

Forefeast of the Annunciation
Stichera on "Lord I have cried", Tone 4
Kievan Chant

begin here for 4 stichera

(4) Reader: In the 4th Tone: From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch

II-chant melody

Let Is - ra - el hope in the Lord.

I-descant

✦ *Sticheron below: "The Archangel Gabriel confirmeth..."*

begin here for 3 stichera

(3) Reader: For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption;

And He shall redeem Israel out of all his in - i - - - qui-ties.

✦ The Archangel Gabriel confirmeth /
the mystery hidden and unknown even to the angels; /
and he is now come to thee who alone art incorrupt, /
the comely turtledove, the restoration of our race, /
and crieth out to thee, all-holy one: "Rejoice! //
Be thou made ready by my words to receive in thy womb God the Word!"

(2) *Reader:* O praise the Lord, all ye nations;

Praise Him, all ye peoples.

A splendid palace hath been prepared for thee, O Master: /
the pure womb of the divine Maiden! /
Come Thou and enter therein, /
have pity on Thy creation /
which in envy undertook to oppose Thee, /
is held in thrall to the deceiver, /
hath lost its primal beauty //
and awaiteth thy saving descent.

(1) Reader: For He hath made His mercy to prevail over us;

And the truth of the Lord a - bid - eth for - ev - - - er.

The image shows a musical score for a reader. It consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom, both in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps). The melody is written on the treble staff, and the bass line is on the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The text is: "And the truth of the Lord a - bid - eth for - ev - - - er." The word "ever" is written with three dashes between the 'v' and 'e'.

The Archangel Gabriel manifestly cometh to thee, /
and crieth out to thee, O all-immaculate one: /
"Rejoice, thou annulment of the curse, /
restoration of the fallen! /
Rejoice, thou who alone hast been chosen by God! /
Rejoice, chariot of the Sun of glory! /
Receive thou the Incorporeal One //
Who desireth to make His abode within thy womb!"