

The Nativity of Our Lord

STICHERA at the LITY

Common Chant,
arranged from
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Sticheron 1: Tone 1.

Soprano
Alto

(Melody
in Alto)

Make mer - ry, O heaven and earth as the proph - ets fore - told!

Tenor
Bass

Cel - ebrate in the spirit, O an - gels and men! God is

born of a woman and ap - pears in the flesh to those who sit in

dark - ness and shad - ow. A cave and a man - ger

wel - come Him. Shep - herds announce the won - der.

Wise men from the East offer gifts in Beth - le - hem.

Let us from our unworthy lips, offer praise like the an - gels:

"Glo - ry to God in the highest, and on earth peace!"

The expectation of the na - tions has come! He has

come and saved us from bondage to the en - e - my!

Sticheron 2: In the same Tone.

To - day heav - en and earth are united, for Christ is born. Today God

has come to earth, and man ascends to heav - en. To - day God,

who by nature can - not be seen, is seen in the flesh for our sake.

Let us glo - ri - fy Him, cry - ing out: "Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth -- peace! Thy com - ing has brought

peace to us. Glory to Thee, O our Sav - ior!"

Sticheron 3: In the same Tone.

"Glo - ry to God in the high - est," I hear the angels sing today in

Beth - le - hem. Glo - ry to Him whose good pleas - ure it was

that peace should come on earth! The Vir - gin is now more spacious

than the heav - ens. Light has shone on those in dark - ness;

It has ex - alt - ed the lowly, who sing like the an - gels:

"Glo - ry to God in the high - est!"

Sticheron 4: In the same Tone.

Man was created in God's im - age and like - ness, but when Jesus

saw him fallen through trans - gres - sion, He bowed the heavens and

came down, dwelling in a vir - gin's womb, with - out for -

sak - ing His di - vin - i - ty. Ad - am, once corrupted,

was re - fash - ioned. He cried out: "Glory to Thine ap - pear - ing,

O my Re - deem - er and my God!"

"Glory" in the Fifth Tone:

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly

Tone 5.

Spir - it. The wise men, kings from Per - sia,

per - ceived with - out an - y doubt that Thou wast born on earth,

O Heav - en - ly King. Drawn by the light of a star, they hurried

to Beth - le - hem. They offered Thee ac - cept - a - ble gifts:

gold, myrrh, and frank - in - cense. They fell down be - fore Thee

and wor - shipped Thee, see - ing Thee, the Time - less One,

ly - ing in the cave as an in - fant.

"Now and ever" in the Sixth Tone:

Now and ever, and un - to a - ges of a - ges. A - men.

Tone 6.

All the angels in heaven make merry and dance to - day.

All cre - a - tion leaps for joy! The Lord and Savior is born in Beth -

le - hem. Every deception of idols is swept a - way,

and Christ reigns un - to all a - ges!