

Stichera a "Lord, I Call"

St. John of Rila - August 18

Tone 1
Sticheron 1

Russian Imperial Court Chant
arr. from L'vov/Bakhmetev

Soprano
Alto

With words of hymnody, O faith-ful, let us praise the model

Tenor
Bass

who shone forth in fast - ing, the off-spring of the wil-der-ness,

the lamp of men's hearts, cry-ing out: "Rejoice, O all-bless-ed

one, // great glory who have shone forth in our days!"

Sticheron 2

Be-tween two ways of life you wisely set your bal - ance

in a God - pleasing manner, O Fa - ther, for you a ban-doned cor-

rup - ti - ble things, and with your mind on Christ, Who abides

for - ev - er, you set Him, O bless - ed John, // as the rule

of your soul.

Sticheron 3

You re-joice seeing the fulfillment of your la - bors, which

eye has not seen nor ear heard; and with the beau - ties of

par - a - dise as a splendid re-ward of your strug - gles, your

tomb pours forth grace, // and your remains are untouched by cor -

rup - tion.