

Stichera at the Litya

The Annunciation of the Theotokos - March 25

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arr. from B. Ledkovsky

Tone 1
Sticheron 1

Soprano
Alto

In the sixth— month the chief of the Angelic Hosts was

Tenor
Bass

sent to thee, O pure— Vir - gin, to de - clare to thee the

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

"Re - jice, O Full of Grace, the Lord is with— thee!

Thou shalt bring forth— a Son, begotten before the ages

[from the Father, // and He . . .]

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

[before her, he cried . . .]

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

Full of Grace, the Lord is with — thee! Re - joyce, ves - sel

containing the Uncontainable Na - ture; for Him

Whom the heavens cannot contain, thy womb now con-

tains, O blessed One. Re - joyce, — O Lady, the

[restoration of Adam . . .]

restoration of Adam and the de - liv - erance 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

[Galilee, / to bring . . .]

Gal - i - 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! Re - joice, O

Seat of the heav - en - ly King! Re - joice, unhewn Mountain

[and most precious Vessel!]

and most precious 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 co - operation of the Ho - ly Spir - it. // Re -

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