

From the Octoechos
Thursday Vespers - Tone 3
Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Chant Tone 3

Special melody: *The power of Thy cross*

1) Cre - a - tion hath been sanc - ti - fied by Thy most pre - cious Blood and
by the hal - lowed wa - ter, O Thou on - ly - long - suf - fring
Lord; and the riv - ers of thē i - dols have been dried_ up by
Thy dread Cru - ci - fix - ion, and from his fall is Ad - am
saved, O Word our Sav - ior.

2) O Thou Who art be - yond all hon - or and a - bove all praise, for
us, Thou wast_ in - sult - ed de - spite - ful - ly, O_ Friend of_
man, giv - en vin - e - gar to drink and free - ly bear - ing the
Cross, O Ben - e - fac - tor, that by Thy death Thou might - est
free all from cor - rup - tion.

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3) Of Thine own will wast Thou hanged on the Cross and for our sakes wast
of - fered to ___ the Fa - ther a sac - ri - fice, and Thou didst ___
end sac - ri - fic - es un - to i - dols, while de - stroy - ing the
wick - ed one's ___ do - min - ion, Thou Who art more than good, Thou
King of all thē ag - es.