

Stichera at "Lord, I Call..."

Nativity of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist, John - June 24

Tone 4
Sticheron 1

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

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

John is born, ending Zachariah's si-lence. The father cannot

Detailed description: This system contains the first two lines of the chant. It features four staves: Soprano and Alto (top two), and Tenor and Bass (bottom two). The music is in a key with one flat (B-flat major or D minor) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "John is born, ending Zachariah's si-lence. The father cannot".

keep silent when his son, the voice of the Lord, is born.

Detailed description: This system contains the third and fourth lines of the chant. It features four staves: Soprano and Alto (top two), and Tenor and Bass (bottom two). The lyrics are: "keep silent when his son, the voice of the Lord, is born.".

When at first he did not believe, his tongue was si-lenced,

Detailed description: This system contains the fifth and sixth lines of the chant. It features four staves: Soprano and Alto (top two), and Tenor and Bass (bottom two). The lyrics are: "When at first he did not believe, his tongue was si-lenced,".

but now John has been born to free his fa-ther:

Detailed description: This system contains the seventh and eighth lines of the chant. It features four staves: Soprano and Alto (top two), and Tenor and Bass (bottom two). The lyrics are: "but now John has been born to free his fa-ther:".

[the one who ...]

the one who heard the good news, and from whom

was born the voice of the Word, // the Forerunner of

Light, who always intercedes for our souls.

Sticheron 2

Today the voice of the Word is born, releasing Zachariah's

silence, revealing the harvest of the Church,

[loosing the bonds . . .]

loosing the bonds of bar - ren - ness. The candlestick of the

Light is draw-ing near. The ray of the Sun proclaims

His com - ing // for the edification of all and the

sal - va - tion of our souls.

Sticheron 3

The messenger of God's Word comes forth from the womb:

[the greatest ...]

the greatest among those born of wom - en; the most

high of the Proph - ets. Wonderful events precede the divine

mys - ter - y: a seedless conception; a mar -

vel - ous birth! // Glory to You Thee, Who have hast worked miracles

for our sal - va - tion!

Sticheron 4

Today the great Forerunner comes from the barren womb of

E - liz - a - beth; the great Prophet of Prophets, whom none

sur-pass in great-ness. The ra - dīant candlestick of the Light;

the voice of the Word, the friend of the Bridegroom, preparing

the Lord's chosen peo - ple by purifying them with water

[before the coming ...]

before the coming of the Spir - it. He is Zachariah's

off - spring, the child of the wil - der - ness, the

preacher of repentance, and the cleans - er of sins.

He announced the Resurrection even to those in hell, //

and he al - ways prays for our souls.

Sticheron 5

Today the Prophet and Forerunner ap - pears from the womb:

John, the Baptizer of our Lord Je - sus Christ. When

he saw the Queen come to the hand - maid, bear - ing in

her womb the time - less God, // he leaped in his

moth - er's womb and sang for joy.

Sticheron 6

Most glo - rious won - der! Zachariah asked the An - gel of

the Word: "How can E - lizabeth conceive and bear a son?

I am an old man; my wife is ad - vanced in years."

And for his unbelief, he was con - demned — to si - lence,

but today he beholds the birth and re - sumes his speech,

[entering into joy ...]

entering into joy and cry - ing out: "Blessed be the Lord

God — of Is - ra - el, for He has visited and redeemed

His peo - ple, // granting to the world great mer - cy!"

Sticheron 7

O John most praised, apostle to the u - ni - verse,

the good news of Gabriel, the fruit of bar - ren - ness,

[the ho-ly and . . .]

the ho - ly and righteous flower of the de - sert, the

belovèd friend of the Bride - groom Christ; // pray to

Him that He save our souls!