

Stichera at the "Lord I call"

Venerable Macarius the Great of Egypt - January 19

Tone 4

Kievan Chant

Sticheron 1

Model melody: "You have given a sign"

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

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

you took 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 you in-tend - ed, —

[you reached ...]

you reached your heart's de - sire, O Ma -

car - i - us, // and now you dwell in the man - sions

of the saints.

Sticheron 2

You com-plet - ed the course of ascetic life with-out

wa - v'ring, and you kept the faith, O

[O Father.]

Fa - ther. — Thus you gained a crown of righteousness

pre-pared for you — 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

You denied yourself eve - ry pleas - ure,

O di-vine-ly wise one; you punneled your body and

em - bit - tered your 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 you have received ...]

In their place you have received unending joy, everlasting delight

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