

Stichera Aposticha

The Nativity of Christ - December 25

Tone 2

Sticheron 1

Kievan Chant

arr. from B. Ledkovsky

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

A great — and wondrous mystery un - folds to - day:

a virgin gives birth and remains a vir - gin.

The Word is made flesh without leaving His Fa - ther.

An - gels and shep - herds glo - ri - fy Him. Let us

[join in their song:]

join in their song: // "Glo - ry to God in the high - est

and on earth_____ peace."

v. The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at My right hand until I make Thine enemies Thy footstool!" (Ps. 109:1)

Tone 3

Sticheron 2

To - day the Virgin gives birth to the Ma - ker of all.

E - den of - fers a cave. To those in dark - ness, a

star re - veals_____ Christ_____ the Sun. Wise Men are en -

[lightened by faith . . .]

lightened by faith and wor - ship with gifts. Shep - herds be -

hold the wonder, and the An - gels sing: // "Glo - ry to

God in the high - est."

v. Out of the womb before the morning star have I begotten Thee. (Ps. 109;4a)

Sticheron 3

When Je - sus the Lord was born in Bethlehem of

Ju - dah, Wise Men came from the East to worship

[God made man.]

God made— man. Ea - ger - ly o - pen - ing their treas -

ures, they of - fered pre - cious gifts— to Him:

pur - est gold for the King of the ag - es,

frank - incense for the God— of all, myrrh, for the Im -

mor - tal One, as though He were dead three— days.

[Come, all you nations . . .]

Come, all you nations, let us wor - ship — Him! // He is

This musical system consists of two staves, treble and bass, in the key of D major (one sharp). The melody is written in a Kievan chant style, featuring a mix of eighth and quarter notes with some rests. The lyrics are written below the staves, with a double bar line and repeat sign after the word 'Him!'.

born — to save — our souls.

This musical system continues the melody from the first system. It also consists of two staves in D major. The melody concludes with a final cadence. The lyrics 'born — to save — our souls.' are written below the staves.