

# Stichera at the Litya

*Nativity of the Theotokos - September 8*

Common Chant

arr. from L'vov/Bakhmetev

by Stephen of Jerusalem

## Sticheron 1

### Tone 1

Soprano  
Alto

The first fruit of our salvation is accomplished today, O peo - ples,

Tenor  
Bass

for behold, the Mother and Virgin and ves - sel of God, fore - or - dained

from ancient gener - a-tions, comes to be born from a bar - ren wom - an.

A flow - er from Jesse and a rod from his root has bud - ded; let

Adam, our forefather, be glad, and Eve re-joice and de-light, for be -

hold, she who was formed from Ad - am's rib plainly calls her daughter

and de scend - ant bless - ed: "My de - liv - er - ance has been born,"

says Eve; "through her, I shall be freed from the bonds of Ha - des."

Let Da - vid rejoice, striking his lyre, and let him bless God, for behold, the

Vir-gin comes forth from a bar-ren rock// for the sal-va-tion of our souls!

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Sticheron 2  
Tone 2

Soprano  
Alto

Come, all you friends of vir-gin - i - ty, and lovers of pu - ri - ty;

Tenor  
Bass

come, and welcome with love the boast of vir-gin - i - ty! She is the

fountain of life that flows from the sol - id rock; she is the bush that

springs from the bar - ren ground// and burns with the immaterial fire that

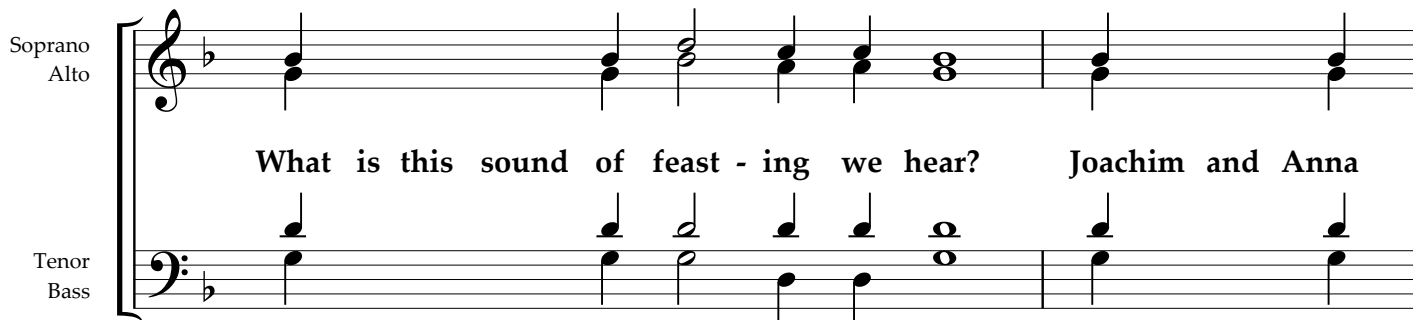


cleans - es and en - light - ens our souls.

by Anatolios

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Sticheron 3  
Tone 2

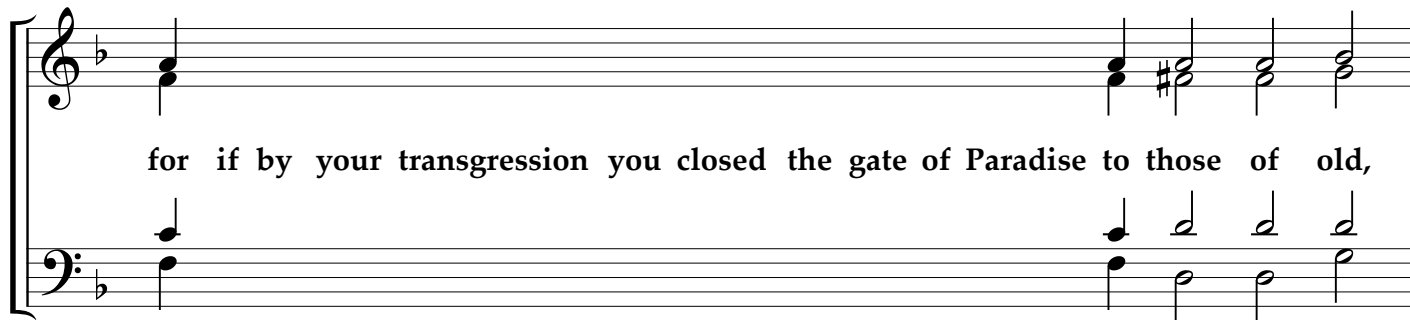


Soprano Alto  
Tenor Bass

What is this sound of feast - ing we hear? Joachim and Anna



mystically celebrate, say - ing: "Rejoice with us today, O Ad - am and Eve;



for if by your transgression you closed the gate of Paradise to those of old,



we have now been given a glo - rious fruit, // Mary, the child of God, who

o - pens its en - trance to all!"

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Sticheron 4  
Tone 2

Soprano  
Alto

She who was foreordained Queen of all and the habi - ta - tion of

Tenor  
Bass

God, has come forth today from the barren womb of joy - ful An - na.

She is the divine sanctuary of the eternal Es - sence; shameless Hades has

been tram - pled down through her, and Eve with all her race is

es - tab lished se - cure in life. It is fitting and right that we should

cry a - loud to her: // "Blessed are you among women, and blessed

is the Fruit of your womb!"

*vs. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

by Sergius of the Holy City

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Sticheron 5  
Tone 8

Soprano  
Alto  
Tenor  
Bass

Let us strike our spiritual harp on this solemn day of our feast,

for today, from the seed of Da - - vid, the Mother of Life is

born, dis - pel - ling the dark - ness. She is the re-creation of Adam,

and the re - call - ing of Eve. She is the source of incorruption

and our release from cor - rup - tion. In her we are made di - vine

and are giv - en life. Through her we have been deified and de - liv - ered

from death. So let us, the faithful, cry out to her with Ga - bri - el:

"Rejoice, O full of grace, the Lord is with you, // granting us His



great mer - cy through you!"