Wonderful is the purpose of the compassionate Savior towards us; for having knowledge of future things as present, He made known the story of the rich man and Lazarus. Let us contemplate the end of both! Let us run from the cruelty and hatred of
one of them; let us emulate the endurance and long-suffering of the other, that delighting with him in the bosom of Abraham, we may cry out: “O Lord, righteous Judge, glory to You!”

v. I lift up my eyes to You, enthroned in the heavens! Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, till He have mercy upon us. (Ps 122/123:1-2)

(repeat Sticheron 1, “Wonderful is the purpose…”)

v. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt. Too long our soul has been sated with the scorn of those who are at ease, the contempt of the proud. (Ps 122/123:3-4)
O Lord, by the intercessions of all the saints, and of the The-o-to-kos, grant us Your peace and have mercy on us, // O only compassionate One!