

October 22: Kazan Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos
Stichera on "Lord I have cried" (on Sunday)
Tone 4, Special Melody "As one valiant among the martyrs..."
Optina Hermitage

(6) *Reader:* In the 4th Tone, Special Melody "As one valiant among the martyrs..."
 If Thou shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, O Lord, who shall stand?

For with Thee there is for - give - - - - - ness.

As the all - beau - teous palace of the Word and his light - bear - ing throne,

O Mis-tress, thou didst contain with-in _____ thy womb the Word Who is

e - qual - ly co - en - throned with the Fa - - - - ther. And having given birth unto

Note: The text of the 1st Sticheron "As the all-beauteous palace of the Word..." is approximately 50% longer than is normal for this Special Melody, and should not be considered a typical example for this melody.

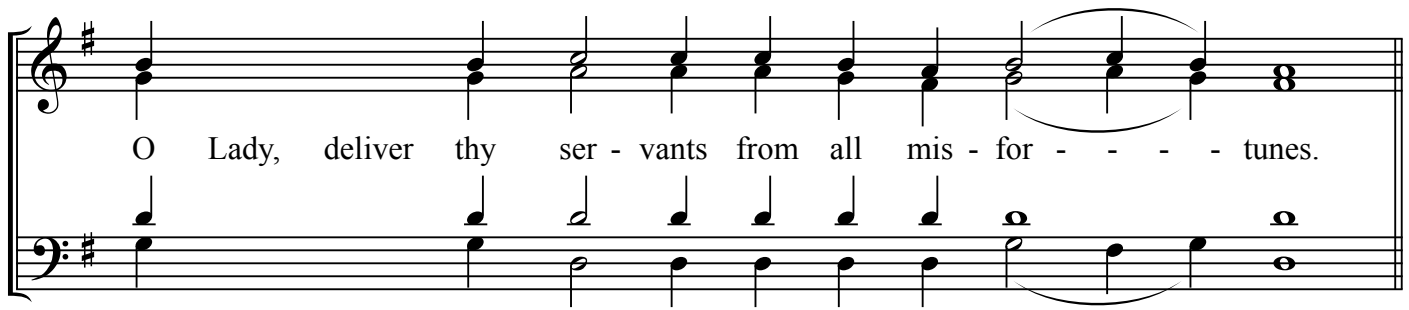
the never-waning Light, thou hast brought light to our dark - - - ness, hast

driven away the falsehood of the serpent and destroyed cor-rup - - - - - tion,

and by thy birth - giving hast granted ev - er - last - ing life to the world.

Thou hast opened the gates of par - - - a-dise and be-stowed all manner of blessings

up - on hu - - - man na - ture. And now, do thou by thy supplications,



O Lady, deliver thy ser - vants from all mis - for - - - - tunes.

(5) *Reader:* For Thy name's sake have I patiently waited for Thee, O Lord;
my soul hath waited patiently for Thy word,



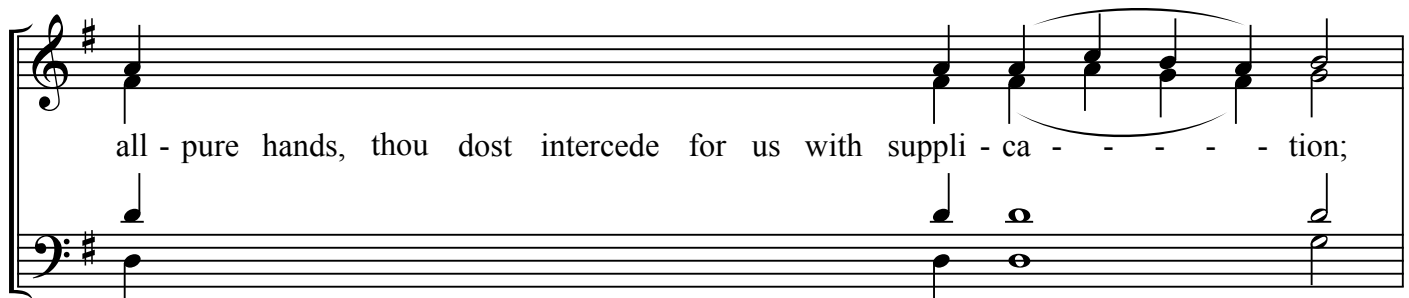
My___ soul___ hath hoped_____ in the Lord.



As thou art the great_____ Queen and Mo - ther of___ the King



of the all - ex - alt - ed hosts in hea - - - - ven, stretching forth thine



all - pure hands, thou dost intercede for us with suppli - ca - - - - - tion;

and on earth, as a might - - - y help - er, thou a - bi - dest with

thy servants in spirit and in thy di - vine i - - - - con,

and dost glad - - - ly save and de - liv - er - est from all temp - ta - tion

those who piously confess thee to be the The - o - to - - - - kos.

(4) *Reader:* From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch

Let Is - ra - el hope in the Lord.

As a par - a - dise of gol - den ra - - - di - ance, an all - beau - te - ous

pal - ace of di - vine light, a ho - ly tree overshadowed

by the Ho - ly Spi - - - rit, a habitation of the never - wa - - - ning Light,

shin - ing manifestly with divine splendor upon those who know thee,

thou dost il - lu - mine all cre - a - tion with thine In - - - fant; and en - treat - ing Him,

O Queen and The - o - - - to - - - kos, save all Orthodox hierarchs

and the people who flee to thee from all mis - for - - - - tunes.

(3) Reader: For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption;

And He shall redeem Israel out of all his in - i - - - - - qui - ties.

The Church of God, made splen - - - - did with the icon of thee and thy Son,

O The - o - to - - - - - kos, — as with roy - al purple and fine linen,

is a-dorned with mir - a-cles. Today, at the revelation of thine im - - - age,

it calleth all to cel - - - - - e-brate, shin - ing with the grace

of the Ho - ly Spi - - - rit more brightly than the ra-diance of the sun,

pour - ing forth streams of healing up - on _____ the sick and the in - firm,

and grant - ing rich mer - cy un - to all.

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