

# Stichera at the Litya

Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ - December 22

Tone 2  
Sticheron 1

Kiev Caves Monastery Chant  
Model melody: "O House of Ephratha"

Soprano  
Alto

Christ is born on earth to crush the

pow - er of e - vil, to en - light-en

those in dark - ness, and to free the

cap - tives. // Let us go forth to meet Him.

Tenor  
Bass

Detailed description: This is a musical score for a Sticheron in Tone 2. It is arranged for four voices: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass. The score is written in a single system with four staves. The top two staves are for Soprano and Alto, and the bottom two are for Tenor and Bass. The music is in a key with one flat (B-flat major or D minor) and a common time signature. The lyrics are: "Christ is born on earth to crush the power of evil, to enlighten those in darkness, and to free the captives. // Let us go forth to meet Him." The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and slurs. There are also some specific markings like a sharp sign (#) and a double bar line with repeat dots (//).

Sticheron 2

Dance, O Zi - - - on!

A - dorn thy - self, O cav - - - ern!

Pre - pare, O Beth - - le - hem!

For the Vir - gin comes // to give - birth - - - to Christ.

## Sticheron 3

The fam' - lies 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.