Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

Vespers Stichera at "Lord, I have cried..."

Sticheron 1

Tone 6: "Having set all your hope..."

The pollution of past sins
Prevented thee from entering the church

To see the elevation of the Holy Cross;
But then thy conscience

and the awareness of thine actions
Turned thee, O wise in God,

To a better way of life.
And, having looked upon the

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icon of the blessed Maid of God. Thou hast condemned all thy previous transgressions, O Mother worthy of all praise, And so hast gone with boldness to venerate the precious Cross.
Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

Vespers Stichera at "Lord, I have cried..."

Sticheron 2

Tone 6: "Having set all your hope..."

Having worshipped At the holy places with great joy,

Thou hast received saving grace for the journey of virtue,

And with all haste Thou hast set out upon

the good path thou hast chosen. Crossing the stream of Jordan,

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with eagerness Thou hast gone to live in the dwelling-place of the Baptist. Thou hast tamed the savagery of the passions.

Through thine ascetic way of life, And boldly thou hast broken the rebelliousness of the flesh, O Mother ever glorious.
Ha-ving gone to dwell in the wil-der-ness, Thou hast blot- ted out-
from thy soul The im-ages of thy sen-su-al pas-sions,
And hast marked upon it the God-given imprint of ho-li-ness.
Thou hast attained such glory, bles-sed Mo-ther,

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As to walk upon the surface of the waters,

And in thy prayers to God Thou wast raised up from the earth. And now, all glorious Mary, Standing before Christ with boldness, En-treat Him for our souls.

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