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STEREO

SLAVONIC
ORTHODOX
LITURGY

The Svetoslav Obretenov
Bulgarian Choir

Conducted by
Georgi Robev



A MONITOR/BALKANTON PRODUCTION

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There are three different services in the Slavonic Orthodox Church, all of which are designated as "liturgies" (as differentiated from the "Mass" of the Catholic Church): the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great, and the Pre-sanctified Liturgy. This recording comprises the musical selections of the Liturgy whose text was written down by St. John Chrysostom, "the Golden-tongued," (347-407).

The music for this text was written by various composers, most of whom specialized in the field of church music- with the exception of Alexander Gretchaninov (1864-1956), known for his secular works as well. Five of the selections on the present recording are by Dobri Christov (1875-1941) who studied with Dvorak in his early years and was a professor in the State Musical Academy in Sofia from 1926 to 1933. From 1935 to the end of his life he conducted the choir at the Alexander Nevsky Memorial Cathedral.

A. Arkhangelsky (1846-1924), P. Chesnokov (1877-1944), and N. Kedrov, Sr., are all Russian composers who devoted themselves to the composition and performance of Slavonic liturgical music.

This recording was made in the Alexander Nevsky Memorial Cathedral in Sofia. Its acoustics are astounding in that there is a maximum nine-second reverberation. The soloists in the various selections are all from the Choir itself. The Svetoslav Obretenov Choir was founded soon after World War II and specialized in liturgical music from Bulgarian, Russian and Ukrainian sources.

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1. VELIKA EKTENIYA 6:38

Great Litany

Soloists: Christo Kamenov

and Ivan Petrov

(Dobri Christov)

2. VO TSARSTVE TVOYEM 2:37

In Thine Kingdom

Soloist: S. Marcheva

(Dobri Christov)

3. a) KHERUVIMSKA No. 2

Hymn of the Cherubim No. 2

b) YAKO DA TSARYA

As Our King

(Dobri Christov)

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4. VERUYU 4:15

Credo (Op. 29 No. 8)

Soloist: N. Peneva

(Alexander Gretchaninov)

5. TEBE POYEM 3:00

To Thee We Sing

Soloist: Ivan Petrov

(Dobri Christov)

6. DOSTOYNO YEST 3:37

It is Fitting

(Dobri Christov)

7. OTCHE NASH 4:22

Our Father

Soloist: Ivan Petrov

(Nikolai Kedrov, Sr.)

8. BLAZHEN RAZUMEVAYEI 7:40

Blessed Are They That Understand

(Alexander Arkhangelsky)

9. SLAVA I EDINORODNI 2:40

Glory and Only Begotten

(Alexander Gretchaninov)

10. SPASSI, BOZHE, LYUDI TVOYA 4:18

Save, Oh Lord, Thy People

Soloist: B. Spassov

(Pavel Chesnokov)

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