

Stichera at the Praises

The Nativity of the Theotokos - September 8

Tone 1
Sticheron 1

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

Soprano
Alto



Oh, the mar - vel - ous won - der! The source of


Tenor
Bass




Life is born of a barren wom - an, and grace



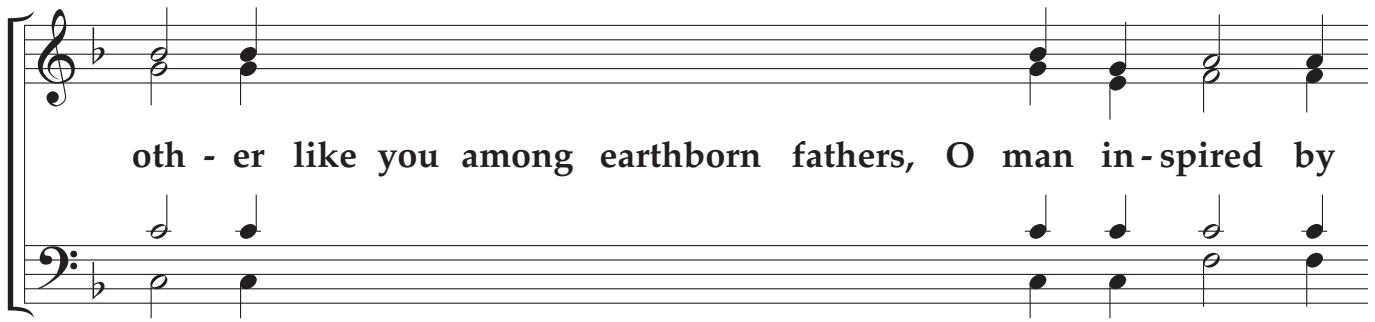
gloriously begins to bear its fruit. Rejoice, Joachim, who have



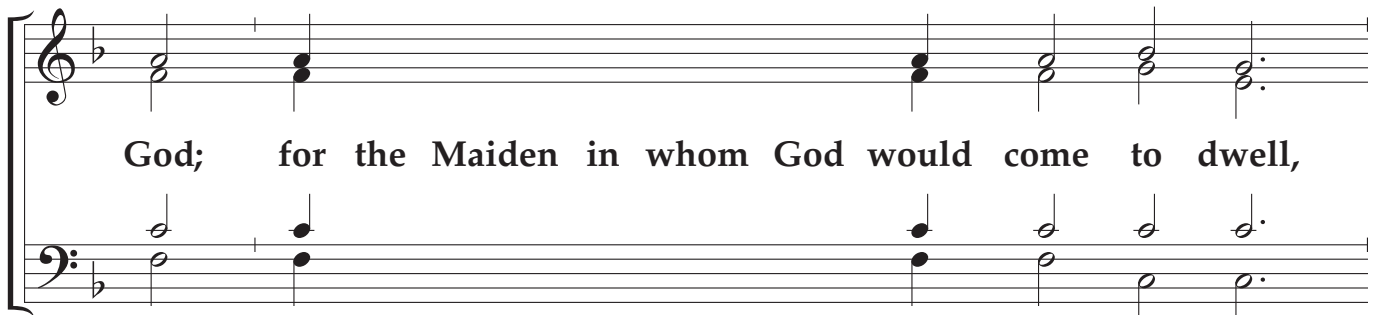
become the father of the The - o - to - kos! There is no



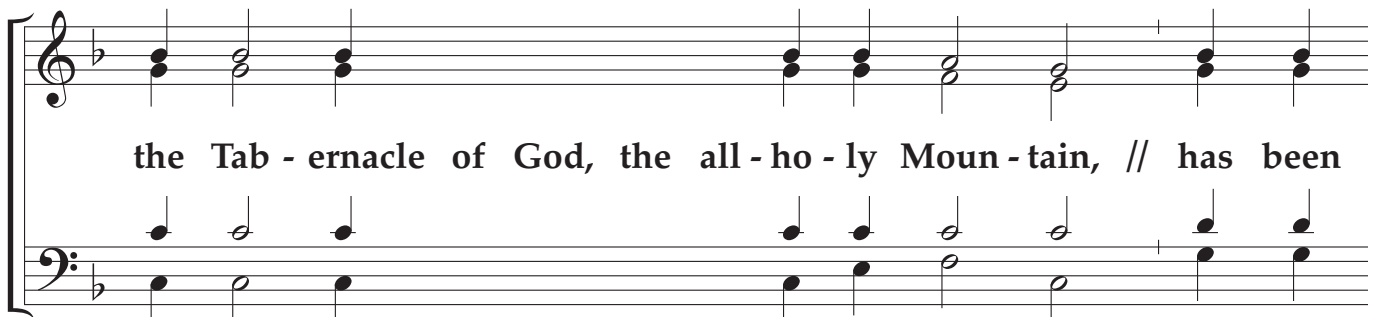
[other like you . . .]



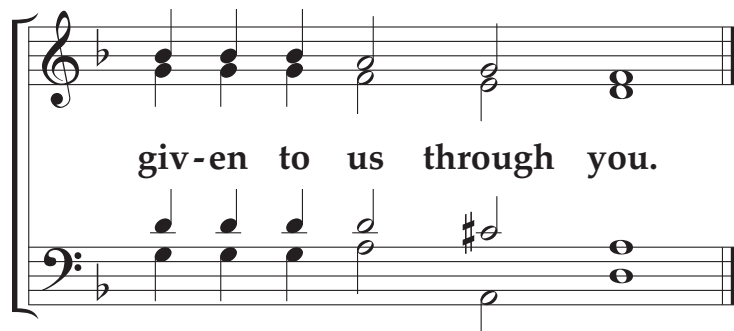
oth - er like you among earthborn fathers, O man in-spired by



God; for the Maiden in whom God would come to dwell,

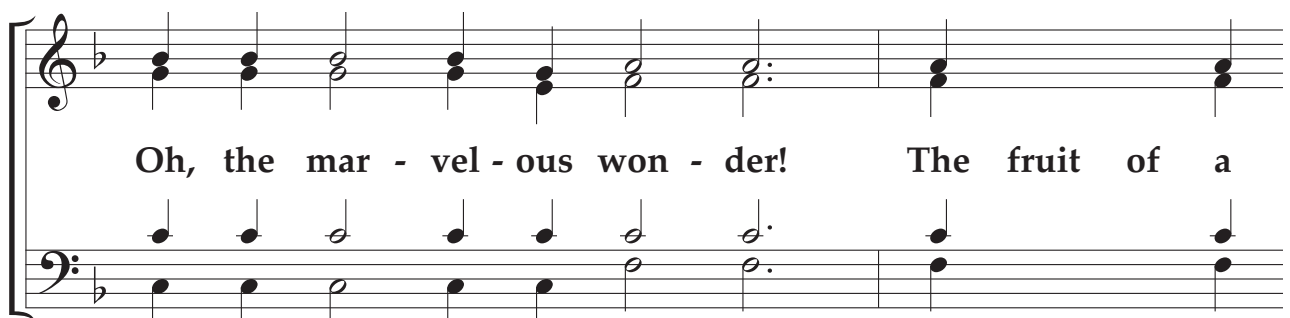


the Tab - ernacle of God, the all - ho - ly Moun - tain, // has been



giv-en to us through you.

Sticheron 2



Oh, the mar - vel - ous won - der! The fruit of a

[barren woman]

bar-ren wom - an has shone forth at the behest of the

Al-might-y Mak - er of all, and mightily destroyed the

barrenness of this world, which was fruit - less in good — things.

You moth - ers, dance with the Mother of the The - o - to -

kos and cry: "Rejoice, O full of grace, the Lord is with —

[you // He Who grants . . .]

you, // He Who grants the world through you His great

mer - cy!"

Sticheron 3

A liv - ing pil - lar of chas - ti - ty and bright vessel

shin - ing with grace, glo - ri - ous An - na has given

birth to the true stronghold of vir - gin - i - ty, the di - vine

[flower, who manifestly . . .]

flower, who manifestly bestows the beau - ty of vir - gin - i - ty

on all virgins and women who de - sire that grace, //

and grants to all the faithful great mer - cy.