

# Stichera at "Lord, I Call"

*The Dormition of the Theotokos - August 15*

Kievan Caves Monastery Melody

The original melody: "Oh, the marvelous wonder"

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Tone 1  
Sticheron 1

Soprano  
Alto

Tenor  
Bass

Oh, the mar - vel-ous - won - der! The

source of Life is laid in a grave, and the - tomb

becomes a ladder to heav - en. Re - jice, Geth -

sem - a - ne, holy shrine of the Theo - to - kos!

[Let us the faithful . . . ]

Let us, the faithful, cry out with Gabriel as our

The first system of the Sticheron consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature. The melody is primarily composed of chords, with some eighth-note runs. The lyrics are: "Let us, the faithful, cry out with Gabriel as our".

cap - tain: "Re-joice, O full of grace, the

The second system continues the Sticheron. The upper staff features a long melisma over the word "cap" (caption) and then continues with "tain: 'Re-joice, O full of grace, the". The lower staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with sustained notes and some rhythmic movement.

Lord is with thee, // He that grants the world

The third system continues with "Lord is with thee, // He that grants the world". The melody remains chordal with some eighth-note patterns. The lower staff continues with a steady accompaniment.

great mer - cy through thee!"

The fourth system concludes the Sticheron with "great mer - cy through thee!". The melody ends with a sharp sign and a fermata. The lower staff also concludes with a fermata.

Sticheron 2

Oh, the won-der of thy mys - ter - ies, pure La -

The first system of Sticheron 2 begins with "Oh, the won-der of thy mys - ter - ies, pure La -". The melody is similar to the first Sticheron, using chords and eighth-note runs. The lower staff provides a consistent accompaniment.

[La-dy: thou wast made . . .]

dy: thou wast made the throne of the Most High,

and to - day thou hast passed from earth to heav

en. Thy glo - ry is full of splen - dor, shin - ing with

grace in divine bright - ness. Vir - gins, be - raised to the

heights with the Moth - er of the King! Re - joice, O

[full of grace, / the Lord ...]

full of grace, the Lord is with thee, // He that

grants the world great mer

cy through thee!

Sticheron 3

The Do-min ions and Thrones, the

Rul - ers, Principalities and Pow - ers, the

[Cherubim and fearsome ...]

Cherubim and fear-some Ser - a - phim, glo - ri - fy thy

fall - ing a - sleep. All those born of earth re - joice,

a-dorned with honor by thy di-vine glo - - -

ry. Kings fall down and sing with the Arch -

an - gels and An - - - gels: "Re - joice, O

[full of grace, / the Lord . . . ]

full of grace, the Lord is with thee, // He that

grants the world great mercy through

thee!"