Stichera at “Lord, I Call”

Martyr Neophytus of Nicea - January 21

Tone 8
Sticheron 1

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Optina Monastery Chant

Model melody: “Oh, Most Glorious Wonder”

Oh, most glorious wonder!

A dove descends from on high and speaks in a human voice to Neophytus* the Martyr,

iluminating him with an angel’s way of life,

*pronounced Nee-o-FEET-us

[and sending the youth . . .]
and sending the youth to contend most mightily.

Oh, what godly deeds were done by the Martyr!

He excelled in every contest. By his prayers, save our souls, O Christ, since Thou art passionate!
Oh, most glorious wonder!

From his youth the wise Neophytus performs miracles by the strength of the Spirit.

By his prayers water pours out from the rock;

he raises his dead mother back to life.

[Oh, what god-ly deeds ...]
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He excelled in every contest. By his prayers, save our souls, O Christ, since Thou art passionate!

Oh, most glorious wonder!

[As Neophytus suffers ...]
As Neophytus suffers bravely for Christ, he amazes his enemies with astonishing miracles.

Thrown into the fire, he quenches it; he causes savage beasts to cow in fear. Oh, invincible might by which the athlete was made wondrous! //
By his prayers, O God save us!