

# Stichera at the Great Blessing of Water

*The Holy Theophany, the Baptism of Our Lord - January 6*

Tone 8

Russian Imperial Court Chant

Sticheron 1 (by Patriarch Sophronios)

arr. from L'vov/Bakhmetev

Soprano  
Alto

Tenor  
Bass

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters crying:

"Come, one and all, receive the Spirit of wisdom,

the Spirit of understanding, the Spirit of the fear of God, //

from Christ Who now has shone forth."

Sticheron 2

To-day the nature of the waters is sanc - ti - fied. The Jordan is  
part - ed in two. It holds back the flow of its wa - ters, //  
as it beholds the washing of the Mas - ter.

Sticheron 3

Thou hast come to the river as a Man, O Christ the King,  
hastening to be baptized like a servant by the Fore - run - ner //

[on account of ...]

on account of our sins, O good God Who love - est man-kind.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Doxastichon

To the voice of one crying in the wil - der - ness,

"Pre-prepare the way of the Lord!" Thou didst come, O Lord, taking the

form of a ser - vant. Thou didst ask to be baptized though

Thou hast no knowl-edge of sin. The wa - ters saw Thee and

[were afraid.]

were a - fraid. The Fore-run-ner trem - bled and cried a - loud:

"How will the Lamp il - lu - mine the Light? How will a servant

lay his hand on the Mas - ter? Thou takest away the

sin of the world, O Sav - ior. // Sanctify both

me and the wa - ters!"