Stichera at the Aposticha
Annunciation of the Theotokos - March 25

Tone 4

Kievan Chant
arr. from B. Ledkovsky

In the sixth month, the Archangel was sent to the pure

Virgin; and with his greeting, "Rejoice," he announced the

good news that the Deliverer was to come forth from her. Therefore

having received the salutation with faith, she conceived You, the

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pre-ter-nal God, Who were well-pleased ineffably
to become man// for the salvation of our souls.

v. Proclaim from day to day the glad tidings of the salvation of our God!

The Theotokos heard a tongue that she knew not, for
the Archangel addressed to her the words of glad tidings; therefore,
accepting the salu-ta-tion with faith, she con-ceived
You, the pre- eternal God. And so, rejoicing exceedingly,

we too cry a loud to You: “O God made flesh from her without
change, // grant peace to the world, and great mer-

change, //

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to our souls!”

v. Sing to the Lord a new song!
in a manner beyond understanding, God is united to mankind;

at the voice of the Archangel, delusion is destroyed, for the

Virgin receives joy; things of the earth have become

heaven; and the world is freed from the ancient curse. Let

creation rejoice exceedingly and sing with voices of praise: // O Lord,
our Maker and Deliverer, glory to You!