

Original Melodies
Stichera of Vespers and Lauds

1. Mode I. For the Celestial Orders.

For the ce - les - ti - al or - ders you are ex - ul - tant joy
 and for earth - dwell - ing peo - ple the al - might - y pro - tec - tion
 Pure and ho - ly Vir - gin save us we pray as for ref - uge we
 flee to you O The - o - to - kos for ver - i - ly af - ter God do we
 put our ev - ery hope in you

2. Mode I. O Martyrs Extolled.

O Mar - tyrs ex - tolled in all the world you were not con - cealed by
 earth but rath - er heav - en ad - mit - ted you The gates of Par - a - dise
 un - to you were o - pened Hav - ing gone with - in you now en - joy the tree of

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life and you in - ter - cede with Christ on our be - half sup - pli - cat - ing

that sur - pass - ing peace and great mer - cy be up - on our souls be -

- stowed

3.

Mode I. What a Paradoxal Miracle.

What a par - a - dox - al mir - a - cle For the foun - tain of life has been

bur - ied in a grave a stair - way lead - ing to heav - en has the

tomb be - come Geth - se - ma - ne leap for joy O ho - ly

shrine of the Moth - er of Christ our God With Ga - bri - el as our

chief come O be - liev - ers and let us cry out to her Full of grace re -

- joice O La - dy for with you is the Lord who is rich - ly be -