The Vespers of Cheesefare Sunday Evening

STICHERA APOSTICHA

Common Chant

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

Your grace has shown forth, O Lord, the grace which il-lu-mines our soul. This is the ac-cept-a-ble time! This is the time of re-pent-ance! Let us lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light, that passing through...
VERSE: To You I lift up my eyes, O You who are 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.

Repeat: "Your grace has shown forth, O Lord..."

VERSE: 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.

Sticheron 2: In the same Tone

You are glorified in the memory of Your saints, O Christ God.

At their supplications, send down upon us Your great mercy!
VERSE: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever (in the same Tone); now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Theotokion: Tone 4

The angelic hosts glorify You, O Mother of God, for You gave birth to God, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,

who created the angelic hosts out of nothing. Beseech

Him to deliver from corruption and to enlighten the souls of those who rightly praise You, O all pure one!