

Stichera at "Lord, I Call"

The Nativity of Christ - December 25

Tone 2

Sticheron 1

Russian Imperial Court Chant

arr. from L'vov/Bakhmetev

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

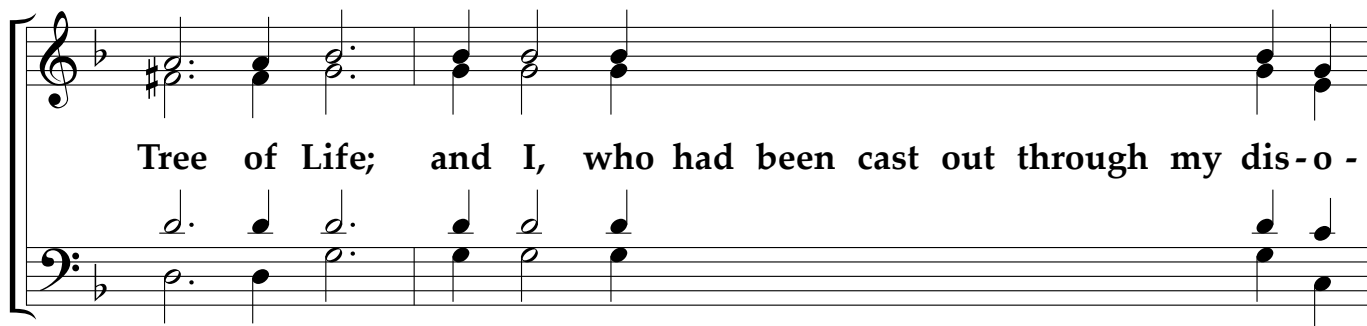
Come, let us greatly re-joice in the Lord, as we

sing of this present mys - ter - y: the wall that divided

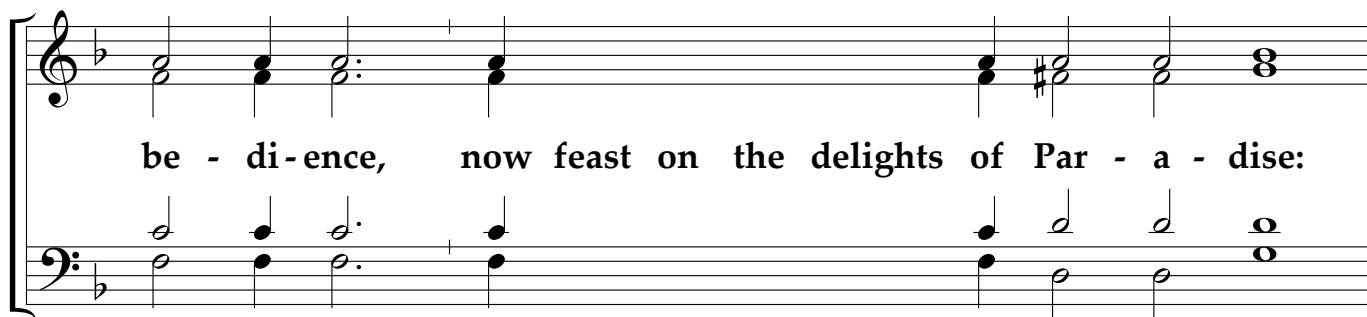
God from man has been de-destroyed; the flaming sword with -

draws from E - den's gate; the Cherubim withdraw from the

[Tree of Life;]



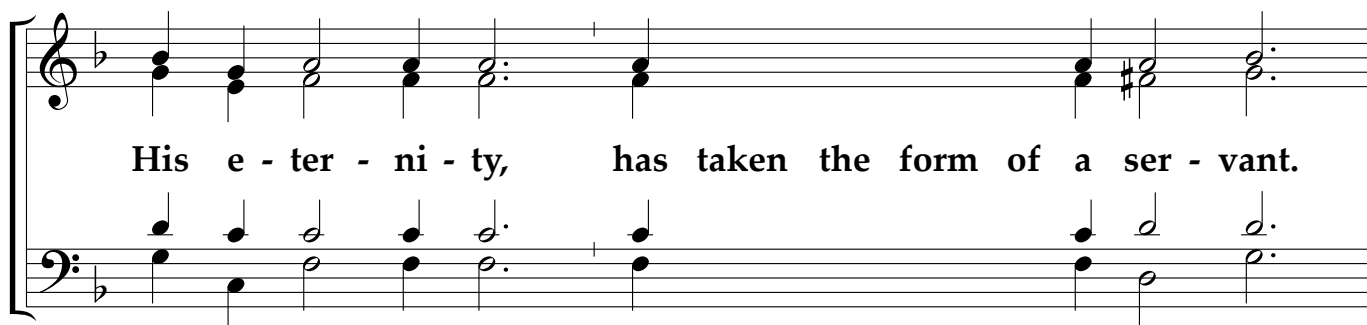
Tree of Life; and I, who had been cast out through my dis-o -



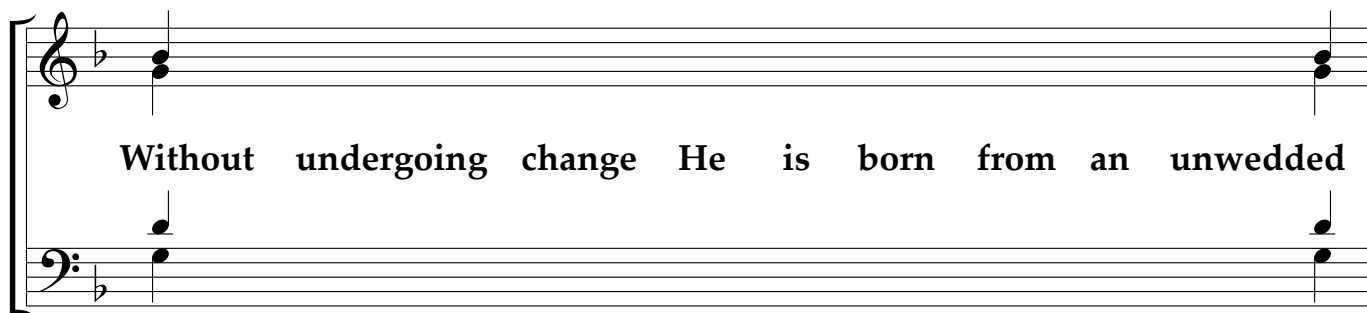
be - di - ence, now feast on the delights of Par - a - dise:



for today the Father's perfect Im - age, marked with the stamp of



His e - ter - ni - ty, has taken the form of a ser - vant.



Without undergoing change He is born from an unwedded

Moth - er; He was true God, and He re-mains the same,

but through His love for man-kind, He has become what He

nev - er was: true man. Come, O faithful, let us cry to Him: //

"O God, born of the Virgin, have mer - cy on us!"

Sticheron 2

When the Lord Jesus was born of the Holy Vir - gin,

[the whole universe . . .]

the whole universe was filled with light. The shep - herds

watched in the fields. The Wise Men worshipped, and the An -

gels sang. But Herod was trou - bled, for God had ap -

peared in the flesh. // He is the Sav - ior of our souls.

Sticheron 3

Thy Kingdom endures forever, O Christ our God. Thy

rule is from age to age. Made flesh by the Ho-ly Spir -

it, made man of the ever-virgin Mar - y, Thou hast

filled all cre - a - tion with joy. The light of Thy coming has

shone on us; every living creature prais - es Thee, the

Image of the Father's glo - ry. Light of Light, the radiance

[of the Father,]

of the Fa - ther, the same yesterday, today, and for - ev -

er, Thou hast shone forth from the Vir - gin. // O God, have

mer - cy on us!

Sticheron 4

What shall we of - fer Thee, O Christ, Who for our

sakes hast appeared on earth as a man? Eve - ry crea - ture

made by Thee of - fers Thee thanks: the Angels offer a hymn; the

heav - ens, a star; the Wise Men, gifts; the shepherds, their

won - der; the earth, its cave; the wilderness, a man - ger,

and we offer Thee a virgin Moth - er! // O Pre-eternal God, have

mer - cy on us!