The Indiction, or Beginning of the Church Year

SEPTEMBER 1

1. In wisdom you have fashioned all things,
   O Father's Word before there was time;
   Creation's order you have established,
   Source of all things, and God sublime:

2. O Lord, the Maker of the cosmos,
   Seasons and times are in your hand;
   Preserve our country in Your goodness,
   Keep us in peace by Your strong hand:

3. In faith your people bow before you,
   For with compassion you are complete!
   Crown this new year with goodness and mercy!
   We come before your mercy seat.

O Christ, now bless the year's beginning,
For you are good, the Lover of us all.

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Melody: Kol'slaven naš / So great is God (Dmitri Bortniansky, 1751-1825)