

Stichera at the "Lord I call"

Venerable Macarius the Great of Egypt - January 19

Tone 4

Kievan Chant

Sticheron 1

Model melody: "Thou hast given a sign"

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

Desiring blessedness that passes un-der-stand - ing, —

thou didst take abstinence for luxury, O in-spired — one,

poverty for wealth, lack of possessions as true abundance, and

hu - mil - i - ty for glo - ry. — As thou didst in - tend, —

[thou didst reach . . .]

thou didst reach thy heart's de - sire, O Ma -

car - i - us, // and now thou dwellest in the

man - sions of the saints.

Sticheron 2

Thou didst com-plete the course — of ascetic life with-out

wa - v'ring, and thou didst keep the faith, O

[O Father.]

Fa - ther. — Thus thou didst gain a crown of righteousness

pre-pared for thee — by Christ, — Who grants the 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

Thou didst deny thyself eve - ry pleas - ure,

O di-vine - ly wise one; thou didst pummel thy body and

didst embitter thy sen - ses through labors of

hard-ship and ab - sti-nence, through long-suffering in temp -

ta - tions and patience in ad-ver - si - ties. //

[In their place thou hast received . . .]

In their place thou hast received unending joy, everlasting delight

and in - ef - fa - ble glo - ry.