

Stichera at the Praises

The Nativity of the Theotokos - September 8

Tone 1
Sticheron 1

Kievan Chant
arr. from B. Ledkovsky

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

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

Life is born of a bar - ren wom - an, and grace

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

hast become the father of the The - o - to - kos!

[there is no other like thee . . .]

There is no oth - er like thee among earthborn fathers,

The first system of musical notation for the Sticheron. It consists of a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the staffs.

O man in - spired by God; for the Maiden in whom God would

The second system of musical notation. It continues the melody and bass line from the first system. The lyrics are written below the staffs.

come to dwell, the Tab - ernacle of God, the all-holy Moun - tain, //

The third system of musical notation. It continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are written below the staffs. The system ends with a double bar line and two slashes (//).

has been giv - en to us through thee.

The fourth system of musical notation. It continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are written below the staffs. The system ends with a double bar line and a sharp sign (#8).

Sticheron 2

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

The first system of musical notation for Sticheron 2. It consists of a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the staffs.

[barren wom-an . . .]

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

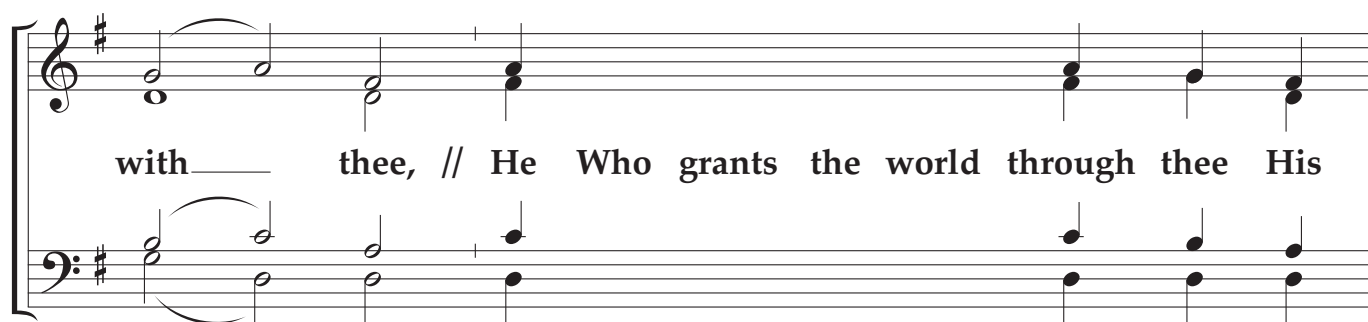
the Almighty Mak - er of all, and mightily destroyed the

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

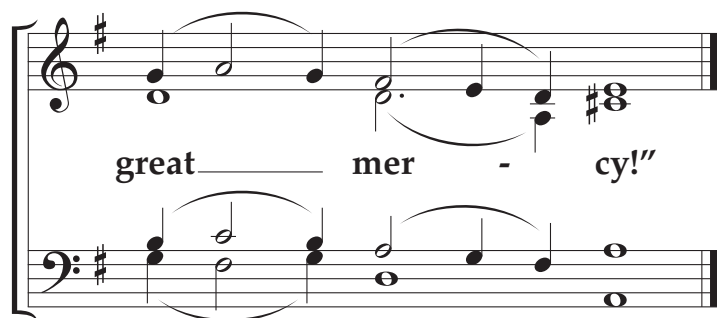
You moth - ers, dance with the Mother of the The - o -

to - kos and cry: "Rejoice, O full of grace, the Lord is

[with thee...]



with thee, // He Who grants the world through thee His

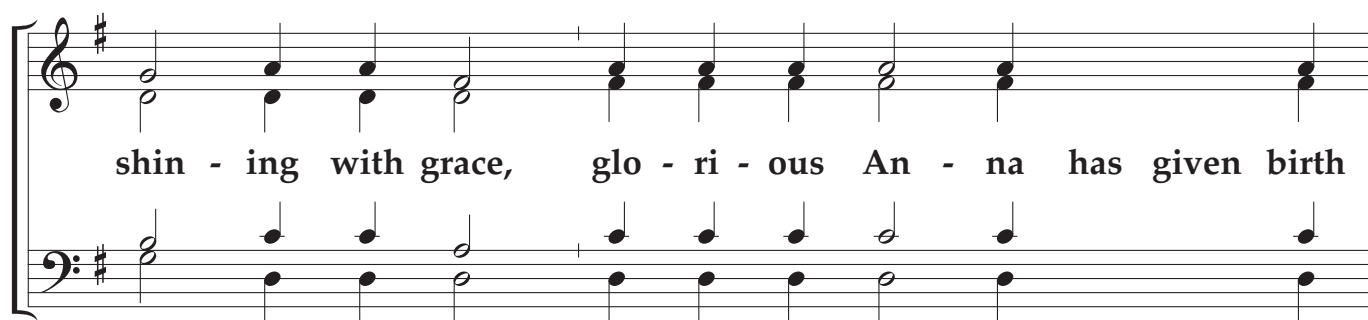


great mer - cy!"

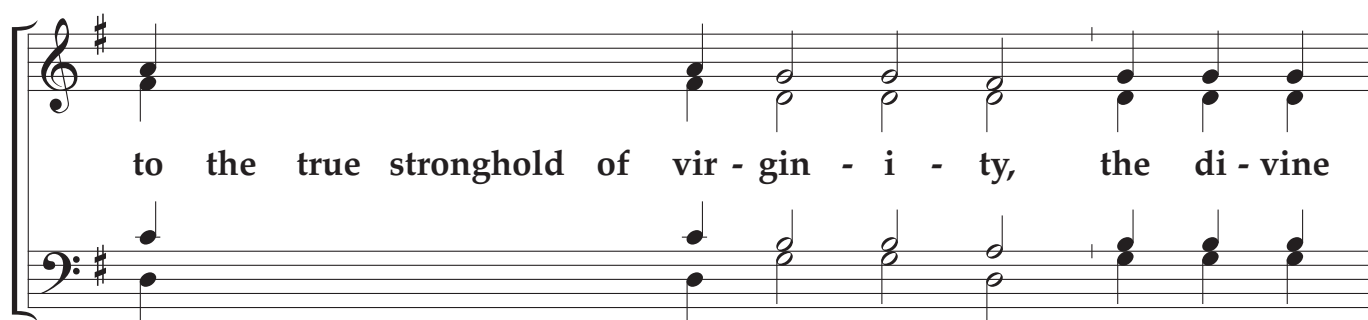
Sticheron 3



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



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 vir - gins and women who de - sire that grace, //

and grants to all the faith - ful great mer - cy.