Stichera on “Lord, I Call”
St. Patrick, Enlightener of Ireland - March 17

Re-joice, hills and groves of Ireland! Leap for joy,
lakes and rivers! For behold, through the grace of God from on high, blessing and strength have come upon you,

for your enlightener and spiritual father comes to you:

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Patrick, glorious among hierarchs, a zealot of the Orthodox

Faith, chosen by God to be an apostle!

Holy Patrick cries out to the newly-enlightened Christians:

“Listen, my spiritual children; I have begotten you,
as the Gospel says; I have betrothed you as a bride to Christ.
God. Stand fast, therefore, in the Faith and confess it fear-less-ly!

Do not be afraid of the hos-tile pa-gans, // that God may

manifest Himself to you as a great Helper and Pro-tec-tor!”

Great is your faith, holy Bish-op Pat-rick. Hav-ing left

your homeland and lands en-light-ened by Christ, you jour-neyed
to a land lying in the darkness of idolatry, bringing

the Gospel of Christ to the lost. You did not depart

till you had brought the whole land to the Orthodox Faith. //

Therefore we rightly praise you.