

Stichera at the Litya

Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ - December 22

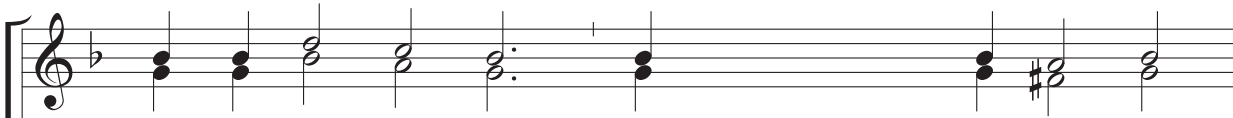
Tone 2 - (Forefeast)

Russian Imperial Court Chant

Sticheron 1


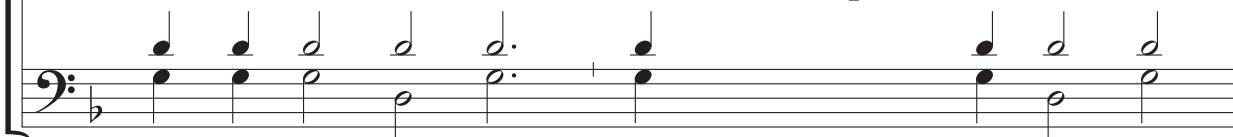
arr. from L'vov/Bakhmetev

Soprano
Alto

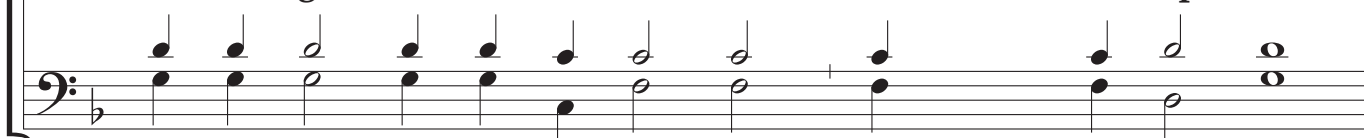


Christ is born on earth to crush the power of e - vil,

Tenor
Bass



to en-light - en those in dark - ness, and to free the cap - tives. //



Let us go forth to meet _____ Him.



Sticheron 2



Dance, O Zi - on! Adorn thyself, O cav-ern! Pre-pare, O

yourself,



[Beth-le-hem!]

Beth - le-hem! For the Vir-gin comes // to give birth — to Christ.

Sticheron 3

The families of na - tions of - fer glo - ry and praise.

The Ma - gi come with gifts; the shep-herds watch in the fields, //

joy-ful - ly pre-par - ing the way.

Tone 1 - (Holy Fathers)

En - light - ened by the rays of di - vine ut - ter - ance,

[the Prophets, ...]

the Prophets, distinguished in name, are called blessed

for - ev - er. With the words of the Spirit, they proclaimed

to all the birth of Christ our God, which in words is

in - ex - press - i - ble. // And having lawfully completed their end,

they live the life that is most won - drous.