

Stichera on "Lord, I Call"

Nativity of the Theotokos - September 8

Sticheron 1
Tone 6

Common Chant
arr. from L'vov/Bakhmetev

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

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Detailed description: This system shows the first line of the chant. It features four staves: Soprano and Alto (top two), and Tenor and Bass (bottom two). The music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Today God, Who rests upon the spir - it - ual thrones, has prepared for". The vocal lines are primarily homophonic, with the Soprano and Alto parts often moving in parallel motion.

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ev - en His Moth - er. O God of wonders and Hope of the

hope - less, // O Lord, glo - ry to You!

Sticheron 2

Soprano
Alto

This is the day of the Lord! Re-joyce, O peo - ples,

Tenor
Bass

for, behold, the bridal chamber of the Light, the book of the Word of Life,

has come forth from the womb! The gate that faces the East is born

and awaits the entry of the Great Priest. She alone admits Christ

in - to the world // for the sal - va - tion of our souls.

Sticheron 3

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

Although by God's will other barren wom - en have brought forth

fa-mous off - spring, yet, of all those children Mary shines brightest,

as is fit - ting to God. For she herself was born wondrously of a

bar - ren moth - er, and gave birth in the flesh to the God of all,

in a manner surpassing nature, from a womb with-out— seed. She is the

only gateway of the only - begotten Son of God, Who passed through

this gate yet kept it closed, and, having ordered all things in His own

wis - dom, // has wrought salvation for all man - kind.

Sticheron 4

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

Today the gates of barrenness are o - pened, and the virgin gate

of God comes forth. Today grace begins to bear its first fruit,

revealing to the world the Moth - er of God. Through her things on earth

are joined with the heav - ens // for the sal - va - tion of our souls.

Sticheron 5

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

Today is the prelude of uni - ver - sal joy; today breezes blow

that herald sal - va - tion, and the barrenness of our na - ture is dis - pelled;

for the barren woman is revealed as the moth - er of her who remained

a vir - gin after giving birth to the Cre - a - tor. From her the

One Who is God by na - ture takes what is foreign to Him and makes

it His own; and works salvation through the flesh for those who

have gone a - stray. // He is Christ, the Lover of mankind and the

Re-deem - er of our souls.

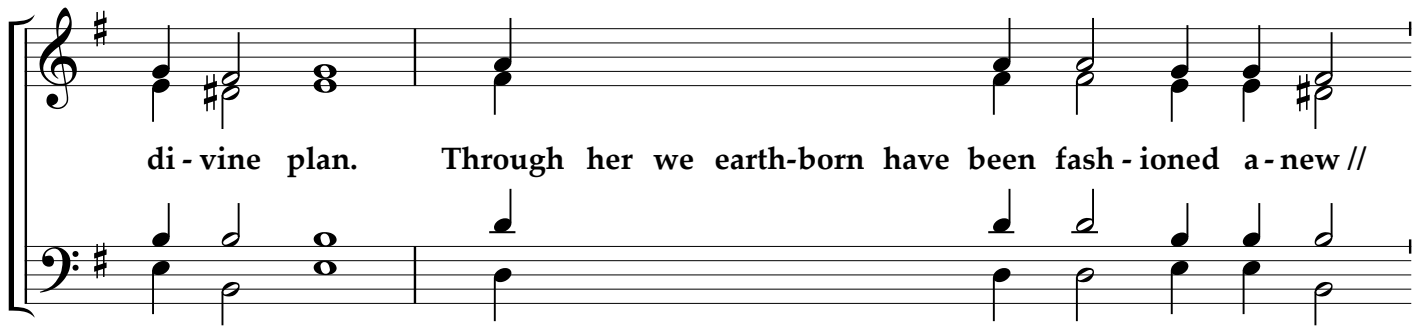
Sticheron 6

Soprano
Alto
Tenor
Bass

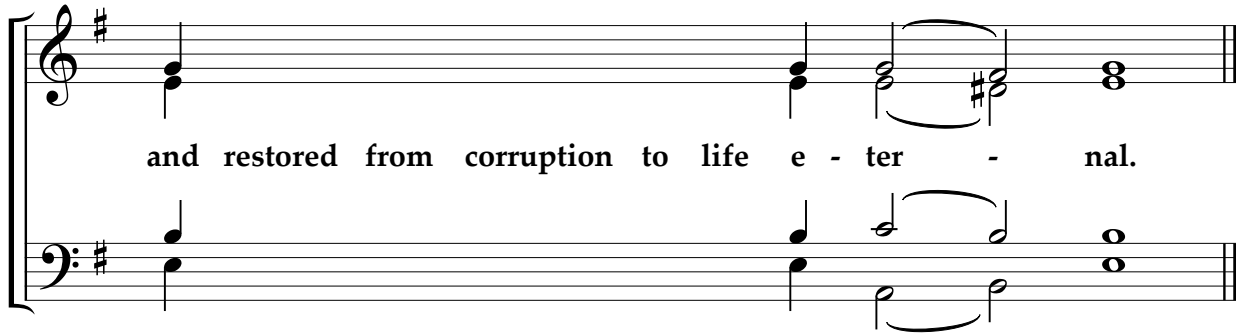
Today the barren Anna gives birth to the hand - maid of God,

who was chosen from all gener - a - tions to become the abode of

the King and Creator of all, Christ our God in fulfillment of the



di - vine plan. Through her we earth-born have been fash - ioned a - new //



and restored from corruption to life e - ter - nal.