In the sixth month the chief of the Angelic Hosts was sent to you,

O pure Virgin, to declare to you the word of salvation,

and to greet you saying: “Rejoice, O full of grace, the Lord is with you! You shall bring forth a Son, begotten before the ages from the
Fa ther, and He shall save His peo ple from their sins!"

In the sixth month the Archangel Gabriel was sent from heav en to the city of Nazareth in Gal i lee, to bring glad tid ings of joy to the Maid - en. And coming before her, he cried out say - ing: "Re-joice, O full of grace, the Lord is with you! Rejoice, Vessel

Sticheron 2
by Anatolius
containing the Uncontainable Nature; for Him Whom the heavens cannot contain, your womb now contains, O blessed

One. Rejoice, O Lady, the restoration of Adam and the deliverance of Eve, // the joy of the world and the great exultation of the human race!”
The Angel Gabriel was sent from heaven by God to an undefiled Virgin in the city of Nazareth in Galilee, to bring her glad tidings of the wondrous manner of her conceiving. The bodiless servant was sent to the living City and the spiritual Gate, to proclaim the condescension of the Master's coming. The heavenly
战利品被送到活的宫殿，以准备好

在 advance an everlasting abode for the Cre a - tor. And com ing

be - fore her, he cried: “Re - joice, O fiery Throne, surpassing in glory

the likeness of the four liv - ing crea - tures! Re joice, O Seat of the

heav - en - ly King! Re - joice, unhewn Mountain and most precious
Vessel; for in you all the fullness of the Godhead has come to
dwell bodily, by the good pleasure of the everlasting

Father, and the co-operation of the Holy Spirit.// Rejoice, O

full of grace, the Lord is with you!"
v. *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Sticheron 4
Tone 8
by John the Monk

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice; for the

Son, Who with the Father is co-e-ter-nal, also with-out

be-gin-ning, and en-throned with Him, took pity and showed merciful

love for man-kind, and em-p-tied Him-self, in accord with the Father's

* If it be a Saturday or Sunday, we have a split “Glory...”, singing “Let the heavens be glad” and then “Now and ever...” and the sticheron “Today Gabriel announces”. But if the feast falls on a weekday, then we sing “Glory....now and ever...” and the sticheron “Today Gabriel announces”.

good pleasure and counsel, and made His abode in a virginal womb purified beforehand by the Spirit. Oh, wonder!

God is come among men! He Who cannot be contained is contained in a womb; the Timeless One enters time. Oh, great mystery! His conception is without seed, His emptying
inexpressible! So great is this mystery! For God emptied Himself and is made flesh and is formed, when the Angel tells the pure Virgin of her conception, saying: “Rejoice, O full of grace, the Lord, Who has great mercy, is with you!”


Sticheron 5
Tone 2
by Cosmas the Monk

Today Gabriel announces the good tidings to her who is full of grace.
Rejoice, unwedded Maid-en! Be not amazed at my strange appearance, nor be afraid. I am an Archangel. The serpent once beguiled Eve, but now I announce to you the good tidings of joy, O most pure one. You shall remain inviolate and shall give birth to the Lord.