

Doxastichon at the Litya

The Annunciation of the Theotokos - March 25

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

Kievan Chant
arr. from B. Ledkovsky

Tone 8

Soprano
Alto

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

Tenor
Bass

for the Son, Who with the Father is co - e - 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 . . .]

*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".

emp - tied Him - self, in accordance with the Father's good

plea - sure 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 enters time.]

the Timeless One en - ters 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,

[saying: / "Rejoice . . .]

say - ing: "Re - joice, O full of grace, // the Lord, Who

has great mer - cy, is with you!"

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

Tone 2

To - day — Gabriel announces the good tidings to her who is

full of grace: "Rejoice, unwed - ded Maid - en! Be not a -

mazed at my strange appearance, nor be a - fraid. I am

[an Archangel.]

an Arch - an - gel. The serpent once be - guiled

Eve, but now I an - nounce to you the good tidings of

joy, O most pure one. // You shall re - main inviolate and

shall give birth to the Lord."