January 7

NOTE: This model melody consists of 8 phrases, none of which repeat. The text has been divided accordingly.

Tone 1
Sticheron 1

Glinsk Hermitage Melody
Model: “O All-praised Martyrs”

When the Forerunner beheld Thee, O Christ,

drawing near to him to ask for baptism, he cried out in trembling: “Why dost Thou ask me for what

is beyond my strength? How shall I touch Thee with my [hand, O all-powerful Lord?]
hand, O all-powerful Lord, for Thou dost hold all things

with Thy hand? //But instead baptize me, Thy servant!"

Sticheron 2

“This day have I appeared as a complete Man; unapproachable by nature, I have become approachable to thee. Rich, I have willingly made Myself poor.]
made My - self poor, that what has grown poor I may make
rich with incorrup-tion and de-liv - er - ance. Draw near and bap-
tize__ Him Who is not subject to corrup- tion, //
and Who delivers the world from de - cay!!

Sticheron 3

"I am con-strained__ on eve-ry side," said the Forerunner

[said the Forerunner. . .]
to the Creator, “and cannot tell which way to go."

Bountiful Lord, Thou art a stream flowing with nourishment;

how then shall the flowing streams receive Thee, O Word,

Who dost come to pour forth salvation on all //

who honor Thy holy Epiphany!”