

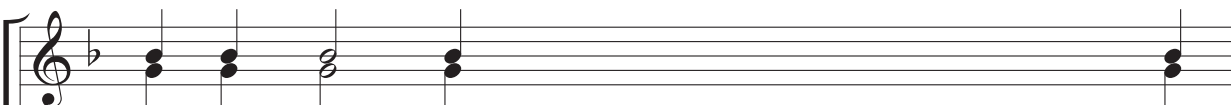
Stichera at Litya

The Annunciation of the Theotokos - March 25

Tone 1
Sticheron 1

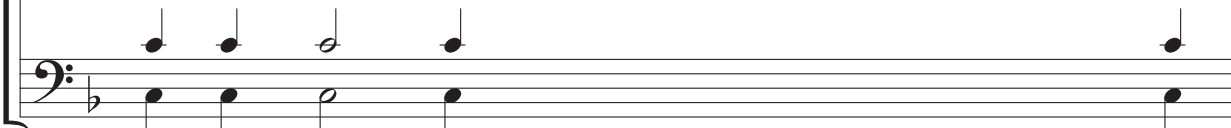
Russian Imperial Court Chant
arr. from L'vov/Bakhmetev

Soprano
Alto



In the sixth month the chief of the Angelic Hosts was

Tenor
Bass



sent to thee, O pure — Vir - gin, to declare to thee the



word of sal - va - tion, and to greet thee, say - ing:



"Rejoice, O Full of Grace, the Lord is with — thee!



[Thou shalt bring forth . . .]

Thou shalt bring forth a Son, begotten before the ages

from the Fa - ther, // and He shall save His peo - ple

from their sins!"

Sticheron 2

In the sixth month the Archangel Gabriel was sent from

heav - en to the city of Nazareth in Gal - i - lee, to

[bring glad tidings of joy . . .]

bring glad tid - ings of joy to the Maid - en. And com - ing

before her, he cried out say - ing: "Re - joice, O

Full of Grace, the Lord is with thee! Rejoice, Vessel

containing the Uncontainable Na - ture; for Him

Whom the heavens can - not con - tain, thy womb now con -

[con-tains, O blessed One.]

tains, O bless - ed One. Re-joyce, O Lady, the restoration of

Adam and the de - liv - er - ance of Eve, // the joy of the

world and the great exultation of the hu - man race!"

Sticheron 3

The An - gel Ga - briel was sent from heav - en by God

to an undefiled Virgin in the city of Nazareth in Gal - i -

[Gal-i-lee, / to bring her glad . . .]

lee, to bring her glad tidings of the wondrous

manner of her con - ceiv - ing. The bodiless servant was

sent to the living cit - y and the spir - it - ual gate,

to pro - claim the condescension of the Mas - ter's com - ing.

The heavenly warrior was sent to the living palace of

[glory, / to prepare . . .]

glo - ry, to pre - pare in advance an everlasting

abode for the Cre - a - tor. And com - ing be - fore her, he

cried: "Re - joice, O fiery Throne, surpassing in glory the

likeness of the four liv - ing crea - tures! Rejoice, O Seat of the

heav - en - ly King! Re - joice, unhewn Mountain and most

[precious Vessel; / for in thee . . .]

pre - cious Ves - sel; for in thee all the fullness of the

Godhead has come to dwell— bod - i - ly, by the good

pleas - ure of the everlast - ing Fa - ther, and the

cooperation of the Holy Spir - it. // Rejoice, O Full of

Grace, the Lord is with thee!"