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;

O Lord, hear my voice.

O all-hymned Virgin, immaculate Mother of God the Word, angels' astonishment, help of Christians, be thou unto us an unassailable wall.

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against the assaults of the enemies, visible and invisible,

stretching forth unto thy Son thy hands which held God,

destroying by thine almighty supplication the counsels of the impious,

and revealing the sign of thy mercy unto us.
(7) Reader: Let Thine ears be attentive

To the voice of my supplication.

O Lady Theotokos, our hope unashamed,

bowing the knee of our hearts at this time, we cry to thee in compunction: The Russian land, which of old was called thy home,
do thou snatch from the hands of the devil,
stretching forth unto thy Son thy hands which held God,
by thy supplication consuming all the dominion of the enemy,
and revealing the sign of thy mercy unto us.
(6) Reader: If Thou shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, O Lord, who shall stand?

For with Thee there is forgiveness.

O thou joy of all joys! Most sweet consolation of those who sorrow! Security of sinners!

Salvation of the faithful! Lead us to the heavenly...
Kingdom, Compensating for our weakness with thine intercession;

intercede for us before the dread judgment seat of Christ,

delivering us from everlasting torment,

and revealing the sign of thy mercy unto 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.

O wondrous tidings! O most glorious sight!

An icon of the Theotokos hid within a grove, and pouring forth a spring of living water ever-flowing to life eternal!
Wherefore, having found it, let us form a chorus,

and clapping our hands with gladness let us cry: Rejoice, O most blessed one, for thou hast come unto us who are poor!
(4) Reader: From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch

Let Israel hope in the Lord.

 Sanctified by the wood of the Cross, the trees of the forest pay

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 of Him Who stretched forth His hands up - on the Tree;
for they preserved the image of thy face most pure,

that when it was wondrously discovered, the Church might

be robed in its comeliness, and the faithful be

par-takers of grace divine.

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