Stichera at the Aposticha

Nativity of the Theotokos - September 8

Sticheron 1
Tone 4
by Patriarch Germanos

Kievan Chant
arr. from B. Ledkovsky

The joy of all the world has dawned for us from the right-eous ones;

the all-praised Virgin who springs from Joachim and Anna. Through the a-

dundance of goodness she becomes the living temple of God, and she alone

is acknowledged as truly the Theoto-
kos. Through her prayers, O

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Christ God, send peace to the world and to our souls—great mercy!

As foretold by the Angel's prophecy, you have come forth today, O Virgin, the most sacred fruit of righteous Joachim and Anna.

You are the heaven and throne of God, the vessel of purity, heralding joy to all the world, you that bring us our life,
the annulment of the curse, the bestowal bestowed in its stead. Wherefore

on this feast of your birth, O Maiden called by God, // en treat

peace for the world and for our souls—great mercy!

v. The rich among the people shall pray before Your face (Ps 44/45:12)

Sticheron 3

Let the barren and childless Anna today clap her hands— with gladness!

Let those on earth be decked in splendor; let rulers leap for joy; let
priests be glad in blessing; let the whole world keep the feast! For behold

the Queen and immaculate bride of the Father, has sprung forth from

the root of Jesse. No longer will women bear children in

sorrow for joy has blossomed forth, and the Life of mankind now

dwells in the world. No longer are the offerings of Joaachim
turned a-way, for the lamentation of Anna has been changed to joy.

She cries: "Rejoice with me, all you chosen of Israel, for behold, the Lord has given me the living palace of His divine glory for our common gladness and joy and for the salvation of our souls!"