

Stichera at the Litya

Theophany of Our Lord - January 6

Sticheron 1
Tone 4
by Cosmas the Monk

Kievan Chant
arr. from B. Ledkovsky

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

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Detailed description: This system shows the first line of music. It features two vocal staves (Soprano and Alto) and two piano accompaniment staves (Tenor and Bass). The key signature is one sharp (F#). The vocal parts are written in a style that suggests a chant-like melody. The lyrics are: "He who covers Himself with light as with a gar - ment for our".

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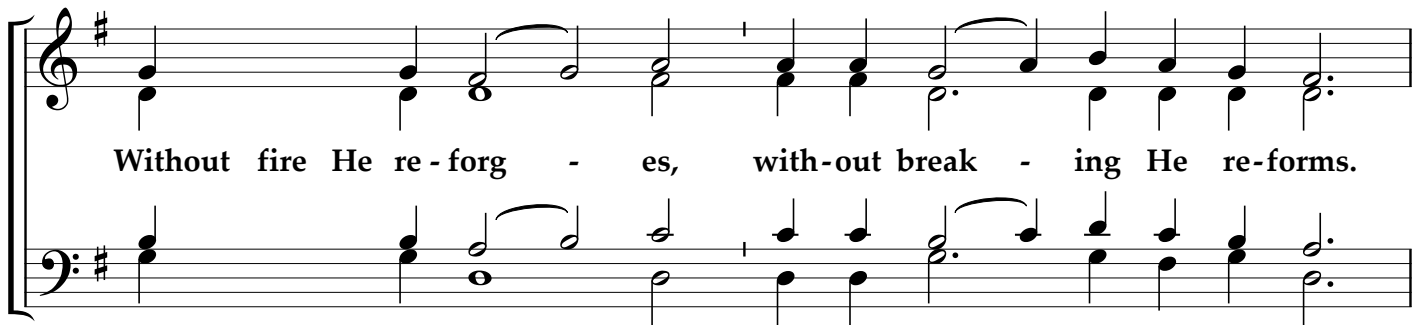
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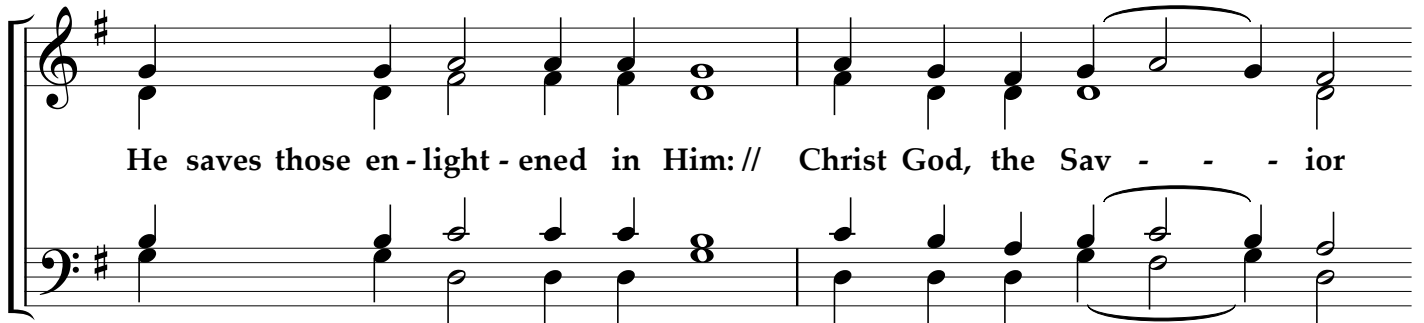
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Without fire He re-forg - es, with-out break - ing He re-forms.



He saves those en-light - ened in Him:// Christ God, the Sav - - - ior



of our souls.

Sticheron 2



Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

By fire— and the Spir - it, You wash a - way the sin



of the world. When the Bap - tist saw You coming, he was a - fraid.

He trembled and cried out, say - ing: "I dare not hold — Your

spot - less head. // Sanctify me with Your Epiphany, O Mas - ter Who

love — man - kind!"

Sticheron 3

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

Let us imitate the wise — vir - gins, let us go and meet the

Mas - ter Who ap - pears; like a bride - groom He comes forth to John.

Seeing You the Jordan holds back in fear. John cries out: "I dare

not hold Your im-mor-tal head." The Spirit comes down in the form of

a dove to sanctify the wa-ters. And a voice from heav-en re-sounds:

"This is My Son, Who comes to the world to save—the hu-man race." //

O Lord,— glo - - - ry to You!

Sticheron 4

Soprano
Alto

Christ is bap-tized. He comes up from the wa - ter. With Him-self

Tenor
Bass

He rais - es up the world. He sees the heavens opened which A - dam

had shut against Himself and His pos - ter - - i - ty. The Spir - it

affirms the di - vin - i - ty, since He rushes to join One Who is al - so

di-vine. A voice comes — from heav - en, for from heaven comes the

One Whom the Spir - it af - firms: // He is the Sav - ior of our souls.

Sticheron 5

Soprano
Alto

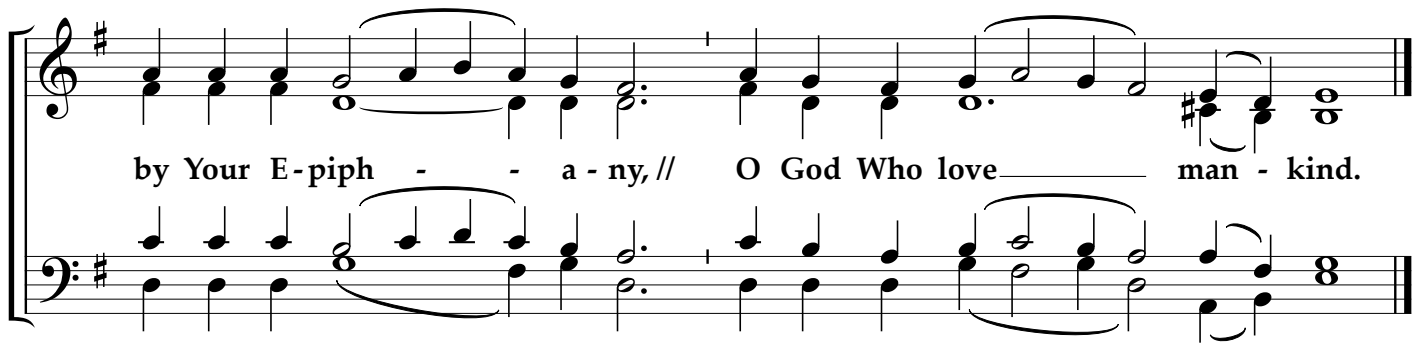
Tenor
Bass

Touching Your spotless head, the hand of the Bap - tist trem - bled.

Not daring to minister to You, the riv - er Jor - dan turned back. Since it

stood in awe of Joshua, the son of Nun, how could it not fear You,

his Mak - er? But You, our Savior, fulfilled Your plan to save the world

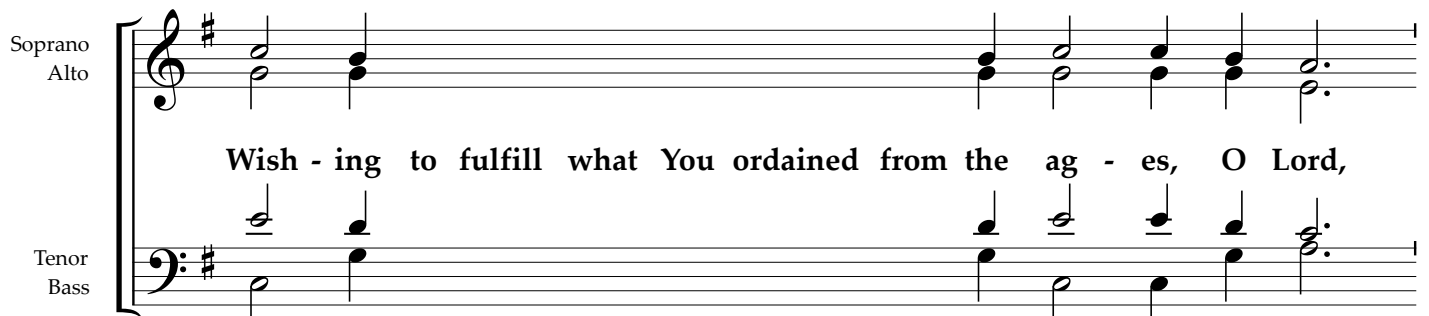


by Your E-piph - - a - ny, // O God Who love man - kind.

vs. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Tone 8

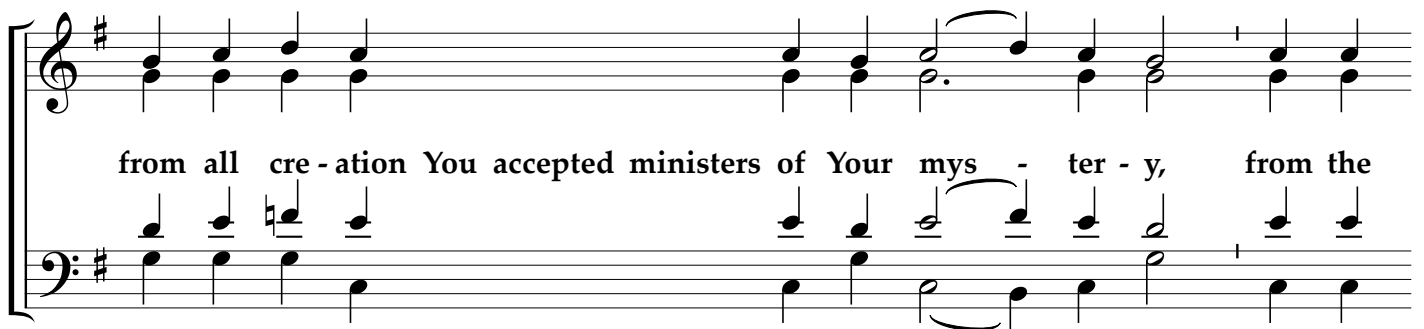
by John the Monk



Soprano
Alto

Wish - ing to fulfill what You ordained from the ag - es, O Lord,

Tenor
Bass



from all cre - ation You accepted ministers of Your mys - ter - y, from the



An - gels You took Ga - bri - el, from humankind you took the Vir - gin,



from the heav - ens You took the star, from the waters You took the Jordan,

in which You washed a - way the sin of the world. // O our

Sav - ior, glo - ry to You!

vs. Now, and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 8
by Anatolios

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

To - day creation is en - light - ened. To - day all things re - joice,

in heaven and on earth to - geth - er. An - gels and peo - ple

join forc - es, for where the King is present His ar - my must be.

There-fore let us all run to the Jor - - dan! Let us see

how John baptizes the sinless brow of One not made by hu - man hands!

Let us in unison join in the A - pos - tle's song: "The grace of God

has appeared for the sal - va - tion of all, // shining on the faithful and

grant - ing them great mer - cy."