Stichera on “Lord, I Call”

Triodion - Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee

Tone 1
Sticheron 1

Brothers, let us not pray like the Pharisee! He who exalts himself will be humbled. Let us prepare to abase ourselves by fasting; let us cry aloud with the voice of the Publican:

“O God, forgive us sinners!”

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The Pharisee went up to the temple with a proud and empty heart; the Publican bowed himself in repentance. They both stood before You, O Master: the one, through boasting, lost his reward, but the other, with tears and sighs, won Your blessing: Strengthen me, O Christ our God, as I weep in Your...
presence, since You are the Lover of man!

vs. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Tone 8

I know the value of tears, O almighty Lord: they delivered Hezekiah from the gates of death, and rescued the harlot from repeated sins. Tears justified the Publican
instead of the Phar-i-see. I pray You, O Lord: “Number me with
the for-mer, and have mer-cy on me!”