

# Stichera at the Litya

*Annunciation of the Theotokos - March 25*

Sticheron 1  
Tone 1  
by Byzas

Kievan Chant  
arr. from B. Ledkovsky

Soprano  
Alto

Tenor  
Bass

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

Detailed description: This system contains the first line of the chant. It features two vocal staves (Soprano/Alto and Tenor/Bass) and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The vocal parts are written in a style that suggests a specific melodic contour, with some notes being half notes and others quarter notes. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and simple melodic lines.

O pure— Vir - gin, to de - clare to you the word of sal - va - tion,

Detailed description: This system continues the chant. The vocal parts and piano accompaniment follow the same style as the first system. The lyrics are: "O pure— Vir - gin, to de - clare to you the word of sal - va - tion,"

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

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you! You shall bring forth— a Son, begotten before the ages from the

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Fa - ther, // and He shall save His peo - ple from their sins!"

Sticheron 2  
by Anatolius

Soprano Alto  
Tenor Bass

In the sixth month the Archangel Gabriel was sent from heaven

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 Nature; for Him Whom the

heavens cannot contain, your womb now contains, O blessed

One. Rejoice, O Lady, the restoration of Adam and the

deliverance of Eve, // the joy of the world and the

great exultation of the human race!"

## Sticheron 3

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-pare

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 co-operation of the Ho-ly Spir - it. // Re-joice, 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

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

Tenor  
Bass

Son, Who with the Father is co - e - ter - - - nal, also with - out

be - gin - ning, and en - throned with Him, took pity and showed merciful

love for man - kind, and em - ptied Him - self, in accord with the Father's

\* 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".

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 em - pties

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 mer - cy, 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

To - day — Gabriel announces the good tidings to her who is full of

grace: "Rejoice, unwed-ded Maid - en! Be not a-mazed at my strange

appearance, nor be a-fraid. I am an Arch-an - gel. The ser-pent

once be-guiled - Eve, but now I an-nounce to you the good tidings

of joy, O most pure one.// You shall re-main inviolate and shall give

birth to the Lord."