Ten stichera are appointed to be sung at "Lord, I Call," seven reflect the theme of the Resurrection and are provided by the Octoechos. The remaining three or more stichera are taken from other sources, and are associated with the saint or observance celebrated on the particular day.

Stichera are pointed for Kievan Chant. The troparion for Russian Common Chant (Obikhod)

## Lord, I Call

- Lord, I call upon Thee, hear me, / Hear me, O Lord. / Lord, I call upon Thee, hear me, / Receive the voice of my prayer. / When I call upon Thee, // Hear me, O Lord!
- Let my prayer arise, / In Thy sight as incense, / And let the lifting up of my hands, / Be an evening sacrifice, // Hear me, O Lord!

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- We glorify Thy Resurrection on the **third** day, O **Christ** God, / By always honoring Thy **life**-creating Cross, / By **it**, Thou hast renewed the corrupted **nature** of man, / O Al**mighty** One! / By it, Thou hast renewed our **en**trance to **heaven**, // For Thou art **Good** and the **Lover** of man!
- Thou didst lose the tree's verdict of disobedience, O Savior, / By being voluntarily nailed to the tree of the Cross! / By descending to Hell, O Almighty God, / Thou didst break the bonds of death! / Therefore, we adore Thy Resurrection from the dead, singing for joy: // Glory to Thee, O All Powerful Lord!
- Thou didst smash the gates of Hell, O Lord, / And by Thy death Thou didst demolish the Kingdom of death! / Thou didst deliver the race of men from corruption, // Granting to the world life, incorruption and great mercy.
- Come, O People! / Let us sing of the Savior's
  Resurrection on the third day. / By it, we have been
  freed from the unbreakable bonds of Hell, / By it, we
  have received life and incorruption / Save us by Thy
  Resurrection, // O Life-creating and Almighty Savior,
  glory to Thee!
- Angels and men sing of Thy Resurrection / On the third day, O Savior. / By it, the ends of the earth have been illumined. / By it, we have been delivered from bondage to the enemy. / Save us, by Thy Resurrection. // O Life-creating and Almighty Savior, glory to Thee!
- Thou hast shattered the gates of **brass**, / And destroyed the chains of death, O **Christ** God. / **Thou** hast raised the fallen **hu**man race. // O Lord risen from the **dead**, **glo**ry to Thee!
- O Lord, Thy begetting from the Father is timeless and everlasting. / Thine incarnation from the Virgin is beyond words and understanding. / Thy descent into Hell is terrible for the Devil and his angels. / Thou hast trampled on death, / Rising on the third day // And granting men incorruption and great mercy.

- At least three stichera for the particular day are inserted, followed by the Dogmaticon:
- The Prophet David was a father of the Lord / Through you, O Virgin! / He foretold in songs the one who worked wonder in you: / "At Thy right hand stood the Queen," / Thy mother, the mediatrix of Life, / Since God was freely born of her without a father. / He wanted to renew His fallen image, made corrupt in passion; / So he took the lost sheep upon His shoulder; / And brought it to His Father, / Joining it to the heavenly powers. // Christ, who has great and rich mercy, has saved the world, O Theotokos.

## **Aposticha**

- By ascending the Cross, O **Lord**, / Thou hast annulled our an**ces**tral curse! / By de**scend**ing to Hell, Thou hast freed the eternal **pris**oners, / Granting incorruption to the **hu**man race! // Therefore in songs we glorify Thy life-creating and saving **Res**urrection!
- By hanging upon the Tree, O only powerful **Lord**, / Thou didst shake all creation! / By **be**ing laid in the tomb, Thou hast raised those who **dwelt** in the tombs, / Granting life and incorruption to the **hu**man race! // Therefore in songs we glorify Thy rising **on** the **Third** day!
- The lawless people, O **Christ**, / Handed Thee over to Pilate condemned to be **cru**cified, / Thus **pro**ving themselves ungrateful before their **ben**efactor! / But voluntarily Thou didst endure **bur**ial, / Rising by Thine own power on the **third** day as God, // Granting us life and **great mer**cy!
- With tears the women reached Thy tomb, / Searching for Thee, but not finding Thee, / They wept with wailing and lamented: / "Woe to us, our Savior King of All! / How wast Thou stolen? / What place can hold Thy lifebearing body?" / An angel replied to them, / "Do not weep, but go and proclaim that the Lord is risen! // Granting us joy as the only compassionate one!"

Stichera for the particular day are inserted, followed by the Theotokion

## **Troparion**

- When the women disciples of the Lord / Learned from the Angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection; / They cast away the ancestral curse / And elatedly told the Apostles: / Death is overthrown! / Christ God is Risen, // Granting the world great mercy.
  - A troparion for the particular day is inserted, usually followed by the Resurrectional Theotokion in the same tone.