


Stichera on “Lord, I Call...” – Nativity of Theotokos

Reader (8): Out of the depths I cry to Thee, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!


Sticheron 1
Tone 6

Common Chant
arr. from L'vov/Bakhmetev

Soprano
Alto




Tenor
Bass



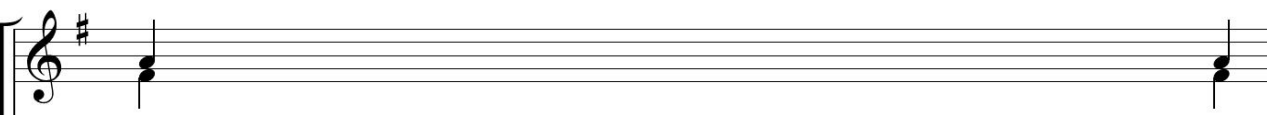
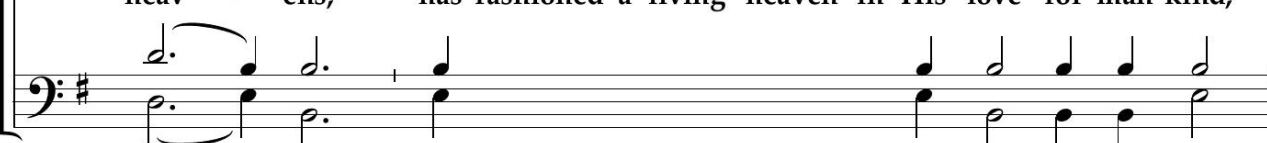
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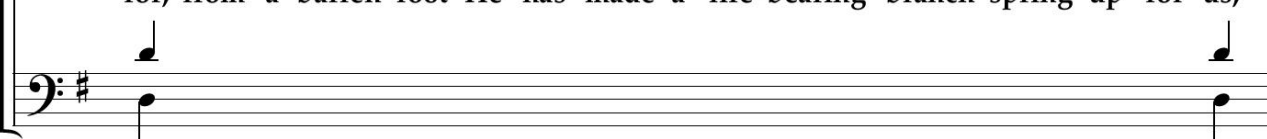
Himself a holy throne on earth. He, Who in wisdom established the



heav - ens, has fashioned a living heaven in His love for man-kind;



for, from a barren root He has made a life-bearing branch spring up for us,



ev - en His Moth - er. O God of wonders and Hope of the
hope - less, // O Lord, glo - ry to Thee!

Reader (7): Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

Sticheron 2 Tone 6

Soprano
Alto
Tenor
Bass

This is the day of the Lord! Re-joice, O peo - ples,
for, behold, the bridal chamber of the Light, the book of the Word of Life,
has come forth from the womb! The gate that faces the East is born

and awaits the entry of the Great Priest. She alone admits Christ

in - to the world // for the sal - va - tion of our souls.

Reader (6): If Thou, O Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee.

Reader (5): For Thy name's sake I have waited for Thee, O Lord, my soul has waited for Thy word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.

Sticheron 3 Tone 6

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

Although by God's will other barren wom - en have brought forth

fa-mous off - spring, yet, of all those children Mary shines brightest,

as is fit - ting to God. For she herself was born wondrously of a

bar - ren moth - er, and gave birth in the flesh to the God of all,

in a manner surpassing nature, from a womb with-out— seed. She is the

only gateway of the only - begotten Son of God, Who passed through

this gate yet kept it closed, and, having ordered all things in His own

wis - dom, // has wrought salvation for all man - kind.

Reader (4): From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord!

Reader (3): For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.

Sticheron 4 Tone 6

Soprano Alto

Tenor Bass

Today the gates of barrenness are o - pened, and the virgin gate

of God comes forth. Today grace begins to bear its first fruit,

revealing to the world the Moth - er of God. Through her things on earth

are joined with the heav - ens // for the sal - va - tion of our souls.

Reader (2): Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!

Sticheron 5 Tone 6

Soprano Alto

Tenor Bass

Today is the prelude of uni - ver - sal joy; today breezes blow

that herald sal - va - tion, and the barrenness of our na - ture is dis-pelled;

for the barren woman is revealed as the moth - er of her who remained

a vir - gin after giving birth to the Cre - a - tor. From her the

One Who is God by na - ture takes what is foreign to Him and makes

it His own; and works salvation through the flesh for those who

have gone a - stray.// He is Christ, the Lover of mankind and the

Re-deem - er of our souls.

Reader (1): For His mercy is confirmed on us; and the truth of the Lord endures forever.

Sticheron 6 Tone 6

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

Today the barren Anna gives birth to the hand - maid of God,

who was chosen from all gener - a - tions to become the abode of

the King and Creator of all, Christ our God in fulfillment of the

di - vine plan. Through her we earth-born have been fash - ioned a - new //

and restored from corruption to life e - ter - nal.

Reader: 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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