

Stichera at the Praises

The Annunciation of the Theotokos - March 25

Tone 1

Russian Imperial Court Chant

Sticheron 1

arr. from L'vov-Bakhmetev

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

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Detailed description: This system shows the first line of the chant. It features a Soprano/Alto staff with a treble clef and a Tenor/Bass staff with a bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The music consists of a series of chords and single notes. The lyrics are: "From the vault of heav-en Ga - bri - el flew down and".

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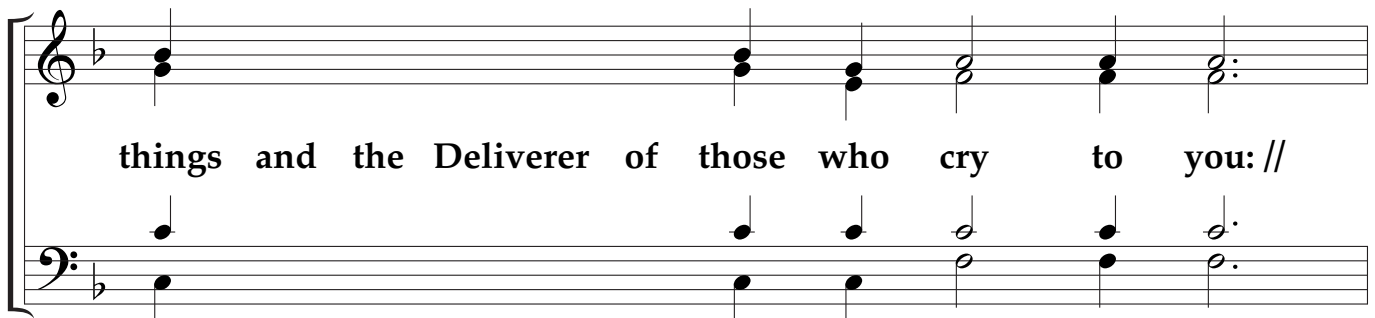
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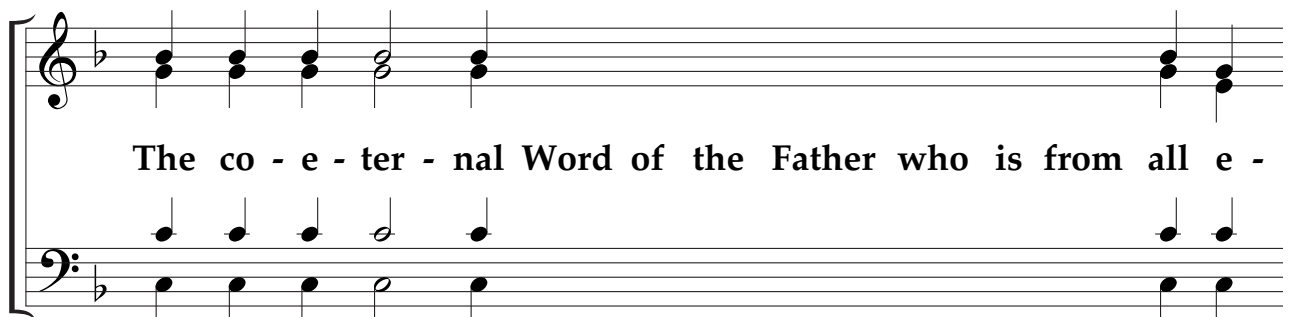


things and the Deliverer of those who cry to you: //

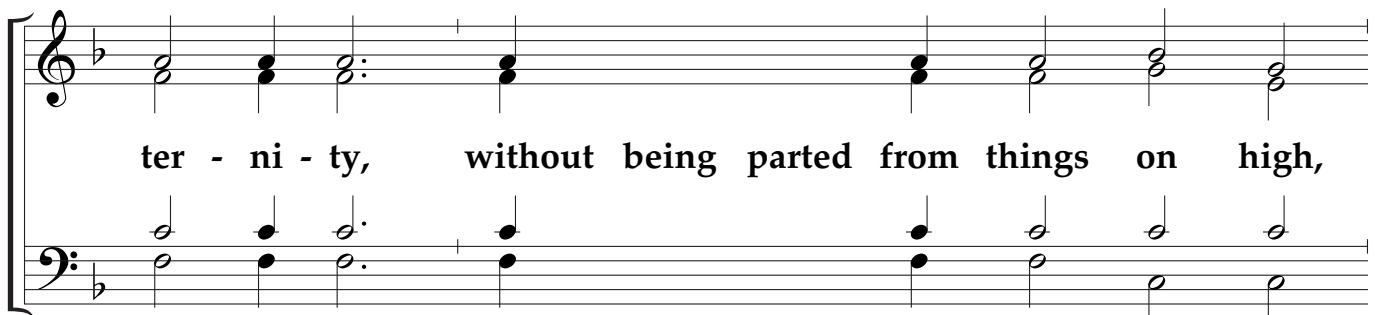


'Rejoice, O pure Vir - gin!'"

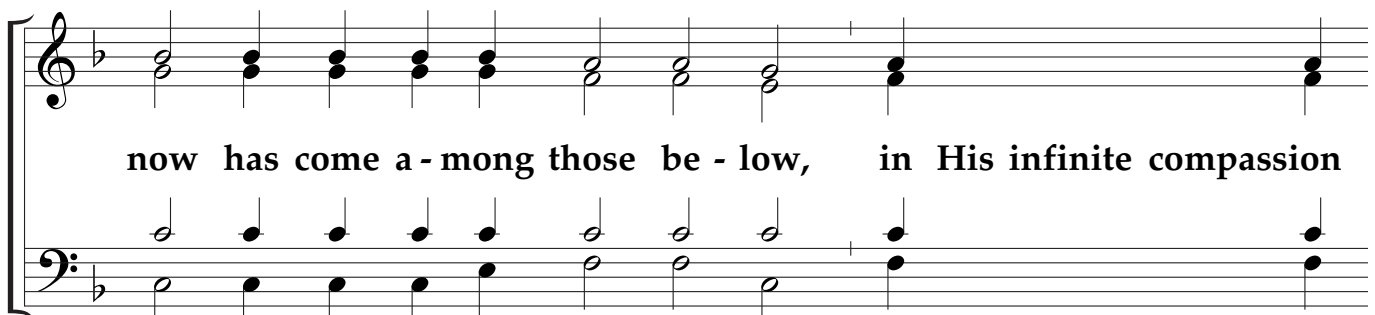
Sticheron 2



The co - e - ter - nal Word of the Father who is from all e -



ter - ni - ty, without being parted from things on high,



now has come a - mong those be - low, in His infinite compassion

[taking pit-y up-on our fall;]

tak-ing pit - y up - on our fall; He has as - sumed the

pov-er - ty of Ad - am // and taken a form that is al - ien to Him.

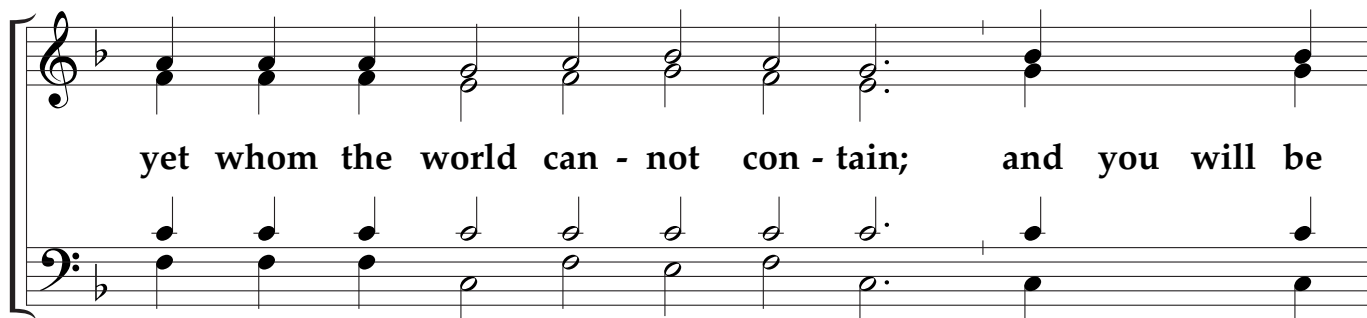
Sticheron 3

Ga - briel brought the Good News from heaven to the

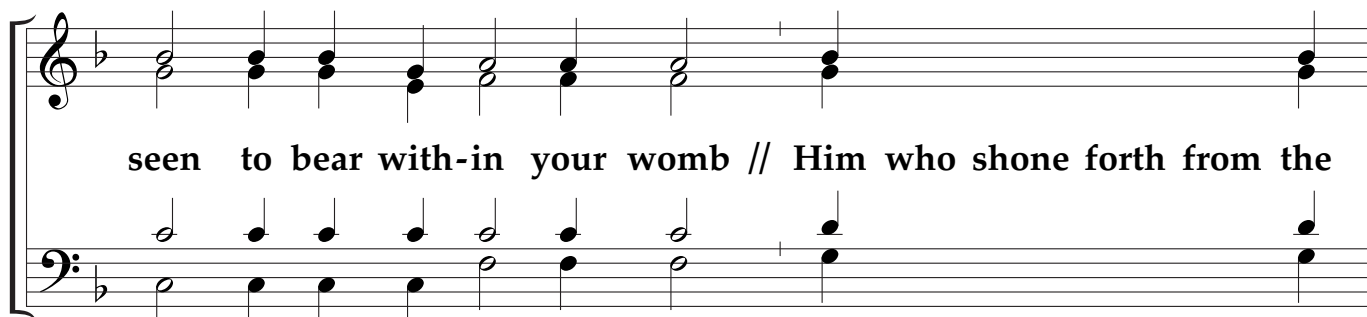
Vir - gin, and he cried out the greet - ing, "Re - joice!

You shall con-ceive Him who can be con - tained in you,

[yet whom the world can-not con-tain;]



yet whom the world can - not con - tain; and you will be

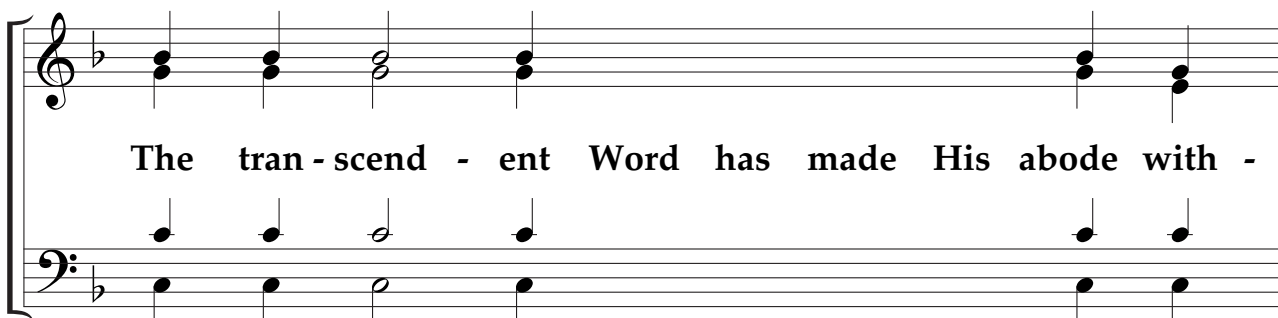


seen to bear with-in your womb // Him who shone forth from the

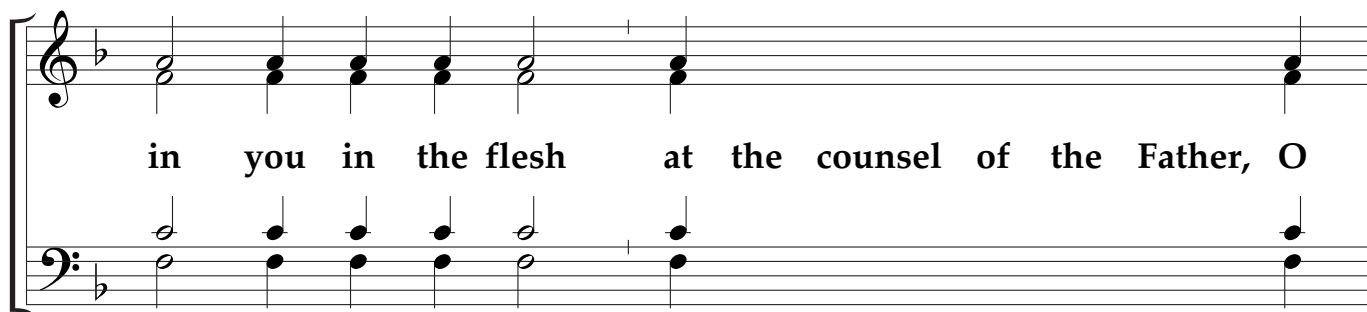


Father before the morn - ing star."

Sticheron 4



The tran - scend - ent Word has made His abode with -



in you in the flesh at the counsel of the Father, O

[Virgin Theo-to-kos,]

Virgin Theo - to - kos; be - com - ing like us, He has built

up the race of man-kind, which fell through the an - cient curse.

Where - fore, with the angel we cry out to you with faith: //

"Re - joice, O Moth - er of Christ!"

EDITOR'S NOTE: The order and number of stichera given here follows the Slavic Menaion. The Greek Menaion (as reflected in The Festal Menaion of Metropolitan Kallistos [Ware] and Mother Mary) contains only the first three stichera, with the order of Stichera 2 and 3 transposed.