

Post-Gospel Stichera

The Nativity of Christ - December 25

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

Tone 2

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly

Spir - it. Today all things are filled with

joy, // for Christ is born of the Vir - gin.

Now and ever, and unto ages of ag - es. A - men.

[Today all things . . .]

Today all things are filled with joy, // for Christ is

This system of musical notation is for the first line of the hymn. It consists of a treble and a bass staff joined by a brace on the left. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody in the treble staff begins with a half note G4, followed by a half note A4, then a half note Bb4. The bass staff provides a simple accompaniment with half notes G3, A3, and Bb3. The lyrics 'Today all things are filled with joy, // for Christ is' are written below the staves.

born of the Vir - gin.

This system of musical notation is for the second line of the hymn. It continues the melody from the first system. The treble staff has a half note C5, followed by a half note D5, then a half note E5. The bass staff has a half note G3, followed by a half note A3, then a half note Bb3. The lyrics 'born of the Vir - gin.' are written below the staves.

Tone 6 (may be pitched in G minor, up a fourth)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your great

This system of musical notation is for the third line of the hymn. It begins with a new melodic phrase. The treble staff has a half note G4, followed by a half note A4, then a half note Bb4. The bass staff has a half note G3, followed by a half note A3, then a half note Bb3. The lyrics 'Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your great' are written below the staves.

mer - cy, and according to the multitude of Your tender

This system of musical notation is for the fourth line of the hymn. It continues the melody from the third system. The treble staff has a half note C5, followed by a half note D5, then a half note E5. The bass staff has a half note G3, followed by a half note A3, then a half note Bb3. The lyrics 'mer - cy, and according to the multitude of Your tender' are written below the staves.

mer - cies, // blot out my trans-gres - sion!

This system of musical notation is for the fifth line of the hymn. It continues the melody from the fourth system. The treble staff has a half note G4, followed by a half note A4, then a half note Bb4. The bass staff has a half note G3, followed by a half note A3, then a half note Bb3. The lyrics 'mer - cies, // blot out my trans-gres - sion!' are written below the staves.

[Glory to God . . .]

Tone 6

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace!

Today Bethlehem receives Him Who reigns forever with the

Fa - ther. Today Angels glorify the newborn

Babe in hymns wor - thy of God: "Glory to God in the

high - est, // and on earth, peace, good will to men!"