

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

Soprano
Alto

Desiring blessedness that passes under-stand-ing, you took

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 you intended, you reached your heart's

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

de-sire, O Ma-car - i - us, // and now you dwell in the

man - sions of the saints. [Repeat]

Sticheron 2

You completed the course of ascetic life without wa - ver-ing,

and you kept the faith, O Fa - ther. Thus you gained a crown

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

[prizes of vic-to-ry]

prizes of vic - to - ry and bestows the gifts and rewards of

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

run this course!

Sticheron 3

You denied yourself every pleasure, O divinely - wise one;

you pummeled your body and embittered your 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 you have re-ceived un - end - ing joy, //

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