

Stichera Aposticha*

Afterfeast of the Theophany - January 11

Tone 4
Sticheron 1

Kievan Chant Melody
Model: "Thou hast given a sign"

Soprano Alto

Tenor Bass

The Lord — said to the Fore-run-ner: "Be-hold, how

else can I wear thine im - age, the image that

I My - self — have formed? — I must humble Myself

in a manner be - yond un - der - stand - ing: Why is

[this so strange, . . .]

**If this day falls on a Sunday, these stichera are sung at the Litya.*

this so strange,— O My friend? If I bow My

head be - neath thy hand, as one of thy fel - low

men,— and have the wa - ters cov - er My na - ked - ness,

I shall ac - com - plish My will. // In My compassion

I shall clothe the naked with im - mor - tal - i - ty."

Sticheron 2

"Thou hast assumed a body and ap-peared to us.

A womb received Thee, yet was not con-sumed by fire.

This was pre-fig-ured long a-go, when the furnace would

not burn the Ho - ly Youths. But how can I

who am on - ly grass touch Fire with my hand,

[O Jesus Almighty ...]

O Jesus Almighty, the Sav - ior of our souls, — //

before Whom all in heaven and earth do trem - ble?"

Sticheron 3

The Lord said: "Wash Me in the

wa - ters of Jor - dan, even though I have no

man - ner of stain at all. Thus, human nature,

[which has been defiled . . .]

which has been defiled by Ad - am's trans - gres - sion,

will be washed clean and be made new a - gain,

for, by My baptism, regeneration is grant - ed to

all man - kind, // through wa - ter and the Spir - it."