Stichera on "Lord, I Call"
Annunciation of the Theotokos - March 25

Sticheron 1
Tone 6

Common Chant
arr. from Lʹvov/Bakhmetev

Revealing to you the pre-eternal counsel, Gabriel came and stood before you, O Maiden, and greeting you, he said:

"Rejoice, earth that has not been sown! Rejoice, burning bush that remains un consumed! Rejoice, unsearchable depth!

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Rejoice, bridge that leads to Heaven! Rejoice, ladder raised on high

that Jacob saw! Rejoice, divine jar of manna! Rejoice,

deliverance from the curse! Rejoice, restoration of Adam; the Lord is with you!

“You appear to me in the form of a man,” said the undefiled Maid
to the chief of the Heavenly Hosts. "How then do you speak to me of things that pass man's power? You have said that God shall be with me and shall take up His dwelling in my womb. How shall I become the spacious habitation and the holy place of Him Who rides upon the Cherubim? Do not deceive me with trickery;
for I have not known pleasure, I have not entered into wedlock. //

How then shall I bear a Child?”

Then the bodiless Angel replied: “When God so wills, the order of nature is over come, and what is beyond man comes to pass.

Believe that my sayings are true, O all-holy and immaculate
La dy!" And she cried aloud: "Let it be to me according to your word, and I shall bear Him Who is without flesh!

He shall borrow flesh from me, that through this mingling He may lead mankind up to its ancient glory,// for He alone has power so to do."