

Stichera at the Aposticha

Nativity of the Theotokos - September 8

Common Chant

arr. from L'vov/Bakhmetev

Tone 4

by Patriarch Germanos

Sticheron 1

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

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

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

bun-dance of goodness she becomes the liv-ing tem-ple of God, and she alone

is acknowledged as truly the Theo-to - kos. Through her prayers, — O

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Christ— God, // send peace to the world and to our souls great mer - cy!

v. Hear, O daughter, and see, and incline thine ear! (Ps 44/45:10)

Sticheron 2

As foretold by the Angel's proph - e - cy, thou hast come forth

to - day, O Vir - gin, the most sa - cred fruit of righteous Joachim and

An - na. Thou art the heaven and throne of God, the vessel of pu - ri - ty,

heralding joy to all the world, thou that bring - est us our life,

the annulment of the curse, the bestowal be - stowed in its stead. Where fore

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

peace for the world and for our souls great mer - cy!

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

Sticheron 3

Let the barren and childless Anna today clap her hands with glad - ness!

Let those on earth be decked in splendor; let rulers leap for joy; let

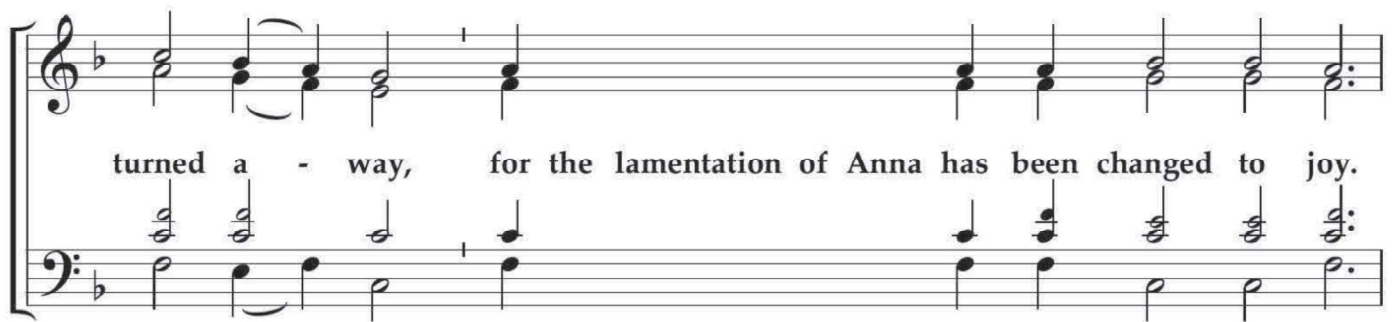
priests be glad in blessing; let the whole world keep the feast! For be-hold

the Queen and immaculate bride of the Fa - ther has sprung forth from

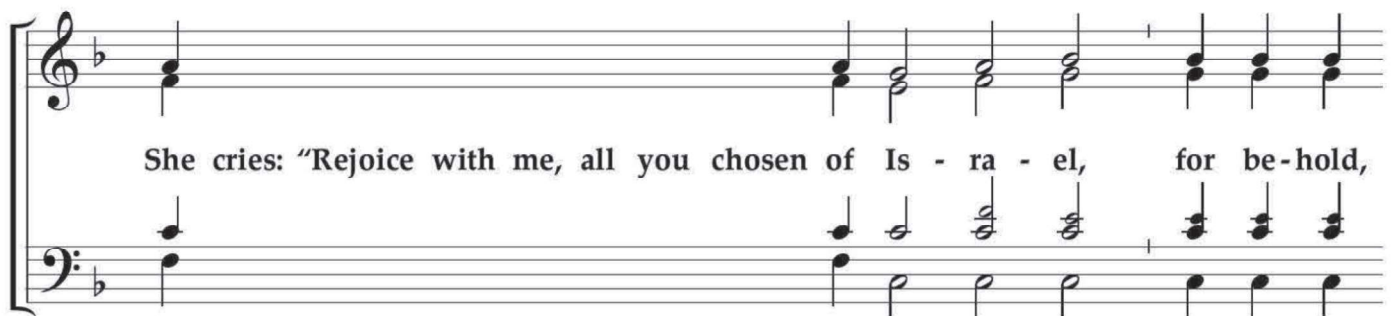
the root of Jes - se. No longer will women bear children in

sorrow, for joy has blos - somed forth, and the Life of mankind now

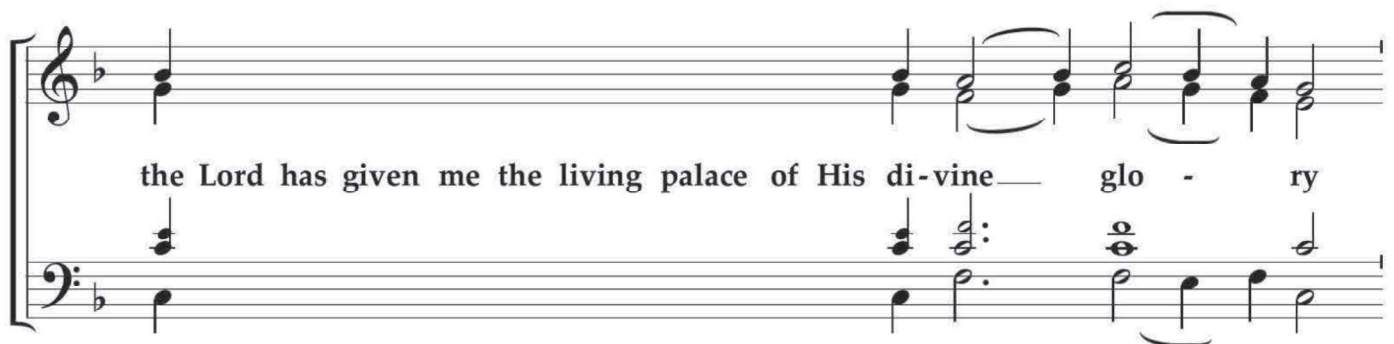
dwells in the world. No longer are the offerings of Jo - a - chim



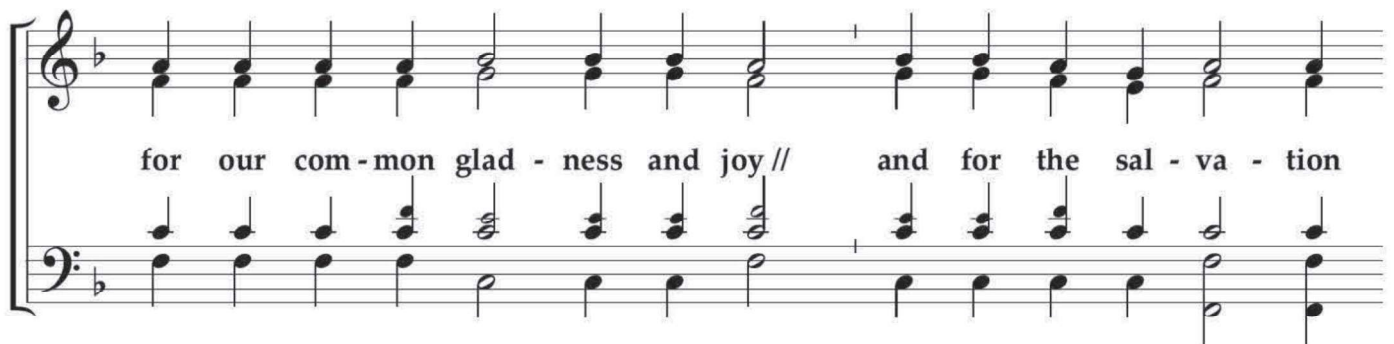
turned a - way, for the lamentation of Anna has been changed to joy.



She cries: "Rejoice with me, all you chosen of Is - ra - el, for be-hold,



the Lord has given me the living palace of His di-vine— glo - ry



for our com-mon glad - ness and joy // and for the sal - va - tion



of our souls!"

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Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

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Tone 8

by Sergius of the Holy City

Soprano
Alto

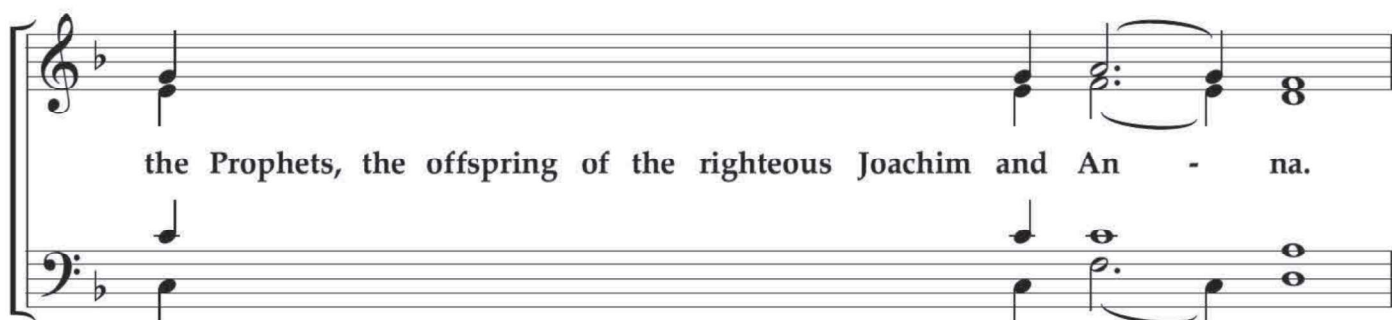
Tenor
Bass

Come, all you faithful, let us run to the Vir - gin! For, be -

hold, today she is born, who was foreordained before the womb, as the

Moth - er of our God, the treasure of virginity, the rod of Aaron that

budded, springing from the root — of Jes - se, the preaching of



the Prophets, the offspring of the righteous Joachim and An - na.



She is born, and with her the world is re-newed. She comes from the



womb, and the Church is a-dorned in her maj - es - ty. She is the



holy temple, the vessel of the God - head, the virgin instrument and



brid - al cham - ber of the King, in which has come to pass the

strange mystery of the union of the natures that came to - geth - er in

Christ. // As we worship Him, we praise the birth of the all-pure Vir - gin.