Sunday of Publican and Pharisee
Stichera for Vespers

At "Lord I have cried", 10 stichera are sung;
7 of the Resurrection, then the following stichera of the Triodion:

(3) Reader: In the 1st Tone; For with the Lord there is mercy,
and with Him is plenteous redemption;

And He shall redeem Israel out of all his iniquities.

Brethren, let us not pray as the Pharisee: for he who exalts himself
shall be humbled. Let us humble ourselves before God,

and with fasting cry aloud as the Publican:
God be merciful to us sinners.

(2) Reader: O praise the Lord, all ye nations;
Praise Him all ye peoples.
(1) Reader: For He hath made His mercy to prevail over us,

And the truth of the Lord a-bi-deth for ev-er.

A Phar-isee, overcome with vain-glo-ry, and a Publican bowed down

in re-pen-tance, came to Thee, the only Mas-ter.

The one boasted and was de-prived of bless-ings,
while the other kept silent and was counted worthy of gifts.

Confirm me, O Christ our God, in these his cries of sorrow,

for Thou lovliest mankind.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Almighty Lord, I know how great is the power of tears.

For they led up Hezekiah from the gates of death;
they delivered the sinful woman from the transgressions of
many years; they justified the Publican above the Pharisee.

And with them I also pray: Have mercy on me.
Reader: Glory, in the 3rd Tone:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Understanding, O my soul, the difference between

the Publican and the Pharisee, hate the proud words of the one,

and eagerly imitate the contrite prayer of the other, crying aloud:

God be merciful to me a sinner and have pity on me.
Stichera of the Litia

Reader: Both now and ever; in the same tone:

Both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

We sing thy praises, Virgin Theo-tokos, who dost intercede in the salvation of our kind: for thy Son and our God, in the flesh He took from thee, accepted suffering on the Cross, and has delivered us from corruption in His love for mankind.
Both now and ever; in the 5th Tone:

Reader:

Both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Mine eyes are weighed down by my transgressions,

and I cannot lift them up and see the height of heaven.
But receive me, Saviour, in repentance as the Publican and have mercy on me.