

# November 27: The Kursk-Root Icon of the Theotokos

## Stichera of "Lord I have cried" (on a Weekday) Tone 8, Special Melody, "O most glorious wonder" Optina Hermitage Chant

(8) *Reader:* In the 8th Tone: Special Melody "O most glorious wonder"  
Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord;

II-chant melody

O Lord, ——— hear my voice.

I-descant

O all - hymned Vir - - - gin, im - ma - cu - late Moth - er of

God ——— the Word, an - gels' a - ston - ish - ment, help of

Chris - - - tians, be thou un - to us an un - as - sail - a - ble wall

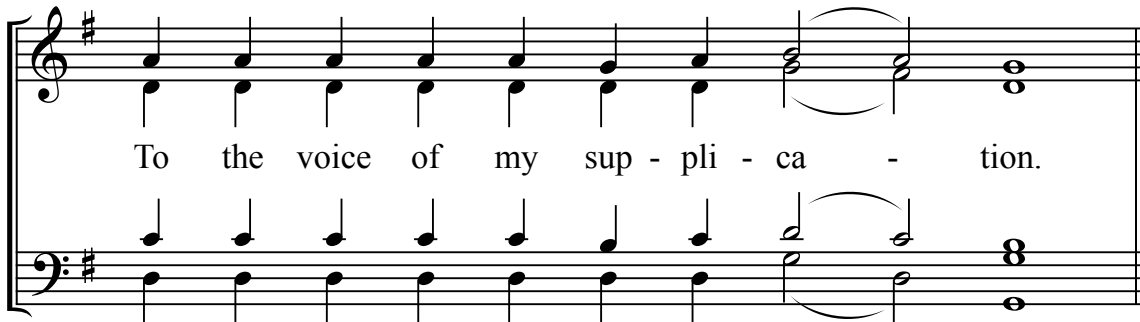
a - gainst the assaults of the enemies, visible and in - vis - i - ble,

stretching forth unto thy Son thy hands which held \_\_\_\_\_ God,

destroying by thine almighty supplication the counsels of the im - pi-ous,

and re - veal - ing the sign of thy mer - cy un - - - to us.

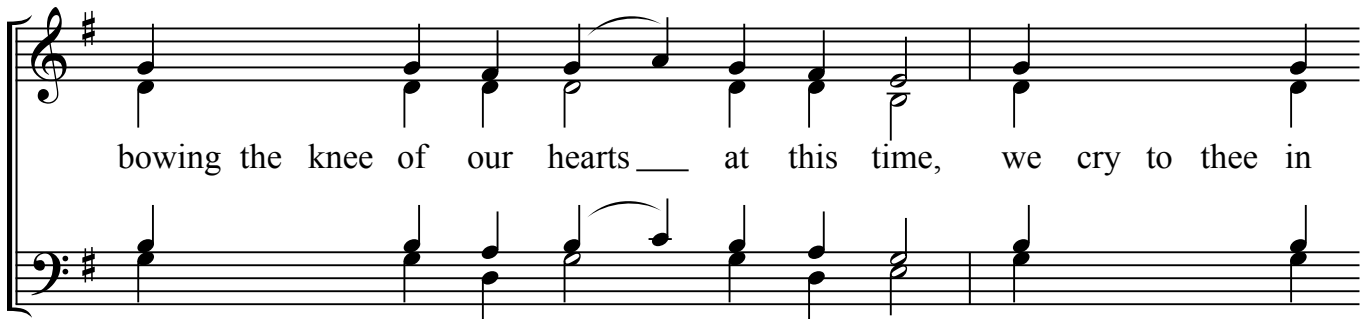
(7) *Reader:* Let Thine ears be attentive



To the voice of my sup - pli - ca - tion.



O La - dy The - o - to - - - kos, our hope un - a - shamed,



bowing the knee of our hearts at this time, we cry to thee in



com-punc - tion: The Rus-sian land, which of old was called thy home,

do thou snatch from the hands of the dev - - il,

stretching forth unto thy Son thy hands which held \_\_\_\_\_ God,

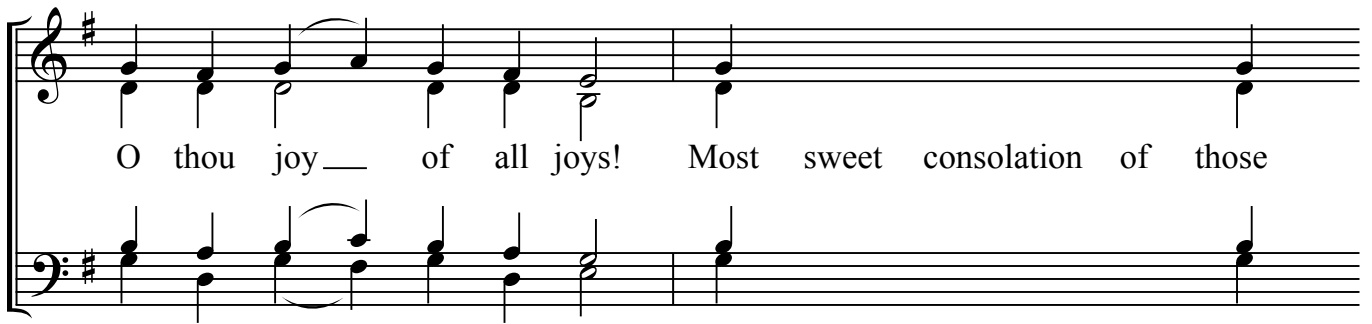
by thy supplication consuming all the dominion of the en - e - my,

and re - veal - ing the sign of thy mer - cy un - - - to us.

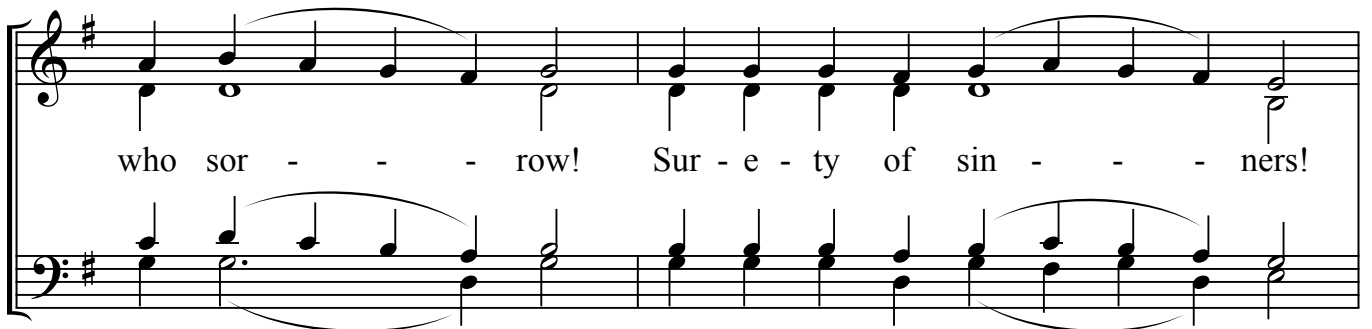
(6) *Reader:* If Thou shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, O Lord, who shall stand?



For with Thee there is for - give - - ness.



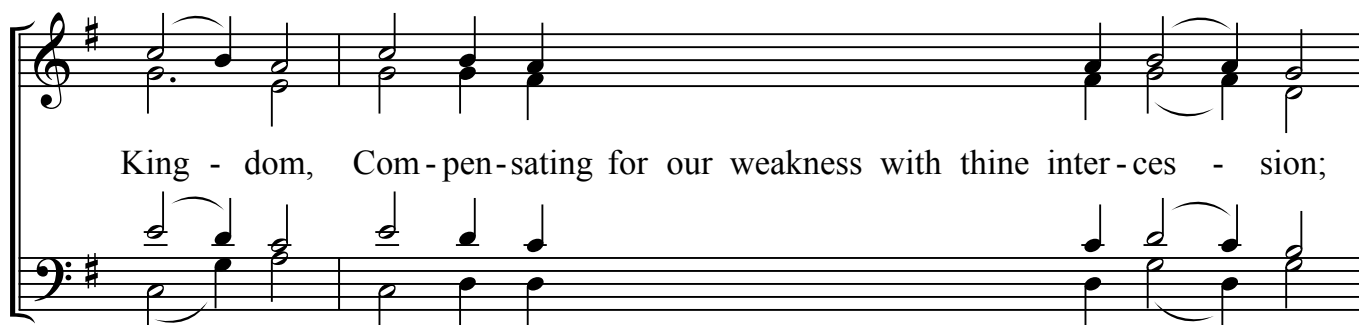
O thou joy\_ of all joys! Most sweet consolation of those



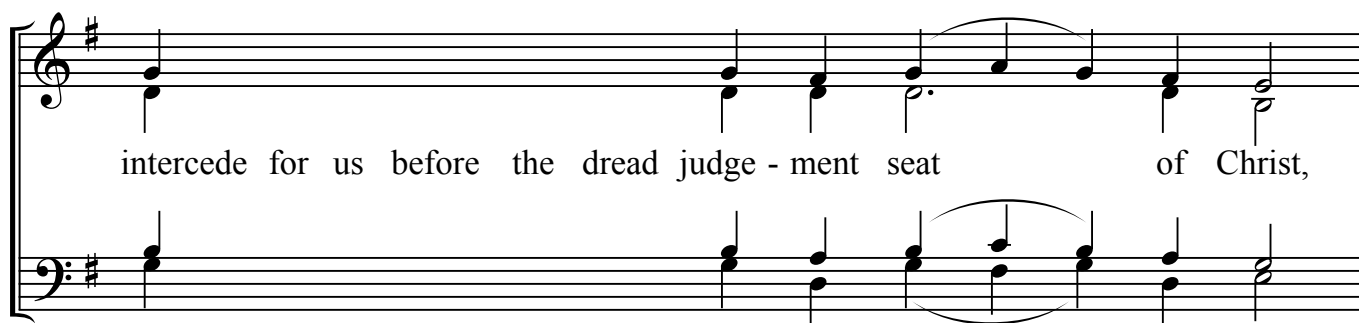
who sor - - - row! Sur - e - ty of sin - - - ners!



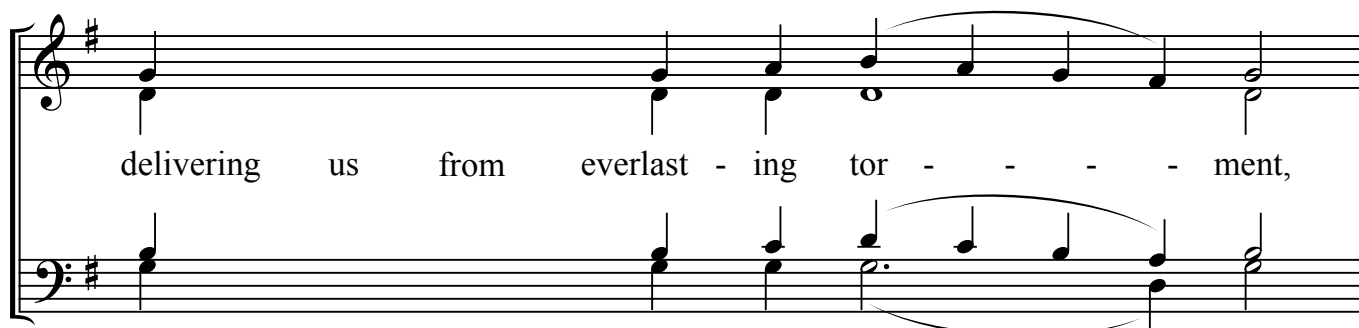
Sal - va - tion of the faith - - - ful! Lead us to the heav - en - ly



King - dom, Com - pen - sating for our weakness with thine inter - ces - sion;



intercede for us before the dread judge - ment seat of Christ,



delivering us from everlast - ing tor - - - - ment,



and re - veal - ing the sign of thy mer - cy un - - - - to us.

(5) *Reader:* For Thy name's sake have I patiently waited for Thee, O Lord;  
my soul hath waited patiently for Thy word,

My soul hath hoped in the Lord.

The first system of music consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, in the key of D major. The melody is written in the treble clef and the accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "My soul hath hoped in the Lord." The music is in a simple, homophonic style with a steady rhythm.

O won-drous ti - - - dings! O most glo - ri - ous sight!

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "O won-drous ti - - - dings! O most glo - ri - ous sight!" The melody features a long note on "ti" and a long note on "sight!".

An icon of the Theotokos hid with-in\_\_\_\_\_ a grove, and pour-ing forth

The third system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "An icon of the Theotokos hid with-in\_\_\_\_\_ a grove, and pour-ing forth". There is a long horizontal line under "with-in" indicating a long note.

a spring of living water ever-flowing to life e - ter - - - nal!

The fourth system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "a spring of living water ever-flowing to life e - ter - - - nal!". The melody features a long note on "e" and a long note on "nal!".

Where-fore, hav - ing found — it, let us form a cho - rus,

and clapping our hands with glad - ness let - us cry: Re-joice, O most

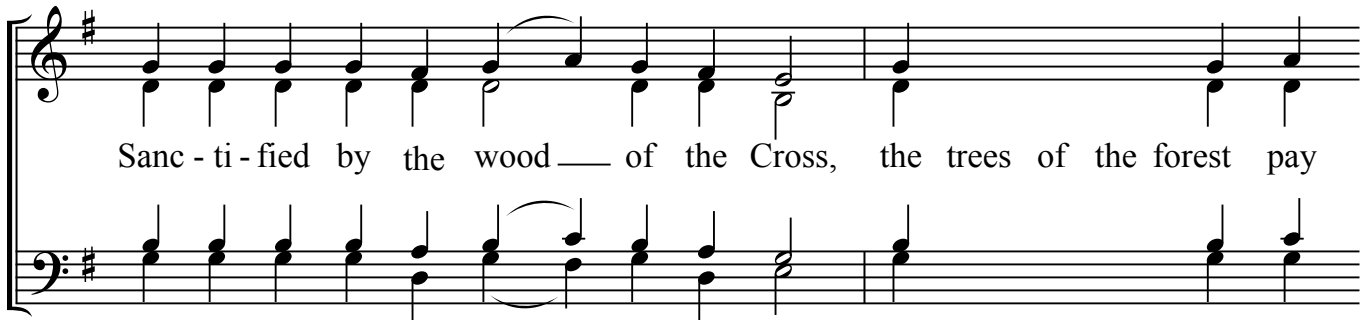
bless - ed one, for thou hast come un - to us who — are — poor!



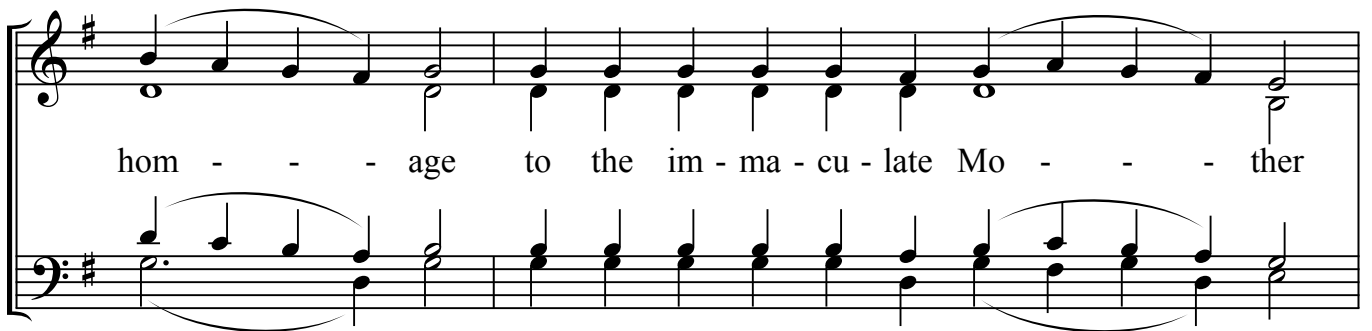
(4) *Reader:* From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch



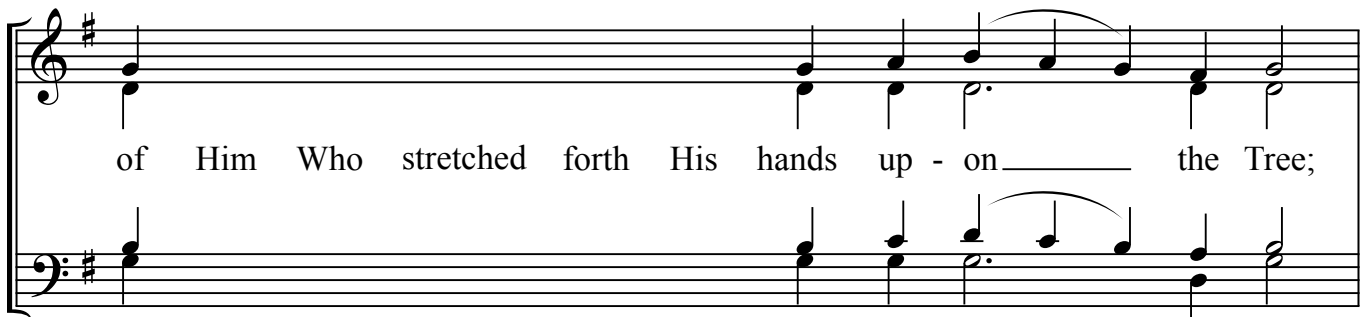
Let Is - ra - el hope in the Lord.



Sanc - ti - fied by the wood — of the Cross, the trees of the forest pay



hom - - - age to the im - ma - cu - late Mo - - - ther



of Him Who stretched forth His hands up - on — the Tree;

for they pre - served the im - age of thy face - most — pure,

that when it was wondrously dis-cov - ered, the Church might

be robed in its come - - li - ness, and the faith - ful be

par - tak - ers of grace — di - vine.

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