

Stichera at the Litya

Annunciation of the Theotokos - March 25

Sticheron 1
Tone 1
by Byzas

Common Chant
arr. from L'vov/Bakhmetev

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

In the sixth month the chief of the Angelic Hosts was sent to you, O

Detailed description: This system shows the first line of the chant. It features two vocal staves: Soprano/Alto (treble clef) and Tenor/Bass (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The Soprano/Alto part consists of a series of chords, while the Tenor/Bass part consists of a series of single notes. The lyrics are: "In the sixth month the chief of the Angelic Hosts was sent to you, O".

pure— Vir - gin, to declare to you the word of sal - va - tion, and to

Detailed description: This system continues the chant. The Soprano/Alto part has some notes beamed together. The lyrics are: "pure— Vir - gin, to declare to you the word of sal - va - tion, and to".

greet you say - ing: "Rejoice, O full of grace, the Lord is with— you!

Detailed description: This system continues the chant. The lyrics are: "greet you say - ing: "Rejoice, O full of grace, the Lord is with— you!".

You shall bring forth a Son, begotten before the ages from the Fa - ther, //

Detailed description: This system concludes the chant. The lyrics are: "You shall bring forth a Son, begotten before the ages from the Fa - ther, //".

and He shall save His peo - ple from their sins!"

Sticheron 2
Tone 1
by Anatolius

Soprano
Alto

In the sixth month the Archangel Gabriel was sent from heav - en

Tenor
Bass

to the city of Nazareth in Gal - i - lee, to bring glad tid - ings of joy

to the Maid - en. And coming before her, he cried out say - ing:

"Re-joyce, O full of grace, the Lord is with you! Rejoyce, Vessel containing

the Uncontainable Na - ture; for Him Whom the heavens can-not con-tain,

your womb now con-tains, O bless - ed One. Re-joyce, O Lady, the

restoration of Adam and the de - liv - er - ance of Eve, // the joy of the

world and the great exultation of the hu - man race!"

Sticheron 3
Tone 1

Soprano
Alto
Tenor
Bass

The An - gel Gab - riel was sent from heav - en by God to an

undefiled Virgin in the city of Nazareth in Gal - i - lee, to bring her

glad tidings of the wondrous manner of her con-ceiv - ing. The bodiless

servant was sent to the living Cit - y and the spir - it - ual Gate,

to pro-claim the condescension of the Mas-ter's com - ing. The heavenly

warrior was sent to the living Palace of glo - ry, to pre-prepare

in advance an everlasting abode for the Cre - a - tor. And com - ing

be - fore her, he cried: "Re-joyce, O fiery Throne, surpassing in glory

the likeness of the four liv - ing crea - tures! Rejoice, O Seat of the

heav - en - ly King! Re - joyce, unhewn Mountain and most precious

Ves - sel; for in you all the fullness of the Godhead has come to

dwell — bod - i - ly, by the good pleas-ure of the everlast-ing Fa - ther,

and the cooperation of the Holy Spir - it.// Rejoice, O full of grace,

the Lord is with — you!"

v. *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Sticheron 4
Tone 8
by John the Monk

Soprano
Alto
Tenor
Bass

Let the heav - ens be glad and the earth re - joice; for the

* If it be a Saturday or Sunday, we have a split "Glory...", singing "Let the heavens be glad" and then "Now and ever..." and the sticheron "Today Gabriel announces". But if the feast falls on a weekday, then we sing "Glory....now and ever..." and the sticheron "Today Gabriel announces".

Son, Who with the Father is co-e - ter - nal, also without be - gin - ning,

and co - en-throned with Him, took pity and showed merciful love for

man-kind, and emptied Himself, in accord with the Father's good

pleasure and coun - sel, and made His abode in a virginal womb

purified be - fore - hand by the Spir - it. Oh, won - der!

God is come a - mong ——— men! He Who cannot be con - tained is

con - tained in a womb; the Timeless One en - ters time. Oh, great

mys - ter - y! His conception is without seed, His emp - ty - ing

in - ex - pres - si - ble! So great is this mys - ter - y! For God

empties Himself and is made flesh and is formed, when the Angel tells

the pure Virgin of her con-cep - tion, say - ing: "Re-joyce, O full

of grace, // the Lord, Who has great mercy, is with you!"

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

Sticheron 5
Tone 2
by Cosmas the Monk

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

Today Gabriel announces the good tidings to her who is full of grace:

"Rejoyce, unwedded Maid-en! Be not a-mazed at my strange appearance, nor

be a-fraid. I am an Arch-an - gel. The serpent once be-guiled Eve,

but now I announce to you the good tidings of joy, O most pure one.//

You shall remain inviolate and shall give birth to the Lord."