

# Stichera at "Lord I call..."

The Annunciation of the Theotokos - March 25

Optina Monastery Chant

Model melody: "Having placed all their hope"

Tone 6  
Sticheron 1

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Soprano  
Alto

Tenor  
Bass

Re-veal - ing to thee the pre-eternal coun -  
sel, Ga - bri - el came and stood before thee, O Maid - en,  
and greet-ing thee, he said: "Re-joyce, Earth that has not  
been sown! Re-joyce, burning Bush that re - mains un-con-sumed!  
Re-joyce, un - search - a - ble Depth! Re-joyce, Bridge that leads

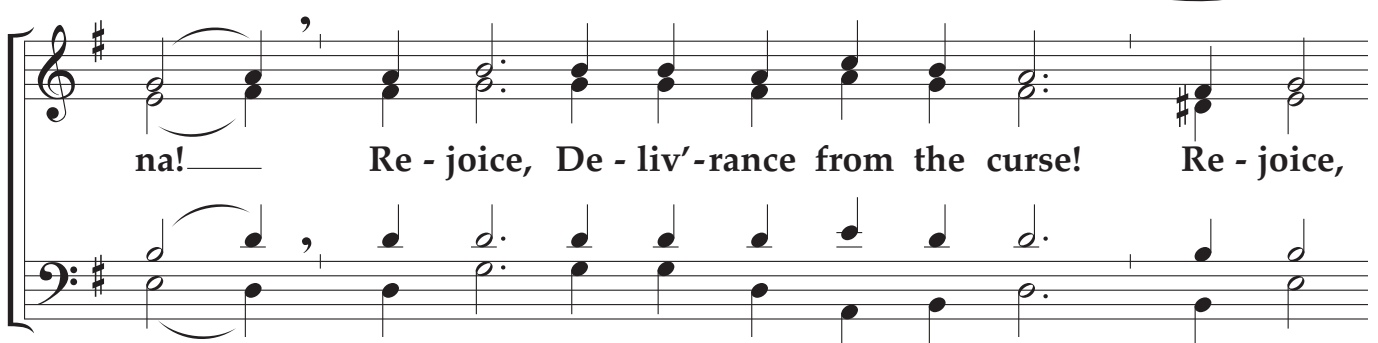
[ to Heav-en! ]



to Heav - en! Re - joice, Ladder raised on high that



Ja - cob saw! Re - joice, divine Jar of man -



na! Re - joice, De - liv' - rance from the curse! Re - joice,



Restoration of Ad - am; // the Lord is with thee!"

*\*ALTERNATIVE ENDING:*



the Lord is with thee!"

## Sticheron 2

Thou dost ap - pear to me in the form - of a man," said the

undefiled Maid to the chief of the Heav - en - ly Hosts. "How

then dost thou speak to me of things that pass man's pow - er?

Thou hast said that God — shall be with me and shall

take up His dwell - ing in my womb. How shall I become

[ the spacious habitation... ]

the spacious habitation and the holy place of Him Who rides

up-on the Cher - u-bim? Do not deceive me with trick - er -

y; — for I have not known pleas - ure, I have not

entered into wed - lock. // How then shall I bear a Child?"

*\*ALTERNATIVE ENDING:*

How then shall I bear a Child?"

## Sticheron 3

Then the bod - i - less An - gel re-plied: "When God so wills,

the order of nature is o - ver-come, and what is be - yond

man comes — to pass. Believe that my sayings are true, all-holy

and immaculate La - dy!" — And she cried — a-loud:

"Let it be to me ac-cord-ing to thy word, and I shall bear Him

[ who is without... ]

Who is with-out flesh! He shall bor-row flesh from me,

that through this un-ion of natures He may lead man up to his

an-cient glo-ry, // for He a-lone has pow-er so to do."

*\*ALTERNATIVE ENDING:*

for He a-lone has pow-er so to do."