

Stichera at the Litya

St. Nicholas the Wonderworker - December 6

Tone 1
Sticheron 1

Common Chant
arr. from L'vov/Bakhmetev

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

Gaz - ing steadfastly upon the height of know - ledge, you plumbed

Detailed description: This system shows the first line of music. It features two vocal staves (Soprano and Alto) and two piano accompaniment staves (Tenor and Bass). The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The vocal parts are written in a simple, homophonic style with block chords. The lyrics are: "Gaz - ing steadfastly upon the height of know - ledge, you plumbed".

secretly the depth of wis - dom. You en-riched the world by

Detailed description: This system continues the musical notation. The vocal parts continue with the lyrics: "secretly the depth of wis - dom. You en-riched the world by". The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with block chords.

your teachings, O Fa - ther. // Ever pray to Christ for us all,

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Bish - op Nich - o - las!

Detailed description: This system is the final line of music on the page. The vocal parts conclude with the lyrics: "Bish - op Nich - o - las!". The piano accompaniment concludes with a final chord. The system ends with a double bar line.

Sticheron 2

Soprano
Alto

Faith-ful ser - vant and man of God; minister of His mysteries

Tenor
Bass

and man filled with the desire of the Spir - it; liv - ing pil - lar

and breath-ing i - con: // the Church of Myra claims you as her

treasure and the inter - ces - sor for our souls.

Tone 2

Sticheron 3

Soprano
Alto

Christ our God has revealed you to your flock, O Bishop Nich - o - las,

Tenor
Bass

as an example of faith and an image of meek-ness. For you brought

a sweet fragrance in - to My - ra, shining brightly by your divine acts of

vir - tue, as the advocate of orphans and wid - ows. // There-fore never

cease to intercede that our souls may be saved!

Sticheron 4

Soprano
Alto

O Fa - ther Nich - o - las, the shrine of your fragrant relics

Tenor
Bass

graces Myra a - bun - dant - ly. And as you ap - peared in a dream to the

em - per - or, setting free those unjustly condemned to prison, death and

bonds, // so now also you visibly in - ter - cede for our souls.

Sticheron 5

Soprano
Alto

O Fath - er Nich - o - las, should the city of Myra be

Tenor
Bass

si - lent, yet the whole world, enlightened by the fragrance of your

myrrh and man - y won - ders, joined by those condemned and saved by

you, rais - es hymns of praise? Together with the people of Myra we also

cry a - loud in songs: // "Intercede that our souls may be saved!"

Tone 4
Sticheron 6

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

Father Nicholas, you are the fragrant temple of the all-Holy Spir - it,

a fountain flowing with the myrrh of gladness, the divine spic - es of Christ.

For you have gone out in - to all the earth as an imitator of the

A - pos - tles, through the telling of your won - - - ders.

You have appeared in dreams to people far and near, delivering those

who were to die un - just - ly from the sword, and saving from

dan-gers those— who call on you. As we praise you un-ceas - ing - ly, //

set us free from approaching calamities by your in - ter - ces - sions!

Tone 6
Sticheron 7

Soprano
Alto

Good and faithful ser - vant, worker of the vine - yard of Christ,

Tenor
Bass

you have both borne the burden of the day, and increased the talent

giv - en to you. You have not shown envy towards those coming af - ter

you, therefore the gate of heaven has been o - pened to you. En - ter

into the joy of your Lord and intercede for us, O saint Nich - o - las,

for in the course of this tem - po - ral life you have run the race to the

praise of the Lord, Who has given you glory in the true and heav - en - ly

life! // Since you have boldness before Him, pray that our souls may be saved!