Stichera at “Lord, I Call”

St. Maximus the Confessor - January 21

Tone 4
Sticheron 1

Optina Monastery Chant
Model melody: “As One Valiant among Martyrs”

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

O bless-ed Max - imus thou didst pro-claim to all

the One Who was well-pleased to become man in His com-

pas-

sion, and is com-pre-hend-ed in two wills and en-
ergies.

Thou didst stop the gaping mouths of the most e-

vil ones,

[who, through the wantonness. . .]
who, through the wanton-ness of the devil, / the fabricator of all wickedness, // wrongly proclaimed Christ as having only one will and one energy.

Sticheron 2

By the strength of thy doctrines, O Father Maximus,

thou didst choke the evil-minded Pyrrhus,*

*pronounced “PIR-us” (rhymes with “cirrus”)

[who spoke vain and . . .]
who spoke vain and foolish things. Thou didst undergo

persecutions and sorrows, O blessed one: thou wast

badly beaten, and thy tongue was cut out; /

thy divine hand, which thou didst raise to God was cut off, //

yet with it thou hadst written the most sublime doctrines, O
righteous one.

Sticheron 3

Thy tongue became as the pen of a ready scribe,

sharpened by the Spirit, O Father Maximus,

inscribing the writing of divine virtues

with grace upon the tablets of our hearts, and conveying

[the doctrine ...]
the doctrine of the incarnation of Christ, / 
Who willed to be made manifest to all mankind // 
in two natures and one Person.