Stichera on “Lord, I Call”
Glorification of St. Innocent - October 6

Sticheron 1
Tone 2
Common Chant
arr. from L’vov/Bakhmetev

Soprano
Alto
Tenor
Bass

O Holy Father Innocent, like the Apostles long ago,
you accepted the Lord’s command to baptize all peoples in His
name; you left your homeland to proclaim His truth to an island
people sitting in darkness. // With them lead us down the path to

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the Kingdom of Heaven!

Like the betrothed of the Theotokos, you worked
with your hands in humility; and through you, like
Constantine, churches blossomed throughout the land, built for the
feeding of the flock// that you gathered and led into the Kingdom of
Heaven.

Sticheron 3

Soprano
Alto
Tenor
Bass

Like the Holy Brothers from Thessalonica, who brought illumination to your forefathers, you labored to bring this same inheritance to untaught peoples placed in your care; that, worshipping the One True God in words of many tongues,
they might, by the Word, be led into the Kingdom of Heaven.

With what crowns of praise shall we adorn the wise Apostle of our land? With the radiant Gospel of salvation he came bodily to enlighten an island people, who sat in darkness and ignorance; by planting there the Orthodox Faith, he brought to them great

Sticheron 4

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass
mercy from Christ our God.

With what songs of praise shall we now bless Innocent, our Teacher wise in God? As the first archpastor to rule our land, by word and deed he taught us the way we must go to attain the glorious Kingdom, won and promised to us by Christ, // from Whom
We have great mercy.

With what songs of virtue shall we exalt our Father Innocent?

By his word he brought heathen worship to an end in the distant reaches of Alaska and Siberia. Then, like the Holy Apostle Paul before him, bound in chains of obedience to the will of...
God, he brought comfort to believers in the ancient capital,

who through his prayers and exhortations // receive great mercy from

Christ our God.