

Stichera at "Lord, I Call"

The Fourth Sunday of Lent - St. John of the Ladder

Tone 8

Model melody: "Oh, most glorious wonder"

Sticheron 1

Optina Monastery Chant

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

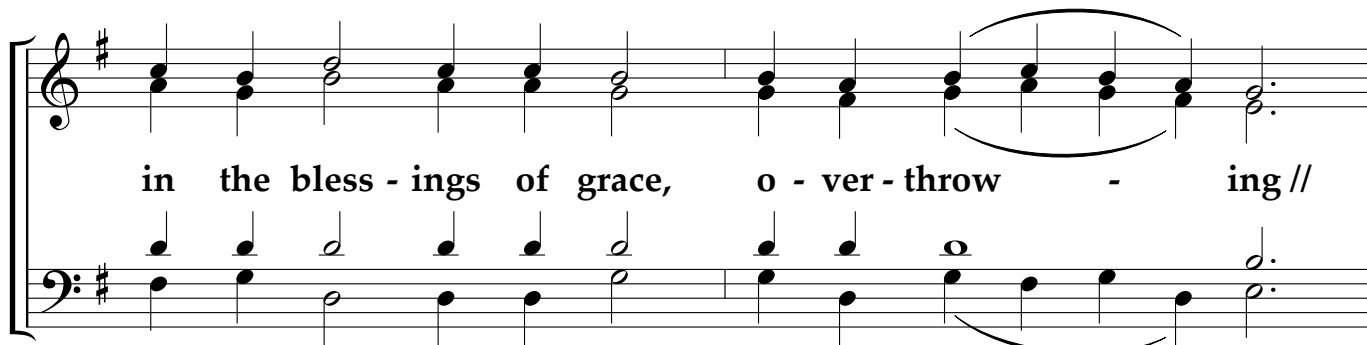
The Lord's praises were al-ways on your lips, O ho - ly

Fa - ther John. With deep wis - dom

you searched the Scrip - tures, which teach

us to de - ny our - selves. You be - came rich

[in the blessings of grace,]



in the bless - ings of grace, o - ver - throw - ing //

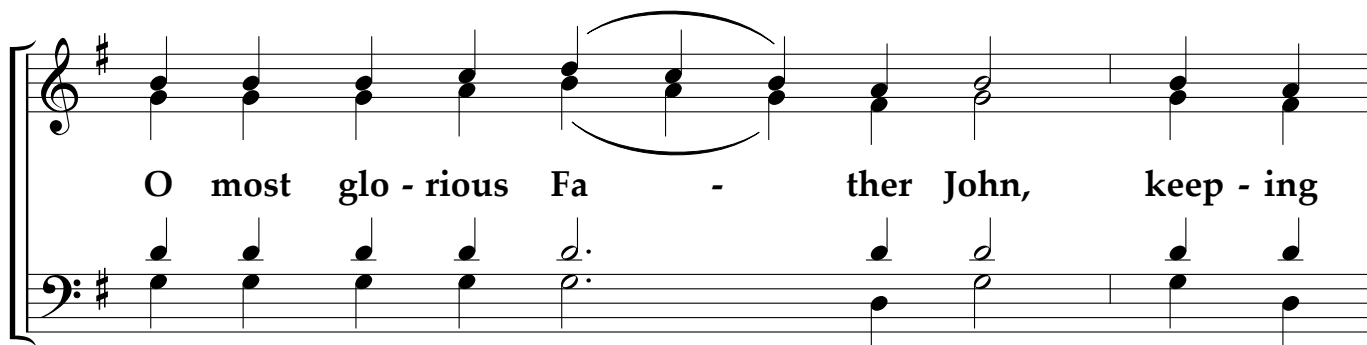


the craft - i - ness of the dev - il.

Sticheron 2



You washed your soul in a foun - tain of tears,



O most glo - rious Fa - ther John, keep - ing



vig - il for God and gain - ing His mer - cy.

[Upborne on the wings...]

Up - borne on the wings of prayer, you flew

to di - vine love and beau - ty. Now, together

with your fellow soldiers, O ho - ly one, you dwell

in His spir - it - ual light // and un - end - ing joy.

Sticheron 3

On the wings of faith you raised your mind to

[God, O holy Father John,]

God, O ho - ly Fa - ther John. Hating the world's con-

fu - sion and van - i - ty,

you took up your cross and followed Him Who sees all

things. You sub - mit - ted your re - bel - lious flesh to His

guid - ance, through the discipline of self - de - ni -

[-al, by the power...]

al, // by the power of the Ho - ly Spir - it.