Stichera on "Lord, I Call"
Holy Transfiguration of Our Lord - August 6

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arr. from B. Ledkovsky

Tone 4
by Cosmas the Monk

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

Before Your Crucifixion, O Lord, the mountain
became as heaven and like a tabernacle the cloud
spread itself out when You were transfigured and the Father bore witness to You. Peter was present with James and John,
since they were to be with You at the time of Your betrayal,

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that having seen Your wondrous works, they might not be afraid of Your sufferings. Grant us to venerate Your sufferings in peace, through Your mercy!

Before Your Crucifixion, O Lord, You took Your

Disciples to a high mountain and were transfigured be-

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fore them, illumining them with bright rays of Your pow'r. From love

of man-kind and in Your sov'-reign might, it was Your desire to

show them the splendor of Your Res-ur-rec-tion. In peace count us

also worthy of this splendor, O God, in Your mer-cy and Your

love for man-kind!
When You were transfigured upon a high mountain,

O Savior, having with You the chief Disciples,

You shone forth in glorious majesty, proving that

those who excel in the height of their virtues shall

be made worthy of divine glory. Moses
and Elijah, talking with Christ, showed that He is Lord of both the living and the dead, the God Who spoke of old through the Law and the Prophets. The voice of the Father testified to Him from the cloud of light, saying:

"Listen to Him, Who through the Cross has de-spoiled... hell
and has given the dead eternal life!"

The mountain that once was veiled in gloom and smoke

is now holy and revered, since Your feet, O Lord, had stood upon it. For by Your dread Transfiguration, the mystery hidden before the ages has been made
manifest in the last times to Peter, James, and John. Unable to
endure the shining of Your face and the brilliance of Your gar-
ments, they fell to the ground upon their faces. Seized with
wonder and amazement, they saw Moses and Elijah talking with
You about the things that would befall You; and a
voice came in testimony from the Father saying: "This is My beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased; listen to Him!

It is He Who grants the world great mercy!"