

Stichera Aposticha

The Holy Theophany, the Baptism of Our Lord - January 6

Tone 2
Sticheron 1

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

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

John saw You coming to him in the Jordan, O Christ—

God, and he said: "You have no un - clean - ness, O Lord,

why do You come to Your ser - vant? In whose Name will I

bap - tize You? In the Name of the Fa - ther? But in Your-self

[You bear the Father.]

You bear the Fa - ther. In the Name of the Son?

But You Yourself are the Son in - car - nate. In the Name

of the Ho - ly Spir - it? But by Your breath You can

give the Spirit to the faith - ful." // O God Who shone forth, have

mer - cy on us!

v. The sea looked and fled, Jordan turned back. (Ps. 113:3)

Sticheron 2

The wa - ters saw You, O God, the waters saw You and
 were a - fraid. For the Cher - ubim cannot lift up their eyes
 to Your glo - ry, and the Seraphim cannot gaze at You;
 but they stand by You in fear: the Cher - ubim bear You up,
 and the Ser - a - phim glo - ri - fy Your might. With them,

[O merciful Lord...]

O merciful Lord, we proclaim Your praise and say: // "O God

Who shone forth, have mer - cy on us!"

v. What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? O Jordan, that you turned back? (Ps. 113:5)

Sticheron 3

Today the Maker of heaven and earth comes to the Jordan in

hu - man flesh. He Who is sinless asks to be bap - tized,

that He may cleanse the world from the error of the En - e - my.

[The Master of all...]

The Master of all is baptized by a ser-vant; through wa - ter

He gives cleansing to the hu - man race. Let us cry a -

loud to Him: // "O God Who shone forth, - glo - ry to You!"