

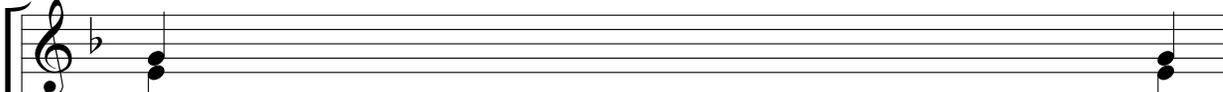
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The Nativity of the Theotokos - September 8

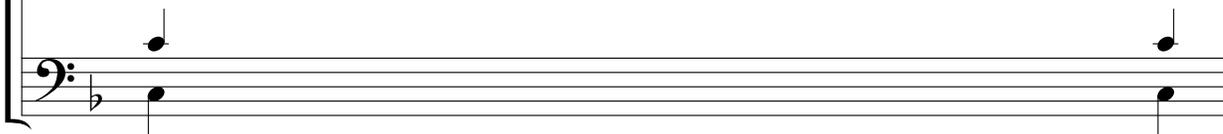
Tone 4
Sticheron 1

Russian Imperial Court Chant
arr. from L'vov/Bakhmetev

Soprano
Alto



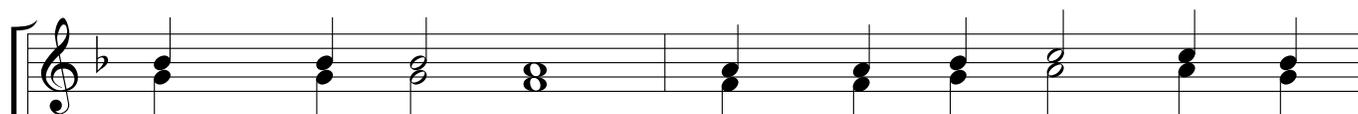
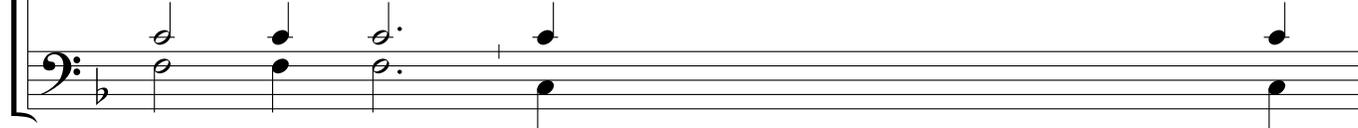
Tenor
Bass



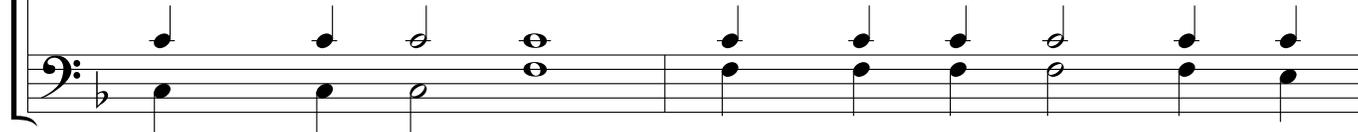
The joy of all the world has dawned for us from the



right - eous ones: the all - praised Virgin who springs from



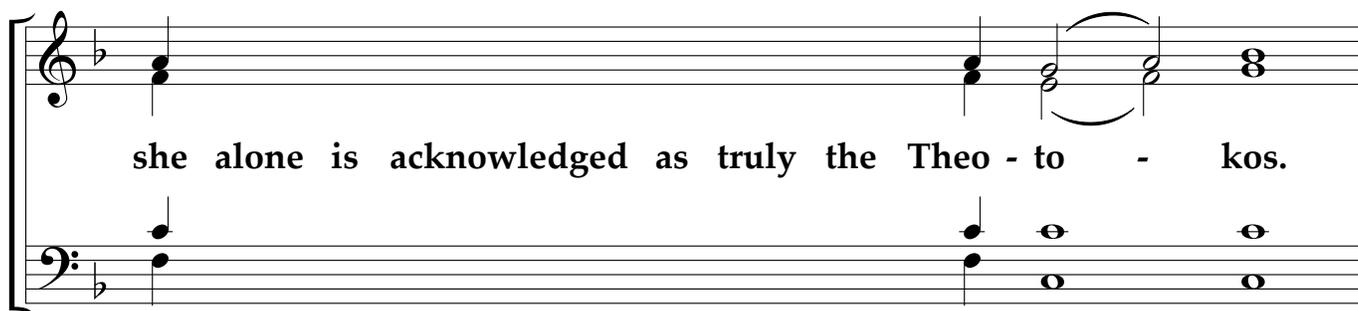
Joachim and An - na. Through the a - bun - dance of



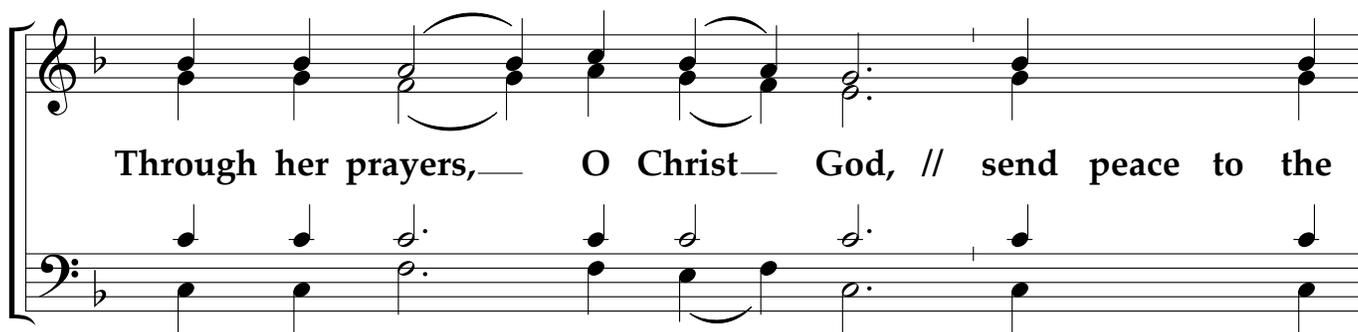
goodness she becomes the living tem - ple of God, and



[she alone is . . .]



she alone is acknowledged as truly the Theo - to - kos.



Through her prayers, O Christ God, // send peace to the



world and to our souls great mer - cy!

vs. Hearken, O daughter, and see, and incline your ear! (Ps. 44:9a)

Sticheron 2



As foretold by the Angel's proph - e - cy, you have come



forth today, O Vir - gin, the most sa - cred fruit of righteous

Joachim and An - na. You are the heaven and throne of

God, the vessel of pu - ri - ty, heralding joy to all the

world, you that bring us our life; you destroy the

curse and give bless - ing in its stead. Wherefore on this

feast of your birth, O Maiden called by God, // en - treat

[peace for the world . . .]

peace for the world and for our souls great mer - cy!

vs. Even the rich among the people shall pray before your face. (Ps. 44:11b)

Sticheron 3

Let the barren and childless Anna today clap her hands with

glad - ness! Let those on earth be decked in splendor; let

rul - ers leap for joy; let priests be glad in blessing; let the

whole world keep the feast! For behold the Queen and

[immaculate bride of the . . .]

immaculate bride of the Fa - ther has sprung forth from

the root of Jes - se. No longer will women bear

children in sorrow, for joy has blos - somed forth, and the

Life of mankind now dwells in the world. No longer are the

offerings of Jo - a - chim turned a - way, for the lamentation of

[Anna has been . . .]

Anna has been changed to joy. She cries: "Rejoice with me,

all you chosen of Is - ra - el, for behold, the Lord has

given me the living palace of His di - vine glo - ry

for our common glad - ness and joy // and for the sal -

va - tion of our souls!"