Stichera at “Lord, I Call”

St. Maximus the Confessor - January 21

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

Tone 4
Sticheron 1

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

O bless-ed Max-imus you pro-claimed 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.

You stopped 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 wicked-ness, // wrongly proclaimed Christ as having only one will and one energy.

By the strength of your doctrines, O Father Maximus, you choked the evil-minded Pyrrhus,* [who spoke vain and . . .]

*pronounced “PIR-us” (rhymes with “cirrus”)
who spoke vain and foolish things. You underwent persecutions and sorrows, O blessed one: you were badly beaten, and your tongue was cut out; / your divine hand, which you raised to God was cut off, // yet with it you wrote the most sublime doctrines, O [right-eous one]
righteous one.

Sticheron 3

Your 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 will to be made manifest to all mankind // in two natures and one Person.