Stichera at “Lord, I Call”

THIRD SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT

Soprano

Shine, O Cross of the Lord! Il luminne the

hearts of those who honor thee! With love in-

spired by God, we embrace thee, for thou art the only

hope of the world. Through thee our tears are wiped a-

way, the snares of death are sprung, and we pass over into ev-

... last-ing joy.

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Sticheron 1

Tone 5, Pattern melody: “Rejoice”

Optina Hermitage Melody

arr. G. Ealy & V. Morosan

[... last-ing joy.]
last ing joy. Through the Cross reveal Thy beauty to us, O Lord! Help Thy servants who ask for mercy in faith! // Bestow upon us the fruits of abstinence!

Rejoice, O life-bearing Cross: bright paradise of the Church, and tree of incorruption!

[Thou hast obtained...]
Thou hast obtained for us the joy of everlasting lasting glory. Through thee, the hosts of demons are driven out; the choirs of Angels are amazed and rejoice; the company of the faithful gathers in celebration. O unconquerable [...weapon, unbroken stronghold.]
weapon, unbroken stronghold, triumph of Orthodox Christians and

pride of priests, // by following thee may we witness the

Passion and Resurrection of Christ our God!

Rejoice, O life-bearing Cross: invincible

triumph of godliness, gate of Paradise,

[... and protection of the faithful.]
and protection of the faithful! The Cross is the might

of the Church, through which corruption is abolished,

through which the power of death is crushed, and we are raised from

earth to heaven. O Invincible weapon,

the adversary of demons, the glory of

[...the martyrs, the true adornment]
martyrs, the true adornment of venerable saints, and the haven of salvation,

va
tion, // which grants the world great mercy.

Come, O Adam and Eve, our first father and mother, who fell from divine glory through the envy of the murderer of man! Bitter

[... was the pleasure]
was the pleasure of the Tree of old; but see, the honored

Tree of the Cross draws near! Run with haste and em-

brace it in joy, crying out with faith: “Thou art our help,

O most precious Cross! We eat of thy fruit and gain incor-

rup- tition! We are restored again to
E - den, hav-ing re-ceived great mer - cy.”