Stichera at “Lord, I Call”
Martyr Neophytus of Nicea - January 21

Tone 8
Sticheron 1
Optina Monastery Chant
Model melody: “Oh, Most Glorious Wonder”

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

Oh, most glorious wonder!

A dove descends from on high and speaks in a

human voice to Neophytus* the Martyr,

illuminating him with an angel's way of life,

*pronounced Nee-o-FEET-us

[and sending the youth . . .]

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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 You are compassionate!
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 godly deeds ...]
Oh, what godly deeds were done by the Martyr!

He excelled in every contest. By his prayers, save our souls, O Christ, since You are compassionate!

Sticheron 3

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 cower in fear. Oh, invincible might by which the athlete was made wondrous!
By his prayers, O God save us!