

December 26-31: Sunday after Nativity

Stichera on "Lord I have cried" Tone 2, Kievan

(7) *Reader:* In the 2nd Tone, Let Thine ears be attentive

II-chant melody

To the voice of my sup- pli - ca - tion.

I-descant

Come let us rejoice in the Lord, /
telling of this present mystery: /
the middle wall of partition hath been demolished, /
the fiery sword is removed, /
the cherub withdraweth from the gate of life, /
and I partake of the food of paradise, /
from whence I was driven away because of disobedience; /
for the immutable Image of the Father, /
the Image of His eternity, doth assume the guise of a servant, /
issuing forth from the Mother who knew not wedlock, without undergoing change, /
yet He remained what He was before, our true God; /
and He hath received what He was not, /
becoming man in His love for mankind. /
To Him let us cry aloud: //
O God Who wast born of the Virgin, have mercy on us!

(6) *Reader:* If Thou shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, O Lord, who shall stand?

The image shows a musical score for a Stichera. It consists of two staves, a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "For with Thee there is for-give - ness." The word "ness" is followed by a long horizontal line, indicating a long note or a continuation of the sound.

When the Lord Jesus was born of the holy Virgin, /
all things were enlightened; /
for when the shepherds piped, the magi offered homage and the angels sang, /
Herod was troubled, //
for God appeared in the flesh, the Savior of our souls.

(5) *Reader:* For Thy name's sake have I patiently waited for Thee, O Lord;
my soul hath waited patiently for Thy word,

My soul hath hoped in the Lord.

Thy kingdom, O Christ God, /

is a kingdom of all the ages, /

and Thy dominion is for all generations. /

O Christ God Who wast incarnate by the Holy Spirit /

and became man through the Ever-virgin Mary, /

Thou hast shown forth Thine advent upon us as light. /

O Light from Light, Effulgence of the Father, /

Thou hast illumined all creation. /

Every creature that hath breath praiseth Thee, /

the Image of the glory of the Father. /

O Thou Who art and ever shall be, //

O God Who hast shown forth from the Virgin: Have mercy on us!

(4) *Reader:* From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch

The image shows a musical score for a Stichera. It consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom, both in the key of D major (one sharp). The melody is written in a simple, homophonic style. The lyrics are: "Let Is - ra - el hope in the Lord." The word "Lord" is followed by a long horizontal line, indicating a long note or a pause. The music is in a 4/4 time signature.

What shall we offer Thee, O Christ, /

in that Thou hast appeared on earth as a man for our sake? /

For every creature fashioned by Thee offereth Thee thanksgiving: /

the angels, hymnody; /

the heavens, a star; /

the magi, gifts; /

the shepherds, their wonder; /

the earth, a cave; /

the wilderness, a manger; /

and we, the Virgin Mother. //

O God Who hast existed from before time, have mercy on us!