

Doxasticha at the Litya

The Annunciation of the Theotokos - March 25

*vs. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.**

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

Tone 8

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

Let the heav - ens be glad and the earth re - joice; for the

Son, Who with the Father is coe - ter - nal, also without

be - gin - ning, and co - en - throned with Him, took pity and

showed merciful love for man - kind, and emptied Himself, in

[accordance with the . . .]

*If it be a Saturday or Sunday, we have a split "Glory...", singing "Let the heavens be glad" and then "Now and ever..." and the sticheron "Today Gabriel announces". But if the feast falls on a weekday, then we sing "Glory... now and ever..." and then the sticheron "Today Gabriel announces".

accordance with the Father's good pleasure and coun -

sel, and made His abode in a virginal womb purified be -

fore - hand by the Spir - it. Oh, won - der!

God is come a - mong — men! He Who cannot be con -

tained is con-tained in a womb; the Timeless One en - ters

[time. / Oh, great mystery!]

time. Oh, great mys - ter - y! His conception is

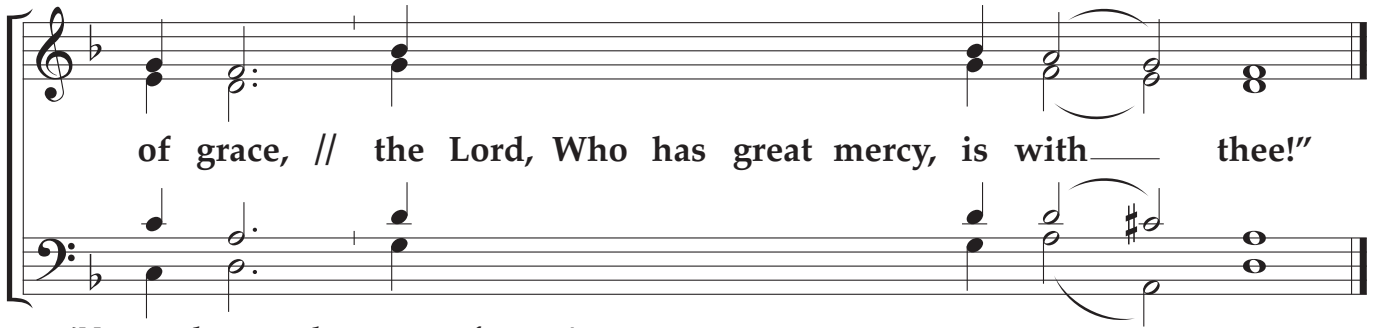
without seed, His emp - ty - ing in - ex - press - i - ble! So

great is this mys - ter - y! For God empties Himself and

is made flesh and is formed, when the Angel tells the pure

Virgin of her con - cep - tion, — say - ing: “Re-joyce, O full

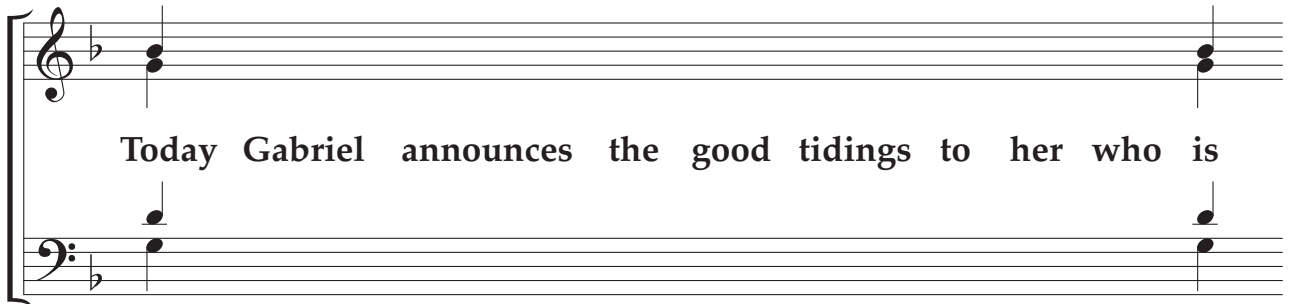
[of grace, // the Lord . . .]



of grace, // the Lord, Who has great mercy, is with thee!"

*vs. *Now, and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Tone 2



Today Gabriel announces the good tidings to her who is



full of grace: "Rejoice, unwedded Maiden! Be not a -

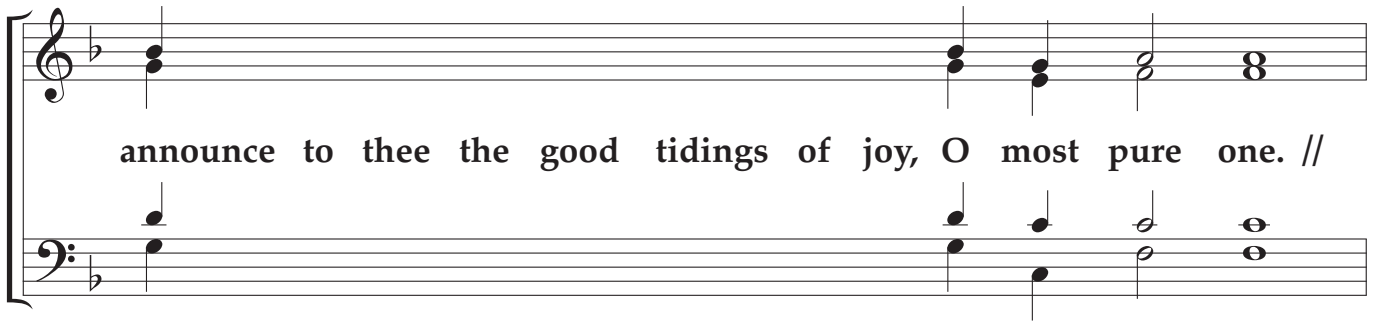


mazed at my strange appearance, nor be afraid. I am an

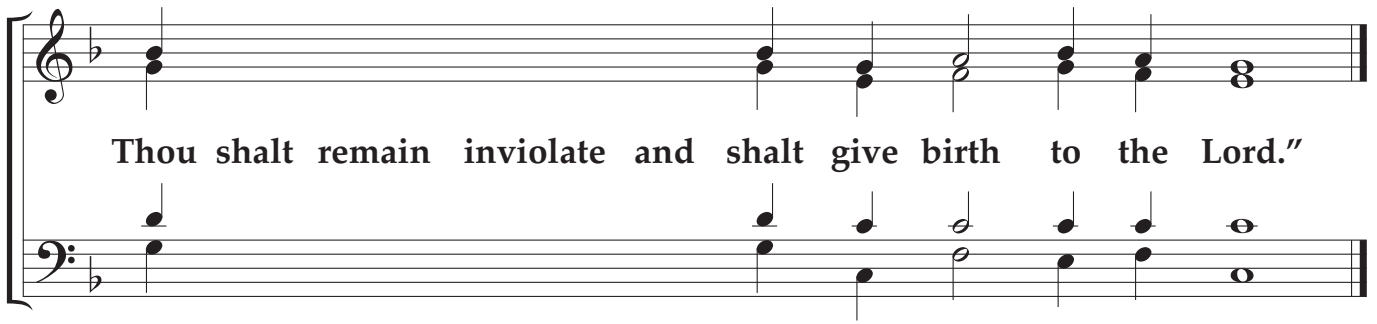


Arch-angel. The serpent once beguiled Eve, but now I

[announce to thee the . . .]



announce to thee the good tidings of joy, O most pure one. //



Thou shalt remain inviolate and shalt give birth to the Lord."