

Stichera Aposticha*

Afterfeast of the Theophany - January 11

Tone 4
Sticheron 1

Kievan Chant Melody
Model: "You have given a sign"

Soprano
Alto
Tenor
Bass

The Lord said to the Fore-run-ner: "Be - hold, how
else can I wear your 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 - beneath your hand, as one of your 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

"You have assumed a body and ap-peared to us.
 A womb received You, 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 Savior of our souls, //

before Whom all in heaven and earth do tremble?"

Sticheron 3

The Lord said: "Wash Me in the

wa-ters of Jordan, 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."