

Stichera at "Lord, I Call"

Venerable Macarius the Great of Egypt - January 19

Tone 4
Sticheron 1

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

The musical score is arranged in four systems, each with two staves. The top staff is for Soprano and Alto, and the bottom staff is for Tenor and Bass. The music is in a single melodic line with a simple harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staves.

Soprano
Alto

Desiring blessedness that passes under-stand-ing, thou didst take

Tenor
Bass

abstinence for luxury, O in - spired one, pov - er - ty for

wealth, lack of possessions as true a - bun - dance, and humility

for glo - ry. As thou didst intend, thou didst reach thy heart's

[de-sire, O Ma-ca-rius, //]

de-sire, O Ma-car - i - us, // and now thou dwellest in the

man - sions of the saints. [Repeat]

Sticheron 2

Thou didst complete the course of ascetic life without wa-ver-ing,

and thou didst keep the faith, O Fa-ther. Thus thou didst gain a

crown of righteousness pre-pared for thee by Christ, Who grants the

[prizes of vic-to-ry]

priz-es of vic - to - ry and bestows the gifts and re-wards of

la - bors. // Pray now, O God-bearer, that we al - so may

run this course!

Sticheron 3

Thou didst deny thyself every pleasure, O divinely-wise one;

thou didst pummel thy body and embitter thy sens - es

[through la-bors of hardship]

through la - bors of hard-ship and ab - sti - nence, through

long-suffering in temptations and patience in ad - ver - si - ties.

In their place thou hast re - ceived un - end - ing joy, //

everlasting delight and inef - fa - ble glo - ry.