Sunday of Orthodoxy

At “LORD, I CALL”

Note: At “Lord, I Call,” we sing six stichera of the Resurrection in the tone of the week, and the following stichera from the Triodion.

Common Chant, arranged from LVOV/BAKHMETEV

Sticheron 1: Tone 6

Soprano

Alto

(Melody in Alto)

O LORD, WHOM NOTHING CAN CON-TAIN OR GRASP, FROM ALL ETERNITY

Tenor

Bass

YOU SHONE FORTH FROM THE FA- THER BE-FORE THE MORNING STAR.

THE PROPHETS, INSPIRED BY THE HOLY SPIR - IT, FORETOLD THAT YOU WOULD

TAKE FLESH AND ASSUME THE FORM OF A CHILD, FROM HER WHO IS EVER

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Virgin, you lived among men; you were seen by material creation.

Passionate one, make us worthy to receive your light,

For we sing praises to your glorious resurrection!

Sticheron 2: In the same Tone.

The prophets bore the fruit of eternal life; they prepared the
WAY OF THE LORD. BY THEIR WORDS THEY PROCLAIMED YOU; BY THEIR DEEDS THEY HONORED YOU! THEY WOULD NOT WORSHIP CREATION INSTEAD OF YOU, THE CREATOR! AS YOUR GOSPEL COMMANDS, THEY RE-NOUNCED THE WORLD! THEY FORETOLD YOUR PASSION BY SUFFERING THemselves! THROUGH THEIR PRAYERS, O LORD,
ENABLE US TO PASS OVER THE BATTLEFIELD OF LENT WITHOUT SIN!

Sticheron 3: In the same Tone.

YOU ARE INFINITE IN YOUR DIVINE NATURE, O MASTER; IN THESE

LATTER DAYS YOU ACCEPTED THE LIMITATIONS OF THE FLESH.

BY ASSUMING OUR BODY, YOU ACCEPTED ALL ITS WEAKNESSES!

THEREFORE WE MAKE IMAGES OF YOUR FORM; WE VENERATE THEM,
HAVING YOU IN MIND, WE FALL DOWN BEFORE YOU IN LOVE;

BY SO DOING WE FOLLOW THE TRADITION OF THE APOSTLES, AND ARE GIVEN

THE GRACE OF HEALING!

Sticheron 4: In the same Tone.

TODAY THE CHURCH OF CHRIST RECEIVES HONORABLE ADORNMENT:

THE HOLY ICONS OF CHRIST OUR SAVIOR, THE THEOTOKOS, AND ALL THE SAINTS!
THE CHURCH EXULTS IN THEIR GRACE! WE LIFT THEM UP WITH JOY AND GLADNESS! WE GLORIFY GOD, THE LOVER OF MAN, HIM WHO PATIENTLY SUFFERED FOR OUR SAKE!

After "Glory...": Tone 2 (Melody in Alto)

GRACE AND TRUTH HAVE SHONE FORTH! THE PREDICTIONS OF OLD HAVE BEEN CLEARLY FULFILLED! BEHOLD, THE CHURCH ADORNS HERSELF
WITH THE FORM OF CHRIST INCARNATE! THE ICONS OF THE NEW CREATION

TRANSCEND THE ADORNMENTS OF THE OLD! AS THE ARK OF THE COVENANT

HELD THE PRESENCE OF GOD, SO NOW THE ICONS REVEAL THE PRESENCE

OF THE ONE WE ADORE! BY HONORING THEM WE WILL NEVER

GO ASTRAY! IT IS OUR GLORY TO FALL DOWN AND WORSHIP CHRIST
IN THE FLESH! COME, O FAITHFUL, VENERATE HIS IMAGE AND CRY OUT:

"O LORD, SAVE YOUR PEOPLE AND BLESS YOUR INHERITANCE!"