

Stichera Aposticha

The Nativity of Christ - December 25

Tone 2
Sticheron 1

Russian Imperial Court Chant
arr. from L'vov/Bakhmetev

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

A great and wondrous mystery un - folds to - day. A

Detailed description: This system shows the first line of the chant. It features two vocal staves: Soprano/Alto (treble clef) and Tenor/Bass (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The Soprano/Alto part begins with a whole note chord (F4, C5) and continues with a sequence of notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4. The Tenor/Bass part begins with a whole note chord (Bb2, F3) and continues with a sequence of notes: G2, F3, E3, D3, C3, Bb2, A2. The lyrics are: "A great and wondrous mystery un - folds to - day. A".

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Detailed description: This system shows the second line of the chant. The Soprano/Alto part continues with notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4. The Tenor/Bass part continues with notes: G2, F3, E3, D3, C3, Bb2, A2. The lyrics are: "virgin gives birth and remains a vir - gin. The Word is made".

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Detailed description: This system shows the third line of the chant. The Soprano/Alto part continues with notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4. The Tenor/Bass part continues with notes: G2, F3, E3, D3, C3, Bb2, A2. The lyrics are: "flesh without leaving His Fa - ther. Angels and shepherds".

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Detailed description: This system shows the fourth line of the chant. The Soprano/Alto part continues with notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4. The Tenor/Bass part continues with notes: G2, F3, E3, D3, C3, Bb2, A2. The lyrics are: "glo - ri - fy Him. Let us join in their song: // "Glo - ry to".

[God in the highest . . .]

God in the highest, and on earth, peace!"

v. The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at My right hand until I make Thine enemies Thy footstool!" (Ps. 109:1)

Tone 3

Sticheron 2

Today the Virgin gives birth to the Mak - er of all.

E - den of - fers a cave. To those in darkness, a star reveals

Christ, the Sun. Wise men are enlightened by faith and

wor - ship with gifts. Shepherds behold the wonder, and the

[Angels sing:]

An - gels sing: // "Glo-ry to God in the high - est!"

v. Out of the womb before the morning star have I begotten Thee. (Ps. 109:4a)

Sticheron 3

When Jesus the Lord was born in Bethlehem of Ju - dah,

wise men came from the East to worship God made man.

Eagerly opening their treas - ures, they offered precious gifts to

Him: purest gold for the King of the ag - es;

[frankincense, for the . . .]

frankincense, for the God of all; myrrh, for the Im-mor - tal

One, as though He were dead three days. Come, all you

nations, let us wor - ship Him! // He is born to

save our souls.