Stichera at “Lord, I Call”

Repose of St. Sergius of Radonezh - September 25

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

For-sak-ing the tu-mult of the world and tak-ing up thy Cross, O Saint, thou didst fol-low Christ without any thought of look-ing back; and going to dwell in the wil-der-ness, thou didst up-

[- root the passions of the soul]
root the passions of the soul and didst mortify the feelings of the flesh; by frequent vigils and prayers thou didst receive the grace to heal infirmities. O fellow-converser with the angels and companion of the venerable
ones, pray to the Lord, venerable Sergius,
that our souls may receive mercy

Who can tell of thy labors and pains, O Father?

What tongue can speak of thy rigorous life,
thy vigils and abstinence from food, thy sleeping up-

[- on the cold earth]
on the cold earth, thy purity of body and soul, the complete silence of thy lips and mind, thy true humility, unceasing prayers, and discerning judgment, the poverty of thine apparel, and thy never-failing ren-
membrane of death? O holy Father Sergius,

pray for the salvation of our souls!

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O holy Father Sergius, thou wast revealed to be a physician of our souls and bodies, a fount of healing for the sick. Adorned with the [gift of prophecy,]
gift of prophecy, thou didst speak of future things. By thy prayer, O saint, thou didst arm the prince fighting for his father land against the boastful barbarians, // and they fell, struck like the people of Amalek.
O holy Sergius, wise in God,
thou didst forsake the glory of the world, living in the wilderness and the hills. Thou wast the pure dwelling-place of the Holy Trinity, by Whose strength thou didst raise up many holy churches

[and didst build]
and didst build a fortress for the salvation of those

living the ascetic life. Christ our God, Whom

thou didst desire from thy youth, dwelt in thee, O

blessed one. // Entreat Him, O holy Father Sergius, to

save our souls!