

# Stichera at "Lord, I Call"

Martyrs Aceptimas the Bishop, Joseph the Presbyter, and Aithalas the Deacon - November 3

Tone 8  
Sticheron 1

Optina Monastery Melody  
Model Melody: "Oh, Most Glorious Wonder"

The musical score is written for Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (Soprano/Alto or Tenor/Bass) and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Oh, most glo-ri-ous won - der! The no-ble A - kep - si-mas, who ministered to the mar - tyrs, today is crowned with a wreath of hymns. He puts be - fore us the suffering he endured for his wor - ship to God".

Soprano  
Alto

Tenor  
Bass

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kep - si-mas, who ministered to the mar - tyrs,

today is crowned with a wreath of hymns. He puts be -

fore us the suffering he endured for his wor - ship to God

[and wounds the bodiless . . . ]

and wounds the bod - i - less En - e - my. What great gifts of

grace — he re - ceived! Through his prayers, save our

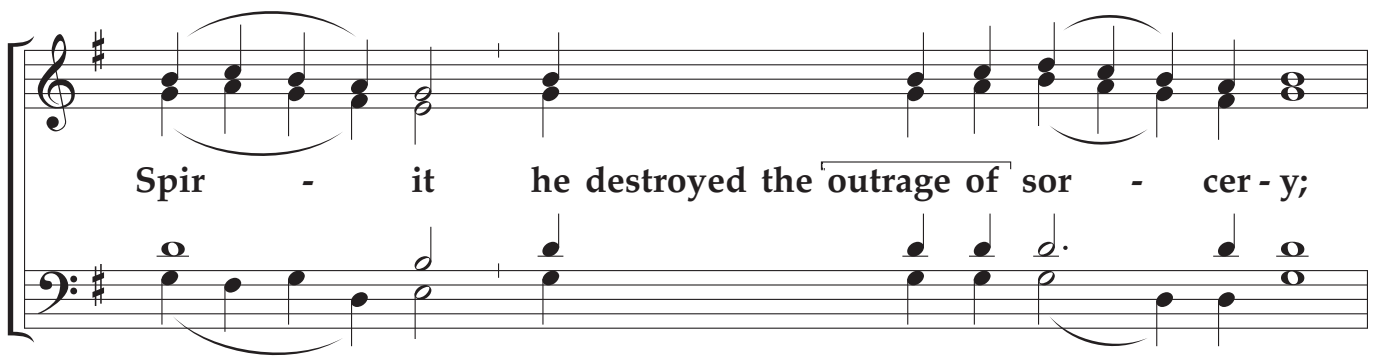
souls, — O Christ, // since Thou art You are com - pas - sion - ate!

Sticheron 2

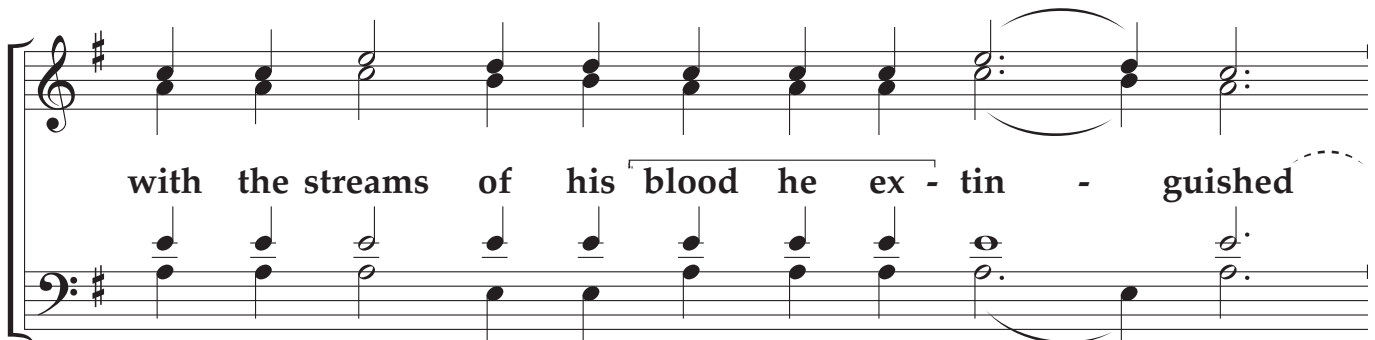
Oh, most glo - rious won - der! Jo - seph shines

forth as a star from Per - sia. Through the

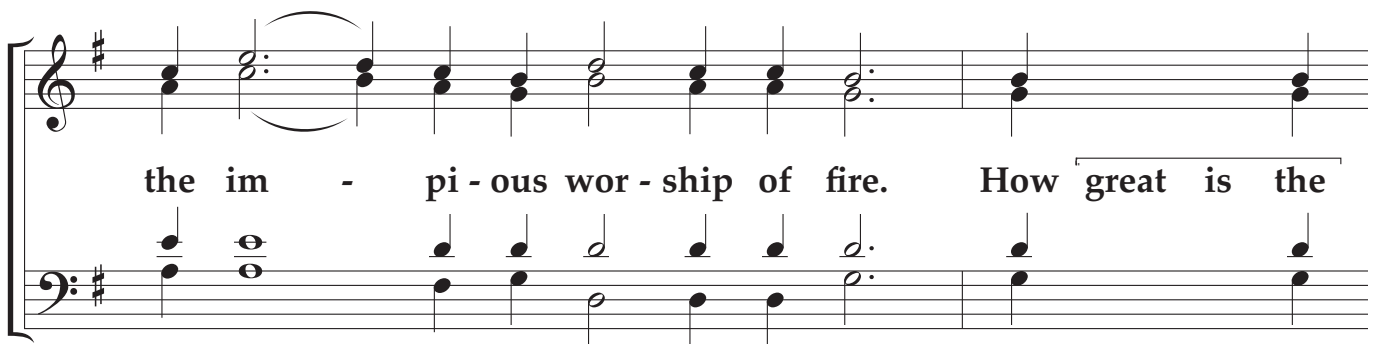
[Spir-it, he destroyed . . .]



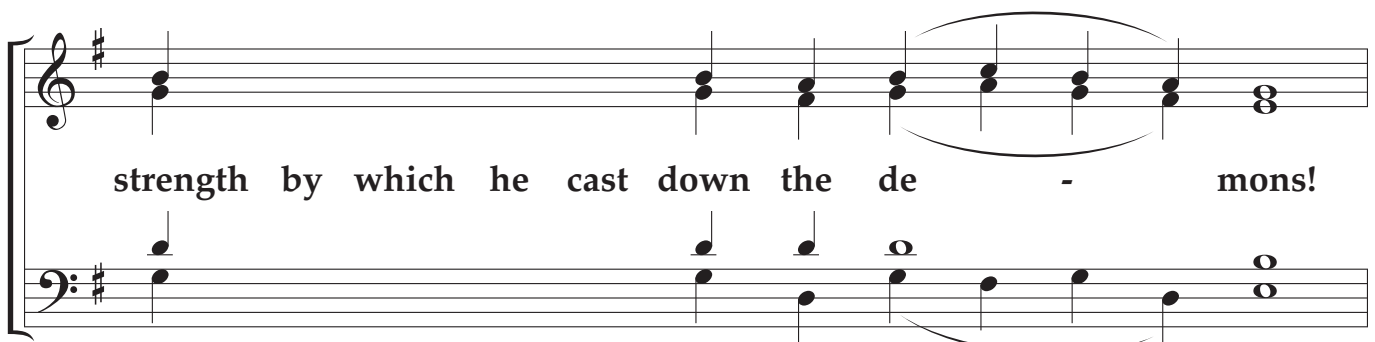
Spir - it he destroyed the outrage of sor - cer - y;



with the streams of his blood he ex - tin - guished



the im - pi - ous wor - ship of fire. How great is the



strength by which he cast down the de - mons!



Through his prayers, save our souls, O Christ, //

[since Thou/You art/are com-passionate.]

since Thou art com - pas - sion - ate!

Sticheron 3

Oh, most glo-rious won - der! The stead-fast

Ai - tha-las,\* a cham-pion of suf - fer-ing,

is revealed as an ever-blossom - ing gar - den.

Cut down, it brings forth the flow - er of wounds;

\*pronounced "AY - tha - las"

[slain, it then be-gins to live.]

slain, it then be - gins to live. How great the

strength of his nature, through which he en - dured!

Through his prayers, save our souls, O Christ, //

since Thou art com - pas - sion - ate!