Stichera at “Lord, I Call”

THIRD SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT

Optina Hermitage Melody
Tone 5, Pattern melody: “Rejoice”
arr. G. Ealy & V. Morosan

Sticheron 1

Soprano
Alto
Tenor
Bass

Shine, O Cross of the Lord! Il lumine the hearts of those who honor or you With love inspired by God, we embrace you, for you are the only hope of the world. Through you our tears are wiped away, the snares of death are sprung, and we pass over into ever...

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

Re-joice, O life-bearing Cross: bright paradise of the Church, and tree of in-corrup-
tion!
You have obtained for us the joy of everlasting last-ing glo-ry. Through you, the hosts of de-mons are driv-en out; the choirs of An-gels are a-mazed and re-joice; the com-pa-ny of the faithful gathers in cele-bra-tion. O un-con-quer-a-ble
weapon, unbroken stronghold, triumph of Orthodox Christians and

pride of priests, by following you may we witness the

Passion and Resurrection of Christ our God!

Rejoice, O life-bearing Cross: invincible

triumph of godli ness, 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 ven’-ra-ble saints, and the ha-ven of sal-
va- tion,// which grants the world great mer-
cy.

Come, O__ Adam and Eve, our first fa-th-er and
moth- er, who fell from di- vine glo-
through the en- vy of the mur-der-er of man! Bit-

[... was the pleasure]
was the pleasure of the Tree of old; but see, the hon-ored

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

brace it in joy, cry-ing out with faith: "You are our help,

O most-pre-cious Cross! We eat of your fruit and gain in-cor-

rup-tion! We are re-stored a-gain to

[... Eden, having received]
E - den, hav-ing re-ceived great mer - cy.”