

Stichera of "Lord I have cried"
Tone 8, Special Melody "O Most Glorious Wonder"
Optina Hermitage Melody

4) *Reader:* In the 8th Tone, Special Melody: "O Most Glorious Wonder"
From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch

II-chant melody

Let Is - ra - el hope in the Lord.

I-descant

O the mystery of thy di - vine love! Thou hast

tru - ly been shown to be a son of our Father

in the hea - - - vens, O John, won-drous and

right - eous; for the Fa - ther causeth His sun to

shine upon both the wick - ed and the good, and the

rain to fall upon the righteous and the un-right - eous;

and thou didst pray for thine en - - e - mies,

vanquishing the devil, the one pri-me-val en - e - my of all,

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in G major. The treble staff contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes, while the bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment of chords and single notes.

show-ing forth the perfection of the vir - - - tues.

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. It features a long melisma on the word "vir-tues" in the treble staff, indicated by a horizontal line and a slur. The bass staff continues with its accompaniment.

3) *Stichos*: For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption;

And he shall redeem Israel out of all his in - iq - - - ui - ties.

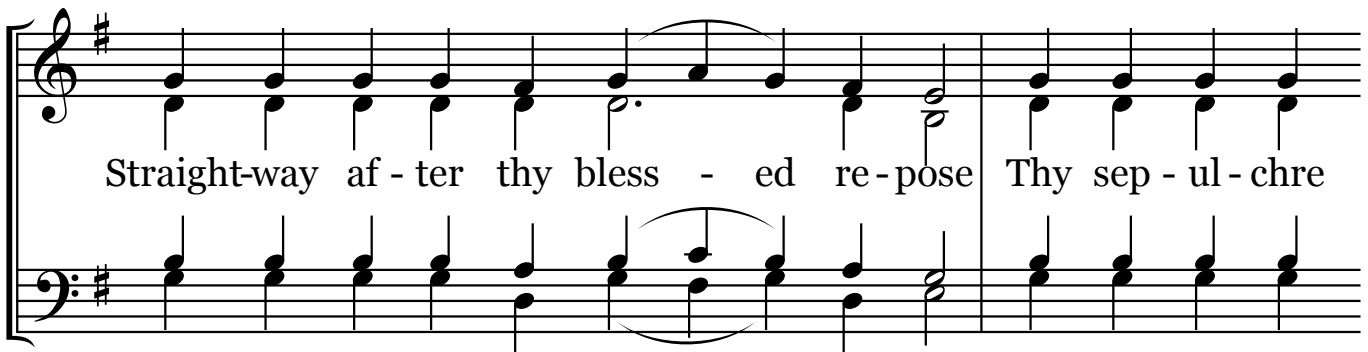
The Stichos is presented in a single system of musical notation. The treble staff has a melody with a melisma on "in - iq - - - ui - ties" marked with a slur and a horizontal line. The bass staff provides the accompaniment.

◀ Repeat sticheron "O the mystery of thy divine love..."

2) *Stichos*: O praise the Lord, all ye nations;



Praise Him all ye peo - - - ples.



Straight-way af - ter thy bless - ed re - pose Thy sep - ul - chre



was shown _____ to be a fount of heal - - - ings



and an abundant wellspring of mir - - - a - cles.

And how much more is it now, O most blessed fa - ther,

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in G major. The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are centered under the notes.

when the Church Mil - i - tant hath glo - ri - fied thee,

The second system continues the melody with similar rhythmic patterns. The lyrics are centered under the notes.

having uncovered thine incorrupt relics with com-punc - tion

The third system continues the melody. The lyrics are centered under the notes.

and en - shrined them with hon - or in church,

The fourth system concludes the melody with similar rhythmic patterns. The lyrics are centered under the notes.

where thou grant - est joy to all who sorrow in

The first system of musical notation consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, in the key of D major. The lyrics are: "where thou grant - est joy to all who sorrow in". The melody is simple, with a range of one octave. The bass line provides a steady accompaniment.

ac - cord - dance with its name?

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "ac - cord - dance with its name?". The melody features a slight rise and then a fall, ending on a whole note. The bass line follows a similar pattern.

1) *Stichos*: For He hath made his mercy to prevail over us,

And the truth of the Lord abideth for - ev - - - er.

The Stichos is a single melodic line with a long, sustained note for the word "er". The lyrics are: "And the truth of the Lord abideth for - ev - - - er.". The notation uses a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#).

As a protector of Orthodoxy in A - mer - i - ca,

The final system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "As a protector of Orthodoxy in A - mer - i - ca,". The melody is simple and ends on a whole note. The bass line provides a steady accompaniment.

thou didst truly fulfill the words of the a - pos - - - tle;

This block contains the first line of musical notation. It features a treble clef and a bass clef, both with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "thou didst truly fulfill the words of the a - pos - - - tle;".

for where sin hath mul - - - ti - plied grace hath

This block contains the second line of musical notation. It features a treble clef and a bass clef, both with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "for where sin hath mul - - - ti - plied grace hath".

a-bound - - - ed. Where - fore we the unworthy now

This block contains the third line of musical notation. It features a treble clef and a bass clef, both with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "a-bound - - - ed. Where - fore we the unworthy now".

be-seech thee, O bless - ed won - der - work - er John:

This block contains the fourth line of musical notation. It features a treble clef and a bass clef, both with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "be-seech thee, O bless - ed won - der - work - er John:".

Grant abundant grace unto our wretched and hard - ened hearts,

The first system of musical notation features a treble and bass staff in G major. The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with a dotted quarter note on 'hard' and a half note on 'ened'. The bass line provides a simple harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

and teach us to love one an - oth - - - er

The second system continues the melody with a long note on 'er' that spans across the end of the line. The bass line continues with a steady accompaniment.

as thou thy - self didst love _____ all.

The third system concludes the phrase with a final cadence. The melody ends on a whole note 'all'. The bass line features a final chord and a double bar line.

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