November 8: Archangel Gabriel
Stichera on "Lord I have cried"
Tone 4, Special Melody "Thou hast given a sign..."

The pre-er-ternal Mind appointed thee as a second luminary,

O Ga-bri-el, which hath enlightened the whole uni-verse

with di-vine com-mun-i-ons, revealing to us the truly divine and great

mys-ter-y which was hidden from before time be-gan,
of Him Who, though incorporeal, was incarnate in the

Virgin's womb, and became man, that He might save man.
**Sticheron 2**

Standing before the throne of the three Sunned God-head,

and richly illumined by the rays of divine light

which are continually emitted there-from, deliver from the darkness of the

passions those who on earth joyously join chorus and praise thee,
and illumine them with thy radiance,

O Gabriel, supreme commander, intercessor for our souls.
Set at naught the fury of the Hag-aran-es

who oft descend up on thy flock. Cause thou the schisms of

the Church to cease. Still the tempest of countless temptations.

From misfortune and tribulation deliver those who honor thee with love.
and take refuge under thy protection,

O Gabriel supreme commander, intercessor for our souls.


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