

# Stichera at the Praises

*Nativity of the Theotokos - September 8*

Sticheron 1  
Tone 1

Kievan Chant  
arr. from B. Ledkovsky

Soprano  
Alto

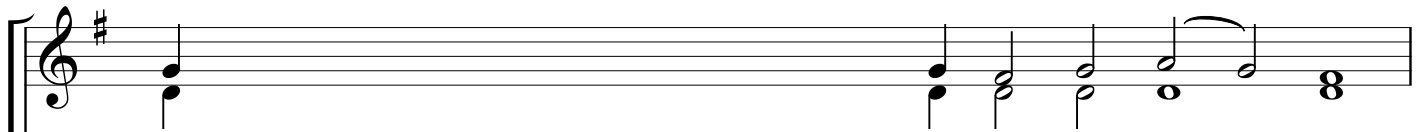


Oh, the mar - vel-ous won - der! The source of Life is born of a

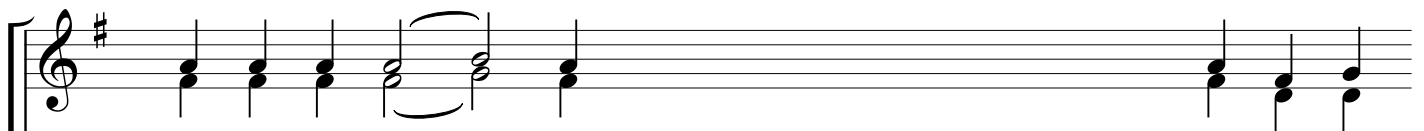
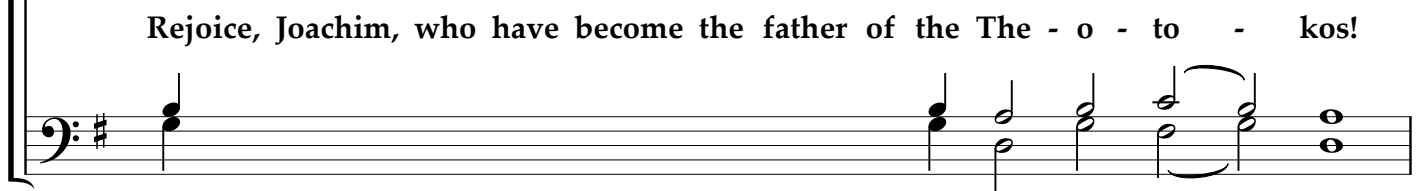
Tenor  
Bass



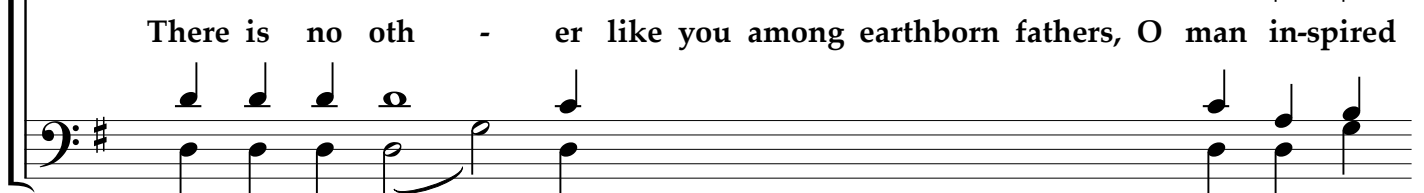
bar - ren wom - an, and grace gloriously begins to bear its fruit.



Rejoice, Joachim, who have become the father of the The - o - to - kos!



There is no oth - er like you among earthborn fathers, O man in-spired



by God; for the Maiden in whom God would come to dwell, the

Tab - ernacle of God, the all-ho - ly Moun - tain, // has been giv - en to

us through you.

Sticheron 2

Soprano  
Alto  
Tenor  
Bass

Oh, the mar - vel - ous won - der! The fruit of a bar - ren wom - an

has shone forth at the behest of the Almighty Mak - er of all, and

mightily destroyed the barrenness of this world, which was fruit - less in

good — things. You moth - ers, dance with the Mother of the

The - o - to - kos and cry: "Rejoice, O full of grace, the Lord is with — you, //

He Who grants the world — great mer - cy through you!"

Sticheron 3

Soprano  
Alto  
Tenor  
Bass

A liv - ing pil - lar of chas - ti - ty and bright ves - sel shin -

ing with grace, glo - ri - ous An - na has given birth to the true stronghold

of vir - gin - i - ty, the divine flower, who manifestly bestows the beau - ty

of vir - gin - i - ty on all vir - gins and women who de - sire that grace, //

and grants great mer - cy to all — the faith - ful.