

# Stichera at the Praises

*The Dormition of the Theotokos - August 15*

Tone 4  
Sticheron 1

Russian Imperial Court Chant  
arr. from L'vov/Bakhmetev

Soprano  
Alto

Tenor  
Bass

At thy glorious Dor-mi - tion the heavens rejoice, and the

ar-mies of An - gels ex - ult. The whole earth is glad, addressing

its funeral hymn to thee, the Mother of the Master of all —

things, all-holy Virgin who knew not — wed - lock, // who hast

[delivered the human race ... ]

delivered the human race from the ancestral con-dem-na - tion.

Sticheron 2

At a di-vine com-mand the chief Apostles gathered

from the ends of the earth to bur - y thee, and when they

saw thee being taken from the earth to heav - en, they

cried out with joy in Ga - bri-el's words: "Rejoice, chariot of

[the whole Godhead!]

the whole God - head! Rejoice, for thou alone by

thy child-bearing // hast joined together things on earth with

those on high!"

## Sticheron 3

Virgin Mother, Bride of God, who didst carry the Life with-in

thy womb, by thy re-versed Falling Asleep thou hast passed

[over to im-mor-tal life.]

over to im-mor - tal life. Angels, Rulers and Powers, Apostles,

Prophets and all creation es - cort - ed thee, // and thy Son

received thy most pure soul in His im - mac - u - late hands.