

1st Sunday Evening of Lent
Stichera of "Lord I have cried"
Tone 4, Special Melody "Thou hast given a sign..."

On "Lord I have cried", 10 stichera are sung: 4 penitential stichera in the tone of the week, and then 3 stichera from the Triodion —

(6) Reader: In the 4th Tone, Special Melody "Thou hast given a sign..."
If Thou shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, O Lord, who shall stand?

I-descant
II-chant melody

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

Grant me con - tri - - tion, es-trange-ment from e - - - - vil,

and per - fect a - mend - - - - ment, for I am sunk in the depths

of bodily passion,

of bod - i - ly pas - sion and sep - a - ra - ted far from Thee,

O God the King of all; and I have no oth - er hope but Thee.

In the abundance of Thy goodness save me, the Prod - - - i - gal,

O Jesus all - powerful, the Sa - viour of our souls.

(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.

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in G major. The treble staff features a series of chords and dyads, with some notes tied across measures. The bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment with quarter and eighth notes.

When he had been cleansed by fast - ing, the great Mo - - ses

The second system continues the musical setting. The treble staff has a melodic line with some ties, while the bass staff maintains a steady accompaniment.

saw the God _____ for Whom _____ he longed.

The third system of notation includes a key signature change to A major (one sharp) for the final phrase. The treble staff has a more active melodic line, and the bass staff follows with a similar accompaniment.

Eagerly follow his example, O my hum - ble soul;

The final system of notation returns to G major. The treble staff has a simple melodic line, and the bass staff provides a clear accompaniment.

make haste to cleanse thyself from e - - - - - vil

in the day of ab - sti-nence, and so thou shalt be-hold — the Lord

Who grants thee for - give - - - - - ness,

for He is all - powerful and loves man - - - kind.

(4) *Reader:* In the 6th tone, From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch

Let Is - - - ra - el hope in the Lord.

Let us set out with joy upon the second week of the Fast; /
and like Elijah the Tishbite /
let us fashion for ourselves from day to day, O brethren, /
a fiery chariot from the four great virtues; /
let us exalt our minds /
through freedom from the passions; /
let us arm our flesh with purity /
and our hands with acts of compassion; /
let us make our feet beautiful with the preaching of the Gospel; //
and let us put the enemy to flight and gain the victory.

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