

From the Octoechos
Thursday Vespers - Tone 1
Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Chant Tone 1
Special Melody: *Thou art the joy*

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1) At first, our fore - fa - ther tast - eth of death be -
- cause of a tree, but through the pre - cious Tree now, all the
faith - ful are set free from the con - dem - na - tion of
death; for this cause, let ev - 'ry breath praise and glo - ri - fy
Him that was will - ing - ly cru - ci - fied for our sakes
and en - light - ened all the ends of the earth.

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2) Hard-en ed in heart and re - duced to the most com -
- plete des - pair by wick - ed thoughts and be - ing both con -
- demned and con - vict - ed, I cry to Thee: O Word of God,

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